

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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September 5, 2016

19:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

Board Members In attendance: Scott LeHay, Elizabeth Pratt, & Charles Taylor

Board Members Absent: None

Other Officials Present: Terriann Lamontagne

Members of the Public Present: None

Secretary: Bonnie Baker

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:00.
2. **Consent Agenda.**
 - 2.1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated August 15, 2016 as written (3-0).
 - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #2016-018 totaling \$28,933.98. (3-0).
3. **Appointments & Resignations:** None.
4. **Department Officials Reports.**
 - 4.1. **E-911 –**
 - 4.1.1. S. LeHay stated he had taken a ride to New Portland the other day and the KCRd sign was down. He said he would contact ADA Fence. C. Taylor replied, “I support that.” E. Pratt interjected, “I think that’s a great idea, but I think you better get Eleanor involved.” She said E. Ketchum wanted C. Dunton to go up and make the final decision on the location of the sign. She stressed that E. Ketchum needed to be included in this process.
 - 4.1.2. E. Pratt reported that E. Ketchum was having trouble with White Sign Company, wrong signs and shipping them to the wrong place.
 - 4.2. **Winter Roads Contractor –** No report.
 - 4.3. **Animal Control –** No report.
 - 4.4. **Board of Assessors –**
 - 4.4.1. T. Lamontagne said there was not too much going on.
 - 4.4.2. T. Lamontagne stated that the BOS might receive an abatement request letter from a taxpayer. C. Taylor replied that he had not placed it on the agenda because he did not feel it was up to the BOS to review it. T. Lamontagne advised that it was already in the attorney’s hands.

E. Pratt requested a brief recess. (2nd – C. Taylor) 3-0

Meeting recessed at 19:12

Meeting resumed at 19:19

4.4.3. T. Lamontagne reported there had not been too many complaints this year.

4.4.4. C. Taylor advised that Hamlin Associates had just got back to him. He said he sent them a list by Map-Lot and the 2015 MVR, just to get a price of what it would cost for a Revaluation. T. Lamontagne asked, "Is this for sure going to be at the Annual Town Meeting?" C. Taylor replied yes. T. Lamontagne responded, "Then I will contact Mike Rogers at Maine Revenue Services, who has offered to speak at the Annual Town Meeting." She cautioned the BOS that when a town does a Revaluation, it is a 'mass reval.' She stressed that the company would just look at all of the sales analysis, etc., but they wouldn't look at every little deck and patio, it was mass appraisal. She said that it was her Board's consensus that they did not want to go with a Single Assessor or an Assessor's Agent, they wanted to stay with a Board of Assessors.

4.5. Planning Board – No Report.

4.6. Local Plumbing Inspector – No Report.

4.7. Board of Appeals – No Report.

4.8. Code Enforcement Officer – No Report.

4.8.1. C. Taylor told T. Lamontagne that the BOS wanted her to assist R. Dunphy on some of the more difficult cases. He added that the one on Rte. 16 needed an extra set of eyes.

4.8.2. T. Lamontagne mentioned there was a section on the permit application that asked whether land was classified. She stated it was important that this question not get overlooked. She said the Assessors recently had to issue a substantial penalty because the person got a permit and built on land classified as Open Space. Discussion continued.

4.9. Health Officer – No report.

4.10. Road Commissioner – No Report.

4.11. R.S.U. #74 – No Report.

4.12. Recreational Director –

4.12.1. BOS reviewed written report.

4.13. Town Clerk/Treasurer –

4.13.1. B. Baker said she had nothing to report at this time.

4.14. Registrar of Voters.

4.14.1. B. Baker said she had L. Mayo look at the ECCtr for compliance as a voting place. She said he had found a couple of issues that needed to be resolved before he could sign off on the necessary paperwork.

4.15. Tax Collector –

4.15.1. BOS reviewed written report.

4.15.2. C. Taylor pointed out that R. Blake had taken some time off last week, and he had gotten "pretty late" email notification. He added that "good notice would be appreciated in the future."

4.16. Community Center –

4.16.1. E. Pratt announced that Barbara Demo was good.

4.16.2. She said they had quite a few people for Bob Marley. S. advised 250-275 people had attended the event.

4.16.3. S. LeHay reported there was a wasp nest at the ECctr, inside the building on the front, which someone other than him needed to look at. He said he thought it was quite substantial.

4.16.4. S. LeHay asked if John Maynard, the plumber, had been contacted yet. C. Taylor said her would contact him and have him get ahold of W. McLaughlin directly.

4.17. Emergency Management Directors – No Report.

4.17.1. T. Lamontagne asked what was going on with the CERTeam.

4.18. RSU Withdrawal Committee –

4.18.1. C. Taylor said he had typed up a notice for the upcoming Public Hearing.

4.18.2. He read the proposed warrant article. B. Baker asked whether they had MMA legal regarding the wording. Discussion continued.

4.19. Highway Department Exploratory Committee –

4.19.1. C. Taylor said he had hung the committee's proposal on the bulletin board for public review.

5. Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum.

5.1. **Open Public Forum:** None.

6. **New Business:** None

7. **Unfinished Business:** None

8. **Correspondence:** BOS reviewed correspondence.

9. **Board of Selectpersons Concerns:** None

10. **Executive Session (Non-Public) (ME §405):** None needed.

11. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

11.1. Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, September 19, 2016.

11.2. Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2nd – S. LeHay). (3-0) Adjourned 20:02.

*Minutes submitted by:
Bonnie A. Baker, Town Clerk*