

Annual Report of the Town of Embden

Incorporated 1804

For the Fiscal Year 2015

2016 Annual Town Meeting

Municipal Elections to be held FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH

At the Town Office - Polls Open 8:00am – 8:00pm

Open Town Meeting to be held Saturday, March 5, 2016

At the Embden Community Center - 10:00am

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
Thursday Evenings 5:30-6:00pm

Code Enforcement Officer

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

Assessor meetings

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

School Board

1st Wednesday of every month
Pre-determined school location

Planning Board

2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00pm

Norridgewock Landfill

Wednesday-Friday 9:30am-6pm
Saturdays 7:30am-4:00pm

Embden Town Office Hours

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

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

The town website can be found at www.embden.maine.gov. I encourage all of you to check it out if you haven't already. Why not sign up to receive e-mail updates from our Town website? Just go to www.embden.maine.gov/town-news/ and click on "subscribe" to get information on upcoming events and important Town news.

ON THE COVER: Embden-Solon Hydroelectric Dam, **Embden**

Image by Eric C. Baker Sr.

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Bonnie A. Baker, Town Clerk

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Report of the Select Board

Greetings Residents of Embden,

Each year the Select Board takes advantage of this letter to give our sincerest thanks to the residents, tax payers, and any other person who contributes to the complex composition of the wonderful Town of Embden. There are a lot of moving parts involved in ensuring a smooth operation of this Town's government, and a lack of participation could negatively affect the accomplishments of this outstanding community. That said, we strongly encourage attendance and participation at town functions, meetings, and work sessions. We advise individuals to use the Town's website (www.embden.maine.gov) to stay informed, or if you prefer, simply make a phone call to one of the Town's officials for updates.

We ask you to please look at the list of positions in the Town Report and seriously consider becoming active. Our town has, and always will be, willing to help provide the necessary training/resources for every position. The predominant makeup of our town is gaining in years; we would surely embrace any efforts of the Town's youth to ensure the preservation of Embden's ideals, and tap into their forward thinking for a successful future.

The year 2015 came with many tasks and goals initiated by the inhabitants, some of which were exploratory and some decisive. We would like to present a brief progress report on the various projects:

- The Townspeople selected a Winter Roads Contractor for the next three years. It was very satisfying to see the inhabitants turn out to vote on this contract. Nitram from Benton, Maine was awarded the bid. They are the same firm who did an exemplary job the previous three years.
- Our Road Commissioner upheld his promise to prioritize the brushing of town roads this year. He also identified some much needed road re-construction and paving projects within his budget, and with the mild weather in the fall of 2015, he and his crew were able to get most of these projects done.
- As explained at the 2015 Town meeting, the Maine Dept. of Transportation recently inspected the Mill Stream Bridge on the Slipp Road. The inspection, combined with some detailed engineering analysis, deemed the bridge "scour critical". The Road Commissioner has been instructed to close the bridge during specific storm water elevations to alleviate the danger. The engineered design provided by MDOT estimated the repair cost at upwards of one hundred sixty thousand dollars. In 2015, the inhabitants voted to put aside fifty thousand dollars in the Capital Improvement line specifically for this purpose. We plan to ask voters in subsequent years to do the same until we have raised enough money to make the repairs.
- The Embden Community Center was a very busy place again this past year. The Embden Community Club's volunteers, supporters, and performers have established a consistent following at all of their events. They were able to give back more than twelve thousand dollars to the Town's treasury this year. Please refer to the Embden Community Club report for more information on upcoming events and how to become involved.
- The wall of the Historic Town House basement has been repaired thanks to the work/expertise of local contractors and voter support; however without the Historical Society group, preservation of the building and grounds, along with the Town's 19 cemeteries would be an overwhelming task for the Town. We sincerely appreciate these people and what they do.
- A Special Town Meeting vote was held on June 9th, 2015, initiated by a citizen's petition on the following article: "Do you favor filing a petition for withdrawal with the Board of Directors of Regional School Unit #74 and with the Commissioner of Education, authorizing the withdrawal committee to appropriate and expend \$50,000 from surplus and/or authorizing the municipal officers to issue notes in the name of the Town of Embden or otherwise pledge the credit of the Town of Embden in an amount

not to exceed \$50,000 for this purpose?" The "yes" votes prevailed. The Withdrawal Committee is in the midst of their research phase as this letter is going to print. The Town's website will have more information as things progress. Please don't hesitate to call a committee member with any questions that you may have.

- The Inhabitants favorably voted to support the purchase of the TRIO program expansion software for motor vehicle registrations. The transition went very smoothly, with our Tax Collector keeping stride with the challenges of the changes and achieving proficiency with the new program.
- Discussions of appointing the office staff positions rather than electing them have led to a warrant article to be presented at Town Meeting.
- Additionally, job cross training of the office staff is being urged by this board to hopefully assist Embden folks in conducting more, if not all, of their business within the Town of Embden.

This year, three referendum questions have been placed on the Friday, March 4th ballot in addition to the traditional election of officials. We would like you to consider the following items:

- The seemingly excessive sign replacement costs on the Katie Crotch Road have necessitated a proposed name change request yet again, at the urging of our E-911 Addressing Officer.
- In light of recent concerns in municipal and state government, a recall ordinance is included on the ballot.
- The final question is whether the Town should explore the feasibility of moving the Town Offices into the Community Center.

Some future topics currently being discussed are as follows:

- In the near future, RSU #74 will be having a district wide referendum proposing an adjustment to the cost sharing formula for the additional local funds within the School Budget. A favorable vote throughout the district would provide some tax relief for the Town of Embden going forward.
- The Town of Embden's Planning Board has been working seemingly continuously on updates and changes to Embden's Shoreland Zoning Ordinance which have been deemed necessary by the State of Maine. As noted in prior years, this action will require a Special Town Meeting due to the many changes within the document. Our website, as well as legal postings, will inform you, the voter, of the pertinent dates and times. We would appreciate and strongly encourage your attendance.

AGAIN, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE :

*Voting will be held on **Friday March 4th, 2016 from 8a.m. to 8p.m. at the Town Office. Absentee Ballots are currently available from the Town Clerk. Deadline to request an absentee ballot is Tuesday, March 1st.***

*Annual Town Meeting will take place on **Saturday March 5th, 2016 at 10a.m. at the Community Center.***

THIS IS A CHANGE FROM THE TRADITIONAL TOWN MEETING/VOTING TIMES!

As always, it is our pleasure to serve the Town of Embden. We thank you for entrusting us to successfully perform and manage these various tasks on an annual basis. Thank you for taking the time to read our report.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Taylor
Elizabeth Pratt
Scott LeHay

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Paul R. LePage
GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of Embden:

Maine has a long tradition of civil participation in both state and local government, and I thank you for being informed and involved citizens.

My vision for Maine is prosperity, not poverty. For this reason, one of my top priorities is the reduction and eventual elimination of the income tax. Some are pushing to raise the minimum wage, but I want Mainers to earn a maximum wage. Reducing the income tax is the biggest and most immediate pay raise for all hard-working Mainers.

Not only does an income tax cut put more money back in your pockets, but it will also attract businesses that can offer good-paying careers to keep our young people here in Maine. It shows the nation that we are serious about wanting people and businesses to come—and stay—in Maine.

Another of my priorities is to lower the cost of student debt in Maine. If young people are struggling with too much student debt, they are unable to afford homes or vehicles. We are now offering programs to help them lower their debt, stay in Maine, begin their careers and start families.

To provide good-paying jobs for our young people, we must also work hard to reduce our energy costs. High energy costs are a major factor in driving out manufacturers, mills and other businesses that need low-cost electricity. I am committed to lowering the cost of energy, not only to attract job creators, but also to allow Maine people to heat and power their homes affordably and effectively.

And finally, we are making progress to address the drug pandemic in our state. It is my most important duty to keep the Maine people safe. While education, treatment and prevention efforts are important, we must get the dealers off the streets. I am pleased the Legislature has finally agreed to fund my proposal for more drug agents to stem the supply of deadly opiates flowing into our communities, but our law enforcement agencies are still understaffed. We must do more.

It is a pleasure serving as your Governor. If ever I can be of assistance to you or if you have any questions or suggestions, I encourage you to contact my office by calling 287-3531 or by visiting our website at www.maine.gov/governor.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage
Governor



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Dear Friends of Embden:

It has been a privilege to serve the State of Maine since being sworn into the U.S. Senate.

Much of my time in Washington this past year has been devoted to the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Select Committee on Intelligence. Protecting our homeland and the people of Maine from terrorism and violence remains one of my top priorities. Through my work on the Armed Services Committee, I was able to secure several provisions in the 2016 National Defense Authorization Act that benefit Maine. The legislation authorizes the construction of an additional DDG-51 Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer that could be built at Bath Iron Works and expands the HUBZone program to stimulate economic growth at former military installations like the former Brunswick Naval Air Station.

Returning control to teachers, school districts, and states has also been a primary concern of mine. I am encouraged that the Every Student Succeeds Act has become law. It eliminates the burdensome requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act and ensures access to a quality education for all students. A provision I helped author in the bill will give states the opportunity to pilot the use of their own proficiency-based assessments in lieu of federally-mandated standardized tests. Also included in the bill are several measures I secured to promote local input, fund education technology initiatives, and explore new strategies to increase student access to the internet outside of school.

Communities across Maine have taken bold action to improve their broadband connectivity, and I have been proud to foster federal support for these types of projects. My amendments to the Every Student Succeeds Act will promote the type of work already occurring in Washington County, where students who lack broadband access are able to check out mobile hotspots from their local libraries. Additionally, a bill I co-sponsored, the Community Broadband Act, helped pave the way for the FCC to enact rules protecting the ability of municipalities to invest in better broadband. I am excited by Maine's leadership on this important economic development issue and will continue to support local efforts in this area.

After extensive negotiations, the Senate passed a five-year transportation bill that will increase highway and transit funding in Maine and provide stability to improve our transportation infrastructure. The legislation contains provisions I cosponsored to cut red tape and improve predictability and timeliness by streamlining the federal permitting process for large infrastructure projects. Also incorporated in this bill are my provisions to relieve financial regulations on Maine's community banks and credit unions and to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank, a critical tool that supports communities and small business across the state.

Following my inquiries in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the National Park Service has announced they will begin exploring strategies to allow park visitors to purchase electronic passes online and will pilot the program at Acadia National Park. These passes would improve access to our nation's most treasured landscapes and would generate resources for years to come. I remain deeply engaged in preserving Maine's natural beauty and strengthening our outdoor recreation economy.

It is with solemn responsibility that I have focused my energy addressing the opioid epidemic in Maine. This work includes convening roundtables with a wide-range of health care and law enforcement professionals to combat addiction; introducing a proposal to safely dispose of excess prescription drugs; cosponsoring a

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Senate-passed bill that addresses mothers struggling with addiction and the alarming effect it has on newborns; cosponsoring the TREAT Act, which expands the ability of medical specialists to provide life-saving medication-assisted therapies for patients battling heroin and prescription drug addiction; and calling on the Commander of U.S. Southern Command to increase efforts to stop the flow of heroin at our southern border.

I like to think of Maine as a big small town – and in a small town, the leaders are accessible and eager to listen. In that spirit, I've made it a priority to stay connected with people from all over Maine who e-mail, write, and call with suggestions or questions. If I can ever assist in your interaction with a federal agency, or you have thoughts, concerns, or personal input on a matter that is currently before Congress I hope you will contact me, let me know where you stand, and engage in this critical part of democracy. Please call my toll-free line at **1-800-432-1599** or one of my offices: Augusta (207) 622-8292, Presque Isle (207) 764-5124, Scarborough (207) 883-1588, or Washington, D.C. (202) 224-5344. You can also write me on our website at www.king.senate.gov/contact.

As always, I am honored to represent the people of Maine and look forward to working with you for the betterment of our great state.

Sincerely,



Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator

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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am so grateful and thankful that you've selected me to represent you in the Maine Senate. I am honored that you've put your trust in me and I will continue to work tirelessly for the betterment of you and your neighbors, as well as for the great State of Maine. Please let me provide you with a recap of the first session of the 127th Legislature as well as my hopes for the second session, which has just begun.

The most important item on our to-do list is clear: our state needs more jobs at all levels of the pay scale, so it is our responsibility and my solemn promise to work to expand economic opportunity for all Mainers. To this end, my fellow legislators and I accomplished a great deal during the first session of the 127th Legislature.

We passed a biennial budget that ensured that more Maine families received a tax cut, even more than did in the previous "largest tax cut in Maine history" in 2011. This year's budget also stopped taxes on military pensions, so those who have sacrificed for our country can feel welcomed and at home in our state. We also restructured portions of our welfare system, increased funding for nursing homes, and put far more funding towards eliminating waitlists for services for brain-injured and intellectually disabled Mainers.

I'm really looking forward to watching how the significant changes we've already made will better the everyday lives of Mainers. I wanted to serve in Augusta in order to have an impact on the direction of our region and our state. Passing vital legislation (and, sometimes, stopping bad legislation) has remained one of my top priorities.

As you know, more changes are necessary. This year, during the second session of the legislature, we need to make progress towards addressing the cost of energy in this state. There are a number of bills that have been proposed that would change the way our state's energy system works, and I look forward to working hard on legislation that would lower your energy costs. I also believe that working to provide support to areas hard-hit by recent mill closings should be a focus of the 2016 session. Fighting the war on drugs here in Maine will also be a top priority for lawmakers. Several bills have been proposed that will aid officers in combating the drug epidemic.

You have my humble and sincere thanks for allowing me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me at 207-287-1505 or at rodwhittemore@gmail.com if you have comments or questions, or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

Rodney Whittemore
State Senator

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Over the past 5 years, I have had the honor of serving you as your state representative. It has truly been an honor to have this opportunity. After much consideration, I have decided to not seek a fourth term as your representative.

I have spoken with many of you over my tenure here in Augusta and I am pleased to say that there is no doubt in my mind that we have some of the best communities in the State of Maine. The people that are in my small towns are some of the most genuine and honest people I have ever met and it made it very easy to serve you as your representative.

With that being said, I will continue to be your representative until a new person is elected this November. If you should need anything, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I was elected to the Maine Legislature on the promise to represent you, the people of District 118. To do this, I will be seeking your input regularly and want to hear from you with your comments and concerns. Please call me anytime at **399-4963** or email at skime2@roadrunner.com to keep me updated on those concerns. If you would like to be added to my email update list, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request.

Thank you again, for giving me the honor of serving you in Augusta!

Sincerely,

Larry Dunphy
State Representative

ELECTED OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Charles Taylor, Chairman (2016)
Elizabeth Pratt (2017)
Scott LeHay (2018)

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Terriann Lamontagne, Chairman (2017)
Raymond Young Sr. (2018)
Wayne McLaughlin (2016)

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER

Bonnie Baker (2016)

TAX COLLECTOR

Ruth Blake (2016)

ROAD COMMISSIONER

Michael Witham (2016)

M.S.A.D. # 74 DIRECTORS

Patrick Daubenberger (2018)
Dwight Barron (2017)
Kevin Sousa (2016)

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	<u>Pamela Graf</u>
(deputy)	<u>Michael Davendonis</u>
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	<u>Robert Dunphy</u>
(deputy)	<u>Terriann Lamontagne</u>
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR	<u>Robert Dunphy</u>
(Co-Director)	<u>Vacant</u>
E-911 ADDRESSING OFFICER	<u>Eleanor Ketchum</u>
GENERAL ASSISTANCE OFFICER	<u>Charles Taylor</u>
HEALTH OFFICER	<u>Robert Dunphy</u>
LOCAL PLUMBING INSPECTOR	<u>Leo Mayo</u>
(deputy)	<u>Robert Dunphy</u>
RECREATION DIRECTOR	<u>Tammy Murray</u>
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	<u>Bonnie Baker</u>

APPOINTED BOARDS & COMMITTEES

PLANNING BOARD

Leo Mayo, Chairperson	(2020)
Ann Bridges, Secretary	(2018)
Dwight Barron	(2017)
Myles Durkin	(2019)
Eleanor Ketchum	(2016)
Vacant, Alternate	(2016)
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BOARD OF APPEALS

John Duff, Chairperson	(2016)
Mary Keenan	(2016)
Ronald Pinkham	(2016)

Tax Assessors' Report

ASSESSMENTS:

COUNTY TAX	476,764
MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATION	1,284,008
MSAD #74	1,637,649
OVERLAY	36,001
TOTAL ASSESSMENT	3,434,522

DEDUCTIONS:

STATE REVENUE SHARING	32,791
HOMESTEAD REIMBURSEMENTS	20,218
OTHER REVENUES	704,895
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	757,904

TOTAL ASSESSMENT	2,676,618
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Dear Embden Tax Payers,

I would like to thank Raymond Young and Wayne McLaughlin for all of the work they did last year. I would also like to thank those of you who took the time to return the List of Estate forms that were mailed to all taxpayers in 2015. We had a very high percentage of forms returned before the deadline, and Raymond and Wayne stayed busy checking on all of the changes you reported.

We will be back checking those List of Estate forms received after April 1st, as well as newly issued permits, as soon as the weather permits. The Assessors will also be in the field taking pictures, in order to finish updating all of the accounts in the Assessors' office.

Good news, this year the State has made changes to some of the real estate tax exemptions available to you. These exemption amounts are deducted from the total valuation of your property before it is multiplied by the mil rate to determine your taxes. Essentially, these deductions decrease the amount of value you are being taxed on. The Homestead Exemption amount for the 2016 tax year will be \$15,000, a \$5,000 increase from the past several years. State legislation has also allowed for the 180 day consecutive active duty clause for those who served in the Vietnam War to be lifted. If you are a resident of Embden, we strongly urge you to apply for these exemptions to lower your taxes. The next time you are at the Town Office, the Clerk or Tax Collector can look at your account and tell you if you are currently receiving any of the available exemptions. The Assessors are also happy to assist you. **Any exemption applications MUST be received by April 1st to take effect in 2016.**

The Assessors will hold office hours on **Friday April 1, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** to receive tax declarations, and to speak with anyone who may have questions. As a reminder, please inform the Assessors by April 1st of any changes to the buildings on your property since last year.

The Embden Board of Assessors hold office hours most Wednesday morning from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The Assessors are also available at other times; please call us at 566-5551 ext. 1 to schedule an appointment.

Respectfully,
Terriann Lamontagne, CMA
For the Embden Assessors

Abatements Issued During 2015

2014:

Nolan Waugh.....210.57

2015:

Harold Dean & Ruth Sherman173.66

Lee & Angela Raymond.....400.46

John & Holly Flynn.....72.58

Richard Alafat269.57

Thomas & Cynthia Cloutier.....129.60

Thomas & Cynthia Cloutier.....77.76

Carl & Norma Reichert1,093.82

Total.....**2,428.02**

Supplements Issued During 2015

2015:

Jeffrey W. Hagerty.....653.18

Total.....**653.18**

Town Clerk's Report

To the Citizens of Embden:

2015 was a hectic year in the Clerk's office. Unfortunately, in late December I became seriously ill and had to be hospitalized for a week. My sincerest appreciation to Ruth Blake, who cancelled her vacation scheduled for the last week in December so that the office could remain open for customers. I know it can be frustrating to get to the Town Office only to find that one or both of us are out of the office. I try to post any schedule changes on the Town website (www.embden.maine.gov), at the office (both on the inside bulletin board and the new outside bulletin board), and in the Morning Sentinel, when possible. I apologize for any inconvenience my short absence may have caused. All of the residents, taxpayers, and customers have been wonderfully patient and understanding, and I would like to thank y'all for your concern and well-wishes.

Embden had a total of 256 dogs licensed in 2015: 41 unaltered dogs, 212 neutered/spayed dogs, and 3 guide dogs.

For the first time, Embden residents are now able to renew their dog licenses online. You can get them at www10.informe.org/dog_license/. Please keep in mind that the State only transmits the online licensing files once a month, so there may be a slight delay before you receive your dog's license and tag. If possible, please consider printing your confirmation as proof of licensure until the actual license and tags arrive in the mail. Many of you have asked for this service in the past; I hope this is more convenient for those of you who can't get into the office to renew your dogs' licenses. And of course, if you do not wish to use the online service, I am always happy to assist you in licensing your dog(s) by mail.

The following Sporting licenses were issued:

Resident Fishing Licenses	11	Spring/Fall Turkey	2
Resident Hunting Licenses	3	Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Permit	1
Res. Combination Hunting/Fishing Lic.	12	Non-Resident Season Fishing Licenses	5
Resident Archery Hunting/Fishing Lic	2	Non-Resident 15-Day Fishing License	1
Resident Archery Hunting	2	Non-Resident 7-Day Fishing License	2
Coyote Night Hunting Permit	2	3-Day Fishing License	1
Resident Muzzleloader Hunting	1	Outdoor Partners Program	1
Resident Junior Hunting	3	Resident Over-70 Lifetime License	1

In addition to the lifetime licenses available to residents 65 and older, IF&W also offers lifetime licenses for children ages 15 and under. I urge you to consider this generous gift, as it will continue to give throughout their lifetime. Fees vary depending on the age of the individual. Come visit me at the Town Office for an application.

As always, if you can't make it in to the Town Office for your Hunting or Fishing licenses, you can get them online at www.state.maine.us/ifw.



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, CMC, CMT, CAT
Town Clerk

NEW BUNDLES OF JOY

Augusta	1
Bangor	1
Farmington	1
Skowhegan	1

BEST WISHES NEWLYWEDS

Hillary Frances Chase & Lance Martin Arsenault

August 8, 2015

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

Floyd Rounds Jr.
January 14, 2015
82 Years Old



Patrick Darius
January 16, 2015
48 Years Old



Joseph Danks Jr.
February 12, 2015
50 Years Old



Charlotte Tripp
February 18, 2015
72 Years Old



George Kiger
March 14, 2015
75 Years Old



David Smiley Sr.
May 30, 2015
85 Years Old



Carolyn Vartanian
June 5, 2015
72 Years Old



Brian Miller
August 5, 2015
66 Years Old



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

Russell Denis
September 15, 2015
58 Years Old



Patricia Walker
September 19, 2015
68 Years Old



Mary Cross
November 23, 2015
87 Years Old



Louis Nichols Sr.
November 30, 2015
88 Years Old



Donna Williams
December 15, 2015
59 Years Old



Robert Berry Sr.
December 19, 2015
90 Years Old



Road Commissioner's Report

Dear Embden People,

We started in May with street cleaning and grading, then in June we began bush cutting/chipping on the Dunbar Hill and East Shore Roads. In July we dug up a section of the Dunbar Hill Road by the old Red School House, and placed 2 feet of base gravel. We had Maine Drilling and Blasting drill and blast 3 spots on Dunbar where ledge rock was in the right of way. August brought more bush cutting/chipping, this time on the Barron, Wentworth, and West Shore Roads. In addition, we repaired some wash-out spots on both the Wentworth Road and the Fahi Pond Road. Then we started resurfacing. The Piper Road was first, followed by the Murphy Road. Third came the Dunbar Hill Road, which we began at one end, and then went all the way to the other. On the front side of the Hill we built up the road and racked the shoulders. In September, we moved up to the West Shore Road, where we resurfaced from the pillars to the bottom of the Hill. We also replaced culverts on the Moulton Road, and did some resurfacing. October found us doing some repair work of the shoulders on Williams Hill, then both pavement and shoulders on the East Shore Road. The year wrapped up in December with more shoulder work on the East Shore and Wentworth Roads.

Paris Farm Union	Calcium		\$ 7,586.00
Maine Drilling & Blasting			\$ 6,000.00
Eagle Renal	Sweeper		\$ 841.00
White Signs			\$ 718.72
Cambells/Jorden Lumber	Culverts		\$ 3,885.49
Fine Line Paving	Paving East Shore Road & shoulders, Wentworth Road shoulders, crack filing		\$ 127,152.50
Louis Nichols Jr.	Gravel		\$ 975.00
Michael Merrill	Gravel		\$ 210.00
Jack Kaplan	Calcium spread, shoulder work		\$ 2,564.36
Brandon Cates	Trucking		\$ 4,884.88
Alan Pinkham	Trucking		\$ 15,657.57
Christopher Vicneire	Trucking		\$ 9,770.24
Eric Creamer	Man & Saw	\$ 5,060.86	
	Pick-up	\$ 2,630.00	
	Chipper	\$ 5,950.00	
	Labor	\$ 105.00	
	Ton Truck	\$ 1,050.00	
	Excavator	\$ 1,971.25	\$ 16,767.11
Ellery G Witham	Gravel	\$ 8,280.00	
	Grading	\$ 23,652.75	\$ 31,932.75
Michael E. Witham	Payroll		\$ 6,698.45
Witham Trucking, Inc.	Mowing	\$ 2,200.00	
	Rock, gravel	\$ 82,812.12	
	Pick-up, labor	\$ 7,001.18	
	Bucket Loader	\$ 16,111.79	
	Excavator	\$ 13,796.00	
	Low-bed	\$ 1,399.44	
	Dump truck	\$ 15,625.14	
	Bull Dozer	\$ 7,850.20	\$ 146,795.87

Tax Collector's Report

Dear Residents and Tax Payers of Embden,

Have I told you how much I enjoy my job? Working with the people of Embden by taking care of their registrations, receipting their taxes, or helping with their other needs is enjoyable, because the people of Embden are friendly, fun, caring, and considerate. This is a wonderful town to live and work in because of all of you.

I thought you might like to know how the electronic version for the registration of vehicles is going. Well, I have to explain it like this. Bruce and I needed a new refrigerator so we did research on the one we liked and in one of the reviews a person who purchased this refrigerator said "I love it!" which we chuckled about. We ended up purchasing that refrigerator and I then understood her statement. So how is the electronic version for registrations going? "I love it!" It is a great user friendly program that has made registering vehicles quicker and more accurate. Thank you for voting for it.

This last year I also implemented the electronic version for registering recreational vehicles. I am not as fond of this one because it is not as user friendly, it is not always faster, but it does make the reporting easier and it is growing on me.

Paying the taxes twice a year is still difficult for some people to remember while others are happy paying in two payments because it makes it easier on them. Remember though, paying all your taxes at once in the first payment is still an option, which many people are choosing to do. People are also sending in money regularly thru out the year to pay on their taxes. I am telling you this so you will know there are options to make it easier for you to pay your taxes.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you as Tax Collector, and I look forward to serving you in the future.

Sincerely,
Ruth Blake

Motor Vehicle Registrations Total Receipts.....	266,119
Paid to State of Maine.....	75,844
Excise Tax (Embden).....	185,001
Excise Tax Paid to Anson.....	25,584
Boat, ATV, and Snow Mobile Registrations Total Receipts.....	22,976
Paid to Inland Fisheries & Wildlife.....	15,445
Excise Tax (Embden).....	3,274
Excise Tax Paid to Anson.....	0

Animal Control Report



In memory of my buddy
Jack Daniels

I don't know about you folks, but Pam and I are glad 2015 is over. It was a hard year for many of our friends, including my buddy JD. JD was the male cat who has been here as long as I have, and we had good times together.

Back to business. It's that time of year, and hopefully all of your animals are up-to-date on their shots, and your dogs are licensed for 2016. MY new license was in my Christmas stocking! Remember, by Law your dog has to be current on their Rabies vaccine, which helps to keep all of us, animals and humans, safe from a deadly disease. Speaking of licenses, ALL of us dogs need them by Law! If you don't get your dog(s) licensed there is a good chance that Pam will have to summons you, and Pam hates writing Summonses! Besides, the license is only \$11.00 or less per dog, unless you wait until February; then you get hit with a late charge. So I want you to go to October 15th on your 2016 calendar and write, "License your dog for Christmas!"

This past year we had dog calls, horse calls, and a few critter calls. We were also able to relieve a few folks of too many stray cats. Remember, if you lose an animal please call dispatch (474-6465) and give them the information so they can pass it on to Pam. The next call that comes in could be someone with your animal. If this happens, there is a good chance you can get your animal back sooner and save a trip to the Shelter. Pam would much rather get your animal home to you than have to drive to Farmington. Saves you and the Town of Embden money.

Hope you and your critters have a great 2016!



Appeals Board

There was one appeal heard by this Board in February 2015.

Board members were:

Tiger Pinkham 431-3113

Mary Keenan 566-0631

John Duff 566-5722

Update training is planned for board members during 2016.

John Duff

Chairman

E-911 Report

This year two new roads were added. They are Greenwood Drive off the Embden Pond Road and Dogwood Drive off of the East Shore Road.

We had to replace sixteen (16) signs and eight (8) posts throughout the Town of Embden. Of these replaced signs, four (4) posts and seven (7) signs were at the corner of the Katie Crotch Road. E-911 was started in 1997. The Katie Crotch Road sign has been taken numerous times each year since then, and will probably continue until a change has been made at the corner. It is getting very expensive to replace so many signs and posts and have the corner without a sign so much of the time. Your taxpayer money is being spent to replace these signs.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Ketchum

E-911 Addressing Officer.

General Assistance Report

In the Calendar year, January 1 to December 31, 2015, the Town of Embden had a total of two General Assistance applications. The results from those applications filed were as follows:

Case #001-2015: \$393.90 Electricity & Kerosene

Case #002-2015: \$387.38 Kerosene

Total GA expended in 2015.....\$781.28 (50% of which was reimbursed by DHHS)

Respectfully submitted,
Charles E. Taylor
General Assistance Officer

Licensed Plumbing Inspector

There were 17 plumbing permits issued; i.e. three complete systems; 1 replacement; 2 holding tank replacements and 11 internal plumbing permits.

Yearly pumping records are to be turned into the Town for holding tanks.

Leo Mayo
LPI #1009

2015 Planning Board Report

The Planning Board has had a fairly quiet year. The Board reviewed and issued 23 permits for: the construction of residences and garages; repairs, renovations and additions to existing buildings; replanting of vegetation; and driveway construction. The Board issued two (2) “After the Fact” permits.

The Board has also been working on revisions to Embden’s Shoreland Zoning Ordinance so that they comply with the State of Maine standards. Late in 2015, Maine DEP supplied the Board with numerous changes, additions, and/or deletions that need to be made for compliance. This is proving to be a very time consuming process.

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 construction is within 250 feet of a body of water.

Please be sure when submitting an application to the Code Enforcement Officer, Robert Dunphy, 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. Once Mr. Dunphy has completed the site review, he will submit the application with attachments at the Board’s next meeting.

An application needs to be received by the CEO or the Town Clerk by the last Thursday of the month in order to be considered at the following month’s Planning Board meeting.

Board members and terms are:

Leo Mayo, Chairman	April 2020
Eleanor Ketchum	April 2016
Dwight Barron	April 2017
Ann Bridges, Secretary	April 2018
Myles Durkin	April 2019

There currently are no alternates serving on the Board.

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

Recreation Department

The Embden Recreation Department has had a busy year.

Kirsten Wood was the Embden Swim Program Instructor for swim lessons this past summer, and did a wonderful job with all of the kids. This is the second year that we had two of our swimming instructors become lifeguard certified through Peak Rehab., which greatly benefitted the 81 children that took part in the swim program this year. I would like to thank Robert Dunphy and Michael Witham for their help in getting the docks in and out of the pond, as well as Scott LeHay for bussing the children back and forth so they could 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 cheering and basketball in the winter months. They also participated in the Summer Recreation program which included field trips to Chris Roy's Water Park, the movies, and 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.

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

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

Sincerely,
Tammy Murray
Rec. Director



Embden children in grades 2-6 can participate in Rec. Cheering in the fall.



Skowhegan Cheerleading Camp attended by one of our youth.

Registrar's Report

To the Citizens of Embden:

Embden has a total of 722 voters, which breaks down as follows:

DEMOCRAT.....	189
REPUBLICAN.....	245
GREEN INDEPENDENT.....	32
UNDECLARED.....	256
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS.....	722

This year 126 Embden voters participated in the November election. I stress this every year, but every vote and every voter is important! Take the time and use your right to vote! If you can't get to the polls on Election Day, you can still cast your vote by absentee ballot. 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.

One rather substantial change this year is the polling hours for Town Meeting. The Secret Ballot Election of officials has been moved to Friday, the day before Open Town Meeting. Previously the election took place the 4 hours prior to the start of the Open Town Meeting on the first Saturday morning in March. This year the polls will be open all day **Friday, 8:00am-8:00pm**. The Open Town Meeting will remain on **Saturday**, however will begin at **10:00am**. Our hope is that this will allow more people a chance to participate in Town Meeting.

Some of you might feel that this is too drastic of a change, but upon researching the subject we found that Embden actually held their election of officials on Fridays for many years until condensing it to the Saturday morning before the Open Town Meeting. Before that, all officials were nominated and elected from the floor of Town Meeting. Many voters have told me that they found it difficult to get to the polls during the limited Saturday hours (traditionally 8am – 12pm), and others found it burdensome to have to come out twice if they wished to vote in the morning and attend the Open Town Meeting in the afternoon.

AGAIN, PLEASE NOTE :

*Voting will be held on **Friday March 4th, 2016 from 8a.m. to 8p.m. at the Town Office. Absentee Ballots are currently available from the Town Clerk. Deadline to request an absentee ballot is Tuesday, March 1st.***

*Annual Town Meeting will take place on **Saturday March 5th, 2016 at 10a.m. at the Community Center.***

THIS IS A CHANGE FROM THE TRADITIONAL TOWN MEETING/VOTING TIMES!

Another Upcoming Election: RSU#74 Referendum (Cost Sharing Formula Change)

Polls open 2:00pm-8:00pm at the Embden Town Office

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

Respectfully,
Bonnie A. Baker
Registrar of Voters

Treasurer's Report

To the Citizens of Embden:

The Town Office seems to be running fairly smoothly and efficiently lately, although we are constantly trying to find ways to better serve you. One suggestion that I have been hearing from a lot of customers is that you want to be able to pay by credit card. Although we do not currently have that option here at the Town Office, please be assured that we are looking into this option for the future.

This was the second year in a row that the Town did not have to borrow money in the form of a Tax Anticipation Note. Although I would love to promise you that we will not have to borrow money in 2016 that would be an impossible promise to make. Too many factors come into play, including fluctuating State funding and the unpredictable nature of how quickly tax money comes in once the taxes have been committed, as well as an uncertain commitment date from the Assessors from year to year. As in the past, I can promise that I, along with the Town's Selectmen, will do our best to avoid incurring the extra fees associated with a TAN if it can be avoided.

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

MARY ANN BURNS CEMETERY TRUST: Interest from this trust is used annually for maintenance and improvement of the cemeteries in Embden. As of December 31, 2015, the cemetery fund balance is \$1,000.

CRAGIN & WILLIAMS CD: As of December 31, 2015, the fund balance is \$1,839.67.

CAMDEN NATIONAL BANK CD: As of December 31, 2015, the fund balance is \$2,866.39.

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

Respectfully,
Bonnie A. Baker
Treasurer



Municipal Officials & Boards (2015 – Article 12)

Appropriated 2015	80,000
Compensation	59,337
Selectmen	14,000
GA Officer	750
Town Clerk/Treasurer	22,145
Tax Collector	22,442
Elections Officials (Incl. Registrar)	3,317
Mileage	3,194
Conferences & Training	385
FICA (Town Officials)	4,256
Medicare (Town Officials)	995
FICA (Town Office Staff)	134
Medicare (Town Office Staff)	31
FICA (ECCtr Staff)	30
Medicare (ECCtr Staff)	7
Licensed Plumbing Inspector	1,365
FICA (LPI)	85
Medicare (LPI)	20
Expended 2015	73,156
Lapsed into Surplus	6,844

Membership, Dues, Civic Organizations (2015– Article 13)

Appropriated 2015	4,500
MMA	1,684
KVCOG	2,469
MTCCA	25
MMTCTA	50
Total Expended	4,228
Lapsed into Surplus	272

Insurance Policies (2015 – Article 14)

Appropriated 2015	12,000
Property & Casualty	8,379
Workman’s Compensation	3,014
Total Expended	11,393
Lapsed into Surplus	607

Legal Expenses (2015 – Article 15)

Appropriated 2015	10,000
Advertising & Legal -	
Town Officials	140
Town Office	1,305
Registry of Deeds	2,698
Expended 2015	4,143
Lapsed into Surplus	5,857

Audit & Annual Town Report (2015 – Article 16)

Appropriated 2015	8,000
Town Report	1,543
Audit	5,500
Town Meeting Expenses	100
Expended 2015	7,143
Lapsed into Surplus	857

Unanticipated Expenses (2015 – Article 17)

Appropriated 2015	2,000
Expended 2015	1,880
Lapsed into Surplus	120

Utilities (2015 – Article 18)

Appropriated 2015 48,200

Town Office

Electricity	1,149
Gas/Oil	1,431
Telephone	4,790
Water	290
Security Alarms	265
Custodial Svcs.	1,971
Trash Removal	195
Shoveling	676
Mowing	715

Community Center

Electricity	3,100
Gas/Oil	9,780
Telephone	790
Internet & Cable	1,081
Water	1,329
Security Alarms	265
Custodial Svcs.	123
Trash Removal	195
Shoveling	492
Plowing	1,200
Mowing	1,500

Town House

Electricity	279
Mowing	50

Street Lights

Electricity	869
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Sand Shed

Electricity	690
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Boat Landing

Portable Toilet Rental	550
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Sandy Beach

Trash Removal	78
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Mullens Cove

Trash Removal	78
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Total Expended 2015	33,931
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Lapsed into Surplus	14,269
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Town Office Supplies & Equip (2015 – Article 19)

Appropriated	10,000
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Office Supplies	1,877
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Office Equipment	2,396
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Postage	1,952
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Safe Deposit Box Rental	25
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Printing	960
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Total Expended 2015	7,210
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Lapsed into Surplus	2,790
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Information/Technology (2015 – Article 20)

Carried Forward from 2014	478
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Appropriated	12,000
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Total Expended	8,253
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Carried Forward to 2016	4,225
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TRIO – Annual Fees (2015 – Article 21)

Appropriated	18,000
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Expended 2015	17,380
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Carried Forward to 2016	620
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Facilities Maintenance/Repair (2015 – Article 22)

Carried Forward from 2014	13,120
Appropriated 2015	12,000
Balance 12/31/14 ECC Rev.	12,000
Donated fr ECC (Plumbing)	2,200
Town Office	406
Community Center	9,904
Town House	2,442
Sand Shed	245
Total Expended	12,997
Carried Forward to 2016	26,323

Community Center (2015 – Article 23)

Carried Forward from 2014	244
Appropriated 2015	100
Expended 2015	0
Carried Forward into 2016	344

Tax Assessment (2015 – Article 24)

Appropriated	32,055
Carried Forward from 2014	10,450
Compensation	14,256
Secretarial Services	6,758
Mileage	1,086
Training	636
FICA	1,303
Medicare	305
Office Supplies	436
Office Equipment	114
Computer Supplies	0

Regulations & Manuals	0
Postage	117
Printing	285
Registry of Deeds	116
CMAAO Dues	0
MAAO Dues	50
Miscellaneous	9
Total Expended	25,471
Carried Forward to 2016	17,034

Tax Map Maintenance (2015 – Article 25)

Appropriated	8,000
Carried Forward from 2014	10,054
Expended	5,288
Carried Forward to 2016	12,766

Planning Board (2015 – Article 26)

Appropriated	5,000
Carried Forward from 2014	15,864
Compensation	3,520
Training	0
FICA	196
Medicare	46
Office Supplies	175
Regulations & Manuals	0
Postage	0
Advertising & Legal	980
Miscellaneous	0
Total Expended	4,917
Carried Forward to 2016	15,947

Code Enforcement Officer (2015 – Article 27)

Appropriated	12,000
Carried Forward from 2014	653
Compensation	10,500
CEO	10,000
Deputy	500
Mileage	52
Training	10
FICA	651
Medicare	152
Total Expended	11,365
Carried Forward to 2016	1,288

Appeals Board (2015 – Article 28)

Appropriated	100
Carried Forward from 2014	3,100
Compensation	250
Training	0
FICA	16
Medicare	4
Office Supplies	0
Regulations & Manuals	0
Postage	0
Advertising & Legal	0
Total Expended	270
Carried Forward to 2016	2,930

Fire Protection (2015 – Article 29)

Appropriated	42,000
Paid to Town of Anson	39,876
Lapsed into Surplus	2,124

Hydrant Rental (2015 – Article 30)

Appropriated	10,000
Total Expended	9,208
Lapsed into Surplus	792

Ambulance Service (2015 – Article 31)

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

Animal Control (2015 – Article 32)

Appropriated	3,500
Carried Forward from 2014	3,710
Compensation	859
Mileage	430
Training	50
FICA	53
Medicare	12
Humane Society Contract	1,878
ACO Expenses	146
ACO Supplies	0
Total Expended	3,463
Carried Forward to 2016	3,747

E-911 Addressing (2015 – Article 33)

Appropriated	2,000
Carried Forward from 2014	2,173
Compensation	1,329
Mileage	61
Training	0
FICA	82
Medicare	19
Office Supplies	0
Road Signs	270
Total Expended	1,761
Carried Forward to 2016	2,412

Emergency Management (2015 – Article 34)

Appropriated	1,200
Paid to Robert Dunphy	1,000
FICA	62
Medicare	15
Total Expended	1,077
Lapsed into Surplus	123

LRAP/Block Grant Funds (2015 – Article 36)

Balance 12/31/2014	43,552
Received from State	41,884
Paid to Summer Rds Acct	41,884
Balance as of 12/31/2015	43,552

Summer Roads (2015 – Article 37)

Appropriated	200,000
Carried Forward from 2014	148,675
Transferred from Block Grant	43,552
Compensation	6,222
FICA	386
Medicare	90
Cold Top	0
Culverts	2,945
Gravel	91,235
Hay	0
Equipment Rental	5,304
Equipment Maintenance	0
Road Warning Signs/Posters	719
Calcium Chloride	7,586
Road Supplies	1,358
Summer Roads Contractors	267,199

Total Expended	383,044
Carried Forward to 2016	9,183

Winter Roads (2015 – Article 39)

Appropriated	254,000
Paid to Nitram	235,538
Lapsed into Surplus	18,462

Sanitation (2015 – Article 40)

Appropriated	38,000
Paid to CWS	34,073
Lapsed into Surplus	3,927

General Assistance (2015 – Article 41)

Appropriated	2,000
Expended	781
Lapsed into Surplus	1,219

Donations (2015 – Article 42)

Appropriated	9,000
Stewart Public Library	1,000
Somerset County Hospice	1,000
Kennebec Behavioral Health	0
Senior Spectrum	500
Family Violence Project	0
Solon Food Cupboard	2,500
Madison Food Cupboard	0
Baker Mountain	500
KVCAP	0
Cub Scouts	300
Sunset Cemetery Association	1,000
Madison Public Library	500
Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center	0
Maine Public Broadcasting	100
Community Health & Counseling Svcs.	50
Life Flight of Maine	1,000
Girl Scouts (Disbanded)	300
Moose Alley Riders ATV Club	250
Total Expended	8,700
Lapsed into Surplus	300

Embden Recreation Dept. (2015– Article 43)

Appropriated	8,000
Carried Forward from 2014	4,120
Compensation	2,500
FICA	214
Medicare	50
Office Supplies	0
Recreation Programs:	
Team Sports	645
Winter Sports	0
Sports Equipment	0
Swim Program	1,395
Miscellaneous	0
Scholarships	100
Sports Camps	1,000
Field Trips	1,350
Total Expended	7,254
Revenues Received	0
Carried Forward to 2016	4,866

Snowmobile Trail Maint. (2015 – Article 44)

Appropriated	1,000
Paid to Embden Snow Travelers	1,000

Cemetery Maintenance (2015 – Article 45)

Appropriated	1,500
Interest - MaryAnn Burns	2
Paid to Historical Society	1,502

Capital Improvement Fund (2015 – Article 46)**Town Buildings**

Carried Forward from 2014	54,660
Appropriated	0
Expended	0
Carried Forward to 2016	54,660

Slipp Road Bridge

Carried Forward from 2014	0
Appropriated	50,000
Expended	0
Carried Forward to 2016	50,000

Total Capital Improvement Funds

Carried Forward to 2016 104,660

RSU Withdrawal Expenses (2015STM–Article 2)

Appropriated	50,000
Compensation	1,000
Elections	0
Mileage	0
FICA	48
Medicare	11
Postage	13
Printing	0
Legal & Advertising	6,397
Town Meeting Expenses	0
Total Expended	7,789
Carried Forward to 2016	42,211

Education

Tax Assessment	1,637,649
Paid to M.S.A.D. # 74	1,637,642
Lapsed Into Surplus	7

County Tax

Tax Assessment	476,864
Paid to County Treasurer	476,864

Overlay

Tax Assessment	36,001
Abatements Issued	2,159
Lapsed Into Surplus	

Vital Records

Paid in for Vital Records	774
Paid to State of Maine	108

Plumbing Permits

Paid in for Plumbing Permits	2,200
Paid in for New Septic Fees	45
Paid to State of Maine	495

Dog Licenses

Paid in for Licenses	2,193
Town Revenue	316
Agent Fees	192
Late Fees	875
Paid to State of Maine	810

Hunting/Fishing Licenses

Paid in for Licenses	1,673
Agent Fees	91
Paid to State of Maine	1,581

2015 TOWN REVENUES

Copy Fees	0
Building Permits	1,725
Tree Cutting Permits	50
Homestead Reimbursement from State	20,074
Veteran Reimbursement from State	933
Revenue Sharing	35,237
Tree Growth	20,242
General Assistance	391
Ordinance Fines	50
Franchise Fees	2,685
Rec. Fees	50
Community Center (ECC)	12,000*
Refunded Payments	737
Tax Acquired Property Sale	10,101
Sole Proprietor Filing	10

* Not including donation of \$2,200 for plumbing improvements at the Community Center.

SECRET BALLOT ELECTION

Friday, March 4, 2016

And

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Saturday, March 5, 2016

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 Friday, the 4th day of March, A.D. 2016, at seven and forty-five o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2-5 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from eight o'clock in the forenoon until eight o'clock in the evening;

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 5th day of March, 2016 A.D., at ten o'clock in the morning, then and there to act on Articles 6 through 50 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 required to be elected.

Nominated Candidates;

Selectman, three-year term: Charles Taylor

Town Clerk/Treasurer, one-year term: Bonnie Baker

Tax Collector, one-year term: Ruth Blake

Road Commissioner, one-year term: Michael Witham

Frank Nile

Assessor, three-year term: Wayne McLaughlin

RSU #74 School Board Director, three-year term: Kevin Sousa

Article 3: Do you favor changing the road name Katie's Crotch Road to the Cadie Road?

Article 4: Shall an ordinance entitled “Town of Embden Recall Ordinance” be enacted? Note: An attested true copy of the full text of this ordinance has been posted together with this warrant, and copies are available from the office of the town clerk and will be available at the polls.

Article 5: Do you wish to explore the feasibility of moving the Town Offices into the Embden Community Center?

Article 6: 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.

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 (interest on first one-half starts on this date), the second one-half of taxes assessed for the current year shall become due and payable on November 19, 2016 (interest on second one-half starts on this date), 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.

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.

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 2016.

Selectmen recommend.

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 5%.

Article 7. 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.

Article 8. 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.

Article 9. 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, 2017 to the Annual Town Meeting.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 10. 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.

Article 11. 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.

Article 12. 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.

Article 13. 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.

Article 14. To see if the Inhabitants will adopt the following road Names: Elk Drive, Ridge Drive, Oakley Lane, Dogwood Drive, and Greenwood Drive for E-911 addressing purposes.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 15. To see if the inhabitants will vote to change the position of Town Clerk/Treasurer and the position of Tax Collector from elected to appointed effective after the annual Town Meeting in 2017, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to conduct interviews, set the salaries commensurate to experience, and appoint the two positions for a term of two years or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to carry the following account balances forward into their respective accounts. (Account balances as of Dec. 31st, 2015):

<u>BALANCE FORWARD ACCOUNTS</u>	<u>2016 REQUEST</u>
Information/Technology	\$ 4,225
Software Licensing	\$ 620
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 26,323
Community Center	\$ 344
Tax Assessment	\$ 17,034
Tax Maps-Maintenance	\$ 12,766
Planning Board	\$ 15,947
Code Enforcement	\$ 1,288
Appeals Board	\$ 2,930
Animal Control Account	\$ 3,747
E-911 Account	\$ 2,412
Highways & Bridges (Summer Roads)	\$ 9,183
Recreation Account	\$ 4,866
Capital Improvement Fund	\$104,660
RSU Withdrawal Fund	\$ 42,211
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen	Total: \$248,556.00

Article 17. 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.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 18. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 from taxation for membership, dues, etc. in civic organizations, (i.e., KVCOG, SEDC, MMA, MTCCA, MTCTA, MAAO, etc.) or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 19. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000 from taxation for all insurance policies, (e.g.; worker's comp., building, equipment, etc.) or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 20. 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).

Selectmen recommend.

Article 21. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 from surplus for audit of the 2015 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).

Selectmen recommend.

Article 22. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 from surplus for unanticipated expenses or what they will do related thereto (If required, any additional funding to be from Overlay).

Selectmen recommend.

Article 23. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,200 from taxation for utilities (fuel, electricity, telephone, internet, security alarm, mowing, trash removal, cleaning, etc.) or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 24. 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.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 25. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 from surplus for the Information/Technology Account or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 26. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from excise for annual licensing and maintenance fee for the Municipal Software from Trio Software Company or what they will do related thereto (this will become a balance forward account).

Selectmen recommend.

Article 27. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 from taxation plus the revenues received from the Embden Community Club (\$12,000 year-end balance as of 12/31/2015), for the yearly repair and maintenance of all town owned buildings, structures, and properties or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

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

Selectmen recommend.

Article 29. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from taxation for the Tax Map Maintenance Account or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 30. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from taxation for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for the Planning Board or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 31. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 from taxation, for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for Code Enforcement or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 32. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 from taxation, for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for the Appeals Board or what they will do related thereto (If required, any additional funding to be from Surplus).

Selectmen recommend.

Article 33. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 from surplus 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 (If required, any additional funding to be from Surplus).

Selectmen recommend.

Article 34. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from surplus for the annual rental of fire hydrants to the Anson/Madison Water District pursuant to 35-A M.S.R.A. Section 107 or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 35. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 from surplus for emergency services to Anson-Madison-Starks (AMS) Ambulance Service or what they will do related thereto (If required, any additional funding to be from Surplus).

Selectmen recommend.

Article 36. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 from taxation, for Animal Control or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 37. 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.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 38. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200 from taxation for compensation, and applicable taxes for the town's Emergency Management Department or what they will do related thereto (If required, any additional funding to be from Surplus).

Selectmen recommend.

Article 39. 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.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 40. To see if the Inhabitants will permit the Municipal Officers and/or the 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 \$41,884.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 41. 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.

Selectmen recommend \$150,000 from taxation and \$50,000 from excise.

Article 42. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$260,000 for the winter roads contract or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend \$210,000 from taxation and \$50,000 from excise.

Article 43. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,000 from taxation for sanitation/solid waste disposal to Waste Management, Inc. or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 44. To see if the Inhabitants will raise and appropriate \$2,000 from surplus 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).

Selectmen recommend.

Article 45. 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. Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$ 250.00
C. Senior Spectrum	\$ 500.00
D. Madison Food Cupboard	\$2000.00
E. KVCAP	\$ 400.00
F. Cub Scouts	\$ 300.00
G. Sunset Cemetery	\$1000.00
H. Madison Public Library	\$ 500.00
I. Life Flight of Maine	\$1000.00
Total:	\$6,950.00

Selectmen recommend.

Article 46. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 from surplus and appropriate the revenues collected in program fees (if any) for compensation, applicable taxes, program funding, and other related expenses for the Embden Recreation Department or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 47. 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.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 48. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 from surplus 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.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 49. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$51,000 from surplus for the Capital Improvement Fund or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 50. 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.

Selectmen recommend.

Dated: This 1st day of February, 2016.

Signed: The Municipal Officers

Charles E. Taylor
Charles E. Taylor, Chairman

Scott LeHay
Scott LeHay, Selectman

Elizabeth Pratt
Elizabeth Pratt, Selectman

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.

2016 Annual Town Meeting Proposed Appropriation

	<u>Description</u>	<u>URIP Block Grant & Other Revenues</u>	<u>Carried Fwd</u>	<u>Taxation</u>	<u>Surplus</u>	<u>Excise</u>	<u>2016 Proposed Operating Budget</u>
Art. 1-16	No Monetary Appropriation						
Art. 17	Municipal Officials		\$ -	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80,000
Art. 18	Membership Dues		\$ -	\$ 4,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,500
Art. 19	Insurance		\$ -	\$ 13,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,000
Art. 20	Legal Expenses		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Art. 21	Town Audit/Town Meeting/Annual Report		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000
Art. 22	Unanticipated Expenses		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000
Art. 23	Utilities		\$ -	\$ 52,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52,200
Art. 24	Supplies & Equipment		\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Art. 25	Information/Technology		\$ 4,225	\$ -	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 12,225
Art. 26	Trio Lic. & Maint.		\$ 620	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,620
Art. 27	Facilities Maintenance (Incl. ECC \$344 CF)		\$ 26,667	\$ -	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ 38,667
Art. 28	Tax Assessment		\$ 17,034	\$ 28,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,034
Art. 29	Town Tax Maps-Maintenance		\$ 12,766	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,766
Art. 30	Planning Board		\$ 15,947	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,947
Art. 31	Code Enforcement		\$ 1,288	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,288
Art. 32	Appeals Board		\$ 2,930	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,030
Art. 33	Fire Protection		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000
Art. 34	Hydrants		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Art. 35	Ambulance		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000
Art. 36	Animal Control		\$ 3,747	\$ 3,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,247
Art. 37	E-911 Account		\$ 2,412	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,412
Art. 38	Emergency Management Department		\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200
Art. 39	State Wages		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Art. 40	Block Grant Funds	\$ 41,884	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,884
Art. 41	Summer Roads Repair & Maintenance		\$ 9,183	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 209,183
Art. 42	Winter Roads Plowing & Sanding Contract		\$ -	\$ 210,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 260,000
Art. 43	Sanitation		\$ -	\$ 38,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,000
Art. 44	General Assistance		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000
Art. 45	Social Services/Donations		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,950	\$ -	\$ 6,950
Art. 46	Recreation Department		\$ 4,866	\$ -	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 12,866
Art. 47	Snowmobile Club		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Art. 48	Maint. Of Cemeteries		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,500
Art. 49	Capital Improvement Fund		\$ 104,660	\$ -	\$ 51,000	\$ -	\$ 155,660
Art. 50	Tax Levy Limit No Monetary Appropriation						
STM 2015	RSU Withdrawal Fund (Beg. Bal. \$50k)		\$ 42,211	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,211

	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Carried Fwd</u>	<u>Taxation</u>	<u>Surplus</u>	<u>Excise</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
2016 Totals	\$ 41,884	\$ 248,556	\$ 614,500	\$ 174,450	\$ 111,000	\$ 1,190,390
2015 Totals	\$ 43,522	\$ 267,301	\$ 597,700	\$ 205,455	\$ 108,000	\$ 1,221,978
Differential +/-	\$ (1,638)	\$ (18,745)	\$ 16,800	\$ (31,005)	\$ 3,000	\$ (11,205)
Diferential %	-3.76%	-7.01%	2.81%	-15.09%	2.78%	-2.58%

<u>Excise Tax</u>			
	<u>Actual 2015</u>	<u>Anticipated 2016</u>	<u>DIFF</u>
Revenue/Anticipated	\$ 160,623	\$ 150,000	\$ (10,623)
Expended/Proposed Appropriation	\$ 108,000	\$ 111,000	\$ 3,000
Lapse to Surplus	\$ 52,623	\$ 39,000	\$ (13,623)

<u>2015 Appropriations</u>		<u>2014 Appropriations</u>	
Municipal Taxation	\$597,700.00	Municipal Taxation	\$589,700.00
County Tax	\$476,864.00	County Tax	\$424,045.00
MSAD #74	\$1,637,649.00	MSAD #74	\$1,610,425.00
Overlay	\$36,001.00	Overlay	\$13,345.00
Total Due/Taxation	\$2,748,214.00	Total Due/Taxation	\$ 2,637,515.00

Town of Embden



RESULTS OF 2015 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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

Article 1: John Duff was elected to serve as moderator with a vote of 7-1. He was sworn in by the Town Clerk, and the meeting turned over to him.

Article 2: The following were elected:

Selectperson: Scott LeHay (79 votes)
Town Clerk/Treasurer: Bonnie Baker(138 votes)
Tax Collector: Ruth Blake 137 votes)
Assessor: Raymond Young (119 votes)
Road Commissioner: Michael Witham (108 votes)
RSU #74 (3-yr): Patrick Daubenberger (3 votes)
RSU #74 (1-yr): The following individuals tied with 2 votes:
Paul Vicneire
Larry Witham

154 residents voted in the secret ballot election. The open portion of the Annual Town Meeting was attended by 58 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 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 19, 2015, 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.

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.

*Ann Bridges made a motion (2nd–Dwight Barron) to approve Article 3A, B, & C as read. **Motion carried.***

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%

*Ann Bridges made a motion to set the interest rate at 8%. No second. Motion dies. Rodney Hatch made a motion (2nd–Scott LeHay) to approve Article 3D as read, and set the interest rate at 0%. **Motion carried.***

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 2015.

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd– R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 3E as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

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 a rate of 5%.

*Robert Dunphy made a motion (2nd– Ann Bridges) to approve Article 3F as read, at a rate of 5%. **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.

*Ann Bridges made a motion (2nd – R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 4 as written. Charles Taylor explained that this was included in the warrant each year just out of historical sake, and promised to research its necessity. **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 written. **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– R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 6 as written. **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, 2016 to the Annual Town Meeting.

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd– R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 7 as written. **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–Scott LeHay) to approve Article 8 as written. Robert Dunphy asked how this article might be affected by proposed law changes at the State level. Charles Taylor replied that those law changes had not been enacted yet, but would be taken into effect if they were to pass in the future. **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)

*Scott LeHay made a motion (2nd– Robert Dunphy) to approve Article 9 as written. **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

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

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to carry the following account balances forward into their respective accounts. (Account balances as of Dec. 31st, 2014):

<u>BALANCE FORWARD ACCOUNTS</u>	<u>2013 REQUEST</u>
Information/Technology	\$ 478
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 13,120
Community Center	\$ 244
Tax Assessment	\$ 10,450
Tax Maps-Maintenance	\$ 10,054
Planning Board	\$ 15,864
Code Enforcement	\$ 653
Appeals Board	\$ 3,100
Animal Control Account	\$ 3,710
E-911 Account	\$ 2,173
Highways & Bridges (Summer Roads)	\$ 148,675
Recreation Account	\$ 4,120
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 54,660
 Recommended by the Board of Selectmen	 Total: \$ 266,801

Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd– R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 11 as recommended. Motion carried.

Article 12. 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

Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd– R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 12 as written. Motion carried.

Article 13. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 from surplus for membership, dues, etc. in civic organizations. (i.e., KVCOG, SEDC, MMA, MTCCA, MTCTA, MAAO, etc.) or what they will do related thereto

Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd– R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 13 as written. Motion carried.

Article 14. 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– Robert Dunphy) to approve Article 14 as written. 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– Scott LeHay) to approve Article 15 as written. Motion carried.

Article 16. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 from surplus for audit of the 2014 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)

*Robert Dunphy made a motion (2nd– Dwight Barron) to approve Article 16 as written. Michael Witham asked to amend the article to allow the mailing of town reports to all residents. The moderator stated the article could not be amended in this way because it would be an increase to the amount of money being appropriated. **Motion carried without amendment.***

Article 17. 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)

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd– R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 17 as written. **Motion carried.***

Article 18. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$48,200 from taxation for utilities (fuel, electricity, telephone, internet, security alarm, mowing, trash removal, cleaning, etc.) or what they will do related thereto

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd– R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 18 as written. **Motion carried.***

Article 19. 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

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd– Robert Dunphy) to approve Article 19 as written. Maddy Pierce asked whether this article included purchases such as software and technology. Charles Taylor responded that this article was for office supplies like paper etc., and technology purchases would be covered in the next article. **Motion carried.***

Article 20. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 from taxation for the Information/Technology Account or what they will do related thereto

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd– R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 20 as written. Charles Taylor explained that the Selectmen planned to purchase the Motor Vehicle module of TRIO. Ruth Blake interjected that the State was currently looking at replacing their equipment and would be mandating that all towns switch to electronic processing within the next 2-3 years. She added that this software was now necessary because more people had moved to the town, and the addition of the two tax payments made her much busier. Mary Cross asked whether this would have to be done again next year once the State updated their systems and had new requirements. Maddy Pierce responded that updates were part of the Town's contract with TRIO. **Motion carried.***

Article 21. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000 from excise for annual licensing and maintenance fee for the Municipal Software from Trio Software Company or what they will do related thereto (this will become a balance forward account).

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd– Robert Dunphy) to approve Article 21 as written. Larry Witham asked for an explanation on the amount being requested. Bonnie Baker explained that the amount this year represented a double payment because TRIO had found an accounting error that resulted in the Town having never been charged for several modules of the program. She went on to say that while TRIO had forgiven amounts from previous years, they had required the Town to pay the additional amount for the current year (2014). She added that the Town normally paid the annual fees in December, but these unexpected charges had resulted in the Town not paying the 2015 license fees that came due in December. She stressed that since this year's budget included 2 years of license fees, essentially double, the following year should see a decrease in the appropriation. **Motion carried.***

Article 22. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 from taxation plus the revenues received from the Embden Community Club (\$12,000 yearend balance as of 12/31/2014), for the yearly repair and maintenance of all town owned buildings, structures, and properties or what they will do related thereto

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd– Mary Adley) to approve Article 22 as written. **Motion carried.***

Article 23. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 from surplus for Community Center operating expenses/office equipment or what they will do related thereto.

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd– R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 23 as written. **Motion carried.***

Article 24.

A. To approve a raise for the Board of Assessors (an increase of \$2000 to the existing Chairman’s salary and an increase of \$1000 to the existing certification stipend for each Assessor) or what they will do related thereto.

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd– Mary Adley) to approve Article 24-A as written. Mary Cross asked what the board currently received for compensation. Charles Taylor answered that currently Assessors received a \$4,000 stipend, with an additional \$1,000 for the Chair, and \$1,000 for any Assessor achieving State certification. Myles Durkin asked for the history of the salary amounts, as well as the justification for the requested increase. Terriann Lamontagne declared that the justification came from the minimum of 15 hours a week that she normally put in. She pointed out that the current \$6,000 salary for the Chair worked out to \$7.60/hour. She added that she was a certified Maine Assessor. Raymond Young articulated that the previous amount of \$3,000 was increased to \$4,000 with an additional \$1,000 for certification. E. Pratt specified, “The reason the Board of Selectmen don’t recommend this is because it is more than a 50% raise. You don’t go into these jobs looking for money, you go in as a volunteer.” Maddy Pierce argued that she disagreed. She stated she felt that in today’s economy you need to get paid what you are worth. She expressed that becoming a Certified Assessor in the State of Maine is very difficult, and there was a lot to it. She noted that she did not think \$9,000 for a year’s worth of work was unreasonable. Rodney Hatch acknowledged that the last raise had been the year he left, and he agreed with Maddy Pierce. He stated that if the Town did not have a certified Assessor on the Board, the Town should certainly hire one because a lot went into making sure everyone is valued correctly. He stressed that he felt it was to the Town’s advantage to have a certified Assessor. Myles Durkin replied that he had been a teacher for 38 years, and in that time the highest raise he ever received was 5%. He specified that his question was not whether the stipend should go up, but how much. Michael Witham asked what the cost would be to the Town if they had to pay to bring in a certified Assessor. Terriann Lamontagne replied that it would cost approximately \$500 per day. **Motion was defeated.***

B. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,055 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– R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 24-B as written. Ann Bridges asked if this amount included the raises proposed in the previous article. Charles Taylor responded, “It does, however the Board of Selectmen’s position was to support the amount because any excess will be carried forward.” **Motion carried.***

Article 25. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 from taxation for the Tax Map Maintenance Account or what they will do related thereto

Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd– Mary Adley) to approve Article 25 as written. Robert Dunphy asked why the additional amount was necessary with a \$10,000 carry forward already in the account. Terriann Lamontagne stated that the tax maps are required by law to be updated every year. Mary Cross asked whether the Town Lines changed every year, and what was required in the annual updates. Terriann Lamontagne explained that Sackett & Brake made changes to the maps every year. William Messer asked why the Town would have to pay any money if someone’s property lines changed. He said that he had to pay in Skowhegan if he changed his lines.

Terriann Lamontagne explained that the Town had its own tax maps that needed to be kept current. Raymond Young stated, "There are deed changes and transfers of property that change boundary lines... That has to be maintained to a semblance of accuracy." Rodney Hatch interjected, "If they are not done correctly, then the tax bills that go out will not be accurate." **Motion carried.**

Article 26. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from surplus for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for the Planning Board or what they will do related thereto

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Robert Dunphy) to approve Article 26 as written. **Motion carried.***

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

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd– Robert Dunphy) to approve Article 27 as written. **Motion carried.***

Article 28. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 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– R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 28 as written. **Motion carried.***

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

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Robert Dunphy) to approve Article 29 as written. **Motion carried.***

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 Anson/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– R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 30 as written. **Motion carried.***

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

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd– Ann Bridges) to approve Article 31 as written. **Motion carried.***

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

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd– Mary Adley) to approve Article 32 as written. **Motion carried.***

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

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd– R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 33 as written. **Motion carried.***

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

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd– R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 34 as written. **Motion carried.***

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

*Robert Dunphy made a motion (2nd– Dwight Barron) to approve Article 35 as written. **Motion carried.***

Article 36. To see if the Inhabitants will permit the Municipal Officers and/or 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 balance of \$43,552.

*Robert Dunphy made a motion (2nd– R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 36 as written. **Motion carried.***

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 (Selectmen recommend \$125,000 from taxation and \$75,000 from excise.)

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd– Robert Dunphy) to approve Article 37 as written. **Motion carried.***

Article 38. To see if the Inhabitants will select a contractor by secret ballot from the list below based on the sealed bids opened at the regular Select Board meeting January 19, 2015 and allow the Board of Selectmen to enter into a three year snow removal contract with the selected contractor or what they will do related thereto. The following contractors/bids were submitted:

Josh Nunes/American Construction Services:	2015-16 snow season \$228,500
	2016-17 snow season \$228,500
	2017-18 snow season \$228,500
Adams General Construction Inc.:	2015-16 snow season \$235,000
	2016-17 snow season \$235,000
	2017-18 snow season \$235,000
J & R Davenport Trucking:	2015-16 snow season \$245,000
	2016-17 snow season \$245,000
	2017-18 snow season \$245,000
Nitram Excavation & General Contractor:	2015-16 snow season \$258,614
	2016-17 snow season \$259,814
	2017-18 snow season \$261,014

Each contractor or representative was given a chance to speak of their particular qualifications and experience, and residents asked questions of the contractors. Written ballots were voted and counted. The results were as follows:

Josh Nunes/American Construction Services:	1 Vote
Adams General Construction Inc.:	3 Votes
J & R Davenport Trucking:	6 Votes
Nitram Excavation & General Contractor:	36 Votes

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd– R. Michael Malesky) to allow the Selectmen to enter into a contract with Nitram Excavation. **Motion carried.***

Article 39. If Article 38 passes, to see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$254,000 for the winter roads contract or what they will do related thereto (Selectmen recommend \$180,000 from taxation and \$74,000 from surplus.)

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd– Robert Dunphy) to approve Article 39 as written. **Motion carried.***

Article 40. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,000 from taxation for sanitation/solid waste disposal to Waste Management, Inc. or what they will do related thereto

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd– Ann Bridges) to approve Article 40 as written. **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 (If required, any additional funding to be from Surplus)

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–R.Michael Malesky) to approve Article 41 as written. **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	\$ 1,000.00
B. Somerset County Hospice	\$ 1,000.00
C. Senior Spectrum Family Violence	\$ 500.00
D. Madison Food Cupboard	\$ 2,500.00
E. Baker Mountain	\$ 500.00
F. Cub Scouts	\$ 300.00
G. Sunset Cemetery	\$ 1,000.00
H. Madison Public Library	\$ 500.00
I. Maine Public Broadcasting	\$ 100.00
J. Community Health & Counseling Services	\$ 50.00
K. Life Flight of Maine	\$ 1,000.00
L. Girl Scouts	\$ 300.00
M. Moose Alley Riders ATV Club	\$ 250.00

Total: \$9,000.00

*R. Michael Malesky made a motion (2nd– Myles Durkin) to approve Article 42 as listed. **Motion carried.***

Article 43. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 from surplus and appropriate the revenues collected in program fees if any for compensation, applicable taxes, program funding, and other related expenses for the Embden Recreation Department or what they will do related thereto

*Robert Dunphy made a motion (2nd– Mary Adley) to approve Article 43 as written. **Motion carried.***

Article 44. 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.

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 44 as written. **Motion carried.***

Article 45. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 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

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd– R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 45 as written. **Motion carried.***

Article 46. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 from surplus for the Capital Improvement Fund, specifically for the purpose of future Slipp Road/Mill Stream scour repair as identified by the Maine Department of Transportation or what they will do related thereto.

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd– Robert Dunphy) to approve Article 46 as written. Mary Cross asked why this was not included under road repair. Charles Taylor explained that this project was above and beyond what the Road Commissioner budgeted for. He said that the cost was estimated to be around \$150,000, and the intention of the Board was to set aside \$50,000 each year into a designated capital account for the project. **Motion carried.***

Article 47. 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.

*A written vote was taken and counted. **Motion carried 37-5.***

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd – Ann Bridges) to adjourn. **Meeting was adjourned at approximately 15:00.***

Minutes submitted by:

Bonnie A. Baker

Town of Embden



RESULTS OF 2015 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

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

Article 1: John Duff was elected to serve as moderator. He was sworn in by the Town Clerk, and the election turned over to him.

Article 2: Do you favor filing a petition for withdrawal with the Board of Directors of Regional School Unit #74 and with the Commissioner of Education, authorizing the withdrawal committee to appropriate and expend \$50,000 from surplus and/or authorizing the municipal officers to issue notes in the name of the Town of Embden or otherwise pledge the credit of the Town of Embden in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for this purpose?

120 YES

20 NO

0 BLANKS

Results submitted by:

Bonnie A. Baker

Embden Travelers Snowmobile Club

The Embden Travelers Snowmobile Club 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 39 miles of trails. In support of this effort, the Club would like to thank the residents of Embden for approving monetary support of this organization. The ETSC is also supported annually by a State grant that will equal \$4,350, and \$15 from each family membership, as well as donations and fund raisers. These funds are critical, as club membership has declined greatly in the last few years while trail maintenance costs have not.

Last year, the ETSC had 33 family, 2 business and 1 associate membership. At the time of this writing (January 19) trail conditions are not great. Light snowfall in December and January as well as heavy rains between snowfalls has given very little snowpack. The groomers have been busy opening the trails by clearing downed trees and brush. Easy riding can give access to all neighboring areas. The State of Maine has left all the shallow water buoys in place in Embden Pond this year. Please be alert to these hazards if you sled on the pond.

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 the ETSC extends its appreciation to the landowners of Embden, Concord Township and North Anson who grant us permission for the use of their land for the purpose of snowmobiling. Without their support, the activity could not be enjoyed locally. As appreciation, the ETSC will host the Landowners Supper March 26, 2016 at the Embden Community Center. Doors open at 5:30 P.M. with supper being served at 6:00 P.M.

John P. Duff
President ETSC



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.”

It's that time of year again when we at the Embden Community Center get to thank all of you who have participated in the programs, events, and services that we have offered. Without you we would not have been able to give the town \$12,000 to help in the continued running and upkeep of the building, in addition to donating \$2,200 to reimburse the Town for the cost of plumbing upgrades made to the building.

None of these programs and services would be possible without the volunteers that staff and plan all of the activities and events that are offered. The volunteers range in age from 9 to the 70's.

Some, but not all, of our ongoing events and programs include:

- TOPS – a weight loss program
- Weight Watchers
- Bone Building
- Country Sunday – weather permitting from 1:00-4:00pm
- The Helping Hands Thrift Store – all clothes are washed and steamed before being put out for sale
- The Monthly (except December) Dinners
- The musical programs offered monthly, weather permitting
- The Breakfast Buffets that are a new addition to the Center
- The Library that offers books for young and old readers
- Our Holiday Craft Fair
- The Sewing Group that meets each Wednesday

ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HAVE MADE THIS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR!

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED –
THE EMBDEN COMMUNITY CLUB

Embden Community Club 2016 Year End Report

	<u>Money In</u>	<u>Money Out</u>	<u>Net</u>
room rentals	\$ 656.35	\$ -	\$ 656.35
programs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
dinners	\$ 8,109.45	\$ -	\$ 8,109.45
concerts & events	\$ 6,134.00	\$ 2,328.00	\$ 3,806.00
flea/craft market	\$ 285.00	\$ -	\$ 285.00
50/50	\$ 836.00	\$ -	\$ 836.00
kitchen food sales	\$ 4,858.15	\$ -	\$ 4,858.15
Donations	\$ 1,296.80	\$ -	\$ 1,296.80
Thrift Store	\$ 6,534.55	\$ 84.32	\$ 6,450.23
Open Mic	<u>\$ 9,651.88</u>	<u>\$ 915.63</u>	<u>\$ 8,736.25</u>
Total	\$38,849.03	\$ 3,327.95	\$ 35,521.08
Food Expenses	\$ -	\$ 6,638.80	\$ (6,638.80)
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ -	\$ 5,842.53	\$ (5,842.53)
Advertizing & Licenses	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 670.14</u>	<u>\$ (670.14)</u>
Total	\$38,849.03	\$16,479.42	\$ 22,369.61
Money Given to Town Treasurer	\$ -	\$14,200.00	\$(14,200.00)
ECC Donated money	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 600.00</u>	<u>\$ (600.00)</u>
Totals	\$38,849.03	\$31,279.42	\$ 7,569.61
DINNERS & KITCHEN sales	<u>Money In</u>	<u>Money Out</u>	<u>Net</u>
	\$ 12,967.60	\$ (7,554.43)	\$ 5,413.17

Submitted By: Ruth Blake, Embden Community Club Treasurer

Embden Historical Society, Inc.

www.rootsweb.com/~meehs

The Historical Society had an excellent year, with speakers for monthly educational programs that were well attended. Over the course of 8 meetings in 2015, we had a total of 140 members and 40 guests present--not too bad for a small town. The 2 best attended meetings were the Lombard Log Hauler and Wildflowers slide shows.

We are thinking that our lineup for 2016 will be just as successful. Members and guests are always welcome to attend any of our meetings on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 at the Embden Town House. (Meetings in March and April are at the Embden Community Center at 7:00.) Our annual dues are \$3.00 per person. Dues can be mailed to Brainard Tripp, Treasurer, 445 East Shore Road, Embden, ME 04958. Any donations that are made to the Society, unless otherwise noted, are deposited into the Scholarship Account.

Ernest George Walker's book, *Embden Town of Yore* is available for sale for \$40.00, South of Lost Nation with Index is available for sale for \$18.00, Bicentennial Historic Afghans for sale for \$25.00, and there are some maps available for sale either from a member or at the Town Office.



2016 Programs:

March 14	WWII Memories - WASP (Women Airforce Service Pilots)
April 11	Indian Artifacts by Kenny Wing
May 9	2 Maine Calamities: Fire of 1847 & Flood of 1936 by Art Ray
June 13	Shaker boxes/furniture by Robert LeHay
July 11	Antiques by David Beane
July 18	Annual Cookout/Pot Luck Meal at Campbells
August 8	Wilderness North Maine Woods' stories by Tim Caverly
September 12	Annual Meeting/Election of Officers/Committee Reports
October 10	Old Tools & Old Barns by Jeff McAllister
November 14	Harvest Fest (Pot Luck) and Yankee Swap

The Society is thankful to have Johnny Bigelow available to take care of 10 of the 19 cemeteries in town, which is about one-half in town. The remaining cemeteries are cared for by various members of the community. Work includes cutting downed limbs/branches, raking, weed whacking, and mowing. This year new flags were purchased which are placed annually before Memorial Day on the Veterans graves throughout town. Hats off to all that help. Thanks.

We are hoping to team up with the Embden Boy Scouts next summer, through the efforts of Shawn Cyrway, to replace 19 of the rotted cemetery fence posts and re-attach the barbed wire at the large Pleasantdale Cemetery (off the Bert Berry Road). This project will be a huge help to the society and the town, as well as a learning experience for the Scouts.

In early July of this year, Mitchell Quint made arrangements to have a new sign made and erected on the top of Cragin Hill on the site of the West Ward School and/or Cragin School. This sign was originally set in place by Kenton Quint many years ago and had deteriorated over time. This is a sizable donation for the betterment of the Town of Embden. Thank you to the Quints.

This year our annual \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to Wendy Sincyr of Embden, who is a non-traditional student attending the nursing program at Kennebec Valley Community College. All of the other scholarship recipients have been recent high school graduates. The Society has been giving out \$1,000 scholarships since 2011, and lesser amounts from 1992 until 2010. The scholarship was established for an Embden resident who is seeking an educational program beyond grade twelve, particularly in the "helping professions", i.e. medicine, health care, education, social work, law enforcement, counseling, etc. Applications are available at the Town Office and Carrabec High School.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Dolan, President 635-2539

Madison Public Library

To the residents of Embden:

Embden's yearly support affords all residents the opportunity to use the Madison Public Library, and all of its services and programs, at no additional individual cost.

The library is a busy place with patrons and visitors checking out books and videos, using the public computers, or accessing the internet with their wireless devices. Total checkouts for the 2015 calendar year are as follows:

Print books	13,490
Digital audiobooks	781
Ebooks	918
Total	15,189

Internet use continues to increase as more and more information, job applications, entertainment and everyday paperwork becomes available—sometimes *only* available—online. Public computer sign-ins topped last year's numbers, and wireless use is always busy before, during, and after business hours. A new copier and new(er) computer for the card catalog were purchased to help with the reading and printing needs of the community.

Fortunately, we had only one major repair this year. Last winter, the water line froze and had to be dug up outside to be thawed; the interior pipes have since been redone to allow thawing the line from inside the building. We are making good progress in our effort to address regular maintenance issues instead of emergency repairs.

The ramp and front entrance railing were both repaired by members of the Madison Highway Department. They are now both safe and in good working order, and we wish to thank the Highway department once again. Other repairs include a new fiberglass door for the ramp entrance (as the metal door had rusted through) and improved lighting in the stairwell and downstairs hallway.

Donations received in memory of a dedicated patron allowed us to purchase four new chairs for the foyer, host an extra presenter for our summer reading program, give out gift bags to 70 children at the 4th Annual Christmas Celebration Santa visit, and even establish a cake pan collection!

Business hours are as follows:

Mon Tue Wed	10AM – 7:30PM
Thu Fri	10AM – 5:30PM
Sat	10AM – 3:00PM

We have a very generous community. As always, my thanks to the patrons and taxpayers of Madison, Anson, North Anson, Starks, Athens and Embden and to our trustees. Your generous financial support and timely advice is much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Forbus
Head Librarian

Stewart Public Library

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, CDs and DVDs are available for two week lending periods. Internet was converted in August to TimeWarner under the MSLN contract. Patron computers are available with 100 mb connectivity plus Wi-Fi connectivity for wireless users. The catalog is available online only 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. or by appointment. Patrons 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.

Seventy-two students from Carrabec Community School visited the library prior to summer vacation. With an inventory of over 9,000 items, we also hold local history and genealogical research material.



Volunteers worked over 510 hours in 2015. Desk volunteers: Glenna Blazic, Betsy Burpee, Rainbow Cornelia, Alyson Duff, Emily Quint, Beverly Tripp, Amanda Walz and Donna Williams. A sincere thank you for your service! Volunteers Betsy Burpee, Rainbow Cornelia, Alyson & John Duff, Pam & Eric Ewing, Patrick & David Hooper, Rick Keen, Angela & Sarah Larlee, Wyatt Nelson, Kelsey Pease, Mitchell Quint, Bev Tripp, Mike Whitmore and Larry Witham served on special projects. We lost Donna Williams, a Board member since 1988, in December. 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, audios, videos and free internet access.

Sincerely,
Stewart Public Library
Emily Quint, Volunteer Librarian
Email: splib@tdstelme.net
Website: www.stewartpub.lib.me.us

REAL ESTATE COLLECTION REPORT

2016 PREPAYMENTS RECEIVED IN 2015	1,571
2015 TAX COMMITMENT	2,676,619
2015 SUPPLEMENTAL BILLS	653
2015 ABATEMENTS ISSUED DURING 2015	2,217
2015 REAL ESTATE TAXES COLLECTED	2,516,925
2015 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2015	152,246
2014 REAL ESTATE TAXES OUTSTANDING AS OF 1/01/2015	146,091
2014 SUPPLEMENTAL BILLS ISSUED DURING 2015	0
2014 ABATEMENTS ISSUED DURING 2015	211
2014 REAL ESTATE TAXES COLLECTED	114,088
2014 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2015	31,689
2013 REAL ESTATE TAXES OUTSTANDING AS OF 1/01/2015	30,466
2013 SUPPLEMENTAL BILLS ISSUED DURING 2015	0
2013 ABATEMENTS ISSUED DURING 2015	0
2013 REAL ESTATE TAXES COLLECTED	30,466
2013 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2015	0
2008 BALANCE AS OF 01/01/2015	125
2008 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2015	0
*Tax Acquired Sale of Property 07/15/2015	
2007 BALANCE AS OF 01/01/2015	84
2007 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2015	0
*Tax Acquired Sale of Property 07/15/2015	
2006 BALANCE AS OF 01/01/2015	74
2006 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2015	0
*Tax Acquired Sale of Property 07/15/2015	
REAL ESTATE TAX INTEREST COLLECTED	10,870
REAL ESTATE TAX LIEN COSTS COLLECTD	5,032

2015 Delinquent Property Taxes

* Paid in full after 12/31/2014 and before 2/1/2015

880 East Shore Realty Trust.....	4,812.05	Caldwell, Barbara D.....	2,628.29
Abdelrihim, Mohamed & Rhonda	606.53	Carey 2007 Family Trust.....	246.24
Arntson, Judith Morel.....	1,525.39	Carey, James	181.44
Arsenault, Arthur (Heirs of).....	922.75	Carrara, John & Judith.....	187.92
Attwood, Laurie L.....	376.29	Carrara, John & Judith.....	186.62
Baker, Cindy.....	1,012.18	Carrol, Eric & Theresa.....	194.98
Batchelder, Eric.....	579.31	*Cassese-Haynes, Donna &	
Baum, David.....	1.40	Haynes, Robert	1,750.25
Beckler, Marjorie.....	270.90	Chase, Michael & Jeanine &	
Beedy, Chad E. & Abbott, Lynette	1,004.58	Gettig, Christine.....	1,301.18
Belanger, Corey.....	835.92	Christensen, Jon C. & Dena J.....	2,528.04
*Bernadette Jutras Irr. Family Trust	1,428.76	Copeland, Diane & Chris.....	2.83
Berry, Donald & Cynthia.....	1,829.95	Cummings, Sherrie.....	611.71
Billing, Samuel	1,219.54	Cummings, Sherrie.....	720.58
Billing, Samuel.....	356.40	Cusick, Robert & Linda.....	145.80
Bishop, Terry L.....	1,179.36	Cyr, Brent D. & Carman P.	2,234.30
Boucher, Paul.....	408.24	Darius, Patrick A.	381.02
Breault, Nathan & Tammy.....	354.45	Dawes, Aaron A.....	760.24
Breton, Mitchell R. & Mary B.....	333.07	Dean Jr., Claude & Karen.....	807.41
Brimigion Trust, Jeanne.....	2.52	Despres, Brian & Noella.....	1,219.25
Brown, Robert A. & Debra A.....	397.87	Diamond, Robert Erwyn.....	869.62
Burns, Danny.....	2,095.63	Dickey, Jean.....	440.57
Burns, Danny & Nichole.....	381.02	Dill, Judith & Colby.....	887.42
Burrill, Christopher & Linsey.....	540.43	Downs, Eugene & Joann	506.74
Burrill, Darron.....	875.31	Dickey, Jean.....	440.57
Burrill, Darron.....	249.34	Dyer, Kevin.....	241.05

Eastman, Michael & Wendy.....	5.91	Judson, Darryl L.....	498.41
Ebnetter, Kurt.....	3,039.36	Jusseume, David P.....	1,537.06
Evans, David & Noreen.....	793.15	Jutras, David J. & Luz M.....	837.86
Flaherty, James & Julie.....	279.94	Keene, Vernon.....	4.28
Fletcher, David & Mary.....	2,489.62	Kelly, Michael.....	1,256.55
French, Michael.....	289.01	Kenney, David D & Kathy A.....	2,280.96
Frink, Robert & Parascandolo, J.M.....	293.77	Kiernan, Carol.....	1,505.30
Frith, Palmer E.....	2,567.38	Kurovics, George J.....	684.29
Gagnon, Nancy & Merrill, Thomas.....	815.98	Lacasse, Richard & Rachel.....	567.65
*Gaias, Edward & Barbara.....	1,046.52	Lancaster, Thelma & William.....	147.74
*Gaias, Edward & Barbara.....	167.18	Lane, Carrol.....	666.14
Gallagher, Thomas & Mary.....	7.84	Laney, Mickella.....	755.62
Gaslin, Rocky & Barbara.....	2,840.19	Lavasseur, Annmarie & Taylor, Ashley.....	274.75
Giordano, Eugene.....	456.84	Laverdiere, Janice & Melissa.....	569.88
Goodale, Kristina.....	375.84	Lesperance, Sylvia.....	1,910.30
Goodrich, Tammy.....	636.34	Libby, Laura.....	2,007.50
Gray, Linda.....	927.94	Longley, Daniel & Janet.....	575.70
Greenlaw, Mark A. & Wendy J.....	657.72	Longley, Travis & Wendy.....	1,109.38
Haberland, Greg.....	165.89	Lutz, Gary & Sean.....	252.07
Hammond, Phillip.....	188.57	Maine-ly Trees Inc.....	1,115.86
Hibbard, Joseph.....	1,811.81	Maine-ly Trees Inc.....	15.55
Howe, James.....	18.95	Maine-ly Trees Inc.....	3.89
Hurd, Duane.....	1,079.57	Maine-ly Trees Inc.....	5.18
Jaros, Richard E. & Brenda J.....	2,321.14	Maine-ly Trees Inc.....	9.07
Jillson, Joshua.....	655.54	Maine-ly Trees Inc.....	5.18
Johnson, Bart & Lisa.....	3.16	Maine-ly Trees Inc.....	14.26
*Johnson, Marie & John Jr.....	656.15	Maine-ly Trees Inc.....	10.37
Johnson, Ronald Sr. & Ronald Jr.....	590.98	Maine-ly Trees Inc.....	3.89
Johnston, Brian A.....	216.23	Maine-ly Trees Inc.....	3.89
Judson, Darryl L.....	1,248.05	Maine-ly Trees Inc.....	6.48

Maine-ly Trees Inc.....	7.78	Pelletier, Carlene T.....	103.41
Malesky, Michael	1,259.71	Pinkham, James & Wayne	647.29
Malesky, R. Michael.....	316.22	Pomerlow, Donald & Linda	343.44
Malesky, R. Michael.....	271.37	Quimby, William.....	294.16
Manzer, Carl & Brown, Jennifer.....	80.35	Quirion Family Real Estate Trust.....	509.33
Martin, James R. & Brenda L.....	890.35	Raymond, Loretta & Donald	635.63
Mayo, Cynthia M.....	487.30	Reigle, Alan F. & Shirley B.....	112.75
McCarthy, Alan.....	806.76	Reigle, Alan F. & Shirley B.....	132.19
McCarthy, Carolyn M.....	1,754.78	Roberts, Gareth & Hilary.....	1,004.81
Mello, Jennifer M.	93.54	Robinson, C. Foster & Kimberly.....	2.22
Mercier, Daniel.....	698.54	Rolfe, Danny & McAlister, Pamela.....	343.44
Michaud, Wayne.....	1,600.46	Roop, Stephen & Elaine.....	1,762.20
Miller, Duwayne & Pamela.....	142.56	*Schoonmaker, John, Linda & Kathleen.....	677.16
Mooers, Edward & Donna.....	546.26	Sevinor, Gary & Lydia (Trustees).....	1,192.32
Moran, Stephan.....	1,649.81	Smith, Winn S.....	1,880.50
Moran, Stephen.....	2,160.43	Sparrow, Anthony & Sherry.....	2,083.97
Morrill, Eric S. & Amanda L.....	1,117.15	St. Michel, Normande.....	837.22
*Morton, Gerald.....	204.68	Swartout, Jeffrey S. & Terry K.....	977.18
*Morton, Jean.....	1,224.72	Taylor, Darlene A.....	2,546.64
*Mullin, John et al.....	47.95	Tetrault, Brenda J.....	348.69
Mullin, John.....	565.06	Thomas Trust, Lisa.....	7.56
*Mullin, John et al.....	120.09	Thomas Trustee, Lisa.....	13.92
*Mullin, John, Kevin & Stacey.....	230.05	Thomas Trustee, Lisa.....	3.39
Mullin, Steven R. & Jane.....	1,084.75	Tillson, Leroy & Deanna.....	313.63
Nelson, Brian.....	477.22	Tingley, Ray.....	684.29
Nile, Laurie.....	768.53	Tingley, Ray.....	343.44
Oliver, Randolph.....	1,583.06	Truscott, Daniel & Katie.....	790.56
*Paine Trustees, David & Patricia.....	1,656.93	Truscott, Katie & Daniel.....	308.45
Palmer, Stuart M.....	325.30	Vital III, Joseph & Margaret.....	2,569.73
Paquette, Hollie R.....	1,433.38		

Vogt, Marc, Diane & Christy.....	24.99	Witham, Ellery G.....	2,467.58
Wahler, Heather.....	990.14	Wood, Kenneth & Gaudette, Theresa.....	596.16
Walls, Joann & Marc.....	88.13	Woolf, Heston.....	375.84
Ward Family Trust, Catherine.....	1,507.25	Wuori, Guy & Dorothy.....	1,308.40
Warren, Douglas.....	847.58	Wyman, Travis P. & Donna M.	487.30
Way, Jamie & Brad.....	324.00	Yattaw, Frank & Nicolette.....	189.22
Williams, David	214.59		

Total Outstanding 2015 Taxes: \$142,451.11

2014 Delinquent Property Taxes

* Paid in full after 12/31/2014 and before 2/1/2015

Abdelrihim, Mohamed & Rhonda	432.47	Libby, Laura L.	2,119.32
Arsenault, Arthur A. (Hiers of)	264.83	Longley, Travis & Wendy	1,190.84
Batchelder, Eric & Stephanie	647.14	Mayo, Cynthia	190.05
Bishop, Terry L.	873.60	Mullin, John L.	632.71
Breton, Mitchell & Mary	394.82	Nile, Laurie	837.57
Brown, Robert A. & Debra A.	460.66	Palmer, Stuart M.	387.13
Burrill, Christopher & Lindsey	609.06	Paquette, Hollie R.	1,521.79
Caldwell, Barbara D.	2,413.62	Smith, Winn S.	1,964.35
Carey Family Trust, Dana	307.01	Sparrow, Anthony & Sherry	2,179.74
Carey, James	241.35	Swartout, Jeffrey & Terry	330.88
Chase, Michael & Jeanine & Gettig, Christine	86.96	Taylor, Darlene A.	2,735.24
*Cyr, Brent & Carmen	1,075.84	Tingley, Ray A.	487.29
Diamond, Robert Erwyn	888.70	Tingley, Ray A.	405.51
Downs, Eugene & Joann	570.98	Witham, Ellery	2,838.99
Jaros, Richard E. & Brenda L.	2,435.82	Wood, Kenneth & Gaudette, Theresa	669.47
Judson, Darryl L.	1,290.10	Wyman, Travis P. & Donna M.	553.91
Kenney, David D. & Kathy A.	2,376.73	Yattaw, Frank & Nicolette	249.23

Total outstanding 2014 Taxes: \$34,663.71



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February 5, 2016

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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, 2015. The following schedules have been excerpted from the 2015 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
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Schedule of Departmental Operations – General Fund	Schedule A
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Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule C

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TOWN OF EMBDEN, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2015

	General Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 905,291	\$ -	\$ 905,291
Investments	-	5,706	5,706
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	152,569	-	152,569
Liens	31,689	-	31,689
Tax acquired property	5,995	-	5,995
Due from other funds	-	199,475	199,475
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,095,544	\$ 205,181	\$ 1,300,725
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 1,577	\$ -	\$ 1,577
Due to other governments	2,184	-	2,184
Due to other funds	199,475	-	199,475
TOTAL LIABILITIES	203,236	-	203,236
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	1,571	-	1,571
Advance payment of LRAP funding	21,050	-	21,050
Deferred revenue	145,600	-	145,600
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	168,221	-	168,221
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	5,995	-	5,995
Restricted	-	150,478	150,478
Committed	411,006	54,703	465,709
Assigned	-	-	-
Unassigned	307,086	-	307,086
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	724,087	205,181	929,268
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 1,095,544	\$ 205,181	\$ 1,300,725

See accompanying independent auditor's 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, 2015

	General Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 2,702,072	\$ -	\$ 2,702,072
Excise taxes	162,623	-	162,623
Intergovernmental	118,961	-	118,961
Charges for services	9,207	-	9,207
Embden Community Center	12,000	-	12,000
Interest income	11,411	33	11,444
Other	13,572	-	13,572
TOTAL REVENUES	3,029,846	33	3,029,879
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	187,143	-	187,143
Protection	70,339	-	70,339
Public works	618,582	-	618,582
Health and sanitation	34,073	-	34,073
Culture services	8,791	-	8,791
Social services	7,981	-	7,981
Education	1,637,642	-	1,637,642
County tax	476,864	-	476,864
Unclassified	52,449	-	52,449
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,093,864	-	3,093,864
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(64,018)	33	(63,985)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	-	-
Transfers (out)	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(64,018)	33	(63,985)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	788,105	205,148	993,253
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 724,087	\$ 205,181	\$ 929,268

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TOWN OF EMBDEN, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	\$ 788,105	\$ 788,105	\$ 788,105	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	2,676,618	2,676,618	2,702,072	25,454
Excise taxes	108,000	108,000	162,623	54,623
Intergovernmental:				
State revenue sharing	32,791	32,791	35,237	2,446
Homestead reimbursement	20,218	20,218	20,074	(144)
Local road assistance	43,552	43,552	41,884	(1,668)
Tree growth/MRC Quarterly Dist.	18,587	18,587	20,241	1,654
General assistance	-	-	592	592
Other	-	-	933	933
Charges for services	-	-	9,207	9,207
Embden Community Center	12,000	12,000	12,000	-
Interest income	-	-	11,411	11,411
Other revenues	-	-	13,572	13,572
Transfers from other funds	-	-	-	-
Amounts Available for Appropriation	3,699,871	3,699,871	3,817,951	118,080
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	293,321	293,321	187,143	106,178
Protection	81,083	81,083	70,339	10,744
Public works	646,227	646,227	618,582	27,645
Health and sanitation	38,000	38,000	34,073	3,927
Culture services	14,239	14,239	8,791	5,448
Social services	9,500	9,500	7,981	1,519
Education	1,637,649	1,637,649	1,637,642	7
County tax	476,864	476,864	476,864	-
Unclassified	82,979	132,979	52,449	80,530
Capital outlay	104,660	104,660	-	104,660
Transfers to other funds	-	-	-	-
Total Charges to Appropriation	3,384,522	3,434,522	3,093,864	340,658
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	\$ 315,349	\$ 265,349	\$ 724,087	\$ 458,738
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	\$ 203,335	\$ 253,335	\$ -	\$ (253,335)
Utilization of committed fund balance	63,966	63,966	-	(63,966)
Utilization of assigned fund balance	205,455	205,455	-	(205,455)
	\$ 472,756	\$ 522,756	\$ -	\$ (522,756)

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SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF EMBDEN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Positive (Negative)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Administration	\$ 79,725	\$ -	\$ 79,725	\$ 73,119	\$ 6,606
Audits & printing	8,000	-	8,000	7,143	857
Assessors	42,505	-	42,505	25,471	17,034
Planning board	20,864	-	20,864	4,917	15,947
Code enforcement	12,653	-	12,653	11,365	1,288
Appeals board	3,200	-	3,200	269	2,931
Dues & legal	14,500	-	14,500	8,371	6,129
Tax mapping	18,054	-	18,054	5,288	12,766
Utilities	46,700	-	46,700	33,192	13,508
Supplies and equipment	10,000	-	10,000	7,210	2,790
Town office maintenance	37,120	-	37,120	10,798	26,322
Total	293,321	-	293,321	187,143	106,178
PROTECTION					
Anson FD fire protection	42,000	-	42,000	39,876	2,124
Hydrant rental	10,000	-	10,000	9,208	792
AMS ambulance service	15,000	-	15,000	14,085	915
Street Lights	1,500	-	1,500	869	631
Animal control officer	7,210	-	7,210	3,463	3,747
EMA director	1,200	-	1,200	1,077	123
E911 safety	4,173	-	4,173	1,761	2,412
Total	81,083	-	81,083	70,339	10,744
PUBLIC WORKS					
Highway & bridges	392,227	-	392,227	383,044	9,183
Winter roads	254,000	-	254,000	235,538	18,462
Total	646,227	-	646,227	618,582	27,645
HEALTH AND SANITATION					
Waste disposal/recycling	38,000	-	38,000	34,073	3,927
Total	38,000	-	38,000	34,073	3,927

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF EMBDEN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Positive (Negative)
CULTURE SERVICES					
Stewart Public Library	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
Madison Public Library	500	-	500	500	-
Recreation	12,120	-	12,120	7,254	4,866
Embden community center	619	-	619	37	582
Total	14,239	-	14,239	8,791	5,448
SOCIAL SERVICES					
General assistance	2,000	-	2,000	781	1,219
Local charities	7,500	-	7,500	7,200	300
Total	9,500	-	9,500	7,981	1,519
EDUCATION	1,637,649	-	1,637,649	1,637,642	7
COUNTY TAX	476,864	-	476,864	476,864	-
UNCLASSIFIED					
Software & technology	30,478	-	30,478	25,633	4,845
Cemeteries	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	-
Snowmobile club	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
Insurances	12,000	-	12,000	11,393	607
Contingency	2,000	-	2,000	1,880	120
RSU withdrawal expenses	-	50,000	50,000	7,790	42,210
Overlay/abatements	36,001	-	36,001	3,253	32,748
Total	82,979	50,000	132,979	52,449	80,530
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
Capital improvement fund	54,660	-	54,660	-	54,660
Town road projects	50,000	-	50,000	-	50,000
Total	104,660	-	104,660	-	104,660
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,384,522	\$ 50,000	\$ 3,434,522	\$ 3,093,864	\$ 340,658

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TOWN OF EMBDEN, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
ASSETS			
Investments	\$ -	\$ 5,706	\$ 5,706
Due from other funds	199,475	-	199,475
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 199,475</u>	<u>\$ 5,706</u>	<u>\$ 205,181</u>
LIABILITIES			
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	-	-	-
Restricted	144,772	5,706	150,478
Committed	54,703	-	54,703
Assigned	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>199,475</u>	<u>5,706</u>	<u>205,181</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 199,475</u>	<u>\$ 5,706</u>	<u>\$ 205,181</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, 2015

	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Interest income	\$ -	\$ 33	\$ 33
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>-</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>33</u>
EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>33</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	-	-
Transfers (out)	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	-	33	33
FUND BALANCE - JANUARY 1	<u>199,475</u>	<u>5,673</u>	<u>205,148</u>
FUND BALANCE - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 199,475</u>	<u>\$ 5,706</u>	<u>\$ 205,181</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

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 Elizabeth Pratt Scott LeHay	566-5551 x 3 491-2641 635-2462 635-3459	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 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	embden-assessor@roadrunner.com
SAD # 74 Directors Dwight Barron Jr. Patrick Daubenberger Kevin Sousa	635-2962	
Road Commissioner Michael Witham	635-2721	
Winter Roads Contractor Nitram Excavation	692-6827	
Recreation Director Tammy Murray	431-0801	embden-rec@roadrunner.com

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Position	Telephone	E-Mail
Emergency Management Director Robert Dunphy	474-4515	embden-ceo@roadrunner.com
Fire Warden Robert Dunphy	474-4515	embden-ceo@roadrunner.com
Deputy Fire Warden Bonnie Baker	566-5551 x4	embden-clerk@roadrunner.com
Animal Control Officer Pamela Graf	474-6465	
Deputy Animal Control Officer Michael Davendonis	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 Ann Bridges, Secretary Eleanor Ketchum Myles Durkin Dwight Barron Jr. Vacant, Alternate Vacant, Alternate	566-7341 566-5793 566-7141 635-2962	
Appeals Board John Duff, Chairperson Mary Keenan Vacant	566-5722	

2015 Wages for Elected, Appointed, & Hired Town Personnel

**Note: No Changes Requested for 2016 **

Elected Positions	Term	Ends	Salary 2015	Notes
Selectman – Charles Taylor	3 yr	2016	\$4,000.00	Chair add Stipend of \$2,000
Selectman – Elizabeth Pratt	3 yr	2017	\$4,000.00	
Selectman – Scott LeHay	3 yr	2018	\$4,000.00	
Town Clerk/Treasurer - Bonnie Baker	1 yr	2016	\$22,145.00 Plus Agent Fees	2 wks vacation
Tax Collector – Ruth Blake	1 yr	2016	\$22,145.00 Plus Agent Fees	2 wks vacation
Tax Assessor – Terriann Lamontagne	3 yr	2017	\$4,000.00	Certified add Stipend of \$1000.00, Chair add Stipend of \$1,000
Tax Assessor – Raymond Young	3 yr	2018	\$4,000.00	Certified add Stipend of \$1000.00
Tax Assessor – Wayne McLaughlin	3 yr	2016	\$4,000.00	Certified add Stipend of \$1000.00
RSU #74 Director – Kevin Sousa	3 yr	2016	Pd by school district	
RSU #74 Director – Dwight Barron	3 yr	2017	Pd by school district	
RSU #74 Director – Patrick Daubenberger	3 yr	2018	Pd by school district	
Road Commissioner – Michael Witham	1 yr	2016	Foreman-Hourly/State Wages	Currently \$21.91/hr.

Appointed Positions	Term	Ends	Salary 2015	Notes
Assessing Clerk/Technician - Bonnie Baker			Hourly	Hired by Assessors
General Assistance Officer – Charles Taylor	1 yr	2016	\$750.00	
Registrar – Bonnie Baker	2 yr	2017	\$250 + Hourly for Elections	
Deputy Town Clerk/Treasurer – Amanda Morrill	1 yr	2016	Hourly if Needed	Appointed by Town Clerk
Deputy Tax Collector – Vacant	1 yr	2016	N/A	Appointed by Tax Collector
Child Program Officer – Tammy Murray	1 yr	2016	\$2,500.00	
Animal Control Officer – Pam Graf	1 yr	2016	\$250 + \$25/call* + mileage	*Hourly after 1st hour of call
Deputy Animal Control Officer - Michael Davendonis	1 yr	2016	\$25/call* + mileage	*Hourly after 1st hour of call
Code Enforcement Officer – Robert Dunphy	1 yr	2016	\$10,000	
Deputy Code Enforcement Officer – Terriann Lamontagne	1 yr	2016	\$500	
Licensed Plumbing Inspector – Leo Mayo	1 yr	2016	75% of fees	
Deputy LPI – Robert Dunphy	1 yr	2016	75% of fees	
E911 Coordinator Officer – Eleanor Ketchum	1 yr	2016	\$1,200.00	Assistant-Hourly State Wages
Health Officer – Robert Dunphy	3 yr	2017	\$250 + \$25/trip + mileage	
Town Fire Warden - Robert Dunphy		Indefinite	N/A	
Deputy Town Fire Warden - Bonnie Baker			N/A	Appointed by the Town Fire Warden
Emergency Management Director - Robert Dunphy	1 yr	2016	\$1,000.00	
Emergency Management Co-Director - Vacant	1 yr	2016	\$0.00	
Planning Board – Leo Mayo	5 yr	2020	\$30/mtg	Chair add Stipend of \$750
Planning Board – Ann Bridges	5 yr	2018	\$30/mtg	Secretary add Stipend of \$1,000
Planning Board – Eleanor Ketchum	5 yr	2016	\$30/mtg	
Planning Board – Dwight Barron	5 yr	2017	\$30/mtg	
Planning Board – Myles Durkin	5 yr	2019	\$30/mtg	
Planning Board Alternate – Vacant	1 yr	2016	\$30/mtg	
Planning Board Alternate – Vacant	1 yr	2016	\$30/mtg	
Appeals Board - John Duff	1 yr	2016	\$60/mtg	Chair add Stipend of \$250
Appeals Board – Mary Keenan	1 yr	2016	\$60/mtg	
Appeals Board – Ronald Pinkham	1 yr	2016	\$60/mtg	
Ballot Clerks			Hourly for Elections	Appointed by Registrar as needed

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)
Also Available online at www10.informe.org/dog_license/
- **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
- **REAL ESTATE TAXES**
Bills are mailed once a year in June
Due dates are approximately July 15 & November 15