

Annual Report of the Town of Embden

Incorporated 1804

For the Fiscal Year 2013



**2014 Annual Town Meeting
Saturday, March 1, 2014**

Town Meeting to be held at 1:00pm at the Embden Community Center

Municipal Elections from 8:00am to 12:00pm at the Town Office

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Town Information

All citizens are invited to attend and observe our Town meetings to discover how all Town business is conducted and decisions are reached. All meetings are held at the Embden Town Office unless otherwise noted. For updates and other useful information, please check out our new town website at www.embden.maine.gov .

Selectmen Meetings

1st and 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00pm

Assessor meetings

Wednesday Mornings from 8:30am-12:00pm

Planning Board

2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00pm

Code Enforcement Officer

Tuesday Mornings from 9:00am-12:00pm

School Board

1st Wednesday of every month
Pre-determined school location

Embden Town Office Hours

- Monday CLOSED
- Tuesday 10am – 4pm
- Wednesday10am – 4pm
- Thursday 1pm – 6pm
- Friday 10am – 2pm

Closed on RSU #74 School Cancellation Days due to weather events.

Solid Waste Disposal

The town has a contract with Waste Management, Inc. in Norridgewock. The landfill is located on the Airport Road. An Embden decal must be affixed to your vehicle to use the landfill. This decal may be obtained from the Town Clerk. You will need to bring in your vehicle registration to acquire a landfill permit. The landfill is open Wednesday through Friday during the hours of 9:30am to 6:00pm, and Saturday from 7:30am to 4:00pm. No trailers are allowed.

Letter from the Selectmen

As another year slips into history, this Select Board would like to express a wholehearted thank you to all those who made 2013 a success. Through the efforts of many individuals doing their part with a collective purpose, not looking to receive praise or glory, the Town of Embden has achieved the many goals set forth by the inhabitants. We take pride in the accomplishments and would like to share our enthusiasm as members of this outstanding community. There are more projects and tasks which Embden's residents, taxpayers, and officials have worked tirelessly on than could ever fit into one letter. Therefore, we encourage people to utilize the Town's website, www.embden.maine.gov, as a tool to interact and keep informed.

The Embden Pond spillway, after many years of planning, has finally been constructed and is operational. Again we appreciate your patience and perseverance with the continued work on this project. True to Embden's history, the various meetings were constructive and thought provoking. We would surely accidentally exclude someone if we were to go into great detail about those who were instrumental in bringing this project concept to fruition. It truly has been a labor of love. For that reason, we can only express our sincerest gratitude for all involved.

The Community Center has received a few much needed updates. Some new windows, more insulation, and a new heating system have been installed. These energy efficient upgrades have resulted in savings beyond expectations and have produced a more comfortable environment for all who choose to enjoy what the Community Club has to offer. We are thankful to have such a conscientious group managing the Community Center's day to day operations. We also want to add that through the donations to the Town from the ECC's activities we were/are able to offset many of the building's maintenance costs. Also, a new roadway with associated landscaping was constructed connecting the ECC parking lot to the Town Office parking lot allowing for safer overflow parking.

The Town Office has a new computer/server with online offsite backup of critical data with a new network switch and secure wireless router to improve network stability and reliability. This resulted from the inhabitants allowing for the utilization of the IT account for this purpose. We thank you for helping "stream line" the office personnel's workload. Technology is constantly changing and we feel the Town of Embden is prepared for those changes.

The Historic Town House has had some maintenance to aid in keeping bats out. The bats were successfully removed last year through the use of one way doors but upon closer inspection the eaves of the building were becoming compromised by age and weather so things had to be "tightened up" so as not to negate the efforts/funds spent to remove the bats one year prior.

We understand the expectations for the presentation of another responsible budget this year. At the local level, the Select Board and department heads have run the numbers many times to ensure that there are no excessive spending articles, and as always, we strive to maintain the transparency that taxpayers deserve. As in the past, we can't anticipate what will happen at the RSU and County levels at this time due to our calendar year vs. their fiscal year differences. We do however know that the State is looking to make deeper cuts to municipal revenue sharing, the mechanics of which are uncertain as this letter is being composed. It will surely affect the tax we all pay, but we simply cannot project to what extent. We are grateful to be able to serve the Town of Embden. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Taylor
Wayne McLaughlin
Elizabeth Pratt

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January 15, 2014

Town of Embden
809 Embden Pond Road
Embden, Maine 04958

Dear Friends,

Since arriving to the U.S. Senate last January, I have been looking for ways to provide Mainers with improved access to federal services through the use of digital technology and on the ground outreach initiatives. Maine is a rural state and I know that traveling to our offices can present both logistical and financial challenges.

To help overcome those obstacles, I launched our signature **Your Government Your Neighborhood** outreach program in June 2013. Every other week members of my staff in Maine travel to different towns – ensuring that all 16 counties are served each month - to hold constituent office hours for local residents.

Over the past eleven months my work in Washington has been largely shaped by the four committees that I serve on: Armed Services, Intelligence, Budget, and Rules. These appointments allow me to engage on issues important to Maine and help craft legislation before it comes to the Senate floor. On the Armed Services Committee I work with my colleagues to honor our obligations to members of our armed forces both past and present, as well as ensure the continued strength, efficiency, and sustainability of our military. On the Intelligence Committee I work to effectively mitigate security threats facing our country while also establishing measures to guarantee that the privacy rights of U.S. citizens are protected. On the Budget Committee, I am working to ensure that necessary spending is tempered with fiscal responsibility, and my position on the Rules Committee allows me to push for procedural reforms that remove institutional inefficiencies and help move the country forward.

I am tremendously grateful for the opportunity to serve you and determined to keep you informed of my activities in Maine and Washington. As always, I welcome any thoughts, questions, or concerns that you may have. You can visit my website at <http://www.king.senate.gov> and provide your input there, or call our toll free in state line at **1-800-432-1599**. In addition, our local numbers are as follows: Augusta (207) 622-8292, Presque Isle (207) 764-5124, and Scarborough (207) 883-1588, and Washington D.C. (202) 224-5344.

Sincerely,



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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

January 2014

Dear Friends:

Last year saw some of the most bitterly partisan political fighting in Washington in recent memory. However, the gridlock in Washington has not slowed my efforts to fight for Maine's businesses and industries on the national and international level. I will continue to visit and speak with Maine's small businesses and manufacturers to hear firsthand about their successes and challenges. This is an important part of my ongoing "Make it in Maine" agenda which consists of initiatives to boost domestic manufacturing and support job growth in our state.

In 2014, it will be my great honor to continue serving our nation's veterans as the Ranking Member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. Over the course of the last year, I worked with Representative Jeff Miller (R-Florida), the committee's chairman, to pass a number of bills important to veterans. Some that we passed would reduce the VA's disability claims backlog, help get veterans their compensation faster, and improve training and educational opportunities. One critical measure we advanced through the committee would ensure that all VA programs receive funding a year in advance so no veterans will have to worry about services being disrupted.

While I am proud of these accomplishments, I know there is still so much to do. I will continue to fight for new advances in areas such as veteran employment, veterans' health care, and the ongoing concerns with the VA claims backlog.

I believe Washington is at a crossroads. There are many members of Congress on both sides of the aisle that truly want to get things done for the people they represent. Congress needs to work together to get things done and make Washington work again. I continue to be committed to making that happen, and continue to regularly meet with Democrats, Republicans, and Independents to forge a way forward.

As we move forward into a new year, my highest priority remains ensuring that Mainers receive timely and quality constituent services. Whether you have a specific concern with a federal agency or need help connecting to resources, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at any of my offices. I also encourage you to visit my website (www.house.gov/michaud), where you can email me as well as connect with me on Facebook and Twitter.

Thank you again for the opportunity to represent you in Congress.

With warmest regards,



Michael H. Michaud
Member of Congress



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January 2014

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is a pleasure to serve the residents of District 88 in the Maine Legislature. I am honored that you have entrusted me with this responsibility and I look forward to continuing my second term into the Second Session of the 126th Legislature.

Lawmakers will face extraordinary challenges during the next six months as they work on the many issues that were raised during the First Session of the 126th Legislature. One issue will be to bring some accountability to the Maine State Government welfare system. I have talked with many of you over the past year and regardless of what 'side of the isle' you are on, a state government that helps those who are truly needy while creating opportunity to find jobs and increase business activity was one overarching theme I heard loud and clear. Maine taxpayers cannot afford a government that grows beyond its means and I look forward to working with our governor and my colleagues from the House and Senate, on both sides of the isle, to ensure that we have an efficient system in place to address this and other fiscal problems.

Citizens want to participate in shaping their futures everyday...not only on election day. This makes it difficult when they see a state government that is consistently pursuing policies that do not help its citizens or worse yet, make life in Maine *more* expensive, not less. I will work for a well-balanced state government that will work for all Maine people. That is what I will continue to strive for as your voice in Augusta.

Again, thank you and please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or comments you may have concerning state government. I look forward to proudly representing the interests of House District 88 in Augusta.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry C. Dunphy".

Larry C. Dunphy

State Representative

District 88 –Anson, Bingham, Caratunk, Carrabassett Valley, Embden, Jackman, Moose River, Moscow, New Portland, Wellington and Plantations of Brighton, Coplin, Dennistown, Highland, Pleasant Ridge, The Forks and West Forks, plus the unorganized territories of Concord, Lexington and Wyman Townships, Northeast Somerset (including Rockwood Strip), Northwest Somerset and Seboomook Lake

ELECTED OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Charles Taylor, Chairman (2016)

Wayne McLaughlin (2015)

Elizabeth Pratt (2014)

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Terriann Lamontagne, Chairman (2014)

Raymond Young Sr. (2015)

Wayne McLaughlin (2016)

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER

Bonnie Baker (2014)

TAX COLLECTOR

Ruth Blake (2014)

ROAD COMMISSIONER

Michael Witham (2014)

M.S.A.D. # 74 DIRECTORS

Shawn Cyrway (2015)

Dwight Barron (2014)

Vacant (2016)

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	Bonnie Baker
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	Pamela Graf
(deputy)	Brandi Barnett
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	Robert Dunphy
(deputy)	Terriann Lamontagne
LOCAL PLUMBING INSPECTOR	Leo Mayo
(deputy)	Robert Dunphy
GENERAL ASSISTANCE OFFICER	Charles Taylor
HEALTH OFFICER	Robert Dunphy
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR	Robert Dunphy
(Co-Director)	John Mullin
E-911 ADDRESSING OFFICER	Eleanor Ketchum
RECREATION DIRECTOR	Tammy Murray

APPOINTED BOARDS & COMMITTEES

PLANNING BOARD

Leo Mayo, Chairperson	(2015)
Ann Bridges, Secretary	(2018)
Eleanor Ketchum	(2016)
James P. Wilson	(2014)
Dwight Barron	(2017)
Alton McClamma, Alternate	(2014)
Myles Durkin, Alternate	(2014)

BOARD OF APPEALS

John Duff, Chairperson	(2014)
Mary Keenan	(2014)
Scott LeHay	(2014)

Tax Assessors' Report

ASSESSMENTS:

COUNTY TAX	390,623
MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATION	1,149,988
MSAD #74	1,528,644
OVERLAY	114,153
TOTAL ASSESSMENT	3,183,408

DEDUCTIONS:

STATE REVENUE SHARING	54,881
HOMESTEAD REIMBURSEMENTS	20,338
OTHER REVENUES	580,072
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	655,291

TOTAL ASSESSMENT	2,528,117
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To the Inhabitants of Embden:

2013 was a year for changes. There were changes to staffing, technology, and you might even have noticed that our office looked a little different.

Rod Hatch left the board in March of 2013. Although he is retired, the Assessors have used his services as a consultant on a few occasions, and we are very grateful for his willingness to share his expertise and passion for Assessing.

Wayne McLaughlin has joined the board as a new assessor. The board has become a cohesive unit, with each of the three of us bringing our own strengths. We balance each other out, which enables us to function as a well rounded team.

One change may seem simple, but has been monumental in improving communication with the Assessors. We installed a new phone system in the town office, which now allows callers to choose the department they are trying to reach and leave a voicemail message if that department is unavailable. This has been a wonderful tool for us. It allows you to reach us at a time convenient for you, rather than having to call during our office hours.

Once again we have sent out surveys to randomly selected accounts in order to help improve the accuracy of our records; however the selection process was done a little differently. Because of that, some of you may have received a sheet on two or even several of your accounts. We wish to thank the many people who returned their surveys last year. We had a very good return. If you did not return yours, a site visit was made by at least one of the assessors. If you received one of these requests this year, we would appreciate the time you take to review the information, and then to fill out and return the valuation report form.

This year we began the arduous project of linking and cross-referencing the many thousands of assessing pictures (from 2007 thru the current year) into our TRIO computer system. Many hours were spent attaching pictures of your buildings and properties to our computerized records. We then compiled a list of properties with structures on them that we did not have pictures of; the random sample batch was selected from the properties on this list. Our hope is to eventually have pictures of all of the structures in town.

This past year was the first time that Embden utilized a multiple payment plan for your tax payments. Those payments were scheduled for times that made sense with the three budgets (town, school and county), while also trying to give you the most amount of time possible between the two installments. The Tax Collector worked hard to try to make the transition as seamless as possible, and the change went off with only a few minor glitches. Hopefully those will be worked out this year as taxpayers and mortgage companies learn to anticipate the two due dates. The plan is to try to keep the dates about the same time each year, so that you can expect to pay the first installment on or around July 15th, and the second installment on or around November 15th each year.

In addition to the annual update of our tax maps this year, we are also looking at updating the Anson-Emden Town line, and possibly the New Portland-Emden Town Line. Last year at Town Meeting, you approved funds for the New Portland-Emden Town Line, and this year you will see an article in the Warrant to raise funds to accomplish the rest of this project. This may seem trivial, but updating the town lines will improve the accuracy of our records, and clear up any confusion on exactly where the town line lies.

Eleanor Ketchum continues to help us keep up to date on the E-911 addresses. If you have a home in Embden, please be sure to post your E-911 address.

Changes in state funding are of increasing concern. Cuts made at the federal and state levels to programs and services that impact our town include: our schools, roads, and even winter heating assistance. Additionally, this year officials will have to find a way to deal with a potential loss of income due to cuts to revenue sharing.

The Embden Board of Assessors holds regular office hours on most Wednesday mornings (8:30 AM to Noon). The Assessors are also available to meet with taxpayers at other times; please call the Town Office to schedule an appointment. Please note that all tax declarations for the 2014 Tax Year must be received by April 1st; we will hold office hours on Tuesday, April 1st from 9 AM to noon to receive tax declarations and speak with anyone who may have any questions.

My sincere thanks to both Raymond and Wayne for all the work they did this year.

Terriann Lamontagne
For the Embden Assessors

2013 Planning Board Report

This has been an extremely busy year for the Planning Board. The Board reviewed and issued 46 permits for the construction of residences and garages; repairs, renovations and additions to existing buildings; tree removal; replanting of vegetation; and driveway construction. Among the permits issued were two (2) “After the Fact” permits.

The Board has also been diligently working on revising the Shore land Zoning Ordinances to comply with the State mandates, only to be faced with another set of mandates approved by the Governor in June of this year.

Please remember that before you start **any** construction, you should contact the Code Enforcement Officer to see if a building permit is required, especially if your building is within 250 feet of a body of water.

Please be sure when submitting an application to Robert Dunphy, the Code Enforcement Officer, that all the requirements have been submitted with the application, including the processing fee of \$25.00, the required number of copies of the application and pictures. An incomplete application only delays the process. An application needs to be received by the CEO no later than the last Thursday of the month in order for the application to be considered at the next month’s meeting. The Board’s agenda is posted one week before the scheduled Board meeting. Once Mr. Dunphy has completed the site review, he will submit the application with attachments at the Board’s next meeting.

Board members and terms are:

Jay Wilson	March, 2014
Leo Mayo, Chairman	March, 2015
Eleanor Ketchum	March, 2016
Dwight Barron	March, 2017
Ann Bridges, Secretary	March, 2018
Alton McClamma, alternate	March, 2014
Myles Durkin, alternate	March, 2014

The Planning Board meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Embden Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann C. Bridges, Secretary

Code Enforcement

To the Residents & Taxpayers of the Town of Embden:

2013 was a busy year.

Violations that do not come to completion within the year can sometimes be hard, but most of the landowners are aware of the ordinances and try to do things right.

Maine DEP has mandated some ordinance changes that will be good for the Shore land zone.

I would like to thank the Town of Embden for their support. The Selectmen, Planning Board, and office staff have all been very helpful.

Respectfully,
Robert A. Dunphy
Code Enforcement Officer

E-911 Report

This year we replaced 15 signs and two posts.

Six of these were replaced at the Katie Crotch Corner from April to December 1st.

Two new roads were added:

Ginger Lane off the Eames Road

Brook Drive off Getchell Road

Thank you to those who have helped me again this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Ketchum
E-911 Addressing Officer



General Assistance Report

In the fiscal year, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2013 we had a total of eight General Assistance applications. The results from those applications filed are as follows:

Case #001-2013: DNQ

Case #002-2013: DNQ

Case #003-2013: \$154.00 Electricity

Case #004-2013: \$204.00 Electricity

Case #005-2013: \$52.50 Rent

Case #006-2013: \$222.90 Heating Fuel

Case #007-2013: \$115.00 Electricity + \$75.00 Propane

Case #008-2013: DNQ

United Way "Keep me Warm" Funds received & expended: \$450.00 Heating fuel

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Taylor

General Assistance Officer

Road Commissioner's Report

It was a late spring.

In May, we did some grading and rock raking. Two culverts on the West Shore Road had to be replaced because they were in poor shape. We also completed street sweeping.

In June, we graded more roads and put some calcium on the roads.

In July, we resurfaced over the culverts we had installed on the West Shore Road. We also replaced a resident's culvert.

In August, I moved the crews to the Hancock Pond Road, where we cut trees and completed ditching. The culverts were then replaced, and gravel was emplaced.

In September, a culvert was replaced on William's Hill, and then surfaced with jaw fines gravel.

In October, we built up the Moulton Road with gravel. We also resurfaced the Dunbar Hill Road with hot top.

In December, new turnarounds on both the Cleveland and Getchell Roads were built.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael E. Witham

\$ 6,163.25	Calcium	
\$ 810.00	Eagle Rental, Street Sweeper	
\$ 116.04	Signs	
\$ 182.90	Campbells, culverts	
\$ 2,412.19	Dirigo Timber, culverts	
\$ 796.00	Jordon Lumber, culverts	
\$ 7,784.72	Alan Pinkham, Dump Trucking	
\$ 5,601.48	Creamer Brothers Construction, Dump Trucking	
\$ 975.00	Daniel Nile, Unplugging of culverts	
\$ 240.40	Eldon McLean, Beaver control	
\$ 29,784.24	Ellery G. Witham	
	Grading	\$ 27,964.24
	Gravel	\$ 1,820.00
\$ 8,668.94	Eric Creamer	
	Backhoe	\$ 279.60

	Dozer	\$ 756.32
	Dump Trucking	\$ 105.00
	Labor	\$ 216.30
	Man and Chain Saw	\$ 38.72
	Pick-up	\$ 180.00
	Ton Truck	\$ 288.00
\$ 81,259.55	Fine Line	
	Bert Berry Road	\$ 24,733.35
	Dunbar Hill Road	\$ 53,371.00
	Wentworth Road	\$ 3,155.20
\$ 1,484.80	Gary Agren, Gravel	
\$ 1,160.68	Jack Kaplan, Calcium Spreading	
\$ 1,116.00	Louis Nichols, Sand	
\$ 11,657.00	Maple Crest Farms, Gravel	
\$ 1,890.00	Ronald A. Giguere, Mowing	
\$ 154.00	Mattingly Products	
\$ 4,950.00	Michael L. Merrill, Gravel	
\$ 55,452.58	Michael E. Witham Trucking, Inc.	
	Bucket Loader	\$ 2,040.00
	Base Gravel	\$ 952.00
	Dump Trucking	\$26,651.88
	Excavating	\$ 16,081.20
	Gas (reimbursement)	\$ 80.00
	Hay	\$ 400.00
	Jaw Fine Gravel	\$ 5,136.00
	Labor	\$ 154.50
	Man and chainsaw	\$ 647.00
	Pick-up	\$ 2,190.00
	Rip Rap Rock	\$ 520.00
\$ 4,717.15	Michael E. Witham, Payroll	

Recreation Department

The Embden Recreation Department has had a busy year. Dan Foss was the Embden Swim Program Instructor for swim lessons this past summer and did a wonderful job with all the kids. This is the first year that we had six of our swimming instructors become lifeguard certified through Peak Rehab., which will only benefit the 76 children that took part in the swim program this year. I would also like to thank Bob Dunphy and Mike Witham for their help in getting the docks in and out of the pond; and Scott LeHay for bussing the children back and forth so they may attend this program.

The Embden youth of your community participated in softball and baseball in the spring, soccer, cheering and football in the fall, and basketball in the winter months. They also participated in the summer recreation program which included field trips to Giffords for mini golf, the movies, bowling, and a trip to Funtown/Splashtown. The children that attend the Summer Rec. Program are also served breakfast and lunch every day that summer rec. is in session. I would like to thank RSU74 for providing the breakfast and lunch program to the area children.

The youth of Embden also took advantage of the scholarship program through the Rec. Department. They attended Dance camps, Boy Scout camps, and multiple sports camps throughout the year.

The Embden residents should be proud of their young citizens for taking part in their community.



A couple of Embden girls enjoying the toe-tapping fun of Fancy Feet Dance Camp thanks to a Scholarship provided by the Embden Recreation Department. The Rec. Department provided Scholarships to 6 children to attend this camp in East Madison.

Sincerely,

Tammy Murray
Rec. Director

Animal Control Report

Well, the "Dude" is back!

Hope this finds you all well...That goes for your pets too. As for me, I'm glad 2013 is over. Pam and I had a very busy year with the everyday Dogs@Large and missing cats. Add in the strays and the unlicensed dogs, and there is never a dull moment.

The New Year started with a new addition to our family; her name is "Mocha" and she can be a real pain in the tail, she seems to love mine. Pam was called out in the cold one night because there were some cats that had been "dumped". How can anyone just throw their animals away? If you remember, that's how I came to live with Pam. Well, there was a mother cat and three kittens, but the only ones they caught were two of the babies. They were only about 4 weeks old, so Pam and I took care of them and by the time they were eight weeks old the family had decided to keep them. The black male, Zoom, went to live with Brandi (your assistant ACO) and her girls, and Pam's son Mike became Mocha's Dad.



JD [number one cat in the Graf house] and I were talking about people just throwing away their animals and unfortunately cats are at the top of the list. Soooo.. I'm asking you all to love your animals and take care of them because every day they will give you back twice as much as you give them. Oh, remember **Maine State Law says that all cats as well as dogs must have their Rabies shots.** Rabies is still a big concern in this state and the cats are out there getting into all sorts of stuff. **Protect your pets and your family by making sure your dogs and cats get their Rabies vaccine.**

Times are hard, and many folks have fallen on hard times and they need to cut back.

Often it's the family pets that take the fall. If you find you can't support your pet, please call Pam or the Franklin County Animal Shelter (in Farmington). Don't take it down the road and toss it out of the car and drive away. If you move, make sure all your animals are with you when you drive out of the yard for the last time. Oh, if you are thinking about getting a pet remember that the State Laws say you must provide shelter, food, water, and medical attention for your animals. Hopefully you'll also give them lots of love!

If you have any questions concerning animals call Pam and she'll do her best to help you. She doesn't know it all (by a long shot) but she'll try to find you an answer if she doesn't have it. As for me, I'll be in the back seat watching over her.

If you need to reach Pam, you can call 474-6465 and the nice dispatchers at Somerset Communications will help you get in touch with her. It really is the best way to reach us, because we stay pretty busy these days.

This year Pam and the Town of Embden began a new relationship with the wonderful people at the Franklin County Animal Shelter. You can call them at 778-2638, or better yet, stop in and visit all the great dogs and cats looking for their special families to take them home.

Have a great year. Hope to see you in our travels.

Dude

Town Fire Warden

ALL OUTDOOR BURNING REQUIRES A BURNING PERMIT

ANY TIME OF THE YEAR

The good news is that permits are easy to get. They can be obtained free of charge from Town Fire Warden, John Mullin, at 165 Kennebec River Road, or from Bonnie Baker, Deputy Town Fire Warden, at the TOWN OFFICE during regular business hours. If neither of those places is convenient, you can also apply for a burn permit at www.maineburnpermit.com. This last option will require a credit card as well as a printer to print the permit. Permits issued from the website cost \$7.00.

Please remember, you must have the burn permit on site while you are burning, and all fires must be attended until the fire is completely out before leaving it.

Respectfully,
Bonnie A. Baker
Deputy Fire Warden

Registrar's Report

To the Citizens of Embden:

Embden has a total of 715 voters, which breaks down as follows:

DEMOCRAT.....	196
REPUBLICAN.....	246
GREEN INDEPENDENT.....	30
UNDECLARED.....	243
 TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS.....	 715

103 Voters participated in the November 2013 election.

I strongly urge you to please take the time to use your right to vote! If you are unable to get to the polls on Election Day, contact me to request an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots are available 30-45 days before an election. Due to changes in State law, there is now a deadline for requesting an absentee ballot. Except in extenuating circumstances, you must request your ballot no later than 3 business days before the election; however you no longer have to give a reason for requesting one, so anyone can vote absentee, for any reason, right up to the statutory deadline. Ballots can be requested by phone (by the voter only) or in person (by the voter or an immediate family member). For State and Federal Elections, you also have the option of requesting your ballot online at www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl.

If anyone is interested in being an Election Clerk call the Town Clerk @ (207) 566-5551 x 4, during regular business hours.

Requesting the voter list: Individuals and entities may obtain data from CVR for the following permitted uses: individual voter report (an individual voter requesting their own information); Party/Campaign Use Voter File (for Party activities, Candidate Campaign, Issue Campaigns or Get-out-the-vote Activities); Biennial Caucus Voter File; Absentee Voter File, Governmental Use Voter File and Statistical Information. To request data from Maine's CVR, you may contact the Secretary of State, Division of Elections (for statewide campaigns) or my office (for Embden voter reports). There is a nominal fee for the voter file.

My office is open during regular Town Office hours, as well on Election Day.

Respectfully,
Bonnie A. Baker
Registrar of Voters

Town Clerk's Report

To the Citizens of Embden:

Once again this has been a busy year in the clerk's office. As the Annual Town Meeting grows closer, it often seems there just aren't enough hours in the day. I continue to work on the Town of Embden's website at www.embden.maine.gov, and encourage all of you to check it out if you haven't already.

Embden had 53 unaltered dogs and 215 neutered/spayed dogs licensed during 2013, for a total of 268 dogs.

The following Sporting licenses were issued:

Resident Fishing Licenses	10	Non-Resident Season Fishing Licenses	8
Resident Hunting Licenses	4	Non-Resident 15-Day Fishing License	1
Res. Combination Hunting/Fishing Lic.	16	Non-Resident Archery Hunting Licenses	1
Resident Jr. Hunting Licenses	3	Non-Resident Big Game Hunting License	1
Resident Muzzlelader Hunting License	1		
Resident Bear Hunting License	1	Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Permit	1
Spring/Fall Turkey Permit	1	3-Day Fishing License	2
Coyote Night Hunting Permit	1	Outdoor Partners Program	1

IF&W offers lifetime licenses to those 65 and over for various fees. Stop by the town office for an application.

I would like to thank the residents of the Town of Embden for all of your support. It has been a pleasure to serve as your town clerk. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at (207) 566-5551 x 4, email me at embden-clerk@roadrunner.com, or stop by the Town Office.

Respectfully,
Bonnie A. Baker
Town Clerk

NEW BUNDLES OF JOY

Waterville, Maine

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BEST WISHES NEWLYWEDS

Rebecca Marie Wells & Damien Lee Raymond
James Addison Eugene Manzer & Faith Kagwa
Jessie Jean Schobel & Justin Royce Frost
Adam Everett Soosman & Terry Ann Feltis
Alex Christopher Edes & Alissa Jo Taylor
Amy Lynn Alward & Isaac Lee Sidell

January 18, 2013
May 3, 2013
June 22, 2013
August 3, 2013
August 17, 2013
September 7, 2013

We Honor those Embden Residents who passed away this year
THEY WILL BE GREATLY MISSED

Elizabeth Adeline Miller
February 19, 2013
99 Years Old



Augusta Z. Mullin
November 30, 2013
94 Years Old



Edna J. Light
March 21, 2013
78 Years Old

Eleanor C. Welch
February 25, 2013
81 Years Old



Constance R. Brundo
May 28, 2013
80 Years Old



Harold L. Runyon
July 4, 2013
81 Years Old



Treasurer's Report

To the Citizens of Embden:

Since starting with the town as a deputy Clerk and Treasurer in 2008, I have seen many changes in personnel, procedures, etc. People have come and gone, state laws and programs have changed, but the dedicated service to our taxpayers has remained constant. 2013 has been a year for technological changes in the town office, from the new phone system to the new server. These changes were made for several reasons, but most importantly to streamline office procedures, and allow us to serve you more efficiently and effectively.

The major change in 2013 was the swap to a two payment system for real estate taxes. Although the hope was to be able to finish out the year without having to borrow funds in anticipation of taxes, we did have to take out a TAN (Tax Anticipation Note) again this year. After much debate, the municipal officers decided to borrow a smaller amount than we did in 2012, \$550,000, because no one was quite sure how the change in tax due dates would affect the inflow of cash for the town. Fortunately, although we borrowed the full amount, we only actually used \$200,000, and were able to pay the debt back much sooner than in the past, which decreased the interest we had to pay. Going forward, although we may still have to take out a TAN in 2014, the amount borrowed should be much lower. Perhaps as taxpayers get used to this new system for paying their taxes we can eventually get rid of the need to borrow, but only time will tell.

The balances and activity in the Trust Funds under the Town's care are as follow:

MARY ANN BURNS CEMETERY TRUST. The interest for this trust is used annually for the maintenance and improvement of the cemeteries in Embden. As of December 31, 2013, the cemetery fund balance is \$1,000.

CRAGIN & WILLIAMS CD. As of December 31, 2013, the fund balance is \$1,834.03.

CAMDEN NATIONAL BANK TOWN OF EMBDEN CD. As of December 31, 2013, the fund balance is \$2,835.72.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as Embden's Treasurer.

Respectfully,
Bonnie A. Baker, Treasurer

Municipal Officials & Boards (2013 – Article 14)

Appropriated 2013	82,000
Compensation	61,414
Selectmen	14,000
GA Officer	750
Town Clerk/Treasurer	22,145
Tax Collector	22,145
Registrar	250
LPI	1,898
Admin (Dam)	225
Miscellaneous	1
Elections Officials	2,022
Mileage	2,669
Conferences & Training	685
FICA	4,205
Medicare	984
Expended 2013	71,979
Lapsed into Surplus	10,021

Legal Expenses (2013 – Article 15)

Appropriated 2013	10,000
Emden Dam	395
TAN Procurement & Repay	3,740
Legal Service – Town	7,986
Registry of Deeds	2,021
Expended 2013	14,142
Overage	4,142

Membership, Dues, Civic Organizations (2013– Article 16)

Appropriated 2013	4,400
MMA	1,533
KVCOG	2,479
MTCCA	25
MMTCTA	50
Total Expended	4,087
Lapsed into Surplus	8,487

Insurance Policies (2013 – Article 17)

Appropriated 2013	12,000
Property & Casualty	8,212
Workman’s Compensation	1,915
Total Expended	10,127
Lapsed into Surplus	1,873

Audit & Annual Town Report (2013 – Article 18)

Appropriated 2013	8,000
Expended 2013	6,839
Lapsed into Surplus	1,161

Unanticipated Expenses (2013 – Article 19)

Appropriated 2013	1,950
Expended 2013	1,870
Lapsed into Surplus	80

Utilities (2013 – Article 22)

Appropriated 2013 45,000

Town Office

Electricity	1,230
Gas/Oil	2,115
Telephone	3,909
Water	290
Security Alarms	305
Custodial Svcs.	1,372
Trash Removal	260
Shoveling	460
Mowing	0

Community Center

Electricity	2,852
Gas/Oil	12,295
Telephone	806
Internet & Cable	391
Water	1,385
Security Alarms	265
Custodial Svcs.	304
Trash Removal	265
Shoveling	365
Plowing	850
Mowing	2,555
Raking	130

Town House

Electricity	244
Mowing	50

Sand Shed

Electricity	384
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Street Lights

Electricity 788

Sandy Beach

Trash Removal 140

Total Expended 2013 34,010

Lapsed into Surplus 10,990

Town Office Supplies & Equip (2013 – Article23)

Appropriated 8,000

Office Supplies 1,333

Office Equipment 1,980

Postage 2,657

Safe Deposit Box Rental 25

Printing 1,268

Total Expended 2013 7,263

Lapsed into Surplus 737

TRIO – Annual Fees (2013 – Article 24)

Appropriated 5,000

Expended 2010 4,992

Lapsed into Surplus 8

Information/Technology (2013 – Article 25)

Carried Forward from 2012 6,159

Approp. from Reg. & Manual 3,746

Town Office 5,976

Community Center 49

Total Expended 6,025

Carried Forward to 2014 3,880

Facilities Maintenance/Repair (2013 – Article 20)

Appropriated 2013	8,100
From ECC Acct (Per ATM)	6,000
Donated from ECC (Fence)	2,000
Town Office	4,582
Community Center	7,950
Town House	1,659
Sand Shed	501
Total Expended	14,692
Carried Forward to 2014	1,408

Community Center (2013 – Article 13)

Carried Forward from 2012	6,580
Appropriated 2013	0
Moved to ECCtr Maintnc	6,000
Office Equipment Purchased	200
Operating Expenses	136
Expended 2013	6,336
Carried Forward into 2014	244

Tax Assessment (2013 – Article 26)

Appropriated	30,355
Carried Forward from 2012	4,099
Compensation	13,163
Contracted Consultants	300
Secretarial Services	7,650
Mileage	1,545
Training	1,034
FICA	1,290
Medicare	302
Office Supplies	135

Computer Supplies	24
Regulations & Manuals	30
Postage	473
Printing	110
Registry of Deeds	154
CMAAO Dues	24
MAAO Dues	50
Miscellaneous	325
Total Expended	26,609
Carried Forward to 2014	7,845

Tax Map Maintenance (2013 – Article 27)

Appropriated	7,700
Carried Forward from 2012	6,808
Expended	951
Carried Forward to 2014	13,557

Planning Board (2013 – Article 28)

Appropriated	8,250
Carried Forward from 2012	9,338
Compensation	5,383
Training	0
FICA	321
Medicare	75
Office Supplies	460
Regulations & Manuals	0
Postage	52
Advertising & Legal	211
Miscellaneous	42
Total Expended	6,544
Carried Forward to 2014	11,044

Code Enforcement Officer (2013 – Article 30)

Appropriated	11,950
Compensation	10,950
CEO	10,000
Deputy	950
Mileage	70
Training	0
FICA	679
Medicare	159
Total Expended	11,858
Carried Forward to 2014	92

Appeals Board (2013 – Article 29)

Appropriated	2,850
Compensation	250
Training	0
FICA	0
Medicare	0
Office Supplies	140
Regulations & Manuals	0
Postage	0
Advertising & Legal	0
Total Expended	390
Carried Forward to 2014	2,460

Fire Protection (2013 – Article 31)

Appropriated	42,000
Paid to Town of Anson	42,002
Overage	2

Hydrant Rental (2013 – Article 32)

Appropriated	12,000
Total Expended	9,208
Lapsed into Surplus	2,792

Ambulance Service (2013 – Article 33)

Appropriated	15,000
Expended	14,085
Lapsed into Surplus	915

Animal Control (2013 – Article 35)

Appropriated	3,525
Carried Forward from 2012	2,365
Compensation	818
Mileage	492
Training	15
FICA	51
Medicare	12
Humane Society Contract	1,690
ACO Supplies	2
Total Expended	3,080
Carried Forward to 2014	2,810

E-911 Addressing (2013 – Article 34)

Appropriated	2,000
Carried Forward from 2012	2,482
Compensation	1,313
Mileage	114
FICA	74
Medicare	17
Office Supplies	9
Road Signs	576
Total Expended	2,103
Carried Forward to 2014	2,379

Emergency Management (2013 – Article 45)

Appropriated	1,100
Paid to Robert Dunphy	450.00
Paid to John Mullin	450.00
FICA	62
Medicare	15
Total Expended	1,077
Carried Forward to 2014	23

URIP/Block Grant Funds (2013 – Article 37)

Balance 12/31/2012	56,293
Received from State	44,846
Interest Received	64
Paid to Summer Rds Acct	0
Balance as of 12/31/2013	101,203

Summer Roads (2013 – Article 38)

Appropriated	200,000
Carried Forward from 2012	32,655
Transferred from Block Grant	0
Compensation	4,382
FICA	272
Medicare	64
Cold Top	0
Culverts	3,391
Gravel	28,054
Hay	300
Equipment Rental	990
Equipment Maintenance	0
Road Warning Signs/Posters	116
Calcium Chloride	6,163
Road Supplies	0
Summer Roads Contractors	183,646
Total Expended	227,378
Carried Forward to 2014	5,277

Winter Roads (2013 – Article 39)

Appropriated	224,000
Paid to Nitram	224,000
Total Expended	224,000
Lapsed into Surplus	0

Sanitation (2013 – Article 40)

Appropriated	40,000
Paid to CWS	32,956
Lapsed into Surplus	7,044

General Assistance (2013 – Article 41)

Appropriated	2,000
Expended	1,221
Lapsed into Surplus	779

Donations (2013 – Article 42A – 42M)

Appropriated	9,500
Stewart Public Library	1,000
Somerset County Hospice	200
Senior Spectrum	800
Family Violence Project	500
Solon Food Cupboard	2,000
Madison Food Cupboard	2,000
Baker Mountain	500
American Red Cross	300
KVCAP	300
Sunset Cemetery Association	1,000
Madison Public Library	500
Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center	300.00
Maine PBS	100
Total Expended	9,500

Embden Recreation Dept. (2013 – Article 43)

Appropriated	5,000
Carried Forward from 2012	9,408
Compensation	2,140
FICA	130
Medicare	30
Office Supplies	0

Recreation Programs:

Team Sports	300
Winter Sports	1,002
Sports Equipment	0
Swim Program	950
Miscellaneous	0
Scholarships	1,150
Sports Camps	0
Field Trips	410
Total Expended	6,112
Revenues Received	0
Carried Forward to 2014	8,296

2013 Snowmobile Grants (2013 – Article 11)

Received from State of Maine	735
Paid to Embden Snow Travelers	735

Cemetery Maintenance (2013 – Article 44)

Appropriated	1,000
Interest - MaryAnn Burns	2
Paid to Historical Society	1,002

Capital Improvement Fund (2013 – Article 21)

Carried Forward from 2012	107,475
Appropriated 2013	100,000
Paid For Bat Remediation	400
Embden Dam	131,107
Community Center Heat Sys	41,726
Total Expended	173,233
Donation from EPA	2,000
Interest Earned	39
Carried Forward to 2014	36,281

Plumbing Permits

Paid in for Plumbing Permits	2,765
Paid in for New Septic Fees	75
Paid to State of Maine	708

Vital Records

Paid in for Vital Records	745
Paid to State of Maine	92

Hunting/Fishing Licenses

Paid in for Licenses	2,008
Agent Fees	86
Paid to State of Maine	1,922

Dog Licenses

Paid in for Licenses	2,456
Town Revenue	432
Agent Fees	271
Late Fees	575
Paid to State of Maine	1,178

Education

Tax Assessment	1,528,644
Paid to M.S.A.D. # 74	1,528,644

County Tax

Tax Assessment	390,623
Paid to County Treasurer	390,623

Overlay

Tax Assessment	114,153
Abatements Issued	13,850

2013 TOWN REVENUES

Copy Fees	0
Building Permits	1,750
Homestead Reimbursement from State	19,955
Veteran Reimbursement from State	734
Revenue Sharing	46,786
Tree Growth	19,223
Highway Reimbursement (URIP/LRAP)	44,846
General Assistance	179
Ordinance Fines	0
Franchise Fees	2,780
Rec. Fees	0
Community Center (ECC)	10,400
Refunded Payments	1,311
Donation from United Way - Heating Assistance	450

Tax Collector's Report

Motor Vehicle Registrations Total	296,600
Paid to State of Maine	90,900
Excise Tax (Embden)	149,566
Excise Tax Paid to Anson	43,180
Excise Tax Paid to New Portland	80
Excise Tax Paid to Township of Lexington	104

Boat, ATV, and Snow Mobile Registrations Total	27,487
Paid to Inland Fisheries & Wildlife	23,190
Excise Tax (Embden)	3,495

2014 Annual Town Meeting Proposed Appropriation

	<u>Description</u>	<u>URIP Block Grant & Other Reven ues</u>	<u>Carrie d Fwd</u>	<u>Taxati on</u>	<u>Surplu s</u>	<u>Excise</u>	<u>2014 Propos ed Operat ing Budget</u>
Art. 13	Municipal Officials		\$ -	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80,000
Art. 14	Legal Expenses		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Art. 15	Membership Dues		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,200	\$ -	\$ 4,200
Art. 16	Insurance		\$ -	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000
Art. 17	Town Audit/Town Meeting/Annual Report		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000
Art. 18	Unanticipated Expenses		\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000
Art. 19	Utilities		\$ -	\$ 43,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43,000
Art. 20	Supplies & Equipment		\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Art. 21	Trio Lic. & Maint.		\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Art. 22	Information/Technology		\$ 3,880	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,880
Art. 23	Facilities Maintenance	\$ 10,400	\$ -	\$ 12,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,900
No Article	Community Center		\$ 244	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 244
Art. 24	Tax Assessment		\$ 7,845	\$ -	\$ 30,500	\$ -	\$ 38,345
Art. 25	Town Tax Maps-Maintenance		\$ 13,557	\$ 11,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,757
Art. 26	Planning Board		\$ 11,044	\$ -	\$ 9,750		\$ 20,794
Art. 27	Code Enforcement		\$ 92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,092
Art. 28	Appeals Board		\$ 2,640	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 3,640

	<u>Description</u>	<u>URIP Block Grant & Other Revenues</u>	<u>Carried Fwd</u>	<u>Taxation</u>	<u>Surpluses</u>	<u>Excise</u>	<u>2014 Proposed Operating Budget</u>
Art. 29	Fire Protection		\$ -	\$ 42,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,000
Art. 30	Hydrants		\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Art. 31	Ambulance		\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000
Art. 32	Animal Control		\$ 2,810	\$ -	\$ 3,500	\$ -	\$ 6,310
Art. 33	E-911 Account		\$ 2,379	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,379
Art. 34	Emergency Management Department		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ 1,200
Art. 35	State Wages		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Art. 36	Block Grant Funds	\$ 101,203	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 101,203
Art. 37	Summer Roads Repair & Maintenance		\$ 5,277	\$ 125,000	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ 205,277
Art. 38	Winter Roads Plowing & Sanding Contract		\$ -	\$ 175,000	\$ 49,000	\$ -	\$ 224,000
Art. 39	Sanitation		\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000
Art. 40	General Assistance		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Art. 41	Social Services/Donations		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,575	\$ -	\$ 9,575
Art. 42	Recreation Department		\$ 8,296	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 13,296
Art. 43	Snowmobile Club		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Art. 44	Maint. Of Cemeteries		\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Art. 45	Capital Improvement Fund		\$ 36,242	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 61,242

	<u>URIP Block Grant & Other Revenue s</u>	<u>Carried Fwd</u>	<u>Taxation</u>	<u>Surplus</u>	<u>Excise</u>	<u>Total Proposed Appropri ation</u>
2014 Totals	\$ 101,203	\$ 94,306	\$ 589,700	\$ 156,725	\$ 90,000	\$ 836,425
2013 Totals	\$ 56,293	\$ 191,115	\$ 589,650	\$ 224,520	\$ 88,950	\$ 903,120
Differential +/-	\$ 44,910	\$ (96,809)	\$ 50	\$ (67,795)	\$ 1,050	\$ (66,695)
Diferential %	79.78%	-50.65%	0.01%	-30.20%	1.18%	-7.38%

Excise Tax			
	<u>Actual 2013</u>	<u>Anticipated 2014</u>	<u>DIFF</u>
Revenue/Anticipated	\$ 153,061	\$ 100,000	\$ (53,061)
Expended/Proposed Appropriation	\$ 88,950	\$ 90,000	\$ 1,050
Lapse to Surplus	\$ 64,111	\$ 10,000	\$ (54,111)

2013 Appropriations		2012 Appropriations	
Municipal Taxation	\$589,650.00	Municipal Taxation	\$ 589,650.00
County Tax	\$390,623.00	County Tax	\$ 448,901.00
MSAD #74	\$1,528,644.00	MSAD #74	\$ 1,464,353.00
Overlay	\$114,153.00	Overlay	\$ 40,366.00
Total Due/ Taxation	\$2,623,070.00	Total Due/Taxation	\$ 2,543,270.00

**SECRET BALLOT ELECTION AND
TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

Saturday, March 1, 2014

To Bonnie Baker, resident of the Town of Embden, in the County of Somerset, State of Maine,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Embden in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Embden Town Office in said town on Saturday, the 1st day of March, A.D. 2014, at seven and forty-five o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from eight o'clock in the forenoon until twelve o'clock in the afternoon;

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Embden Community Center (formerly the Embden Elementary School) in said town on Saturday, the 1st day of March, 2014 A.D., at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on Articles 3 through 46 as set out below, to wit:

Article 1: To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot.

Article 2: To elect all municipal officers and school committee members as are require to be elected.

Nominated Candidates;

Selectman, three-year term: Elizabeth Pratt
Town Clerk/Treasurer, one-year term: Bonnie Baker
Tax Collector, one-year term: Ruth Blake
Road Commissioner, one-year term: Michael Witham
Assessor, three-year term: Terriann Lamontagne
RSU #74 School Board Director, one-year term:
RSU #74 School Board Director, three-year term:

Article 3: To see if the Inhabitants will accept the following tax assessment and collection related questions:

A. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to apply any property tax overpayment of less than \$20 to that person's next year's property taxes.

Selectmen recommend Yes.

B. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize citizens to pay their property taxes in two equal installments, the first one-half of taxes assessed for the current year shall become due and payable 30 days after commitment, the second one-half of taxes assessed for the current year shall become due and payable on November 18, 2014, and to charge interest at the rate of 7% per annum on unpaid balances after each due date, or what they will do related thereto

Selectmen recommend Yes.

C. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.S.R.A. Section 506.

Selectmen recommend Yes.

D. If the Inhabitants accept the previous section, what, if any, interest shall the Inhabitants pay on these prepaid taxes? (If the Inhabitants vote to pay interest, the interest rate cannot be more than 8%.)

Selectmen recommend 0%

E. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate from overlay to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year 2013.

Selectmen recommend Yes.

F. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A Section 506-A.

Selectmen recommend Yes and a rate of 5%.

Article 4. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing and opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.S.R.A. Section 2953.

Selectmen recommend Yes.

Article 5. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Selectmen to procure a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) for the purpose of paying municipal indebtedness; such note to be repaid during the current fiscal year from taxes paid during the municipal year.

Selectmen recommend Yes.

Article 6. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Municipal Officers to apply for, accept, and expend grant money available from the State of Maine, Federal Government, or other organizations for any public purpose when they deem it to be in the town's best interest and needed matching funds are available within the current budget.

Selectmen recommend Yes.

Article 7. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount of the previous annual budget during the period from January 1, 2015 to the Annual Town Meeting.

Selectmen recommend Yes.

Article 8. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Municipal Officers to sell and dispose of any tax acquired property by the following procedure; acquiring a fair market value on the property, set a minimum bid amount and to place said property out to bid. Then to award the property on such terms as they deem to be in the best interest of the town and to execute Quit Claim Deeds for such property.

Selectmen recommend Yes.

Article 9. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to accept gifts of money, equipment, or other articles for the town. (All gifts to become property of the town.)

Selectmen recommend Yes.

Article 10. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to accept two new road names which are: Ginger Lane and Brook Drive or what they will do related thereto

Selectmen recommend Yes.

Article 11. To see if the Inhabitants will accept funds from, but not limited to, the following potential revenue sources:

- A. Municipal Revenue Sharing
- B. Local Road Assistance
- C. State Aid for Education
- D. Civil Emergency Funds
- E. Tree Growth Reimbursement
- F. Veteran's Exemption Reimbursement
- G. Homestead Exemption Reimbursement
- H. General Assistance Reimbursement

Selectmen recommend Yes.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to carry the following account balances forward into their respective accounts. (Account balances as of Dec. 31st, 2013):

<u>BALANCE FORWARD ACCOUNTS</u>	<u>2013 REQUEST</u>
Information/Technology	\$ 3,880
Community Center	\$ 244
Tax Assessment	\$ 7,845
Tax Maps-Maintenance	\$ 13,557
Planning Board	\$ 11,044
Code Enforcement	\$ 92
Appeals Board	\$ 2,640
Animal Control Account	\$ 2,810
E-911 Account	\$ 2,379
Highways & Bridges (Summer Roads)	\$ 5,277
Recreation Account	\$ 8,296
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 36,242
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen	Total: \$94,126

Article 13. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 from taxation for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for the Municipal Officials or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 14. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from surplus for legal expenses or what they will do related thereto (If required, any additional funding to be from Surplus)

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 15. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,200 from surplus for membership, dues, etc. in civic organizations, (i.e., KVCOG, SEDC, MMA, MTCCA, MTCTA, MAAO, etc.)

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 16. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 from taxation for all insurance policies, (e.g.; worker’s comp., building, equipment, etc.) or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 17. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 from surplus for audit of the 2012 town books, expenses for holding Town Meeting(s), and for printing of the Annual Town Report or what they will do related thereto (If required, any additional funding to be from Surplus)

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 18. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 from taxation for unanticipated expenses or what they will do related thereto (If required, any additional funding to be from Overlay)

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 19. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,000 from taxation for utilities (fuel, electricity, telephone, internet, mowing, trash removal, cleaning, etc.) or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 20. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from taxation for supplies and equipment used to run the operations of the town office or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 21. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from taxation for annual licensing and maintenance fee for the Municipal Software from Trio Software Company.

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 22. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 from taxation for the Information/Technology Account or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 23. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,500 from taxation plus the revenues received from the Embden Community Club (\$10,400 yearend balance as of 12/31/2013), for the yearly repair and maintenance of all town owned buildings, structures, and properties or what they will do related thereto (This will become a balance forward account)

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 24. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,355 from surplus for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for Tax Assessment or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 25. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,200 from taxation for the Tax Map Maintenance Account or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 26. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,750 from surplus for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for the Planning Board or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 27. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 from excise, for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for Code Enforcement or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officer, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 28. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 from surplus, for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for the Appeals Board or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officer, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 29. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,000 from taxation for contracted fire protection and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a fire protection agreement with the Town of Anson or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 30. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from taxation for the annual rental of fire hydrants to the Madison/Anson Water District pursuant to 35-A M.S.R.A. Section 107 or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 31. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 from taxation for emergency services to Anson-Madison-Starks (AMS) Ambulance Service or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 32. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 from surplus, for Animal Control or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 33. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 from taxation for Town E911 signs and maintenance or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 34. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200 from surplus for compensation, and applicable taxes for the town's Emergency Management Department or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 35. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to pay all Town hired labor and equipment at the prevailing State of Maine hourly rate or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 36. To see if the Inhabitants will permit the Municipal Officers and/or the Road Commissioner to use URIP/LRAP Block Grant money within the dedicated account for improvements to Town maintained roads and/or bridges, not to exceed the year ending available balance of \$101,203.

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 37. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for repair and maintenance of bridges, roads, and culverts, dedicated for use by the Road Commissioner, or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed recommend \$125,000 from taxation and \$75,000 from excise.

Article 38. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$224,000 for the winter roads contract or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed recommend \$175,000 from taxation and \$49,000 from surplus.

Article 39. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 from taxation for sanitation/solid waste disposal to Waste Management, Inc. or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 40. To see if the Inhabitants will raise and appropriate \$2,000 from excise for the purpose of General Assistance administered by the town or what they will do related thereto (If required, any additional funding to be from Surplus)

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 41. To see if the Inhabitants will raise and appropriate the recommended amount from surplus for the following Social Services and Charities or what they will do related thereto

A. Stewart Public Library	\$1000.00
B. Somerset County Hospice	\$ 200.00
C. Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$ 250.00
D. Senior Spectrum Family Violence	\$ 500.00
E. Family Violence Project	\$ 500.00
F. Solon Food Cupboard	\$2000.00
G. Madison Food Cupboard	\$2000.00
H. Baker Mountain	\$ 500.00
J. KVCAP	\$ 300.00
K. Cub Scouts	\$ 250.00
L. Sunset Cemetery	\$1000.00
M. Madison Public Library	\$ 500.00
N. Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center	\$ 200.00
O. Community Health & Counseling Services	\$ 25.00
P. Life Flight of Maine	\$ 100.00
Q. Girl Scouts	\$ 250.00
Total:	\$9,575.00

Article 42. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from surplus and appropriate the revenues collected in program fees for compensation, applicable taxes, program funding, and other related expenses for the Embden Recreation Department or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 43. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000 from excise to the Embden Travelers Snowmobile Club for the maintenance of their system of trails and bridges open in snow season to the public within the Town of Embden.

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 44. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 from taxation plus interest from the Mary Ann Burns trust fund for use, dedicated for maintenance of cemeteries within the town or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 45. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 from surplus for the Capital Improvement Fund, for the purpose of capital improvement projects for any town owned buildings or structures or what they will do related thereto

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Article 46. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Embden by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved by the proposed articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Dated: 3rd Day of February, 2014

Charles E. Taylor

Charles E. Taylor, Chairman

Wayne McLaughlin

Wayne McLaughlin, Selectman

Elizabeth Pratt

Elizabeth Pratt, Selectman

Municipal Officers

Rules of Town Meeting

All comments or questions will be directed to the Moderator.

No one may speak until recognized by the moderator.

The article will be read in full and the recommendation of the Municipal Officers will be stated. An affirmative motion will be made by an identified voter. No negative motions, including a motion to pass over, will be accepted.

Vote will be by holding up the colored index cards that were issued when you checked in. The results of the vote will be announced. Vote may be challenged by at least 7 voters.

Any decision by the moderator may be challenged. He may be overruled by a majority vote of the registered voters.

THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS APPLY TO ALL TOWN MEETINGS:

1. **QUALIFIED VOTER:** Every voter in the town may vote in the election of all town officials and in all town affairs.
2. **MODERATOR ELECTED AND SWORN:** The clerk, or in the clerk's absence a selectman or constable, shall open the meeting by:
 - a. Calling for the election of a moderator by written ballot
 - b. Receiving and counting votes for moderator
 - c. Swearing in the moderator
3. **MODERATOR PRESIDES:** As soon as he has been elected and sworn, the moderator shall preside over and supervise the voting at the meeting and may appoint a deputy moderator to assist the moderator. If the moderator is absent or unable to carry out the duties, the clerk, or in the clerk's absence a selectman or constable, may call for the election of a deputy moderator to act in the absence of the moderator.
 - a. All persons shall be silent at the moderator's command. A person may not speak before the moderator recognizes that person. A person who is not a voter in the town may speak at the meeting only with the consent of 2/3 of the voters present.
 - b. If any person, after a command for order by the moderator, continues to act in a disorderly manner, the moderator may direct that person to leave the meeting. If the person refuses to leave, the moderator may have that person removed by a constable and confined until the meeting is adjourned.
 - c. When a vote declared by the moderator is immediately questioned by at least 7 voters, the moderator shall make certain by polling the voters or by a method directed by the municipal legislative body.
4. **VOTES RECORDED BY THE CLERK:** The clerk shall accurately record the votes of the meeting.
5. **WRITTEN BALLOTS:** The clerk shall prepare the ballots. Ballots shall be of uniform size and color and must be blank except that 2 squares with "yes" by one and "no" by the other may be printed on them. The moderator shall ensure that each voter receives only one ballot for each vote taken.

Town of Embden



RESULTS OF 2013 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Meeting was called to order at 07:45 by the Town Clerk, Bonnie Baker.

Article 1: *Phil Curtis was elected to serve as moderator with a vote of 8-0. He was sworn in by the Town Clerk, and the meeting turned over to him. He appointed John Duff to serve as Deputy Moderator.*

Article 2: The following were elected:

Selectperson: Charles Taylor	(51 votes)
Town Clerk/Treasurer: Bonnie Baker	(52 votes)
Tax Collector: Ruth Blake	(51 votes)
Assessor: Wayne McLaughlin	(51 votes)
Road Commissioner: Michael Witham	(53 votes)
RSU #74 (3-yr): Melissa Miller	(3 votes)
RSU #74 (1-yr): Dwight Barron Jr.	(51 votes)

54 residents voted in the secret ballot election. The open portion of the Annual Town Meeting was attended by 54 people.

Article 3. To see if the Inhabitants will accept the following tax assessment and collection related questions:

A. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to apply any property tax overpayment of less than \$20 to that person's next year's property taxes.

B. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to charge the maximum rate of interest allowed by the State on all unpaid taxes beginning 30 days after commitment of said taxes or 30 days from the date of the tax bill(s) whichever is later (Rate being 7%).

C. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize citizens to pay their property taxes in two equal installments, the first one half of taxes assessed for the current year shall become due and payable in July 2013, the second one-half of taxes assessed for the current year shall become due and payable in November 2013 or what they will do related thereto

D. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.S.R.A. Section 506.

E. If the Inhabitants accept the previous section, what, if any, interest shall the Inhabitants pay on these prepaid taxes? (If the Inhabitants vote to pay interest, the interest rate cannot be more than 8%.) Selectmen recommend 0%.

F. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate from overlay to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year 2013.

G. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A Section 506-A. Selectmen recommend a rate of 5%.

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 3 as read & recommended. E. Berry stated that he would like to see tax bills out earlier. **Motion carried.***

Article 4. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing and opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.S.R.A. Section 2953.

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 4 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 5. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Selectmen to procure a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) for the purpose of paying municipal indebtedness; such note to be repaid during the current fiscal year from taxes paid during the municipal year.

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 5 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 6. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Municipal Officers to apply for, accept, and expend grant money available from the State of Maine, Federal Government, or other organizations for any public purpose when they deem it to be in the town’s best interest and needed matching funds are available within the current budget.

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 6 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 7. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount of the previous annual budget during the period from January 1, 2014 to the Annual Town Meeting.

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 7 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 8. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Municipal Officers to sell and dispose of any tax acquired property by the following procedure; acquiring a fair market value on the property, set a minimum bid amount, and to place said property out to bid. Then to award the property on such terms as they deem to be in the best interest of the town and to execute Quit Claim Deeds for such property.

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 8 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 9. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to accept gifts of money, equipment, or other articles for the town. (All gifts to become property of the town)

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 9 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 10. To see if the Inhabitants will accept funds from, but not limited to, the following potential revenue sources:

- A. Municipal Revenue Sharing
- B. Local Road Assistance
- C. State Aid for Education
- D. Civil Emergency Funds
- E. Tree Growth Reimbursement
- H. Veteran’s Exemption Reimbursement
- I. Homestead Exemption Reimbursement
- H. General Assistance Reimbursement

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 10 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 11. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to appropriate all of the money received from the State for snowmobile registrations to the Embden Travelers Snowmobile Club for the maintenance of their system of trails and bridges open in snow season to the public within the Town of Embden.

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 11 as read & recommended. M. Pierce asked what that amount usually was. B. Baker replied that the town had not received any money in 2012. J. Duff added that in 2011, the amount was \$1,019. **Motion carried.***

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to carry the following account balances forward into their respective accounts. (Account balances as of Dec. 31st, 2012):

<u>BALANCE FORWARD ACCOUNTS</u>	<u>2013 REQUEST</u>
Community Center	\$ 6,580
Capital Improvement Fund	\$107,475
Assessors Account	\$ 4,099
Tax Map Account	\$ 6,808
Planning Board Account	\$ 9,338
E-911 Account	\$ 2,482
Animal Control Account	\$ 2,365
Highways & Bridges (Summer Roads)	\$ 32,655
Recreation Account	\$ 9,408
Technology Account	\$ 6,159
Regulations & Manuals	\$ 3,746

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen Total: \$191,115

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 12 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 13. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to enter into a rental agreement with the Embden Community Club. This agreement shall be for the sole purpose of allowing the Embden Community Club to manage the daily operations of the Embden Community Center. Under this agreement, all revenues paid to the Town of Embden, shall be placed into the existing carried forward community center maintenance account that are to be used exclusively for building utilities and ancillary operating expenses, daily maintenance, and improvements for the Embden Community Center building. All programming revenues or expenses shall be retained or paid by the Embden Community Club, as an individual entity, separate from the Town of Embden.

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 13 as read & recommended. M. Pierce asked if there would be a lease amount charged to the ECC. C. Taylor replied that it would be the same lease as 2 years ago, which stipulated only a fee of \$1. He added that the BOS would need to review the lease. M. Pierce asked whether this was the year that the townspeople were supposed to vote on whether to keep the building. C. Taylor replied that last year at town meeting it was voted to make the building a Red Cross shelter, which meant the building had to continue to be used. M. Pierce asked what the conditions were to be qualified as a RC shelter and whether they had been met. C. Taylor stated that one of the town’s EMA Directors was working on procuring a generator. R. Hatch asked if there was a limit to the rental agreement. C. Taylor read the proposed lease. **Motion carried.***

Article 14. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$82,000 from taxation for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for the Municipal Officials or what they will do related thereto

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Eric Morrill) to approve Article 14 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 15. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from surplus for legal expenses or what they will do related thereto (If required, any additional funding to be from Surplus)

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 15 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 16. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,400 from surplus for membership, dues, etc. in civic organizations. (i.e., KVCOG, SEDC, MMA, MTCCA, MTCTA, MAAO, etc.)

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 16 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 17. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 from taxation for all insurance policies, (e.g.; worker’s comp., building, equipment, etc.) or what they will do related thereto

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 17 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 18. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 from taxation for audit of the 2012 town books, expenses for holding Town Meeting(s), and for printing of the Annual Town Report or what they will do related thereto

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 18 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 19. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,950 from taxation for unanticipated expenses or what they will do related thereto

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 19 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 20. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 from taxation for the yearly repair and maintenance of all town owned buildings, structures, and property or what they will do related thereto

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 20 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 21. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 from surplus for the Capital Improvement Fund, for the purpose of capital improvement projects for any town owned buildings or structures or what they will do related thereto

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 21 as read & recommended. E. Morrill asked what the intent was for this money. C. Taylor stated that the only project left on the list to do was the dam. He added that they were up against the uncertainty of what the cost would be. He explained that they had an engineer, and had gone to the Army Corp of Engineers, but had not gotten approval for the project until December 22nd. He added that the one firm which had bid on the project had proposed a cost of \$218,400. C. Taylor read an email from the engineer. He stated that he did not want to come back to the townspeople in August and ask for additional funds. He added that the BOS was asking to slide \$100k into the Capital account, which if not used, could be moved back to surplus or kept in the capital reserve account at the end of the year, depending on what the townspeople wanted. He stated that the engineer was reducing the scope of the project, and it would be put out to bid in the newspaper. **Motion carried.***

Article 22. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 from taxation for utilities (fuel, electricity, telephone, internet, mowing, trash removal, cleaning, etc.) or what they will do related thereto

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 22 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 23. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 from taxation for supplies and equipment used to run the operations of the town office or what they will do related thereto

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 23 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 24. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from taxation for annual licensing and maintenance fee for the Municipal Software from Trio Software Company.

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 24 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 25. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to combine the carried forward sum of \$3,746 from Regulations & Manuals with the carried forward sum of \$6,159 in the Technology Account for the purpose of creating a Information/Technology Account or what they will do related thereto

Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 25 as read & recommended. C. Taylor explained that the town rarely bought paper manuals anymore, because everything was now online. **Motion carried.**

Article 26. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,355 from surplus for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for Tax Assessment or what they will do related thereto

Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Eric Morrill) to approve Article 26 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.**

Article 27. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,700 from taxation for the Tax Map Maintenance Account or what they will do related thereto (this amount includes \$4,500 for Embden’s share of the Embden/New Portland town line marking)

Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 27 as read & recommended. C. Taylor stated they had been trying to get New Portland to work on the town line, but they had not put it in their town warrant to do so. R. Hatch made a motion (2nd – Raymond Young) to amend the article to include the Anson Town Line. Amendment carried. **Motion carried as amended.**

Article 28. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,250 from surplus for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for the Planning Board or what they will do related thereto

Ann Bridges made a motion (2nd–Eric Morrill) to approve Article 28 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.**

Article 29. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,850 from surplus for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for the Appeals Board or what they will do related thereto

Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 29 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.**

Article 30. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,950 from excise, for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for Code Enforcement or what they will do related thereto

Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Eric Morrill) to approve Article 30 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.**

Article 31. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,000 from taxation for contracted fire protection and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a fire protection agreement with a fire protection provider or what they will do related thereto

Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Elfin Berry) to approve Article 31 as read & recommended. E. Morrill remarked that the article did not state who the provider would be. C. Taylor replied that the BOS felt that the townspeople had made it clear at the last town meeting that they preferred Anson Fire, so the board planned to continue contracting with the Town of Anson for fire protection. Eric Morrill made a motion (2nd – Eric Baker) to amend the article to specify that fire protection would be provided by the Anson Fire Department. Amendment carries. **Motion carried as amended.**

Article 32. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 from taxation for the annual rental of fire hydrants to the Madison Water District pursuant to 35-A M.S.R.A. Section 107 or what they will do related thereto

Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 32 as read & recommended. Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd – Ann Bridges) to amend the article to read, "to the Anson-Madison Water District". Amendment carries. **Motion carried as amended.**

Article 33. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 from taxation for emergency services to Anson-Madison-Starks (AMS) Ambulance Service or what they will do related thereto

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Eric Morrill) to approve Article 33 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 34. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 from taxation for Town E911 signs and maintenance or what they will do related thereto

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 34 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 35. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,525 from surplus, for Animal Control or what they will do related thereto

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 35 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 36. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to pay all Town hired labor and equipment at the prevailing State of Maine hourly rate or what they will do related thereto

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 36 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 37. To see if the Inhabitants will permit the Municipal Officers and/or Road Commissioner to use URIP Block Grant money, within the dedicated account for improvements to Town maintained roads and/or bridges, not to exceed the year ending balance of \$56,293. Municipal Officers, elected and appointed, recommend.

Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 37 as read & recommended. C. Taylor stated that M. Witham did not have any specific projects which would require the town to spend the URIP money this year.

Motion carried.

Article 38. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for repair and maintenance of bridges, roads, and culverts, dedicated for use by the Road Commissioner, or what they will do related thereto (Municipal Officers, elected and appointed recommend \$125,000 from taxation and \$75,000 from excise.)

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 38 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 39. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$224,000 for the winter roads contract or what they will do related thereto (Municipal Officers, elected and appointed recommend \$175,000 from taxation and \$49,000 from surplus.)

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 39 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 40. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 from taxation for solid waste disposal to Waste Management, Inc. or what they will do related thereto

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Eric Morrill) to approve Article 40 as read & recommended. E. Berry asked whether there was a closer service the town could contract with. C. Taylor replied that they had researched this in the past and this was the most cost-effective option. **Motion carried.***

Article 41. To see if the Inhabitants will raise and appropriate \$2,000 from excise for the purpose of General Assistance administered by the town or what they will do related thereto (Any additional funds, if needed, to be withdrawn from Surplus)

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Michael Malesky) to approve Article 41 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 42. To see if the Inhabitants will raise and appropriate the recommended amount from surplus for the following Social Services and Charities or what they will do related thereto

A. Stewart Public Library	\$ 1000.00
B. Hospice	\$ 200.00
C. Senior Spectrum	\$ 800.00
D. Family Violence	\$ 500.00
E. Solon Food Cupboard	\$ 2000.00
F. Madison Food Cupboard	\$ 2000.00
G. Baker Mountain	\$ 500.00
H. American Red Cross	\$ 300.00
I. KVCAP	\$ 300.00
J. Sunset Cemetery	\$ 1000.00
K. Madison Public Library	\$ 500.00
L. Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center	\$ 300.00
M. Maine Public Broadcasting System	\$ 100.00
Total:	\$9,500.00

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 42 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 43. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from surplus and appropriate the revenues collected in program fees for compensation, applicable taxes, program funding, and other related expenses for the Embden Recreation Department or what they will do related thereto

*Raymond Bournival made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 43 as read & recommended. E. Morrill asked what was going on in the area for Rec. programs. D. Barron replied that this past year had been kind of quiet. He stated he was hoping to get things organized this spring, however he worked and didn't get home until 16:00. E. Pratt added that there was a swim program, and every Monday night the ECctr was open for anyone to come in and use the gym. **Motion carried.***

Article 44. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 from taxation plus interest from the Mary Ann Burns trust fund for use, dedicated for maintenance of cemeteries within the town or what they will do related thereto

*Michael Malesky made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 44 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 45. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,100 from surplus for compensation, and applicable taxes for the town's Emergency Management Department or what they will do related thereto

*Ann Bridges made a motion (2nd–Dwight Barron) to approve Article 45 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 46. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Embden by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved by the proposed articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Michael Malesky) to approve Article 46 as read & recommended. A written vote was taken and counted. **Motion carried 34-7.***

The moderator swore in the Town Clerk/Treasurer.

*Bruce Blake made a motion to adjourn. **Meeting was adjourned at 14:20.***

Minutes submitted by:

Bonnie A. Baker

Town of Embden



PUBLIC HEARING – May 20, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 18:00 by Charles Taylor and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was attended by approximately 20 persons.

Embden Spillway Replacement Project

The engineer, Steve Govoni, was introduced by C. Taylor.

C. Taylor stated that there should be a set of plans located at the town office. S. Govoni replied that he had not brought a set.

C. Taylor asked for questions from those present.

S. Govoni stated that the biggest question that he had been asked was the level of the lake once the project was completed. He stated that they had researched the history, and the level would be set at what it had been in 1929 when the mill dam was still there. He said the elevation at that time had been set at 415ft above sea level. He said that was the level they were shooting for. He added that currently the water was 3-1/2" above the log, and the level would be set at 15" above that, for a total increase above the present top log of 18-1/2". He said the lake was fed by an approximately 22 sq. mile watershed, and everything then fed back out of 2 sources, the mill stream and Inland Fisheries. He stated the hatchery used about 3,300 gallons per minute, which would result in about a 2" drop over the course of the summer, so the biggest draw was actually evaporation. He added that even if the town were to have a very dry summer, you should be looking at water levels at 2 ft. above where they are now.

He stated the work would be done during the driest part of summer, July 15th – August 21st. He said that was the time frame DEP was allowing for work in any streambed this summer. He said the idea was to set a crane mat in the center of the stream. He said there would not be much excavation; the plan was to remove about 45 cu yards of material, and replace it with about 45 cu yards of concrete. He said it would not be a big process.

An attendee asked whether they anticipated drawback to a lower level. G. Govoni replied that that process had been denied by the Army Corp. of Engineers. He said they would just be relying on evaporation. He said they would be building a sand bag dam in front of the existing dam.

An attendee asked how much lower the lake level would be during the construction phase. S. Govoni stated the water level should not be any lower than it would normally be at that time, and the level during construction would most likely be higher than it would naturally be. He added that the sand bag dam would be 3 ft. higher than the current dam.

A. Bridges asked whether the construction would affect traffic at the boat landing. S. Govoni replied that access would be the gravel parking lot closest to the Cross Town Road.

E. Pratt asked how long the construction would take. S. Govoni stated it was scheduled to take 6-8 weeks.

An attendee asked whether the County would be working on the Mill Stream bridge after that. S. Govoni replied that it might be the same timeline, because you can only work in the streambed during that timeframe this summer.

R. Bridges asked how much higher the dam would be than what is there now. S. Govoni said it would be 18-1/2" higher than the log that's there now. He advised that this was actually the second original log, the top one had washed away.

An attendee had asked whether a contractor had been chosen yet. S. Govoni replied that the contract had been awarded to Oakley Jones out of Skowhegan, and a subcontractor would do the concrete work. He added that the project had been bid out to a general contractor, and they then picked their subcontractors. He said he had found that many of the general contractors who had been interested in bidding the project had a hard time finding subcontractors.

R. Bridges asked who had set the height of the dam. S. Govoni stated it was being set to the exact height that it had been set in 1956, so it went back to 1997 when the top log had washed away.

E. Pratt stated that the dam had been fixed in the early 70s, and Norman Huggins had benchmarks and pictures of what it should be. S. Govoni stated that Inland Fisheries & Wildlife had done work in 1974, 1979, 1981 and 1982, and had to continually go back. He said they had eventually tired of fixing the dam and just started dumping sand and gravel in front of the dam.

An attendee asked about the price to fix the dam. C. Taylor replied that the winning bid was for \$105,343.25, plus the engineering invoices, which had been \$7,985.22 to date. He said he didn't know what the next part was. S. Govoni said it would just be construction control, probably about \$3,000. C. Taylor added that the final construction cost should be around \$115,000.

S. Govoni advised that when Inland Fisheries had put in the enhancement to the hatchery, they put the pipes further down in the ground, making them low enough that they no longer needed to depend on the dam. He said he thought that had been in 2005, and that was when the process to reclaim ownership of the dam really moved forward.

An attendee asked if there was any way of knowing the water level prior to the dam being constructed. S. Govoni stated that there was history, however it was pretty convoluted. He added that at one point in the 20s, someone had done something in the Mill Stream, resulting in a lake height of 418ft, which would put the level as 4-1/2ft higher than it is right now. He stated he was not sure how that would look. He said that the original NGVD datum point was on the bridge, and when the bridge was moved, the new one was 1.1ft higher, but DOT had taken the time to record that.

C. Taylor said C. Dolan had found an old map with benchmarks on it. C. Dolan stated she had found the map rolled up in a metal can in the basement of the Town House. S. Govoni stated this map read 416ft. He stated that in their research they had seen 415ft fairly regularly. He added that 418ft just didn't sound realistic to him. Discussion continued.

A. Bridges asked what increasing the height of the dam by 18" would do to the Mill Stream. S. Govoni replied that even now the Mill Stream occasionally runs dry. He added that he had pictures from 2006 when it was really bone dry. He said that they could not stop evaporation, but currently the water was running under the logs.

An attendee asked how far the concrete would go underneath the surface of the ground. S. Govoni replied that it would go 6ft below the Mill Stream side. He added that it was all clay underneath.

L. Piper stated that he would like to commend this group for bringing the project to fruition. C. Taylor replied that they had not done all of the work, the engineer (S. Govoni) and Henry had done most of the work.

E. Pratt made a motion (2nd – W. McLaughlin) to continue the Public Hearing as a site visit at the site of the project. (3-0)

Meeting was recessed at 18:40, and attendees travelled to the dam site. Meeting was then resumed at the dam site.

Meeting was adjourned at the dam site at 19:02.

Minutes submitted by:

Bonnie A. Baker

Embden Community Club Report

PURPOSE STATEMENT:

“TO MAKE USE OF AND SUPPORT THE EMBDEN COMMUNITY CENTER AS A MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY, AND TO UNDERTAKE ANY ACTIVITIES THERE WHICH OFFER A WIDE VARIETY OF SOCIAL, RECREATIONAL, EDUCATIONAL AND CIVIC PROGRAMS FOR RESIDENTS OF ANY AGE FROM EMBDEN AND SURROUNDING TOWNS, ALL FOR PROMOTING COMMUNITY TOGETHERNESS.”

The Embden Community Club has completed the year of 2013, and contributed \$12,400 back to the inhabitants to offset some of the cost of operating and upkeep of the Embden Community Center. We also gave donations to various groups, totaling \$302. In addition, approximately \$2,500 was spent for new tables and chairs, not to mention the many uncountable hours of community service time needed to operate the community center. For a nominal amount you can rent the center for many private events, and it is open at no charge for meetings such as:

- Association Meetings (Local Groups)
- Embden Community Club
- Embden Cub Scouts
- Embden Historical Society Meetings
- Embden Sno-Travelers Snowmobile Club
- Support Group Meetings

The ‘Neighbor to Neighbor Thrift Store’ is open each Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10:00am to 2:00pm. If you would like to donate items to the thrift store you may do so. Items are only accepted when the store is open for business. Certain items such as: books, magazines, TVs, VCRs, & DVD players we do not accept. This is due to the high cost to dispose of them if they do not sell. All donations are examined, and articles of good quality are sold at a very reasonable price. The thrift store has been a great success, providing a low cost alternative to many people for various articles such as clothing, household items, and other second-hand items. The thrift store also has given some free items to a few people in the immediate area that had the misfortune of life altering events.

There are many things happening at the community center throughout the year. We have learned that it takes a great amount of teamwork and time to make these events successful. It is truly an honor and a privilege to be part of a town that enjoys the many programs that have been offered over the past year. We hope to expand these programs in the future. For those of you who may not be aware of what has been offered over the past year, we have included a short list of such events.

Every week there is a ‘TOPS’ program held for anyone interested in losing weight.

There is also a weekly Bone Building group that does some low impact exercises to keep you healthy.

On the second Saturday of each month from 5:00pm to 6:00pm there is a public supper held at the community center. It is affordably priced so you can bring the entire family. The menu is chosen, prepared, and served by a group of very dedicated people. The meals, month after month, are truly amazing. The crowds continue to grow at each supper.

Occasionally on a Friday or Saturday night there is some kind of fun event taking place, whether it be a comedian, magician, or a musician. Concerts and dances may also be available. Over this past year we held many shows and dances. Although to date we have only had country music shows or dances, we are trying to give other genres a chance, so you may be seeing other types of entertainment in the near future.

Last year we hosted an event that was probably the biggest within the town in recent years, second only to the town’s bicentennial celebration in 2004. On Friday, August 9th, Comedian Bob Marley took the stage at the ECC. This event brought approximately 400 people to the Community Center.

In June, shortly after school gets out for the summer, the annual “Kid’s Day” celebration is held. Many children from Embden and neighboring communities come to play in the bounce house, ride the horses, play games, and win prizes. This event continues to grow, and we hope every child, no matter their age, can attend in the future.

For information on upcoming events, advertisement posters are placed on the sign on the front lawn of the Community Center. Road sign poster boards are located at various locations on the town lines coming into Embden, the corners of the Crosstown and Embden Pond Roads, and other places throughout town. Flyers are posted at local businesses in our area. Monthly flyers are also available at the community center, as you come through the door and in the thrift store.

The Embden Community Club is always looking for more members who want the Community Center to survive and thrive as we do. If you are someone who would like to become a member, please feel free to attend our monthly meetings. They are always held on the Thursday before the second Saturday of the month. Meetings are held at the Community Center, and begin at 6:30pm. If you cannot attend a meeting, but would like to be active within the Embden Community Center, just get in touch with someone from the Embden Community Club to find out what we are doing, and how you may be of assistance. We continue to look for fresh ideas to bring to the people of Embden and surrounding communities.

We want the ECC to be YOUR community center. Our hope is to offer each of you something that brings you to your community center, and hopefully gives you a great experience. If you have something in mind that you would like to have at the ECC, please feel free to let us know.

In closing, Town Meeting day is March 1st. We are continuing past practice, and are holding another luncheon before the town’s business meeting begins. I invite you all to come to the community center for a quick lunch and some good conversation. We will start serving lunch around 11:30am, and it will be served until 12:30pm, for anyone who would like to attend. Town meeting begins at 1:00pm.

ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HAVE MADE THIS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR!
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED –
THE EMBDEN COMMUNITY CLUB



****PLEASE NOTE THE KITCHEN WILL BE OPEN FOR LUNCH PRIOR TO THE TOWN MEETING****

2013 Officers - President – Scott LeHay, Vice-President – Raymond Young,
Secretary – Lori Creamer and Treasurer – Ruth Blake

2013 Summary of Accounts for Embden Community Club

Embden Community Club YEAR END 2013			
	<u>Money In</u>	<u>Money Out</u>	<u>Net</u>
room rentals	\$ 3,086.00	\$ -	\$ 3,086.00
programs	\$ 753.00	\$ 513.00	\$ 240.00
dinners	\$ 6,127.45	\$ -	\$ 6,127.45
concerts	\$10,411.75	\$ 8,864.80	\$ 1,546.95
flea/craft market	\$ 678.25	\$ -	\$ 678.25
50/50	\$ 1,205.63	\$ -	\$ 1,205.63
kitchen food sales	\$ 1,147.28	\$ -	\$ 1,147.28
Donations	\$ 1,674.94	\$ -	\$ 1,674.94
Thrift Store	\$ 6,407.27	\$ 408.75	\$ 5,998.52
Total	\$31,491.57	\$ 9,786.55	\$ 21,705.02
Food Expenses	\$ -	\$ 4,561.73	\$ (4,561.73)
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ -	\$ 5,899.49	\$ (5,899.49)
Advertizing & Licenses	\$ -	\$ 1,121.98	\$ (1,121.98)
Total	\$31,491.57	\$21,369.75	\$ 10,121.82
Money Given to Town Treasurer	\$ -	\$12,400.00	\$(12,400.00)
ECC Donated money	\$ -	\$ 302.00	\$ (302.00)
Totals	\$31,491.57	\$34,071.75	\$ (2,580.18)
Thrift Store Sales Tax	\$ 163.88	\$ 163.88	\$ -
2nd half of year	\$ 66.18	\$ 66.18	\$ -
DINNERS & KITCHEN	<u>Money In</u>	<u>Money Out</u>	<u>Net</u>
	\$ 8,063.73	\$(4,561.73)	\$ 3,502.00

Submitted By: Ruth Blake, Embden Community Club Treasurer

Embden Historical Society, Inc.

www.rootsweb.com/~meehs

The Society is very proud to present the annual Ella Patterson Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Tucker Atwood of Embden. This was a tough year, as there were several qualified individuals that applied.

We were saddened with the February 19, 2013 death of our Boston Post Cane recipient, Betty Miller. The cane was later presented on July 7, 2013 to Thelma Dunphy. Photos of our presentation to the recipient appeared in several of the area newspapers.

The town cemeteries have been maintained, along with the Town House grounds. Thank you to all. We've purchased new posts and rails this year and plan to erect a new fence around the Wentworth Cemetery next year.

We are able to maintain a membership of 77 individuals within Embden and surrounding towns with many who regularly attend our meetings, some traveling many miles.

Each year we are pleased with the knowledgeable speakers we have engaged at each of our monthly meetings. The 2014 Program is as follows. For our **February 10th** meeting, we will be showing the DVD "In the Blood" about lumbermen and river drivers. **March 10th** each person in attendance is asked to bring a family photo and tell about that individual. Ken Wing will be at our **April 14th** meeting giving his Power Point presentation on "The Lost Village of Flagstaff". **May 12th** Bob and Andrea Howe of Pine Grove Lodge in Pleasant Ridge will give a Power Point presentation on "Outdoor Adventure Program for Veterans". Earle Shettleworth will present "Twentieth Century Transformation of Route 1 from Kittery to Calais" on **June 9th**. On **July 14th** our own Brainard Tripp will be presenting his memories and research on "Early East Shore Subdivision" (land owners and camp owners on the East Shore of the lake). Our annual cookout this year on **July 28th** will be held at Herman and Phoebe de Roos' place at the head of the lake. On **August 11, 2014**, Paul Johnson of Oakland will be presenting a Power Point presentation of "Photographic Journey of Henry David Thoreau's Travels in Maine". **September 8th** is our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. On **October 13th** Nick Buck of Newcastle will be presenting his program "Horse Drawn Freighting across America". Finally our annual Harvest Fest Pot Luck and Yankee Swap will be held on **November 10th**. (Our meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month, except the months of December and January.)

Mitchell Quint, our Treasurer since 2001, stepped down in September and we are pleased to welcome our new Treasurer, Brainard Tripp. If you would like to join the Society, please send dues in the amount of \$3.00 per person to Brainard Tripp, 445 East Shore Road, Embden, ME 04958. However, it is not necessary to join to attend the meetings. If you would like to receive the 2014 Program, please contact Carol Dolan at mcdolan@roadrunner.com

Officers for the 2013-2014 year are: President Ken Ingalls, Vice President Carol Dolan, Secretary Nancy McLean, and Treasurer Brainard Tripp along with a 3 member Executive Committee consisting of: Charlotte Tripp, Larry Witham and Jim Lightbody, Sr.

Embden Pond Association

The Embden Pond Association (EPA)

This has been one of our most productive and rewarding years on Embden Pond.

On Sat, Feb.16 we held our annual kids ice fishing day on Embden. We are getting more kids each year, and it is fun to watch them run for their (flags)! It is always held on the States' free family fish weekend.

On July 4th we held our annual EPA 'Welcome back to the lake' breakfast. Special thanks to the Embden Community Center for use of their kitchen and gym. That afternoon we held our boat parade around Embden Pond starting at 1 pm in Mullins Cove.

We donated a mountain bike to be won at the Kids Fun Day at the Embden Community Center. Lori Creamer organizes this, and it really is a fun day for many kids.

We also sponsored an essay contest for all 5th graders in RSU 74. We asked them to write an essay on (What Embden Pond means to me). We graded each essay, and awarded the winner with a mountain bike at the Solon School on their awards day.

On Sat., Aug 3rd we held our annual BBQ and business meeting where we welcomed our new vice president and secretary. We also had in attendance Henry Hinman and Ed Thebarger, who gave everyone a complete update on the dam project.

The EPA also conducted very thorough water clarity testing and water quality testing with results posted on our website.

The 19 hazard marker buoys were placed in Embden Pond and removed in the fall with help from the state.

These are some of the things we do each year, performed by our EPA volunteers using our own resources. With limited funds and resources we were never able to get the old dam repaired or a new one built. Also our milfoil program was put on the backs of a very few willing people.

Here is why we feel this was one of our most productive and rewarding years on Embden Pond:

In July and August, 23 people conducted a survey of Embden Pond for invasive plants. Involved in the survey were Carrabec High School students; Sue Hellewell, a science teacher; and Embden Pond residents. The EPA sponsored the event and held a BBQ for the participants. **No invasive plants were found!** Native plants were identified, photographed and documented. The compiled data will be updated on our website. Students that participated will receive community service credits, and be considered for a scholarship from the EPA. The 2013 scholarship went to Britnie Coldwell for the 2012 survey. The 2012 team was awarded the "Plant Patroller Team Of The Year" Award for the State of Maine, at the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program Conference in July.

Last and certainly not least is the (new dam).

After years of attempting to get the old dam (log) repaired or rebuilt, the EPA gave up and could only listen to complaints of extremely low late summer water levels. Evaporation, Hancock Stream barely running, the fish hatchery, and a very dry summer, all teamed up to drastically lower Embden Pond water levels. It was so low many people had to take their boats out early.



Henry Hinman and Ed Theborge teamed up with Leo Mayo and Chuck Taylor (the DAM TEAM) and never gave up until a new, well thought out, and well engineered dam was completed. **A very sincere thank you to everyone involved!** The dam was completed in time that we could confirm it held the usually very low September water levels to normal, with many boats seen in Embden Pond well into October. The dam was designed with a V-slot in the middle, so some water can flow even under very low levels, hopefully preventing Mill Stream from drying up. The EPA did donate money to the Town of Embden towards the cost of the dam to show our appreciation.

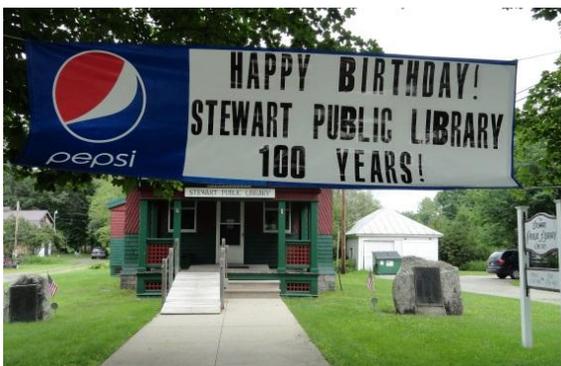
2013 was an excellent year for Embden Pond, and a perfect example of people coming forth to help within a community. Please take some time and visit our website, www.embdenpondassociation.com ...Click on the many links and topics. All of our names and telephone numbers are there, so call us with any questions, ideas, or concerns... And we do have a very dedicated EPA officer who maintains our web-site.

Respectively submitted your co-presidents

Myles Durkin & Jack Stephens

Report to the Town of Embden Stewart Public Library

2013 marked 100 years the library had been established/known as Stewart Public Library. We celebrated year-long as noted by the outdoor banner. On July 12-13th, an Open House was held at the library. Carol McLaughlin and Beverly Tripp provided elaborate refreshments under the tent and volunteer t-shirts. Library volunteers manned historical displays throughout the library and sand art outdoors. To cap the year out, through a donation, the library awarded 4 youth patrons College Starter Funds based on Carrabec High School's Ducky College Savings.



Stewart Public Library (SPL) is an all-volunteer, full-service local library with 501(c) 3 status. Serving Anson and Embden residents and all R.S.U. #74 students, the collection of books, magazines, audios, videos, CDs and DVDs are available for two week lending periods. Patron computers are available with T3 connectivity plus Wi-Fi connectivity for wireless users. New this year, our catalog is available online during library hours by going to our website and clicking on "Catalog". Our hours are Wed. 2:30-6:00 p.m. and Sat. 2:30-4:30 p.m. Residents may contact the library during hours at 635-3212. Wi-Fi is available for laptops and other wireless devices both inside and outside the library from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily. Watch bulletin boards, newspapers and the library website for the annual Summer Book Sale.

89 students from Carrabec Community School visited the library prior to summer vacation. With an inventory of over 9,700 items: 5,991 are adult, 2,965 youth, 424 large print, 296 CD, audio, video, & DVD.

Sadly we note the passing of long-time librarian Marjorie Morrell. Volunteers worked over 600 hours in 2013. Desk volunteers: Beth Agren, Glenna Blazic, Betsy Burpee, Rainbow Cornelia, Alyson Duff, Emily Quint, and Beverly Tripp. A sincere thank you for your service! Volunteers Margaret Adams, Rainbow Cornelia, John Duff, Kelly Garland, Marjorie Morrell, Nancy Morrell, Mitchell Quint, Donna Williams, Larry Witham and Mike Whitmore served on special projects. A special thanks to all the individuals who donated their time, money, services and books. Thank you for your continued support. Stewart Public Library – your source for borrowing books and free internet access.

Sincerely,

Stewart Public Library

Emily Quint, Volunteer Librarian

Email: splib@tdstelme.net

Website: www.stewartpub.lib.me.us

Report to the Town of Embden Madison Public Library

To the residents of Embden:

Embden's decision to offer yearly support affords all residents the opportunity to use the Madison Public Library and all its services and programs at no additional individual cost. Recently your town increased the yearly donation from \$100 to \$500 and we sincerely appreciate it.

For those unfamiliar with the library, here is a list of some of the services we provide:

A collection of over 16,000 print books

13 magazines including The Nation, Mother Earth News, and Discover

Computer and Internet access, as well as Wireless internet access

Maine Infonet Download Library—an eBook & audio book subscription that allows you to “checkout” (download) digital books to your devices using your library card

Summer programs for elementary school children, a book club for grades 5-8 and special presentations for all ages

Preschool story time on Tuesdays at 10AM, year-round

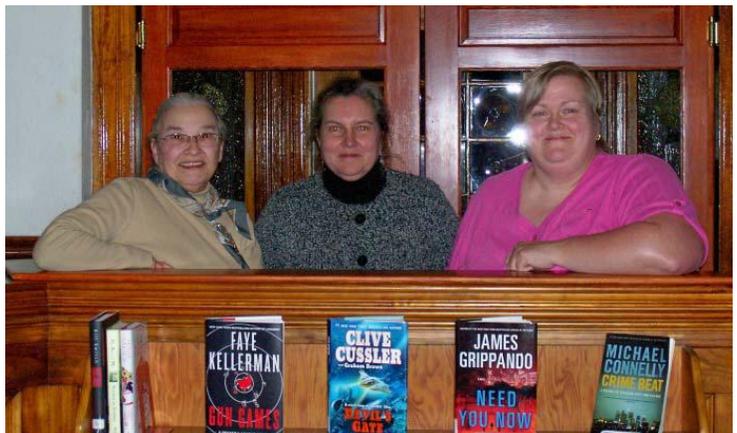
Library Book Club for adults, also year-round

If you are interested in using the library, call us at 696-5626, or visit us when you are in town. Our hours are as follows:

Monday Tuesday Wednesday	10AM – 7:30PM
Thursday Friday	10AM – 5:30PM
Saturday	10AM – 3:00PM

We hope to see you soon!

Julie Forbus
Head Librarian
Madison Public Library



Embden Travelers Snowmobile Club

The Embden Travelers S.C was created to provide recreation, enjoyment, and entertainment for the residents of Embden and others when using the snowmobile trails. The organization consists of volunteers that build and maintain all that is necessary to support this non-profit activity, normally consisting of 43 miles of trails. In support of this effort, the Club thanks the residents of Embden for approving the transfer of monies received for snowmobile registrations to the Club. The ETSC is also supported annually by a State grant that will equal \$3,750 and \$15.00 from each family membership, as well as donations and fund raisers.

Last year, the ETSC had 46 family, 2 business and 1 associate membership.

At the time of this writing (January 30) trail conditions are good, but bony in spots. We have attempted to shovel in washouts that occurred as a result of the January thaw and rains. With care and attention to conditions, a pleasant use of the trails can be had. The new trail to New Portland seems to be popular.

We meet the second Wednesday of the month October through April, with membership open to everyone. Contact Nancy McLean (635-2857) or John Duff (566-5722) for an application.

It is with great respect that ETSC extends appreciation to the landowners of Embden, Concord Twp. and North Anson who grant permission for the use of their lands for the purpose of snowmobiling. Without their support, the activity would not be enjoyed locally. As a thank you, the ETSC will host the Landowners Appreciation Supper March 29, 2013 at the Embden Community Center. Doors open at 5:30pm with supper being served at 6:00pm.

John P. Duff
President ETSC



REAL ESTATE COLLECTION REPORT

2014 PREPAYMENTS RECEIVED IN 2013	9,495
2013 TAX COMMITMENT	2,528,117
2013 SUPPLEMENTAL BILLS	0
2013 ABATEMENTS ISSUED DURING 2013	4,449
2013 REAL ESTATE TAXES COLLECTED	2,372,650
2013 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2013	149,544
2012 REAL ESTATE TAXES OUTSTANDING AS OF 1/01/2013	167,428
2012 SUPPLEMENTAL BILLS ISSUED DURING 2013	3,008
2012 ABATEMENTS ISSUED DURING 2013	4,243
2012 REAL ESTATE TAXES COLLECTED	129,964
2012 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2013	41,857
2011 REAL ESTATE TAXES OUTSTANDING AS OF 1/01/2013	53,279
2011 SUPPLEMENTAL BILLS ISSUED DURING 2013	34
2011 ABATEMENTS ISSUED DURING 2013	3,260
2011 REAL ESTATE TAXES COLLECTED	32,323
2011 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2013	15,108
2010 REAL ESTATE TAXES OUTSTANDING AS OF 1/01/2013	28,719
2010 SUPPLEMENTAL BILLS ISSUED DURING 2013	33
2010 ABATEMENTS ISSUED DURING 2013	1,332
2010 REAL ESTATE TAXES COLLECTED	26,718
2010 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2013	0
2009 REAL ESTATE TAXES OUTSTANDING AS OF 1/01/2013	1,011
2009 SUPPLEMENTAL BILLS ISSUED DURING 2013	0
2009 ABATEMENTS ISSUED DURING 2013	0
2009 REAL ESTATE TAXES COLLECTED	626
2009 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2013	0
2008 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2013	116
2007 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2013	125
2006 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2013	114
REAL ESTATE TAX INTEREST COLLECTED	6,004
REAL ESTATE TAX LIEN INTEREST COLLECTED	3,666
REAL ESTATE TAX COSTS COLLECTED	437
REAL ESTATE TAX LIEN COSTS COLLECTD	3,972

Abatements Issued During 2013

2010:

Samuel Billing	\$85.88
Thelma Lancaster	\$37.89
David & Rebecca Beane	\$375.11
John P. Broida Trust	\$833.58

David & Rebecca Beane	\$330.19
John P. Broida Trust	\$786.23
Norman & Carolyn Knapp	\$259.17
Alan McCarthy	\$1,211.11

2011:

Samuel Billing	\$84.46
Thelma Lancaster	\$37.26
David & Rebecca Beane	\$393.71
Edward Bauman Trust	\$445.88
John P. Broida Trust	\$811.03
Norman & Carolyn Knapp	\$268.28
Alan McCarthy	\$1,219.64

2013:

Dwight Barron Jr.	\$387.51
Eric Creamer	\$18.69
Penelope Denis	\$1,027.95
Rita Morrill	\$28.66
John & Pamela Stephens	\$100.93
Norman & Carolyn Knapp	\$292.81
Robert & Judith Thayer	\$85.97
William & Sheryl Atwood	\$104.66
Lawrence & Nadine Atwood	\$153.26
Jeffrey Edes	\$135.81
Randall Caldwell	\$49.84
Dorothy Friend	\$1,343.18

2012:

Thelma & William Lancaster	\$37.38
Marilyn & Casey Bremilst	\$62.30
Samuel Billing	\$83.48

Supplements Issued During 2013

2010:-

Samuel Billing	\$32.84
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2012:

Samuel Billing	\$32.40
Larry Bishop	\$2,976.00

2011:

Samuel Billing	\$33.53
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2013 Delinquent Property Taxes

* Paid in full after 12/31/2013 and before 2/1/2014

880 East Shore Realty Trust.....	4,668.76	Caldwell, Barbara D.....	2,325.04
Abdelrihim, Mohamed & Rhonda	499.65	Carroll, Eric J. & Theresa A.....	180.16
Adams, Clay A.....	99.05	Caramihalis, Michael & Elizabeth.....	12.71
*Arsenault, Arthur.....	365.70	Carey, James	434.85
Attwood, Laurie L.....	576.90	Chase, Michael & Jeanine.....	1,090.25
Baker, Cindy.....	449.53	Christensen, Jon C. & Dena J.....	2,430.95
Batchelder, Eric & Stephanie.....	472.23	Clough, Beverly	2,657.72
Bean, David.....	1,255.97	Clough, Stephen F.....	1,945.01
Bean, Thomas & Lois.....	20.00	Cole, Darlene.....	108.97
Beedy, Chad E. & Abbott, Lynette	961.91	Cooley, Clayton & Sharon.....	307.46
Belanger, Corey.....	753.83	Copeland, Diane & Chris.....	1,802.30
*Bernard, Sharon.....	62.30	Cummings, Sherrie.....	451.05
Bernard, Sharon.....	337.04	Cummings, Sherrie L.....	650.41
Billing, Samuel	1,075.30	Cyr, Brent D. & Carman P.	2,173.02
Billing, Samuel.....	294.06	Danforth, Aubrey L.....	695.27
Bishop, Terry L.....	1,093.99	Danforth, Aubrey L.....	134.57
Bolthouse, Catherine L.....	1,780.53	Danforth, Bruce.....	655.40
Bolthouse, Catherine L.....	318.98	Dawes, Aaron A.....	342.02
*Bournival, Raymond & Hebert, Joyce.....	2.94	Deal, Holly M.....	343.33
Breton, Mitchell R. & Mary B.....	171.99	Dean Jr., Claude & Karen.....	373.41
Brown, Robert A. & Debra A.....	295.30	Diamond, Robert Erwyn.....	202.41
*Burdet, Rene A.....	322.71	Dionne, Marc & Bridget	3.39
Burrill, Christopher & Linsey	475.97	*Domino, Michael.....	2,699.66
Burrill, Darron.....	700.00	*Domino, Michael & Joy.....	38.48
*Butters, James.....	577.13	Downs, Eugene & Joann	313.99

Ebnetter, Kurt T.....	2,926.85
Evans, David & Noreen	720.44
Federal National Mortgage	11.22
Flanagin, Jonathan & Hilton, Anita	250.45
Foley, John T. & Kathleen L.....	637.93
Frith, Palmer E.....	2,178.01
Frost, Justin R.....	181.92
Frost, Royce Frank & Debra S.....	806.78
Frost Sr., Jack.....	502.14
Gagnon, Nancy & Merrill, Thomas	363.69
Gagnon, Raymond & Denise	107.16
*Gagnon Jr., Wilfred.....	737.01
Giacalone, Martino & Anita	385.22
Goodwin, Jeff	189.39
Gray, Linda	855.48
Greenlaw, Mark A. & Wendy J.....	634.21
Hebert, Kerry D. & Kim A.....	662.25
Hinkley Jr., Mark.....	1,652.20
Hodgdon, David W.....	2,286.13
Hoffman, Robert & Marria M.....	2,169.29
Howe, James	769.06
Hunnewell Valley Inc.	1,294.59
Hunnewell Valley Inc.	2,369.89
Ingalls, Kenneth & Sandra.....	1,418.97
Jaros, Richard E. & Brenda J.....	2,231.59
Jillson, Peter & Elaine.....	539.59
Johnson, Brian A.....	6.92
Judson, Darryl L.....	503.38
Judson, Darryl L.....	1,160.03
*Jusseume, David P.	748.84

Jutras Irrevocable Family Trust.....	1,406.16
Kelly, Michael.....	1,297.09
Kenney, David D & Kathy A.....	2,209.16
Kenney, Mark & Joanna	201.85
Kilmartin, Deborah.....	935.12
Kimball, Michael.....	816.14
Knapp, Norman & Carolyn	190.89
Kurovics, George J.....	384.16
Labbe, Cindy.....	168.21
Labbe, Cindy.....	228.97
Lacasse, Richard A & Rachel A.....	495.91
*Lamphere, Joel T.....	2,087.05
*Lancaster, Gary & Adams, Diane	195.39
Lavasseur, Annmarie.....	214.31
*LeBlanc, Norma.....	153.88
*LeBlanc, Norma.....	1,603.60
Levesque, Joseph & Cecelia	13.89
Libby, Laura.....	1,847.79
Longley, Daniel & Janet.....	747.60
Longley, Travis & Wendy.....	517.71
Lutz, Gary & Sean.....	2.74
Macneill Jr., Lawrence & Nancy.....	1,464.05
Maine-ly Trees Inc.....	3.74
Maine-ly Trees Inc.....	57.32
Maine-ly Trees Inc.....	4.98
Maine-ly Trees Inc.....	3.74
Maine-ly Trees Inc.....	2.49
Maine-ly Trees Inc.....	7.48
Maine-ly Trees Inc.....	54.82
Maine-ly Trees Inc.....	3.74

Maine-ly Trees Inc.....	6.23	*O'Connor, Brian & Johanna	4.48
Maine-ly Trees Inc.....	2.49	Oliver, Renee & Lawrence.....	544.50
Maine-ly Trees Inc.....	6.23	*Packard, Richard & Tina.....	424.21
Maine-ly Trees Inc.....	794.59	Palmer, Stuart M.....	225.53
Malesky, Michael	1,166.26	Paquette, Hollie R.....	1,339.45
Malesky, Michael	689.04	Parkerson, Teresa A.....	340.08
Malesky, R. Michael.....	211.82	Pelletier, Carlene T.....	3,065.16
Malesky, R. Michael.....	254.18	Pelletier, Carlene T.....	340.16
Martin, James R. & Brenda L.....	775.01	*Phillips, Steven & Teresa	525.19
Mayo, Cynthia M.....	383.77	Pinkham, James & Wayne.....	355.73
*McCarthy, Alan.....	779.37	Pomerlow, Donald & Linda	287.20
McCarthy, Carolyn M.....	1,658.43	Raymond, Loretta & Donald	353.70
McKinley (Dunphy), Lori.....	598.44	Reigle, Alan F. & Shirley B.....	98.81
*McMahon, Richard J. & Kim R.....	4,605.22	Reigle, Alan F. & Shirley B.....	80.56
*Mello, Jennifer M.....	459.58	Rice, Russell R.....	422.72
Messer Jr., William.....	847.28	Roberts, Gareth & Hilary.....	970.97
Michaud, Wayne.....	1,309.07	Robinson, Seth & Carolyn.....	47.35
Moody, Dolores.....	593.09	Rogers, Everett & Rachel.....	1,012.37
Moran, Stephen.....	2,027.24	Rolfe, Danny & McAlister, Pamela.....	125.09
Moran, Stephan	1,598.62	Sabatino, Steve & Debbie.....	12.79
Morel, Judith A.....	16.45	Sabatino, Steven.....	363.83
Morrill, Eric S. & Amanda L.....	950.70	*Schoonmaker, John & Linda.....	629.46
Morton, Gerald.....	75.25	SCT Realty Trust.....	274.12
Morton, Jean G.....	1,203.76	*Sears, Cathy.....	62.30
Mullin, Steven R. & Jane.....	1,020.47	Sears, Cathy & Douglas.....	62.30
Mullin, Steven R. & Jane.....	593.10	Seavey, Jesse & Casey.....	496.48
Murray, Joseph & Smith, Kathleen	1,078.34	*Shaw, Norman	306.52
Nile, Laurie.....	752.58	*Shaw, Norman R.....	153.26
Nutter, Robert F.....	22.96	Smith, Winn S.....	1,761.84
*O'Connor, Brian & Johanna	16.33	Sparrow, Anthony & Sherry.....	1,935.04

St. Michel, Normande	320.65
Strickland, Amber	132.08
Strickland, Whitney	65.41
Swartout, Jeffrey S. & Terry K.	227.74
Taylor, Darlene A.	2,541.84
*Taylor, Eleanor & Gilbert	2,074.59
*TDS Telecom.....	266.64
Tetrault, Brenda J.	301.53
*Vankevich, Paul J.	11.02
*Vicneire, Peter B. & Cristie M.	57.32
Wahler, Heather.....	919.55
Wahler, Torry & Timothy.....	350.12

Wahler, Torry & Timothy	180.04
Wahler, Torry & Timothy	88.46
Wahler, Timothy & Torry	1,379.94
Walls, Joann & Marc.....	84.73
Warren, Douglas.....	642.94
Williams, Clayton & Debra	1,612.34
Witham, Ellery G.	2,729.99
Wood, Kenneth G.	462.57
Wuori, Guy & Dorothy.....	2,885.74
Wyman, Travis P. & Donna M.	383.77
Yattaw, Frank & Nicolette.....	495.91

Total Outstanding 2013 Taxes:

\$145,946.23

2012 Delinquent Property Taxes

* Paid in full after 12/31/2013 and before 2/1/2014

880 East Shore Realty Trust.....	4,876.30	Kelly, Michael P.....	1,369.85
Abdelrihim, Mohamed & Rhonda	585.02	Kenney, David D. & Kathy A.....	2,318.07
Batchelder, Eric & Stephanie.....	391.55	Kenney, Mark & Joanna.....	265.99
Belanger, Corey	791.97	LaCasse, Richard & Rachel.....	574.65
Billing, Samuel L.....	922.56	Libby, Laura L.....	1,951.86
Billing, Samuel L.....	309.15	*Longley, Daniel & Janet.....	587.84
Brown, Robert A. & Debra A.....	364.08	Malesky, Michael.....	320.92
Burrill, Christopher & Lindsey.....	479.98	Malesky, Michael.....	276.45
Caldwell, Barbara D.....	2,517.23	Malesky, Michael.....	777.38
Chase, Michael & Jeanine.....	818.44	Malesky, Michael.....	1,320.15
Cummings, Sherrie.....	511.87	Martin, James R. & Brenda L.....	19.85
Danforth, Aubrey L.....	793.07	Nile, Laurie	844.07
Danforth, Aubrey L.....	195.36	Palmer, Stuart M.....	289.64
Danforth, Bruce	743.37	SCT Realty Trust.....	341.85
Frost, Justin R.....	171.58	Sparrow, Anthony & Sherry	2,094.42
Gagnon, Raymond & Denise.....	166.59	Taylor, Darlene A.	0.47
Greenlaw, Mark A. & Wendy J.....	671.27	Tetrault, Brenda J.....	375.96
Hinkley Jr., Mark.....	998.91	Walls, Joann & Marc	58.33
Hunnewell Valley Inc.....	2,529.95	Wuori, Guy & Dorothy.....	2,917.38
Hunnewell Valley Inc.....	1,413.00	Wyman, Travis P. & Donna M.....	459.56
Jaros, Richard E. & Brenda L.....	2,185.97	Yattaw, Frank & Nicolette.....	552.29
Judson, Darryl L.....	1,241.76		
Judson, Darryl L.....	545.88		

Total outstanding 2012 Taxes: \$41,941.84

2011 Delinquent Property Taxes

* Paid in full after 12/31/2013 and before 2/1/2014

880 East Shore Realty Trust.....	6,895.53	*Lacasse, Richard A. & Rachel A.	609.86
*Batchelder, Eric & Stephanie.....	430.19	*Libby, Laura L.	2,157.18
*Billing, Samuel L.	622.90	*Nile, Laurie	925.65
*Cummings, Sherrie	561.17	*Sparrow, Anthony & Sherry.....	1,290.31
Kenney, David D. & Kathy A.....	2,445.01	Wyman, Travis P. & Donna M.	184.01
Kenney, Mark & Joanna.....	259.27		

Total outstanding 2011 Taxes:
\$16,381.08

2008 Delinquent Property Taxes

Gagnon, Raymond & Denise.....116.33

Total outstanding 2008 Taxes: \$116.33

2007 Delinquent Property Taxes

Gagnon, Raymond & Denise.....124.53

Total outstanding 2007 Taxes: \$124.53

2006 Delinquent Property Taxes

Gagnon, Raymond & Denise.....113.93

Total outstanding 2006 Taxes: \$113.93



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January 31, 2014

Board of Selectmen
Town of Embden
Embden, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Embden, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Embden, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013. The following schedules have been excerpted from the 2013 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town. Included herein are:

Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds	Statement C
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds	Statement E
Budgetary Comparison Schedule Budgetary Basis – Budget and Actual General Fund	Schedule 1
Schedule of Departmental Operations – General Fund	Schedule A
Balance Sheet – Non-major Governmental Funds	Schedule B
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Non-Major Governmental Funds	Schedule C

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STATEMENT C

TOWN OF EMBDEN, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2013

	General Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 713,497	\$ 159,252	\$ 872,749
Investments	-	5,670	5,670
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	145,702	-	145,702
Liens	52,208	-	52,208
Other	2,346	-	2,346
Tax acquired property	5,995	-	5,995
Due from other funds	22,718	950	23,668
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 942,466	\$ 165,872	\$ 1,108,338
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 6,909	\$ -	\$ 6,909
Due to other funds	950	22,718	23,668
TOTAL LIABILITIES	7,859	22,718	30,577
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	9,495	-	9,495
Advance payment of URIP funding	22,718	-	22,718
Deferred revenue	170,400	-	170,400
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	202,613	-	202,613
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	5,995	-	5,995
Restricted	-	106,873	106,873
Committed	57,634	36,281	93,915
Assigned	-	-	-
Unassigned	668,365	-	668,365
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	731,994	143,154	875,148
TOTAL LIABILITY, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 942,466	\$ 165,872	\$ 1,108,338

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF EMBDEN, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	General Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 2,531,192	\$ -	\$ 2,531,192
Excise taxes	153,062	-	153,062
Intergovernmental	87,612	44,846	132,458
Charges for services	26,611	-	26,611
Other tax income	-	-	-
Interest income	15,551	145	15,696
Other	-	2,000	2,000
TOTAL REVENUES	2,814,028	46,991	2,861,019
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	163,542	-	163,542
Protection	72,284	-	72,284
Public works	452,263	-	452,263
Health and sanitation	34,999	-	34,999
Culture services	41,003	-	41,003
Social services	9,221	-	9,221
Education	1,528,644	-	1,528,644
County tax	390,623	-	390,623
Unclassified	43,814	173,233	217,047
Capital outlay	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,736,393	173,233	2,909,626
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	77,635	(126,242)	(48,607)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Operating transfers in	3	100,000	100,003
Operating transfers (out)	(100,000)	(3)	(100,003)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(99,997)	99,997	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(22,362)	(26,245)	(48,607)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	754,356	169,399	923,755
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 731,994	\$ 143,154	\$ 875,148

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TOWN OF EMBDEN, MAINE

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS
BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	\$ 754,356	\$ 754,356	\$ 754,356	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	2,528,117	2,528,117	2,531,162	3,045
Excise taxes	137,339	137,339	153,062	15,723
Intergovernmental:				
State revenue sharing	54,661	54,661	46,786	(8,085)
Homestead reimbursement	20,338	20,338	19,866	(383)
Local road assistance	-	-	-	-
Tree growth/MRC Quarterly Dist.	-	-	19,223	19,223
General assistance	-	-	179	179
Other	735	735	1,469	734
Charges for services	-	2,000	26,611	24,611
Other tax income	-	-	-	-
Interest income	-	-	15,561	15,561
Other revenues	2,000	2,000	-	(2,000)
Operating transfers in	-	2	3	1
Amounts Available for Appropriation	3,497,768	3,499,768	3,559,397	60,619
Changes to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	209,575	211,575	163,542	48,033
Protection	61,472	61,472	72,264	9,188
Public works	468,156	468,156	462,263	5,892
Health and sanitation	42,550	42,550	34,999	7,551
Culture services	56,163	56,163	41,003	15,160
Social services	10,000	10,000	9,221	779
Education	1,528,644	1,528,644	1,528,644	-
County tax	390,623	390,623	390,623	-
Unclassified / Designated	143,493	143,496	43,614	99,881
Operating transfers out	100,000	100,000	100,000	-
Total Charges to Appropriation	3,020,675	3,023,677	2,836,393	186,284
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	\$ 477,091	\$ 477,091	\$ 731,994	\$ 254,903
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	\$ 193,625	\$ 193,625	\$ -	\$ (193,625)
Utilization of committed fund balance	63,640	63,640	-	(63,640)
	\$ 277,265	\$ 277,265	\$ -	\$ (277,265)

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF EMBDEN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Administration	70,450	-	70,450	69,034	9,516
Audits & printing	0,000	-	0,000	0,000	1,101
Assessors	34,454	-	34,454	20,000	7,945
Planning Board	17,585	-	17,585	6,543	11,045
Code enforcement	11,050	-	11,050	11,858	92
Appeals to suit	2,000	-	2,000	300	2,400
Dues & legal	5,000	-	5,000	4,552	448
Tax mapping	14,500	-	14,500	951	13,557
Town office maintenance	35,775	2,000	37,775	35,887	1,900
Total	200,575	2,000	211,575	153,542	49,033
PROTECTION					
Arson/Police Protection	42,000	-	42,000	42,002	(2)
Hydrant rental	12,000	-	12,000	9,308	2,702
AMS Ambulance service	15,000	-	15,000	14,005	915
Street lights	1,000	-	1,000	700	312
Animal Control Officer	5,000	-	5,000	3,000	2,000
EMA director	1,100	-	1,100	1,077	23
EMT Safety	4,482	-	4,482	2,104	2,378
Total	81,472	-	81,472	72,204	9,100
PUBLIC WORKS					
Highway & bridges	202,655	-	202,655	227,377	5,278
Winter roads	204,000	-	204,000	204,000	-
Winter road supplies	1,500	-	1,500	886	614
Total	408,155	-	408,155	432,263	5,000
HEALTH AND SANITATION					
Waste disposal/recycling	40,000	-	40,000	32,956	7,044
Plumbing Inspector	2,550	-	2,550	2,043	507
Total	42,550	-	42,550	34,999	7,551

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF EMBDEN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
CULTURE SERVICES					
Stewart Public Library	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
Madison Public Library	500	-	500	500	-
Recreation	14,408	-	14,408	6,111	8,297
Emden community center	40,295	-	40,295	33,302	6,993
Total	56,163	-	56,163	41,003	15,160
SOCIAL SERVICES					
General assistance	2,000	-	2,000	1,221	779
Local charities	8,000	-	8,000	8,000	-
Total	10,000	-	10,000	9,221	779
EDUCATION	1,528,644	-	1,528,644	1,528,644	-
COUNTY TAX	300,623	-	300,623	300,623	-
UNCLASSIFIED					
Technology	9,905	-	9,905	6,025	3,880
TAS interest	3,750	-	3,750	3,749	10
Commutables	1,000	2	1,002	1,002	-
Senior mobile club	735	-	735	735	-
Insurances	12,000	-	12,000	10,127	1,873
Contingency	1,950	-	1,950	1,870	80
Overlays/ballements	114,153	-	114,153	20,315	93,838
Total	143,493	2	143,495	43,814	99,681
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,920,675	\$ 2,002	\$ 2,922,677	\$ 2,736,303	\$ 186,384

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TOWN OF EMBDEN, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	Capital Projects	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 159,252	\$ -	\$ 159,252
Investments	-	5,670	5,670
Due from other funds	950	-	950
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 160,202</u>	<u>\$ 5,670</u>	<u>\$ 165,872</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to other funds	22,718	-	22,718
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>22,718</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,718</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	-	-	-
Restricted	101,203	5,670	106,873
Committed	36,281	-	36,281
Assigned	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>137,484</u>	<u>5,670</u>	<u>143,154</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 160,202</u>	<u>\$ 5,670</u>	<u>\$ 165,872</u>

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TOWN OF EMBDEN, MAINE

**COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013**

	Capital Projects	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Interest Income	\$ 93	\$ 52	\$ 145
Intergovernmental revenue	44,846	-	44,846
Other revenue	2,000	-	2,000
TOTAL REVENUES	46,939	52	46,991
EXPENDITURES	173,233	-	173,233
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(126,294)	52	(126,242)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Operating transfers in	100,000	-	100,000
Operating transfers (out)	-	(3)	(3)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	100,000	(3)	99,997
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(26,294)	49	(26,245)
FUND BALANCE - JANUARY 1	163,778	5,621	169,399
FUND BALANCE - DECEMBER 31	\$ 137,484	\$ 5,670	\$ 143,154

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Town of Embden Directory

Position	Telephone	E-Mail
Town Office 809 Embden Pond Road Embden, Maine 04958	566-5551 566-5553 fax	
Selectpersons Charles E. Taylor Wayne McLaughlin Elizabeth Pratt	566-5551 x 3 491-2641 635-2244 635-2462	embden-select@roadrunner.com
Town Clerk/Treasurer Bonnie Baker	566-5551 x4	embden-clerk@roadrunner.com
Tax Collector Ruth Blake	566-5551 x4	embden-collector@roadrunner.com
Registrar Bonnie Baker	566-5551 x4	embden-clerk@roadrunner.com
General Assistance Officer Charles E. Taylor	491-2641	embden-select@roadrunner.com
Health Officer Robert Dunphy	474-4515	embden-ceo@roadrunner.com
E-911 Addressing Officer Eleanor Ketchum	566-7141	
Board of Assessors Terriann Lamontagne Raymond Young Sr. Wayne McLaughlin	566-5551 x1 635-2742 635-2244	embden-assessor@roadrunner.com
SAD # 74 Directors Dwight Barron Jr. Shawn Cyrway Vacant	635-2962	
Road Commissioner Michael Witham	635-2721	
Winter Roads Contractor Nitram Excavation	692-6827	
Recreation Director Tammy Murray		embden-rec@roadrunner.com

Position	Telephone	E-Mail
Emergency Management Director		
Robert Dunphy	474-4515	embden-ceo@roadrunner.com
John Mullin	635-2334	
Fire Warden		
John Mullin	635-2334	
Deputy Fire Warden		
Bonnie Baker	566-5551 x4	embden-clerk@roadrunner.com
Animal Control Officer		
Pamela Graf	474-6465	
Deputy Animal Control Officer		
Brandi Barnett	474-6465	
Plumbing Inspector		
Leo Mayo	566-5551 x 2 566-7341	
Deputy Plumbing Inspector		
Robert Dunphy	474-4515	embden-ceo@roadrunner.com
Code Enforcement Officer		
Robert Dunphy	566-5551 x 2 474-4515	embden-ceo@roadrunner.com
Deputy Code Enforcement Officer		
Terriann Lamontagne	566-5551 x3	
Planning Board		
Leo Mayo, Chairperson	566-7341	
Ann Bridges, Secretary	566-5793	
Eleanor Ketchum	566-7141	
James Wilson	566-5330	
Dwight Barron Jr.	635-2962	
Alton McClamma, Alternate		
Myles Durkin, Alternate		
Appeals Board		
John Duff, Chairperson	566-5722	
Mary Keenan		
Scott LeHay		

Important Dates:

- **ATVS** Available beginning May 1

Renewals can also be done online at www10.informe.org/ifw/atv-snow

- **SNOWMOBILES** Available Late September/Early October

Renewals can also be done online at www10.informe.org/ifw/atv-snow

- **BOATS** Available beginning December 1

- **DOGS** Available beginning October 15

\$25 Late fee per dog begins February 1st

- **FISHING/HUNTING/GAME LICENSES**

Available December 1

Also Available online at www.state.maine.us/ifw/

- **ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

Absentee Ballots are available 30 days prior to an election