

Town of Embden



Minutes of the RSU Withdrawal Committee

May 10, 2016

Members in attendance: Betty Pratt, Kevin Sousa, Tim Wahler

Members absent: Bob Dunphy

The meeting began 6pm in the Embden Community Center Library.

The meeting opened with discussion regarding the counter proposal recently received from RSU 74. All present felt the RSU's proposal was intentionally adverse to our original proposal. Tim Wahler expressed that the RSU's counter was not surprising considering our original proposal asked for so much. He also expressed that he thought the original proposal was probably not a good idea and that he felt the committee was given inferior legal counsel prior to the submission of our original proposal. Further discussion ensued regarding specific points in the counter proposal from the RSU.

Betty Pratt relayed her frustration in dealing with our legal counsel Mr. Stockford. She told the group that Mr. Stockford repeatedly did not return her phone calls as to the reason for the delay in receiving the RSU's counter proposal, she noted that it had been many months passed from the time we presented the RSU with our proposal with no response.

Betty also informed the group that she had, with the permission of the towns Selectmen, spoke to attorney Ken Lexier of Wright & Mills and that he had agreed to work as legal counsel with the committee for the withdrawal process.

Betty Pratt made a motion to retain Mr. Lexier services as legal counsel and also to have Mr. Lexier relieve Mr. Stockford from his duties as legal counsel for the Embden Withdrawal Committee. The motion passed with all present voting in favor.

Discussion ensued about providing the current information we have to Mr. Lexier.

Betty Pratt informed the committee she would no longer be able to serve as the Chairman of the committee and asked to step down.

Discussion ensued for some time with Kevin Sousa stating that he did not have the time to take on the additional responsibility right now. After some additional discussion Tim Wahler agreed to assume the role of committee Chairman.

A motion was made to allow Betty Pratt to step down and to have Tim Wahler assume to the position of Withdrawal Committee Chairman. The motion passed with all present voting in favor.

Discussion took place about the need for Mr Lexier to have time to get up to speed with our proposal and the RSU's counter offer.

The decision was made to wait to schedule our next meeting until Mr. Lexier has had the opportunity to examine the information he will be given.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15

Submitted by: Timothy Wahler