



# Annual Report of the Town of Embden

Incorporated 1804

For the Fiscal Year 2017

## 2018 Annual Town Meeting

Municipal Elections to be held Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

Open Town Meeting to be held Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

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](http://www.embden.maine.gov).

### Selectmen Meetings

1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm  
Thursday Evenings 5:30-6:00pm

### Assessor meetings

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

### Planning Board

2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00pm

### Code Enforcement Officer

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

### School Board

1st Wednesday of every month  
Pre-determined school location

### Norridgewock Landfill

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

### Embden Town Office

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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](http://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/](http://www.embden.maine.gov/town-news/) and click on "subscribe" to get information on upcoming events and important Town news.

ON THE COVER: Fall leaves, **Embden**

Image by Bonnie A. Baker

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Bonnie A. Baker, Town Clerk

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**THIS YEAR'S TOWN REPORT IS DEDICATED TO ROBERT DUNPHY, FOR HIS DECADES OF SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT IN THIS COMMUNITY. THANK YOU, BOBBY, FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN US THROUGH THE YEARS! YOUR HARD WORK & DEDICATION HAVE NOT GONE UNNOTICED!**



Robert Dunphy, known as Bobby to his friends and family, has been a fixture in this community for as long as many of us can remember. He is one of a dwindling number of citizens of this great town who were born here and still remain today, proudly serving their town in whatever capacity is needed.

Graduating from Anson Academy in 1967, Bobby went on to attend the University of Maine at Orono, where he studied Civil Engineering.

Around the same time, he joined the Army National Guard, and served in a unit based out of Rumford and later Skowhegan. During his service he attended and graduated from NCO school.

He married the love of his life, Dorothy, in July of 1968, and together they started a family which has since expanded to include many children and grandchildren, of whom he is most proud.

Throughout the years, Bobby has been a hard and dedicated worker. He has plowed snow, hauled wood, and worked as a mechanic. He loves gardening and beekeeping.

In 2016 he completed the Tough Mountain Challenge race at Sunday River with his grandson, a feat he is most proud of, even if he claims he will never do it again.

Bobby has been a loyal and committed member of both the Masons and the American Legion for many years, reportedly retiring from the Masons as a Master in January 2017.

A staunch Republican, Bobby was elected as a County Commissioner for Somerset's District 2 in 2005, and served in that capacity for more than ten years.

He was appointed to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission in 2011.

He has served the Town of Embden as Selectman, Fire Warden, School Board Member, Deputy Plumbing Inspector, Health Officer, Emergency Management Director, and Code Enforcement Officer. Nearly every year he and his grandsons have donated their time to install and remove the floats and docking at the public swim beach.

Through the years, Bobby has served in similar capacities in surrounding towns, including Anson, Madison, Mercer, New Portland, Norridgewock, and Smithfield.

In his decades of service, he has gained vast amounts of knowledge and experience, which he is always happy to share. If Bobby doesn't have the answer, he undoubtedly has a connection who does.

He is a generous, kind, and spirited individual with a love for life and a humor to tackle any situation. The only thing that surpasses his love of this Town is his love of family!

**Thank you, Bobby, for your service! We are proud to know you!**

# Report of the Select Board

We would once again like to thank the people of Embden for allowing us to serve in the capacity of overseers, and for entrusting us to implement the various tasks set forth at Town Meeting(s) and beyond. We remain dedicated to public service for the Town of Embden. It is truly our pleasure as your chosen “managers” to aid in the successful operation and growth of this Town. Continuing the tradition, here’s a brief progress report pertaining to some of the projects of 2017 and upcoming topics for 2018. We advise you to please refer to the information within the town report for more details from your boards, departments, and clubs.

- We have a new Slipp Road bridge. As explained at prior Town meetings, the Maine Dept. of Transportation inspected the Mill Stream Bridge on the Slipp Road. The inspection combined with some detailed engineering analysis deemed the bridge “scour critical” with voids under the abutment footing. The Road Commissioner had been instructed to close the bridge during specific storm water elevations to alleviate the danger. Further research exposed the MDOT’s costly “scour only plan” to be a less than adequate solution as the primary bridge structure above was seriously deteriorating. Dirigo Timberlands along with the Town’s retained engineering firm Wentworth Partners and the Town’s Road Commissioner built a completely **NEW** MDOT approved structure and put it back on line seamlessly. Many thanks to all involved, including the Slipp Road inhabitants for their patience throughout the project. A job well done!
- If you have visited the Town Office lately you may have seen a new face, our Code Enforcement Officer Susan. Please take the time to welcome her to our community. As reported last year, office staff cross training has finally been achieved. The citizens have voiced their satisfaction on numerous occasions which is much welcomed feedback. We have yet to “officially” start the conversation of expanded office hours with the town’s elected officials as requested by some citizens. The aforementioned cross training has seemingly made this a viable option but we need **YOUR INPUT** if there are more convenient times for you to conduct necessary town business. The Department heads have included a 3% raise in compensation this year for all town employees within their budget lines. This action is supported by this Select Board as we feel very fortunate to have such capable personnel serving our citizens.
- The time is here again to choose a winter roads contractor for the next three years. Previously, the inhabitants expressed they were **VERY** pleased with Nitram Inc.’s performance. This mind set along with other concerns prompted a resounding NO vote that impeded the creation of a Town Highway Department at last year’s Town Meeting regardless of potential cost savings. Other winter roads contractors/bidders have apparently determined that Embden’s high opinion of Nitram Inc. deemed it unnecessary to submit bids as we received only **ONE** bid (Nitram Inc.). Simply put, without competition prices increase.
- The Select Board is asking to raise an additional fifty thousand dollars to start funding a dedicated paving account within the Capital Improvement Fund. The Road Commissioner has taken pride in keeping the summer roads budget the same for many years which does usually include some prioritized paving. It is this board’s opinion that if we “kick the can down the road” too far in regards to paving our naturally deteriorating roads we could be forced to borrow money for reconstruction. By building this pavement reserve account, in which the Select Board must authorize expenditures prior to any paving project, should alleviate the need to borrow a large sum at a later date.
- The Embden Community Center was bustling again in 2017. The ECC Club has continued to make attendance strides at events, services, and entertainment within. Again this year, we would like to re-appropriate the twelve thousand dollars the ECC Club has donated to the Town’s treasury to the Capital Improvement fund in order to purchase a stand-by generator. The storm in late October that left a majority of the Town without power for an extended period of time has reinforced the need for backup power. An outage of this nature during the freezing temperatures of winter could be disastrous to our

Town buildings. We are recommending the purchase of a stand-by generator for the Community Center as well as one for the Town Office. This will allow uninterrupted use of these facilities and possible expansion of the ECC as a “warming hut”. Unfortunately, according to our County Emergency Management Director, matching grant money is very scarce for this purpose due to the increased storm activity creating high demand nationwide.

- The Town of Embden’s Planning Board has prepared the final draft on proposed updates and changes to Embden’s Shoreland Zoning Ordinance 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. This meeting “should” occur this summer. Our website as well as legal postings will advise of the pertinent dates and times. Again, we strongly encourage your attendance.
- Lastly, a public service announcement: It has been asked of us by the Embden Pond Association to assist with educating the general public about the negative effects of fireworks in and around water bodies. In the short term, the “nuisance” impacts on the environment are elevated noise levels, smoke, and accumulated debris. However, the long term impacts of water body contamination are very concerning. There are many studies available on-line indicating that the toxic chemicals used for propulsion, coloring, glittering, etc. can lead to *serious* health problems.

***PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE: Select Board meetings will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays starting March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.*** We continue to encourage attendance and participation at all Town functions, meetings, and work sessions. Please continue to utilize the Town’s website [www.embden.maine.gov](http://www.embden.maine.gov) as a tool to stay informed of upcoming events, opportunities, and other happenings in the Town. Again, thank you for taking the time to read our report and please don’t hesitate to contact us with questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles Taylor  
Scott LeHay  
Wayne McLaughlin

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Dear Friends of Embden,

Representing Maine in the United States Senate is an honor.

I continue my work on the Senate Armed Services Committee, each year authorizing the funding required to build our military capabilities and ensuring that our service members are trained and equipped to defend our nation. I was pleased to be part of a bipartisan effort to enact a new law to simplify the appeals review process to reduce the backlog our veterans are facing, as well as a new law that provides critical funding to the VA Choice Program, allowing veterans in rural Maine to access services closer to home.

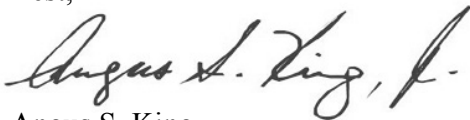
While my committee work is important, working to combat the opioid epidemic is one of my top priorities. Although Congress has made some important strides, much remains to be done to provide additional funding for prevention, treatment and enforcement. I am working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pressure the Drug Enforcement Administration to reduce the amount of opioids produced and to thwart the flow of fentanyl and other deadly drugs into our country.

I am very optimistic about the integrated, multiagency effort I led with Senator Collins to foster innovation and commercialization in Maine's forest economy. Through the Economic Development Assessment Team (EDAT) we are already experiencing increased federal investments that will strengthen our existing forest products industry and help support job creation in rural communities. Initiatives like Cross Laminated Timber, Combined Heat and Power, nanocellulose, 3D printing with biobased materials and other biobased products will mean that Maine's wood-basket will continue to be a major jobs and economic contributor for our future.

Finally, the coming year will continue the work of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in the ongoing investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election. Our Committee has held seven public hearings and numerous classified sessions, reviewed tens of thousands of pages of documents and conducted hundreds of interviews. I remain focused on the security of our elections and committed to developing strategies to prevent interference by foreign governments in our democracy.

May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community and our great State.

Best,



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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments from this past year.

Maine has the oldest average age in the nation. As Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, my top three priorities for the Committee are fighting fraud and financial abuse directed at our nation's seniors, increasing investments in biomedical research, and improving retirement security. Following the Committee's investigation into skyrocketing prescription drug costs, I authored bipartisan legislation to foster generic competition, which was signed into law. The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for seniors to report suspected fraud and receive assistance. To support the 40 million family caregivers in the United States, I am proud to have authored the RAISE Family Caregivers Act to create a coordinated strategy to support family members who make countless personal and financial sacrifices to care for their loved ones.

The opioid crisis touches families and communities across our state. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I fought for significant increases in funding to support community, law-enforcement, and public health efforts. In April, the State of Maine was awarded over \$2 million to fight this devastating public health crisis. Additionally, I have authored legislation to support grandparents and other extended family members who are raising grandchildren as a result of the nation's opioid epidemic.

Biomedical research has the potential to improve and save lives, and also supports good jobs at research facilities here in Maine. Last year, the Appropriations Committee approved a \$2 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health for the third consecutive year. This includes an increase of nearly 30 percent for research on Alzheimer's, our nation's most costly disease. As founder and co-chair of the Senate Diabetes Caucus, I work to raise awareness of the threats posed by diabetes, invest in research, and improve access to treatment options. My bill to establish a national commission of health care experts on diabetes care and prevention was signed into law in 2017.

We owe our veterans so much. Last year, I worked to secure the authorization of a Community-Based Outpatient Clinic in Portland to support the health care of Maine's veterans in the southern part of our state. I also worked to secure funding extensions to help veterans throughout rural Maine receive health care within their communities. I also worked to secure funding for housing vouchers for veterans to reduce veterans' homelessness.

Maine's contributions to our national security stretch from Kittery to Limestone. I successfully advocated for critical funding for projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for construction of an additional ship that will likely be built at Bath Iron Works. This funding will strengthen our national security and preserve great jobs in our state.


As chairman of the Transportation and Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I worked to increase funding for the TIGER program that has provided Maine with more than \$122 million for vital transportation projects. For housing, I worked to provide \$160 million to help communities protect children from the harmful effects of lead poisoning.

Growing our economy remains a top priority. I supported the comprehensive tax reform bill because it will help lower- and middle-income families keep more of their hard-earned money; boost the economy; and encourage businesses, both small and large, to grow and create jobs here in Maine and around the country. This legislation contains key provisions I authored that are important to Mainers, including preserving the deduction for state and local taxes, expanding the deduction for medical expenses, and enabling public employees such as firefighters, teachers, and police officers, as well as clergy and employees of nonprofits, to make “catch-up” contributions to their retirement accounts. I led the effort to ensure that the tax cut will not trigger automatic budget cuts to Medicare or any other programs.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As of December 2017, I have cast more than 6,500 consecutive votes, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Somerset County and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Augusta office at 207-622-8414 or visit my website at [www.collins.senate.gov](http://www.collins.senate.gov). May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan M. Collins".

Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator



**Annual Report to the Town of Embden**  
A Message from Senator Rod Whittemore

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the Maine Senate. It has been an honor to work on your behalf to make our state an even better place to live, work and conduct business.

On August 2, Maine lawmakers finally adjourned for the year, after what proved to be the longest session in recent memory due to a brief government shut down over budgetary disagreements. While no state budget is ever perfect, the end product was a state budget that makes a record investment in our students, supports our communities and will tremendously benefit small businesses and our economy.

Perhaps the most significant action the Legislature took last year, as part of the biennial budget, was the removal of the burdensome, job-killing surtax that was already hurting small businesses, doctors and other professionals that we so critically need. In November 2016, voters sent a clear message that education funding was to be a priority of the 128th Legislature, and we heard that message loud and clear. However, the funding mechanism which was included in the measure – the surtax – presented a serious threat to the state’s economy. This new tax gave Maine the ominous distinction of being the highest-taxed state in the country and primarily impacted small businesses, which are the backbone of our economy, taxing them at a rate that is higher than larger corporations are subject to pay. I am proud to say that after much hard work and negotiating, thanks to our rebounding economy, we were able to support our local schools at a level we have never been able to before – without any additional taxation.

The Homestead Exemption, which provides much-needed property tax relief for homeowners, was also preserved in the budget with an increased exemption of \$20,000.

The Legislature also passed a measure to make Maine compliant with the REAL ID Act. As a result of this important new law, the federal government has granted Maine a waiver, meaning that Maine citizens can continue to use their driver’s licenses to board commercial airplanes and access certain federal buildings.

While we accomplished much, there is still a lot of work ahead of us next session. Again, thank you for putting your trust in me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you need help in navigating the state bureaucracy. I can be reached at home at 474-6703 or in Augusta at 287-1505. I can also be reached by email at [rodney.whittemore@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:rodney.whittemore@legislature.maine.gov). Thank you for allowing me to be your senator.

Sincerely,

Senator Rod Whittemore



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January 2018

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature is underway. I will continue to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. On this committee we will be handling a variety of issues including State contracts and fiscal procedures, and state government organization which has a direct impact on the people in our district.

In addition to my committee work, I have submitted LD 1762: "An Act To Ensure Sustainable Health Care Access in the Jackman Region." This bill appropriates \$495,000 to the Jackman Community Health Center to help ensure continued 24 hour care, and other services, at the Jackman Health Center. At time of writing the bill has been referenced to the Committee on Health and Human Services, where I am hopeful the committee will recognize its importance for the people of Northern Somerset County.

The Legislature will likely be in session at least until statutory adjournment in mid-April as we work through nearly 500 bills. I encourage you to call me anytime at 287-1440 or email me at Chad.Grignon@legislature.maine.gov to keep me updated on any concerns you might have. If you would like to be added to my email update list, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request. Another way to stay up to date on state news is to visit the Legislature's website, <http://www.maine.gov/legis>.

Again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your State Representative. I look forward to having the chance to help improve the lives of the people living in our communities.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chad Grignon".

Chad Grignon

State Representative

**District District 118 Athens, Bingham, Caratunk, Cornville, Embden, Harmony, Jackman, Moose River, Moscow, Wellington and Plantations of Brighton, Dennistown, Highland, Kingsbury, Pleasant Ridge, The Forks and West Forks, plus the unorganized territories of Concord, Lexington and Wyman Townships, Northeast Somerset (including Rockwood Strip), Northwest Somerset and Seboomook Lake**

# ELECTED OFFICIALS

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Charles Taylor, Chairman (2019)  
Scott LeHay (2018)  
Wayne McLaughlin (2020)

## TAX COLLECTOR

Ruth Blake (2018)

## ROAD COMMISSIONER

Michael Witham (2018)

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Terriann Lamontagne, Chairman (2020)  
Dwight Barron (2018)  
Wayne McLaughlin (2019)

## RSU # 74 SCHOOL BOARD

Larry Dunphy (2020)  
Robert Dunphy (2018)  
Kevin Sousa (2019)

## TOWN CLERK/TREASURER

Bonnie Baker (2018)

# APPOINTED OFFICERS

## ANIMAL CONTROL

Pamela Graf (2018)

## E-911 ADDRESSING

Eleanor Ketchum (2018)

## CODE ENFORCEMENT

Susan Hathaway (2018)  
Robert Dunphy (Deputy) (2018)

## GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Charles Taylor (2018)

## HEALTH OFFICER

Leo Mayo (2018)

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Robert Dunphy (2018)

# APPOINTED OFFICERS (Cont.)

## LOCAL PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Leo Mayo (2018)

Robert Dunphy (Deputy) (2018)

## REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Bonnie Baker (2019)

## RECREATION DIRECTOR

Vacant

# APPOINTED BOARDS

## PLANNING BOARD

Leo Mayo, Chairperson (2020)

Ann Bridges, Secretary (2018)

Dwight Barron (2022)

Myles Durkin (2019)

Eleanor Ketchum (2021)

Kelly Bragg, Alternate (2018)

Janice Welch, Alternate (2018)

## BOARD OF APPEALS

John Duff, Chairperson (2018)

Mary Keenan (2018)

Ronald Pinkham (2018)

# Tax Assessors' Report

## ASSESSMENTS:

COUNTY TAX	490,922
MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATION	1,200,074
EDUCATIONAL APPROPRIATION	1,711,185
OVERLAY	35,984
TOTAL ASSESSMENT	3,438,165

## DEDUCTIONS:

STATE REVENUE SHARING	29,677
HOMESTEAD REIMBURSEMENTS	39,780
OTHER REVENUES	508,400
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	577,857

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TOTAL ASSESSMENT	2,860,308
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Dear Embden Tax Payers,

2017 has been a year for change in the Assessors' office.

In February, the Selectmen appointed Dwight Barron to fill the vacancy on the Board created by the death of Raymond Young in 2016. Since then, Dwight has been hard at work attending trainings and studying for the Certified Maine Assessor exam. He has gained much knowledge and experience over the last year, and has become a valued asset to this office.

This summer we had the Town tax maps converted into GIS format by Eastern Mapping. This data can be utilized not just by the Assessors, but by all town departments. We will need to purchase the ArcGIS program, and have plans to do so in 2018.

The Assessors will hold office hours on **Friday March 30, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.** to receive tax declarations, and to speak with anyone who may have questions. **All exemption applications MUST be received by April 1<sup>st</sup> to take effect in 2017.** Please inform the Assessors by April 1<sup>st</sup> of any changes to the buildings on your property since last year.

The Embden Board of Assessors hold office hours most Tuesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. The Assessors are also available at other times; please call us at 566-5551 ext. 2 to schedule an appointment.

Respectfully,  
Terriann Lamontagne, CMA  
For the Embden Assessors

# Town Clerk's Report

To the Citizens of Embden:

I don't know about y'all, but 2017 seemed to go by very quickly.

Our online services seem to be getting used more and more, and I think we have now worked out many of the initial hiccups. Remember, as much as we love to see you in the office, if that just isn't feasible for you, Embden residents can license their dogs online at [www10.informe.org/dog\\_license/](http://www10.informe.org/dog_license/). You can also purchase your Hunting and Fishing licenses online, at [www.state.maine.us/ifw](http://www.state.maine.us/ifw).

The following Sporting licenses were issued in 2017:

Resident Fishing Licenses	15	Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Permit	2
Resident Hunting Licenses	4	Non-Resident Season Fishing Licenses	8
Res. Combination Hunting/Fishing Lic.	16	Non-Resident 7-Day Fishing License	1
Resident Archery Hunting	1	3-Day Fishing License	1
Coyote Night Hunting Permit	1	Resident Over-70 Lifetime License	4
Resident Muzzleloader Hunting	1	Saltwater Fishing Registry	
Resident Junior Hunting	1		

## NEW BUNDLES OF JOY

Augusta	1
Farmington	1
Portland	2
Skowhegan	2
Waterville	1

## BEST WISHES NEWLYWEDS

Amy Gagnon & Anthony Phillips	March 25, 2017
Brandi Lynn Moore & James High King	May 27, 2017
Monica Mary McGlocklin & Phillip Robert Blunt	May 30, 2017
Sharon Patricia Bemis & Donna Lynne Roberts	July 20, 2017
Michelle Marie Roxxx & Charles Anthony Padgen	September 23, 2017
Edward Orion Roullard & Rodney Lee Strothcamp	December 26, 2017

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 1, email me at [embden-clerk@roadrunner.com](mailto:embden-clerk@roadrunner.com), or stop by the Town Office.

Respectfully,  
Bonnie A. Baker, CCM, CMT, CMA, CAT  
Town Clerk

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

**Nancy Ann Gagnon**

January 23, 2017  
73 Years Old



**Amanda Jean  
Carter**

March 10, 2017  
36 Years Old



**Mark Schinzel**

March 10, 2017  
3 Years Old



**Richard Harold  
Longley**

March 13, 2017  
94 Years Old



**Anne Michaud**

March 15, 2017  
92 Years Old



**Wendell Routon**

March 25, 2017  
72 Years Old



**Carolyn M.  
McCarthy**

April 8, 2017  
74 Years Old



**Guy E. Hunnewell,  
Jr.**

April 14, 2017  
75 Years Old



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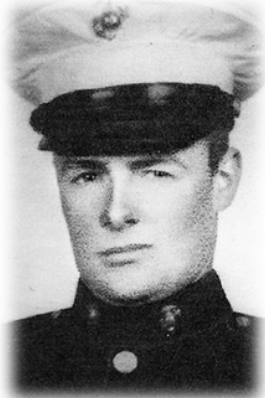
**Jeffrey L. Morin**

June 28, 2017  
55 Years Old



**Sherman C. Johnston, Jr.**

July 18, 2017  
88 Years Old



**Constance Mildred Maginnis**

September 3, 2017  
68 Years Old



**Earl James Cullington**  
September 30, 2017  
46 Years Old



**Aubrey L. Danforth Sr.**

November 20, 2017  
50 Years Old



# Road Commissioner's Report

Dear Residents & Tax Payers of Embden,

In April, our season began with a plugged culvert on the Fahi Pond Road. We then repaired some pot holes with cold patch on various roads. After that we were able to do street sweeping and repair stop signs. We graded the dirt roads, and on May 3<sup>rd</sup> the posters came down, which was earlier than normal. We did a lot of work on the West Shore Road including excavating, ditching, base gravel, and surface. The Farmer Road and Creamer Road was resurfaced as well, which will allow the Creamer Road to stay open year round. Williams Hill received some ditching and shoulder repair work. We went on to the Walker Road doing tree removal, widening the road, and resurfacing it. The Slipp Road Bridge was replaced this year. After it was complete we put a cross culvert in and added material for the approach on both sides including paving. We paved a portion of the West Shore Road and would like to continue this coming year with more hottop. With the storm we had this Fall we had a significant amount of tree and debris cleanup.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to providing services to the town, for helping things go smoothly this year.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you,  
Michael E. Witham



The newly replaced Slipp Road Bridge which was completed in 2017.

## ROAD COMMISSIONER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

### PAYROLL

Michael E. Witham	Payroll (Incl. FICA & Medicare)	\$ 4,080.44
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### TRAINING

NEIWPCC	Training	\$ 60.00
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### SUPPLIES

Campbell's	Culverts	\$ 479.98		
	Misc. Supplies	\$ 36.52	\$	516.50
Eagle Rental	Safety Glasses		\$	9.99
Pike Industries	Cold Patch		\$	209.25
Sel Warwick	Calcium		\$	6,570.00
White Signs	Road Signs & Posters		\$	403.20
Arthur Rogers	Equip. Purchase (Rock Rake)		\$	5,000.00

### PAVING

Fine Line Paving	Road Paving	\$ 69,934.25		
	Bridge Approach	\$ 2,500.00	\$	72,434.25

### CONTRACTORS

Sheldon Brown	Mowing Roadsides	\$ 2,750.00		
Brandon Cates	Trucking		\$	2,934.36
Eric Creamer	Equip. Rent (Chipper)	\$ 6,338.75		
	Pickup, Labor	\$ 9,084.00	\$	15,422.86
Jack Kaplan	Calcium Spreading	\$ 1,758.21		
	Storm Cleanup	\$ 1,475.99	\$	3,234.20
Michael Merrill	Gravel		\$	1,440.00
Alan Pinkham	Trucking		\$	4,210.24
Chris Vicneire	Trucking		\$	8,336.25
Paul Vicneire	Skidder, Cutter		\$	1,375.00
Ellery G Witham	Gravel		\$	5,700.00
Witham Trucking, Inc.	Bucket Loader	\$ 6,729.01		
	Bull Dozer	\$ 1,806.72		
	Dump truck	\$ 18,122.36		
	Excavator	\$ 7,763.25		
	Grader	\$ 18,439.34		
	Pick-up, labor	\$ 5,760.96		
	Pulp Truck Loader	\$ 1,700.00		
	Gravel	\$ 52,390.00	\$	112,711.60

### TRANSFERRED FUNDS

Transferred per Selectmen	Slipp Road Bridge	\$ 2,361.00
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<b>TOTAL SPENT ON SUMMER ROADS IN 2017</b>	<b>\$ 249,759.14</b>
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# Tax Collector's Report

Dear Residents and Tax Payers of Embden,

This probably sounds familiar but I am going to say it anyway, have I told you I am grateful for another great year of working with all of you? Well I am, and thank you for being the wonderful people that you are.

In Two thousand and seventeen the State implemented a new registration format which required using a standard laser printer with the results producing a smaller but thicker paper registration. I like the new system because it definitely has sped up the time it takes to process a registration, and customers say they like the thicker paper for the registration. It was a smooth transition and pretty much a smooth running year in the office, contrasting the roller coaster year in my personal life of demands and family health issues.

I know our cross training and covering for each other in the office, along with being able to do registrations and licenses on line, has made it easier for you to get your registrations done. But, I want to thank those of you for your understanding and patience when my absence unfortunately made it difficult for you while trying to get your registrations taken care of. The concern, helpfulness, understanding, and support from Bonnie, the Selectman, and other office staff makes this a wonderful place to work which I am very grateful for.

I will continue to give my best while doing my job by helping and supporting all of you in whatever way needed to get your registrations done, your taxes paid, your questions answered, and whatever else you need done.

Sincerely,  
Ruth Blake  
Tax Collector

<b>Motor Vehicle Registrations Total Receipts (Does not include Online Vehicle Registrations)</b>	<b>\$ 246,401.99</b>
State of Maine (Registration Fees/Sales Tax/Title Fees)	\$ 79,444.40
Excise Tax (Embden)	\$ 162,780.73
Agent Fees	\$ 3,809.00
<b>Excise Received From Online Motor Vehicle Registrations</b>	<b>\$ 12,247.81</b>
<b>Boat, ATV, and Snow Mobile Registrations Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 27,263.55</b>
Inland Fisheries & Wildlife (Registration Fees/Sales Tax)	\$ 23,142.75
Excise Tax (Embden)	\$ 3,540.80
Agent Fees	\$ 580.00

# Appeals Board Report

There was one public hearing held by this Board during 2017. During that hearing two variance requests to the setback restrictions of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance were denied.

The following Board members were proud to serve you:

Tiger Pinkham	431-3113
Mary Keenan	566-0631
John Duff	566-5722

Update training is planned for board members during 2018.

John Duff  
Chairman

## E-911 Addressing Officer

We spent \$1,557 this year, and used three (3) posts and six (6) signs.

There were no new roads.

We have not had to replace the Katie CRH Road since it was moved across the road.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Eleanor Ketchum  
E-911 Addressing Officer

# Code Enforcement Officer's Report

Dear Embden Residents,

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Code Enforcement Officer for the town of Embden in the latter half of 2017. After working in southern Maine as a mechanical designer for over twenty years, I welcomed the change of moving north and finding work both challenging and rewarding. The role as the CEO of Embden has given me the opportunity to be involved with the community and to meet new and wonderful people! I'd like to personally thank Bob Dunphy for his continued friendship, support and expert advice in helping make my transition a success.

The summer and fall of 2017 proved to be very busy for construction permits and tree cutting activities. After the flurry of projects began to slow down, I used the opportunity to become state certified as a Code Enforcement Officer, which I officially received in November of 2017.

If you are thinking of undertaking a project in the upcoming year, please remember that renovations, additions or new construction projects require building permits. Also, cutting trees or clearing fallen trees after storms in the Shoreland Zoning District requires a Hazardous Tree Removal Permit. If in doubt, please call or email me with any questions you may have prior to performing any work. It is far more desirable to ask first whether or not your proposed project requires a permit than to find out after you have already started and then need to address an "After the Fact Permit" and pay the elevated fee. Obtaining a permit is fairly simple, and I am here to assist you in that process.

The town's website is a valuable resource for finding all the applicable ordinances as well as the corresponding applications. (<http://embden.maine.gov/departments/code-enforcement>) Applications are also available at the town office. If you are filing out an application on line, please remember to print it out and add your signature before sending to the town office.

I look forward to another busy year and to meeting more of Embden's residents. Feel free to visit on Tuesday mornings at the town office so you can introduce yourself and discuss any upcoming projects you are thinking about.

Warm Regards,  
Susan Hathaway  
Code Enforcement Officer  
Town of Embden

# General Assistance Report

In the Calendar year, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2017 the Town of Embden had a total of fourteen General Assistance applications. The results of those applications are as follows:

Case #001-2017:	Housing, & Personal Supplies.	\$ 372.00
Case #002-2017:	Food, & Heating Fuel.	\$ 742.19
Case #003-2017:	Electricity.	\$ 60.00
Case #004-2017:	Electricity, Food, & Personal Supplies.	\$ 269.90
Case #005-2017:	Electricity, Food, & Personal Supplies.	\$ 461.99
Case #006-2017:	Electricity, & Heating Fuel.	\$ 345.90
Case #007-2017:	Food, & Personal Supplies.	\$ 630.00
Case #008-2017:	Housing.	\$ 295.00
Case #009-2017:	Electricity, Food, & Personal Supplies.	\$ 299.00
Case #010-2017:	Food, & Personal Supplies.	\$ 530.00
Case #011-2017:	Housing, Food, & Personal Supplies.	\$ 543.20
Case #012-2017:	Food, Heating Fuel, & Personal Supplies.	\$ 601.90
Case #013-2017:	Food, Personal Supplies, & Non-Prescription medication.	\$ 242.00
Case #014-2017:	DNQ – No unmet need.	
Total GA expended in 2017		\$ 5,393.08
70% DHHS reimbursement to the Town of Embden		(\$ 3,783.56)
Total expenditure from Surplus		\$ 1,609.52

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles E. Taylor  
General Assistance Officer

## Local Plumbing Inspector's Report

There were 30 plumbing permits issued; i.e. 9 complete systems; 2 replacements; 0 holding tank replacements and 16 internal plumbing permits.

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

Respectfully,  
Leo Mayo  
LPI #1009

2 Replacement tanks  
1 pit privy

# Planning Board Report

Building within the town was very active this year compared to previous years. This year the Board reviewed and issued 49 permits for the construction of residences, garages, repairs, renovations and additions to existing buildings, replanting of vegetation and driveway construction. One permit was revoked because the landowner was not able to meet a setback requirement but reapplied meeting the requirement. There were, however, three (3) “After the Fact” permits.

The proposed major subdivision off Pine Bluff Road was withdrawn by the landowners.

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 Susan Hathaway, the Code Enforcement Officer, that all the requirements have been submitted with the application including the processing fee of \$25.00, the required number of copies of the application. Pictures of the site involved are required with all applications. An incomplete application only delays the process. Once Ms. Hathaway has completed the site review, she 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
Dwight Barron	April 2022
Ann Bridges, Secretary	April 2018
Myles Durkin	April 2019
Eleanor Ketchum	April 2021
Kelly Bragg, Alternate	April 2018
Janice Welch, Alternate	April 2018

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

# Registrar of Voter's Report

To the Citizens of Embden:

Embden has a total of 745 voters, which breaks down as follows:

DEMOCRAT.....	189
REPUBLICAN.....	247
GREEN INDEPENDENT.....	35
LIBERTARIAN.....	0
UNDECLARED.....	274
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS.....	745

This year 197 Embden voters participated in the November election.

In 2015, we changed the polling hours for the Annual Town Meeting; the Secret Ballot Election of officials was moved to Friday, the day before Open Town Meeting. This enabled us to expand the polling hours to all day Friday, 8:00am-8:00pm. Our hope was that this would allow and encourage more people to participate in the Town Meeting process. Two years later, I can report that although the numbers for the Saturday morning Open Meeting have not changed much (usually about 50 people attend), the number of people voting at the polls has increased. Residents have said that the expanded hours are much more convenient. In addition, the staff working the election find it much easier focusing on only the secret ballot on Friday. It takes the pressure off of the Election Officials during the counting process, and ensures that you are not having to wait for us to begin the Open Town Meeting. Plus, the earlier start on Saturday hopefully enables you to enjoy a little more of your weekend after the Town Meeting business is all done.

Once again I have to stress that every vote and every voter is important! Please 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](http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl).

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

Respectfully, Bonnie A. Baker  
Registrar of Voters

**AGAIN, PLEASE NOTE :**

***Voting will be held Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 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, February 27<sup>th</sup>.***

***Annual Town Meeting will take place on Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 10a.m. at the Community Center.***

# Treasurer's Report

To the Citizens of Embden:

There have been many improvements made at the Town Office over the last several years, all in an effort to serve you better. More and more services are now available to you online, including: dog registrations, vehicle registrations, hunting & fishing licenses, and snowmobile and four-wheeler registrations.

You may have noticed that you received your tax bills a little later in 2017. There are many steps to the commitment of taxes, the most important of which is the warrants received from not only the Town Meeting, but also from the School District and the County Commissioners. All it takes to delay the Assessors' ability to set the tax rate and commit the taxes is for one of those items to be late. Our Assessors did a great job in putting all of those numbers together as soon as possible, unfortunately the Town did once again have to borrow money in the form of a Tax Anticipation Note.

The Town Officials are taking steps to avoid incurring the extra fees associated with a TAN in the future. One way is to eliminate almost all of the carry forward accounts, and allow those funds to lapse into surplus at the end of the year. We really do need to try to build up our surplus a little more. Ideally the Town should have enough in surplus to run the Town from the beginning of the fiscal year until the taxes are committed. That said, with a rather substantial road budget, and a monthly school payment that is more than \$140k, that can be difficult. And honestly, with increased amounts being raised at both the Town and School levels in 2017, the mil rate was already destined to go up without any added expense. You will see that Selectmen have proposed fewer articles be taken from surplus this year. This will hopefully help us start building up our surplus funds.

You may also notice that the education account had a remaining balance at the end of 2017. This was due to a decrease in the Town of Embden's subsidy amount by the School Board after the taxes had already been committed. These funds are ear-marked for education, and by law cannot be used for any other purpose. That means that the \$22,972.00 remaining will not lapse into surplus. The good news is that those funds will decrease the amount that will need to be raised through taxation for education in 2018, saving the taxpayers at least a little bit of money. I know it isn't much in the scheme of things, but every little bit helps.

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, 2017, the cemetery fund balance is	\$ 1,000.00
CRAGIN & WILLIAMS CD: As of December 31, 2017, the fund balance is	\$ 1,845.19
CAMDEN NATIONAL BANK CD: As of December 31, 2017, the fund balance is	\$ 2,879.53

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

Respectfully,  
Bonnie A. Baker  
Treasurer

<b>2017 Article</b>	<b>Descriptions</b>	<b>Raised/ Appropriated</b>	<b>Expended in 2017</b>	<b>Amount Remaining</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS &amp; BOARDS</b>			
	<b>Appropriated 2017</b>	<b>82,000.00</b>		
	Selectmen		14,360.04	
	Elections		3,601.25	
	Tax Collector		23,227.12	
	Town Clerk		22,822.12	
	General Assistance Officer		750.00	
	Health Officer		296.45	
	School Board Directors		400.00	
	Mileage		2,417.03	
	Training		50.00	
	FICA		4,417.08	
	Medicare		1,032.97	
	LPI		2,047.50	
	FICA (LPI)		126.96	
	Medicare (LPI)		29.69	
	<b>TOTAL COMPENSATION</b>		<b>75,578.21</b>	
	<b>LAPSED INTO SURPLUS</b>			<b>6,421.79</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>MEMBERSHIP, DUES, CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS</b>			
	<b>Appropriated 2017</b>	<b>4,550.00</b>		
	MMA Dues		1,844.00	
	KVCOG Dues		2,555.00	
	MTCCA Dues		25.00	
	MMTCTA Dues		60.00	
	<b>TOTAL DUES</b>		<b>4,484.00</b>	
	<b>LAPSED INTO SURPLUS</b>			<b>66.00</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>INSURANCE POLICIES</b>			
	<b>Appropriated 2017</b>	<b>13,000.00</b>		
	Unemployment		0.00	
	Property & Casualty		4,364.00	
	Workman's Compensation		2,478.00	
	<b>TOTAL INSURANCE</b>		<b>6,842.00</b>	
	<b>LAPSED INTO SURPLUS</b>			<b>6,158.00</b>

2017 Article	Descriptions	Raised/ Appropriated	Expended in 2017	Amount Remaining
<b>16</b>	<b>LEGAL EXPENSES</b>			
	<b>Appropriated 2017</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>		
	TAN Procurement & Repayment		5,047.14	
	Advertising & Legal (Town Office)		3,656.41	
	Registry of Deeds		2,622.00	
	<b>TOTAL LEGAL</b>		<b>11,325.55</b>	
	<b>LAPSED INTO SURPLUS</b>			<b>3,674.45</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>TOWN MEETING EXPENSES</b>			
	<b>Appropriated 2017</b>	<b>8,000.00</b>		
	Town Report & Printing		1,811.00	
	Audit		5,500.00	
	Town Meeting		254.00	
	<b>TOTAL TOWN MEETING</b>		<b>7,565.00</b>	
	<b>LAPSED INTO SURPLUS</b>			<b>435.00</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>UNANTICIPATED</b>			
	<b>Appropriated 2017</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>		
	Unanticipated		1,136.47	
	<b>TOTAL UNANTICIPATED</b>		<b>1,136.47</b>	
	<b>LAPSED INTO SURPLUS</b>			<b>863.53</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>UTILITIES</b>			
	<b>Appropriated 2017</b>	<b>44,300.00</b>		
	Electricity		1,224.85	
	Gas & Oil		2,895.67	
	Telephone & Communications		4,838.12	
	Water		219.01	
	Security Alarms		265.00	
	Custodial Services & Supplies		3,244.42	
	Trash Removal		260.00	
	Grounds Maintenance-Shoveling		500.00	
	Grounds Maintenance-Mowing		900.00	
	Grounds Maintenance-Raking		125.00	
	<b>TOTAL TOWN OFFICE</b>		<b>14,472.07</b>	

2017 Article	Descriptions	Raised/ Appropriated	Expended in 2017	Amount Remaining
	Electricity		3,911.88	
	Gas & Oil		11,432.73	
	Telephone & Communications		737.43	
	Water		1,063.91	
	Security Alarms		265.00	
	Custodial Services & Supplies		5,240.37	
	Trash Removal		365.00	
	Grounds Maintenance-Shoveling		250.00	
	Grounds Maintenance-Plowing		2,000.00	
	Grounds Maintenance-Mowing		1,605.00	
	Grounds Maintenance-Raking		250.00	
	<b>TOTAL COMMUNITY CENTER</b>		<b>27,121.32</b>	
	Electricity		313.43	
	Grounds Maintenance-Mowing		100.00	
	<b>TOTAL TOWN HOUSE</b>		<b>413.43</b>	
	Portable Toilet Rental		550.00	
	Grounds Maintenance-Mowing		95.00	
	Grounds Maintenance-Raking		75.00	
	<b>TOTAL BOAT LANDING</b>		<b>720.00</b>	
	Trash Removal		70.00	
	<b>TOTAL SANDY BEACH</b>		<b>70.00</b>	
	Portable Toilet Rental		0.00	
	Trash Removal		0.00	
	<b>TOTAL MULLENS COVE</b>		<b>0.00</b>	
	Utilities/ Electricity (Street Lights)		858.04	
	<b>TOTAL STREET LIGHTS</b>		<b>858.04</b>	
	Electricity (Sand Shed)		796.12	
	<b>TOTAL SAND SHED</b>		<b>796.12</b>	
	<b>TOTAL UTILITIES</b>		<b>44,450.98</b>	
	<b>EXPENDED FROM SURPLUS</b>			<b>(150.98)</b>

<b>2017 Article</b>	<b>Descriptions</b>	<b>Raised/ Appropriated</b>	<b>Expended in 2017</b>	<b>Amount Remaining</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>SUPPLIES &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>			
	<b>Appropriated 2017</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>		
	Office Supplies		1,369.37	
	Office Equipment		2,264.46	
	Postage		2,730.25	
	Safe Deposit Box Rental		25.00	
	Printing		1,368.33	
	<b>TOTAL SUPPLIES &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>		<b>7,757.41</b>	
	<b>LAPSED INTO SURPLUS</b>			<b>2,242.59</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>INFORMATION/TECHNOLOGY</b>			
	<b>Appropriated 2017</b>	<b>21,600.00</b>		
	Technology Equipment (Town Office)		3,053.82	
	Software & TRIO License(Town Office)		12,247.74	
	Technology Equipment (Comm. Center)		38.91	
	<b>TOTAL COMBINED TECHNOLOGY</b>		<b>15,340.47</b>	
	<b>LAPSED INTO SURPLUS</b>			<b>6,259.53</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>ASSESSORS</b>			
	<b>Appropriated 2017</b>	<b>32,000.00</b>		
	Compensation		14,946.71	
	Secretarial Services		7,807.50	
	Mileage		1,793.92	
	Training		1,729.05	
	FICA		1,410.76	
	Medicare		329.94	
	Office Supplies		185.12	
	Office Equipment		525.79	
	Regulations & Manuals		5.00	
	Postage		163.75	
	Printing		153.00	
	Registry of Deeds		124.50	
	IAAO Dues		180.00	
	CMAAO Dues		40.00	
	MAAO Dues		210.00	
	Miscellaneous		9.70	
	<b>TOTAL ASSESSORS</b>		<b>29,614.74</b>	
	<b>LAPSED INTO SURPLUS</b>			<b>2,385.26</b>

<b>2017 Article</b>	<b>Descriptions</b>	<b>Raised/ Appropriated</b>	<b>Expended in 2017</b>	<b>Amount Remaining</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>MAP MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT</b>			
	<b>Appropriated 2017</b>	<b>16,000.00</b>		
	Tax Maps		7,150.00	
	<b>TOTAL TAX MAPS</b>		<b>7,150.00</b>	
	<b>LAPSED INTO SURPLUS</b>			<b>8,850.00</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>			
	<b>Carried Forward from 2016</b>	<b>14,955.00</b>		
	<b>Appropriated 2017</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>		
	Compensation		4,770.00	
	Training		0.00	
	FICA		267.84	
	Medicare		62.66	
	Office Supplies		219.55	
	Office Equipment		129.99	
	Regulations & Manuals		180.00	
	Postage		79.40	
	Printing		31.63	
	Miscellaneous		0.00	
	<b>TOTAL PLANNING BOARD</b>		<b>5,741.07</b>	
	<b>LAPSED INTO SURPLUS</b>			<b>15,213.93</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>CODE ENFORCEMENT</b>			
	<b>Carried Forward from 2016</b>	<b>1,470.00</b>		
	<b>Appropriated 2017</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>		
	Compensation		10,342.88	
	Mileage		0.00	
	Deputy-Alternate		458.38	
	Training		102.00	
	FICA		669.70	
	Medicare		156.64	
	Office Supplies		31.48	
	Regulations & Manuals		0.00	
	Postage		85.99	
	<b>TOTAL CODE ENFORCEMENT</b>		<b>11,847.07</b>	
	<b>LAPSED INTO SURPLUS</b>			<b>1,622.93</b>

<b>2017 Article</b>	<b>Descriptions</b>	<b>Raised/ Appropriated</b>	<b>Expended in 2017</b>	<b>Amount Remaining</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>APPEALS BOARD</b>			
	<b>Carried Forward from 2016</b>	<b>2,268.00</b>		
	<b>Appropriated 2017</b>	<b>100.00</b>		
	Compensation		470.00	
	Compensation/Training		0.00	
	Compensation/FICA		29.14	
	Compensation/Medicare		6.83	
	<b>TOTAL APPEALS BOARD</b>		<b>505.97</b>	
	<b>LAPSED INTO SURPLUS</b>			<b>1,862.03</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>			
	<b>Appropriated 2017</b>	<b>65,000.00</b>		
	Contracted Services/ Fire Protection		39,709.08	
	Contracted Services/ Fire Hydrant Rental		9,251.16	
	Contracted Services/ Ambulance Service		15,963.00	
	<b>TOTAL EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>		<b>64,923.24</b>	
	<b>LAPSED INTO SURPLUS</b>			<b>76.76</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>ANIMAL CONTROL</b>			
	<b>Carried Forward from 2016</b>	<b>4,138.00</b>		
	<b>Appropriated 2017</b>	<b>3,500.00</b>		
	Compensation		794.00	
	Mileage		308.03	
	Training		50.00	
	FICA		49.23	
	Medicare		11.52	
	MACA Dues		35.00	
	Humane Society/ Contract Fee		1,878.00	
	<b>TOTAL ANIMAL CONTROL</b>		<b>3,125.78</b>	
	<b>LAPSED INTO SURPLUS</b>			<b>4,512.22</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>			
	<b>Appropriated 2017</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>		
	Compensation		968.30	
	FICA		60.04	
	Medicare		14.04	
	<b>TOTAL EMERGENCY MGMT.</b>		<b>1,042.38</b>	
	<b>LAPSED INTO SURPLUS</b>			<b>157.62</b>

2017 Article	Descriptions	Raised/ Appropriated	Expended in 2017	Amount Remaining
31	<b>LRAP/BLOCK GRANT FUNDS</b>			
	<b>Balance 12/31/2016</b>	<b>41,998.00</b>		
	Received from State of Maine	<b>42,230.00</b>		
	Paid to Summer Roads Account		41,998.00	
	<b>Balance 12/31/2017</b>			<b>42,230.00</b>
32	<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; BRIDGES</b>			
	<b>Carried Forward from 2016</b>	<b>20,496.00</b>		
	<b>Appropriated 2017</b>	<b>200,000.00</b>		
	<b>Transferred from Block Grant</b>	<b>41,998.00</b>		
	<b>Compensation</b>			
	Compensation		3,790.43	
	Training		60.00	
	FICA		235.01	
	Medicare		54.96	
	<b>Highway Supplies</b>			
	Cold Top		209.25	
	Culverts		479.98	
	Gravel		59,530.00	
	Equipment Rental		6,338.75	
	Equipment Purchase		5,000.00	
	Road Warning Signs & Highway Posters		403.20	
	Hwy Supplies/ Calcium Chloride		6,570.00	
	Hwy Supplies/ Road Supplies		46.51	
	<b>Contracts</b>			
	Contracts-Summer Roads Contracted		164,680.05	
	<b>Slipp Road Bridge</b>			
	Transferred to Slipp Road Bridge		2,361.00	
	<b>TOTAL SUMMER ROADS</b>		<b>249,759.14</b>	
	<b>CARRIED FORWARD TO 2018</b>			<b>12,734.86</b>
33	<b>WINTER ROADS (Includes Salt)</b>			
	<b>Appropriated 2017</b>	<b>261,000.00</b>		
	Paid to Winter Roads Contractor		260,214.00	
	<b>TOTAL WINTER ROADS</b>		<b>260,214.00</b>	
	<b>LAPSED INTO SURPLUS</b>			<b>786.00</b>

<b>2017 Article</b>	<b>Descriptions</b>	<b>Raised/ Appropriated</b>	<b>Expended in 2017</b>	<b>Amount Remaining</b>
<b>34</b>	<b>SANITATION</b>			
	<b>Appropriated 2017</b>	<b>38,000.00</b>		
	Solid Waste Disposal		39,534.03	
	<b>TOTAL SANITATION</b>		<b>39,534.03</b>	
	<b>EXPENDED FROM SURPLUS</b>			<b>(1,534.03)</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>GENERAL ASSISTANCE</b>			
	<b>Appropriated 2017</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>		
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL ASSISTANCE</b>		<b>5,393.08</b>	
	<b>EXPENDED FROM SURPLUS</b>			<b>(3,393.08)</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>DONATIONS</b>			
	<b>Appropriated 2017</b>	<b>9,000.00</b>		
	Stewart Public Library		1,500.00	
	Somerset County Hospice		1,200.00	
	Kennebec Behavioral Health		250.00	
	Senior Spectrum		800.00	
	Madison Food Cupboard		2,000.00	
	Baker Mountain Ski Tow Club		300.00	
	Sunset Cemetery Association		1,000.00	
	Madison Public Library		600.00	
	Crisis & Counseling Centers		250.00	
	Maine Public Broadcasting		100.00	
	Life Flight of Maine		1,000.00	
	<b>TOTAL DONATIONS</b>		<b>9,000.00</b>	
<b>37</b>	<b>RECREATION DEPARTMENT</b>			
	<b>Carried Forward from 2016</b>	<b>5,171.00</b>		
	<b>Appropriated 2017</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>		
	Compensation/ Rec Director		840.00	
	FICA		65.00	
	Medicare		16.00	
	Sports Equipment		150.00	
	Scholarships - Individual		300.00	
	Scholarships - Sports Camps		400.00	
	Recreation/Anson Rec Fees		1,500.00	
	<b>TOTAL REC. DEPARTMENT</b>		<b>3,263.02</b>	
	<b>CARRIED FORWARD TO 2018</b>			<b>7,907.98</b>

2017 Article	Descriptions	Raised/ Appropriated	Expended in 2017	Amount Remaining
38	<b>SNOWMOBILE CLUB</b>			
	<b>Appropriated 2017</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>		
	Donations - Snowmobile Club		1,000.00	
	<b>TOTAL SNOWMOBILE CLUB</b>		<b>1,000.00</b>	
39	<b>CEMETERY MAINTENANCE</b>			
	<b>Appropriated 2017</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>		
	<b>Interest Earned – Mary Ann Burns CD</b>	<b>1.62</b>		
	Paid to Embden Historical Society		1,501.62	
	<b>TOTAL CEMETARY MAINT.</b>		<b>1,501.62</b>	
40/41	<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND</b>			
	<b>TOWN BUILDINGS</b>			
	<b>Carried Forward from 2016</b>	<b>54,660.00</b>		
	<b>Appropriated 2017</b>	<b>0.00</b>		
	Capital Improvement (Town Buildings)		0.00	
	<b>TOTAL TOWN BUILDINGS</b>		<b>0.00</b>	
	<b>CARRIED FORWARD TO 2018</b>			<b>54,660.00</b>
	<b>GENERATOR (COMM. CENTER)</b>			
	<b>Carried Forward from 2016</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>		
	<b>Balance 12/31/16 ECC Revenues</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>		
	Capital Improvement (Generator)		0.00	
	<b>TOTAL GENERATOR</b>		<b>0.00</b>	
	<b>CARRIED FORWARD TO 2018</b>			<b>13,000.00</b>
	<b>SLIPP ROAD BRIDGE</b>			
	<b>Carried Forward from 2016</b>	<b>90,000.00</b>		
	<b>Balance 12/31/16 RSU W/D Funds</b>	<b>37,189.00</b>		
	<b>Transfer from Summer Roads</b>	<b>2,361.00</b>		
	<b>Appropriated 2017</b>	<b>11,000.00</b>		
	Capital Improvement (Slipp Road Bridge)		140,550.00	
	<b>TOTAL SLIPP ROAD BRIDGE</b>		<b>140,550.00</b>	
	<b>CARRIED FORWARD TO 2018</b>			<b>0.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CARRIED FORWARD TO 2018</b>			<b>67,660.00</b>

<b>2017 Article</b>	<b>Descriptions</b>	<b>Raised/ Appropriated</b>	<b>Expended in 2017</b>	<b>Amount Remaining</b>
N/A	<b>FACILITIES MAINTENANCE</b>			
	<b>Carried Forward from 2016</b>	<b>46,407.00</b>		
	<b>Appropriated 2017</b>	<b>0.00</b>		
	Town Office		571.59	
	Community Center		2,885.85	
	Town House		0.00	
	Sand Shed		947.90	
	<b>TOTAL FACILITIES MAINT.</b>		<b>4,405.34</b>	
	<b>CARRIED FORWARD TO 2018</b>			<b>42,001.66</b>
N/A	<b>E911 ADDRESSING</b>			
	<b>Carried Forward from 2016</b>	<b>2,572.00</b>		
	<b>Appropriated 2017</b>	<b>0.00</b>		
	Compensation		1,321.86	
	Mileage		32.20	
	FICA		81.96	
	Medicare		19.17	
	Road Signs		102.28	
	<b>TOTAL E-911 ADDRESSING</b>		<b>1,557.47</b>	
	<b>LAPSED TO SURPLUS</b>			<b>1,014.53</b>
N/A	<b>EDUCATION</b>			
	<b>Tax Assessment</b>	<b>1,711,185.00</b>		
	Education – Paid to RSU#74		1,688,213.00	
	<b>TOTAL EDUCATION</b>		<b>1,688,213.00</b>	
	<b>CARRIED FORWARD TO 2018</b>			<b>22,972.00</b>
N/A	<b>COUNTY TAX</b>			
	<b>Tax Assessment</b>	<b>490,922.00</b>		
	County Tax – Paid to Somerset County		490,922.00	
	<b>TOTAL COUNTY TAX</b>		<b>490,922.00</b>	
N/A	<b>OVERLAY</b>			
	<b>Tax Assessment</b>	<b>35,984.00</b>		
	Abatements Issued		11,017.69	
	<b>TOTAL OVERLAY</b>		<b>11,017.69</b>	
	<b>LAPSED TO SURPLUS</b>			<b>24,966.31</b>

	Received	Expended	Town Revenues
<b>HUNTING/FISHING LICENSES</b>			
<b>Cash Receipts – Hunt/Fish Licenses</b>	<b>1,937.00</b>		
Paid to State of Maine		1,843.00	
Agent Fees		95.00	
<b>DOG LICENSES</b>			
<b>Cash Receipts – Dog Licenses</b>	<b>1,849.00</b>		
Paid to State of Maine		916.00	
Agent Fees		224.00	
Late Fees		325.00	
<b>Town Revenue</b>			<b>384.00</b>
<b>VITAL RECORDS</b>			
<b>Cash Receipts - Vital Records</b>	<b>1,073.00</b>		
Paid to State of Maine		127.00	
Agent Fees		946.00	
<b>SOLE PROPRIETOR FILING</b>			
<b>Cash Receipts – Sole Proprietor</b>	<b>10.00</b>		
Agent Fees		10.00	
<b>PLUMBING PERMITS</b>			
<b>Cash Receipts – Plumbing Permits</b>	<b>4,100.00</b>		
Paid to State of Maine – Permit Fees		120.00	
Paid to State of Maine – New Septic Fee		995.00	
<b>Town Revenue</b>			<b>2,985.00</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>			
Bank Interest			6,835.98
NSF Check Fees			125.00
Building Permits			3,250.00
Tree Cutting Permits			140.00
Franchise Fees			2,840.78
Community Center (ECC)			12,000.00
Refunded Payments			181.95
Tax Acquired Sales			11,001.00
<b>RECEIVED FROM STATE OF MAINE</b>			
Burn Permits			46.00
Homestead Reimbursement			34,822.00
Veterans Reimbursement			1,094.00
Revenue Sharing			31,679.52
Tree Growth Reimbursement			15,771.29
Snowmobile Reimbursement			470.02
General Assistance Reimbursement			3,309.51
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED - STATE OF MAINE</b>			<b>87,192.34</b>

# 2017 Wages for Elected, Appointed, & Hired Town Personnel

	Term	Salary 2017	Notes
<b>ELECTED POSITIONS</b>			
Board of Selectmen	3 yr.	\$4,120.00	Chair add Stipend of \$2,000.00
Town Clerk/Treasurer	1 yr.	\$22,810.00 Plus Agent Fees	2 wks vacation & 5 days personal/sick
Tax Collector	1 yr.	\$22,810.00 Plus Agent Fees	2 wks vacation & 5 days personal/sick
Board of Assessors	3 yr.	\$4,120.00	Chair add Stipend of \$2,000.00, Certified add Stipend of \$1,000.00
RSU#74 Director	3 yr.	Pd. By School District	Town pays difference of School District Wage up to \$30.00/mtg.
Road Commissioner	1 yr.	Foreman-Hourly/State Wages	
<b>APPOINTED POSITIONS</b>			
Assessing Clerk/Technician		Hourly	Hired by Assessors
General Assistance Officer	1 yr.	\$750.00	
Registrar	2 yr.	\$260.00 Plus Hourly for Elections	
Deputy Town Clerk	1 yr.	Hourly if Needed	Appointed by Town Clerk
Deputy Treasurer	1 yr.	Hourly if Needed	Appointed by Town Treasurer
Deputy Tax Collector	1 yr.	Hourly if Needed	Appointed by Tax Collector
Animal Control Officer	1 yr.	\$260.00 Plus \$25.00 per Call	Additional Hours \$10.50, Mileage
Deputy ACO	1 yr.	\$25.00 per Call	Additional Hours \$10.50, Mileage
Code Enforcement Officer	1 yr.	\$10,300.00	
Deputy CEO	1 yr.	\$515.00	
Licensed Plumbing Inspector	1 yr.	75% of Fees	
Deputy LPI	1 yr.	75% of Fees	
E-911 Addressing Officer	1 yr.	\$1,200.00	
Health Officer	3 yr.	\$250.00 Plus \$25.00 per Call	
Town Fire Warden	Indefinite	N/A	
Deputy Town Fire Warden		N/A	
Emergency Management Director	1 yr.	\$1,000.00	Or \$500 ea. if Co-Directors are appointed
Planning Board	5 yr.	\$30.00 per Meeting	Chair add Stipend of \$750.00, Secretary add Stipend of \$1,000.00
Appeals Board	1 yr.	\$60.00 per Meeting	Chair add Stipend of \$250.00
Ballot/Election Clerks	2 yr.	Hourly for Elections	Appointed by Registrar as Needed

**SECRET BALLOT ELECTION**

**Friday, March 2, 2018**

**And**

**TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

**Saturday, March 3, 2018**

To Maddy Pierce, 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 2nd day of March, A.D. 2018, at seven and forty-five o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from eight o'clock in the forenoon until eight o'clock in the evening;

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Embden Community Center in said town on Saturday, the 3rd day of March, 2018 A.D., at ten o'clock in the morning, then and there to act on Articles 3 through 42 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:

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

Tax Collector, two-year term: Ruth Blake

Road Commissioner, one-year term: Michael Witham

Assessor, three-year term: Dwight Barron

RSU #74 School Board Director, three-year term: Dwight Barron

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

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

Selectmen recommend.

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 45 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 1, 2018 (interest on second one-half starts after 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 2018.

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 4.** 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 5.** 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 6.** 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, 2018 to the Annual Town Meeting.

Selectmen recommend.

**Article 7.** 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 8.** 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 9.** 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 Program
- 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 10.** 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 11.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$82,000 from taxation for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for the Municipal Officials or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

**Article 12.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 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 13.** 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 14.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 from taxation for legal expenses or what they will do related thereto (If required, any additional funding to be from Surplus).

Selectmen recommend.

**Article 15.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500 from taxation for audit of the 2017 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 16.** 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 17.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$56,000 from taxation for utilities (fuel, electricity, telephone, internet, security alarm, mowing, trash removal, cleaning, etc.) or what they will do related thereto.

Town Office	\$18,000	Town Beaches	\$ 200
Community Center	\$34,000	Street Lights	\$1,100
Town House	\$ 600	Sand Shed	\$1,100
Boat Landing	\$ 1,000		

Selectmen recommend.

**Article 18.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from taxation for supplies and equipment used for operating the town office 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 \$20,000 from taxation for Information/Technology and Software Licensing for the purpose of all computer hardware and software related expenses 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 \$38,000 from taxation for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for Tax Assessment or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

**Article 21.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 from taxation for the Town Map Maintenance Account or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

**Article 22.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000 from surplus for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for the Planning Board or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

**Article 23.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,000 from taxation, for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for Code Enforcement or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

**Article 24.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 from surplus, 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 25.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 from taxation for emergency services, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contractual agreements with the Town of Anson (fire protection), Anson-Madison-Starks (AMS Ambulance Service), and Anson/Madison Water District (for the annual rental of fire hydrants) or what they will do related thereto (If required, any additional funding to be from Surplus).

Fire Protection	\$45,000
Ambulance Service	\$18,000
Hydrant Rental	\$12,000

Selectmen recommend.

**Article 26.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 from surplus, for Animal Control or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

**Article 27.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 from surplus for signs, maintenance, compensation, and applicable taxes for the town's E911 Coordination Officer 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 \$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 29.** 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 30.** To see if the Inhabitants will permit the Municipal Officers and/or the Road Commissioner to use LRAP Grant money within the dedicated account for improvements to Town maintained roads and/or bridges, not to exceed the year ending balance of \$42,230.

Selectmen recommend.

**Article 31.** 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 32.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate \$291,740 for winter roads and allow the Board of Selectmen to enter into a three year snow removal contract with Nitram Excavation & General Contractor, Inc. or what they will do related thereto.

The following bid was the only bid submitted and opened at the regular Select Board meeting January 15, 2018:

Nitram Excavation & General Contractor: 2018-19 snow season \$291,740  
2019-20 snow season \$291,740  
2020-21 snow season \$291,740

Selectmen recommend \$241,740 from taxation and \$50,000 from excise.

**Article 33.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 from taxation for sanitation/solid waste disposal to Waste Management, Inc. or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

**Article 34.** 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 35.** To see if the Inhabitants will raise and appropriate the recommended amount from taxation for the following Social Services and Charities or what they will do related thereto.

A. Stewart Public Library	\$1,500.00
B. Somerset County Hospice	\$1,200.00
C. Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$ 250.00
D. Senior Spectrum	\$ 800.00
E. Madison Food Cupboard	\$2,000.00
F. Baker Mountain	\$ 500.00
G. American Red Cross	\$ 250.00
H. KVCAP	\$ 400.00
I. Sunset Cemetery	\$1,000.00
J. Madison Public Library	\$ 600.00
K. Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center	\$ 300.00
L. Crisis and Counseling Centers	\$ 0.00
M. Maine Public Broadcasting	\$ 100.00
N. Community Health & Counseling	\$ 100.00
O. Life Flight of Maine	\$1,000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>

Selectmen recommend.

**Article 36.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000 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 37.** 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.

Selectmen recommend.

**Article 38.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 from taxation and the \$12,000 in revenues received from the Embden Community Club in 2017 to the Capital Improvement Fund (previous balance \$13,000), specifically for the purchase of a generator for the Community Center, or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

**Article 39.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 from taxation to add to the Capital Improvement Fund, specifically for the purchase of a generator for the Town Office or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

**Article 40.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 from taxation to add to the Capital Improvement Fund, specifically for construction of a new changing room/float storage building at Sandy Beach or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

**Article 41.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 from taxation to add to the Capital Improvement Fund, specifically for future town road paving projects or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

**Article 42.** 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: 25th day of January 2018.**

*Charles E. Taylor*, Selectman Chair

*Scott LeHay*, Selectman

*Wayne McLaughlin*, Selectman

**Municipal Officers**

## 2018 Annual Town Meeting Proposed Appropriation

	<u>Description</u>	<u>URIP Block Grant &amp; Other Revenues</u>	<u>Carried Fwd</u>	<u>Taxation</u>	<u>Surplus</u>	<u>Excise</u>	<u>2018 Proposed Operating Budget</u>
Art. 1-10	No Monetary Appropriation						
Art. 11	Municipal Officials		\$ -	\$ 82,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 82,000
Art. 12	Membership Dues		\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Art. 13	Insurance		\$ -	\$ 13,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,000
Art. 14	Legal Expenses		\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000
Art. 15	Town Audit/Town Meeting/Annual Report		\$ -	\$ 8,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,500
Art. 16	Unanticipated Expenses		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000
Art. 17	Utilities		\$ -	\$ 56,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,000
Art. 18	Supplies & Equipment		\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Art. 19	Information/Technology/Trio Lic.		\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000
No Art.	Facilities Maintenance		\$ 42,002	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,002
Art. 20	Tax Assessment		\$ -	\$ 38,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,000
Art. 21	Town Map Maintenance		\$ -	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000
Art. 22	Planning Board		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,000	\$ -	\$ 21,000
Art. 23	Code Enforcement		\$ -	\$ 14,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,000
Art. 24	Appeals Board		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000
Art. 25	Fire Protection, Hydrants, Ambulance		\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000
Art. 26	Animal Control		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,500	\$ -	\$ 4,500
Art. 27	E911		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 2,500
Art. 28	Emergency Management Department		\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200
Art. 29	State Wages		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Art. 30	Road Assistance Grant Funds	\$ 42,230	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,230
Art. 31	Summer Roads Repair & Maintenance		\$ 12,735	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 212,735
Art. 32	Winter Roads Plowing & Sanding Contract		\$ -	\$ 241,740	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 291,740
Art. 33	Sanitation		\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000
Art. 34	General Assistance		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000
Art. 35	Social Services/Donations		\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000
No Art.	Recreation Department		\$ 7,908	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,908
Art. 36	Snowmobile Club		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Art. 37	Maintenance of Cemeteries		\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500
Art. 38	Capital Improvement Fund - ECC Generator	\$ 12,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,000
Art. 39	Capital Improvement Fund - TO Generator	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,500
Art. 40	Capital Improvement Fund - Changing Room	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000
Art. 41	Capital Improvement Fund - Road Paving	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000
No Art.	Capital Improvement Fund - Town Bldgs	\$ -	\$ 52,299	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52,299
Art. 42	Tax Levy Limit-No Monetary Appropriation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Carried Fwd</u>	<u>Taxation</u>	<u>Surplus</u>	<u>Excise</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<b>2018 Totals</b>	\$ 54,230	\$ 127,944	\$ 881,440	\$ 34,000	\$ 102,000	\$ 1,199,614
2017 Totals	\$ 91,187	\$ 243,137	\$ 708,250	\$ 44,500	\$ 113,000	\$ 1,200,074
Differential +/-	\$ (36,957)	\$ (115,193)	\$ 173,190	\$ (10,500)	\$ (11,000)	\$ (460)
Diferential %	-40.53%	-47.38%	24.45%	-23.60%	-9.73%	-0.04%

<b>Excise Tax</b>			
	<u>Actual 2017</u>	<u>Anticipated 2018</u>	<u>DIFF</u>
Revenue/Anticipated	\$ 178,569	\$ 150,000	\$ (28,569)
Expended/Proposed Appropriation	\$ 113,000	\$ 102,000	\$ (11,000)
Lapse to Surplus	\$ 65,569	\$ 48,000	\$ (17,569)

<b>2017 Appropriations</b>		<b>2016 Appropriations</b>	
Municipal Taxation	\$708,250.00	Municipal Taxation	\$596,500.00
County Tax	\$490,922.00	County Tax	\$507,440.00
MSAD #74	\$1,711,185.00	MSAD #74	\$1,640,582.00
Overlay	\$35,984.00	Overlay	\$12,840.00
<b>Total Due/Taxation</b>	<b>\$2,946,341.00</b>	<b>Total Due/Taxation</b>	<b>\$ 2,757,362.00</b>

# Town of Embden



## RESULTS OF 2017 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 4 votes. He was sworn in by the Town Clerk, and the meeting turned over to him.

**Article 2:** The following were elected:

Selectperson: Robert Dunphy	(71 votes)
<b>Wayne Mclaughlin</b>	<b>(80 votes)</b>
Town Clerk/Treasurer: <b>Bonnie Baker</b>	<b>(146 votes)</b>
Tax Collector: <b>Ruth Blake</b>	<b>(146 votes)</b>
Road Commissioner: <b>Michael Witham</b>	<b>(138 votes)</b>
Sam White	(5 votes)
Assessor: <b>Terriann Lamontagne</b>	<b>(101 votes)</b>
Robert Dunphy	(14 votes)
RSU #74 (3-yr): Dwight Barron	(10votes)
<b>Larry Dunphy</b>	<b>(229 votes)</b>

**Article 3:** Do you favor changing the position of Town Clerk/Treasurer to be elected for a term of three years effective for the Annual Town Meeting in 2018, and to change the position of Tax Collector to be elected for a term of two years effective for the Annual Town Meeting in 2018, and for a term of three years thereafter, in order to stagger the three year terms?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>(113 votes)</b>
No	(44 votes)

**Article 4:** Do you favor creating a Town Highway Department (summer & winter roads) utilizing the proposal of the Town Highway Department's exploratory committee, with an implementation time frame of the Spring of 2018

Yes	(25 votes)
<b>No</b>	<b>(135 votes)</b>

*161 residents voted in the secret ballot election. The secret ballot election was recessed at 20:00.*

*The open portion of the Annual Town Meeting was resumed at 10:00 on Saturday, March 4, 2017, and attended by approximately 42 people. Phil Curtis was appointed & sworn as Deputy Moderator.*

*A motion was made and seconded to allow any non-residents present to speak. **Motion carried.***

**Article 5:** 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 (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 15, 2017 (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.

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.

D. If the Inhabitants accept the previous section, what, if any, interest shall the Inhabitants pay on these prepaid taxes? 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.

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%.

*R. Michael Malesky made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– Dwight Barron) to approve Article 5 A thru F as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

**Article 6.** 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 (2<sup>nd</sup>– Ann Bridges) to approve Article 6 as written. **Motion carried.***

**Article 7.** 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 (2<sup>nd</sup>– Maddy Pierce) to approve Article 7 as written. **Motion carried.***

**Article 8.** 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, 2018 to the Annual Town Meeting.

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 8 as printed. **Motion carried.***

**Article 9.** 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.

*Maddy Pierce made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– Dwight Barron) to approve Article 9 as read. **Motion carried.***

**Article 10.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to accept gifts of money, equipment, or other articles for the town. (All gifts to become property of the town.)

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 10 as printed. **Motion carried.***

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

- A. Municipal Revenue Sharing
- B. Local Road Assistance
- C. State Aid for Education
- D. Civic Emergency Funds

- E. Tree Growth Reimbursement
- F. Veteran’s Exemption Reimbursement
- G. Homestead Exemption Reimbursement
- H. General Assistance Reimbursement

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 11 as printed. Motion carried.*

**Article 12.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing and opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.S.R.A. Section 2953.

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– Maddy Pierce) to approve Article 12 as printed. Motion carried.*

**Article 13.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$82,000 from taxation for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for the Municipal Officials or what they will do related thereto.

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– Maddy Pierce) to approve Article 13 as printed. Motion carried.*

**Article 14.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,550 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.

*Maddy Pierce made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– Dwight Barron) to approve Article 14 as printed. Motion carried.*

**Article 15.** 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.

*Maddy Pierce made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 15 as printed. Motion carried.*

**Article 16.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 from surplus for legal expenses or what they will do related thereto (If required, any additional funding to be from Surplus).

*Robert Dunphy made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– Ann Bridges) to approve Article 16 as printed. Motion carried.*

**Article 17.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 from surplus for audit of the 2016 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).

*Maddy Pierce made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 17 as printed. Motion carried.*

**Article 18.** 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).

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 18 as printed. Motion carried.*

**Article 19.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,300 from taxation for utilities (fuel, electricity, telephone, internet, security alarm, mowing, trash removal, cleaning, etc.) or what they will do related thereto.

Town Office	15,000	Sandy Beach	100
Community Center	26,000	Mullens Cove	150
Town House	500	Street Lights	1,000
Boat Landing	550	Sand Shed	1,000

*Robert Dunphy made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– Ann Bridges) to approve Article 19 as printed. Motion carried.*

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

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– Ann Bridges) to approve Article 20 as printed. **Motion carried.***

**Article 21.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,600 from taxation for Information/Technology and Software licensing for the purpose of all computer hardware and software related expenses or what they will do related thereto.

*Maddy Pierce made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– Robert Dunphy) to approve Article 21 as printed. **Motion carried.***

**Article 22.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,000 from taxation for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for Tax Assessment or what they will do related thereto.

*Robert Dunphy made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– Maddy Pierce) to approve Article 22 as printed. **Motion carried.***

**Article 23.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000 from surplus for the Tax Map Maintenance Account or what they will do related thereto.

*Maddy Pierce made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– Robert Dunphy) to approve Article 23 as printed. **Motion carried.***

**Article 24.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to appropriate the carry forward balance (\$14,955 year-end balance of 12/31/2016), and raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 from taxation for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for the Planning Board or what they will do related thereto.

*Robert Dunphy made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 24 as printed. **Motion carried.***

**Article 25.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to appropriate the carry forward balance (\$1,470 year-end balance of 12/31/2016), and 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.

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 25 as printed. Larry Dunphy asked why they were asking for this amount of money in addition to the Carry Forward amount. C. Taylor explained that the Selectmen had eliminated half of the Carry forward accounts this year and planned to eliminate the rest next year. Larry Witham asked whether this would encourage the department heads to use or lose it. Robert Dunphy pointed out that any amounts spent needed to be approved through the Selectmen. Bruce Blake asked if this was just an accounting issue. Scott LeHay replied that it was ‘only verbiage.’ He said the carry forward and surplus were the same from last year. Larry Dunphy stressed that he felt the Carry Forward accounts were an accountability thing, instead of disappearing into the ‘black hole of surplus.’ Maddy Pierce pointed out that they were putting money into surplus that had already been raised for something. **Motion carried.***

**Article 26.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to appropriate the carry forward balance (\$2,268 year-end balance of 12/31/2016), and 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).

*Robert Dunphy made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– Ann Bridges) to approve Article 26 as printed. **Motion carried.***

**Article 27.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 from taxation for emergency services, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contractual agreements with the Town of Anson (Fire Protection) and Anson-Madison-Starks (AMS) Ambulance Service or what they will do related thereto (If required, any additional funding to be from Surplus).

Fire Protection	40,000	Ambulance Service	15,000
Hydrant Rental	10,000		

Robert Dunphy made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– Ann Bridges) to approve Article 27 as printed. **Motion carried.**

**Article 28.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to appropriate the carry forward balance (\$4,138 year-end balance of 12/31/2016), and raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 from taxation, for Animal Control or what they will do related thereto.

Maddy Pierce made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 28 as printed. **Motion carried.**

**Article 29.** 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).

Maddy Pierce made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 29 as printed. **Motion carried.**

**Article 30.** 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.

R. Michael Malesky made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– Ann Bridges) to approve Article 30 as printed. **Motion carried.**

**Article 31.** To see if the Inhabitants will permit the Municipal Officers and/or the Road Commissioner to use 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 \$41,998.

Dwight Barron made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– Maddy Pierce) to approve Article 31 as printed. **Motion carried.**

**Article 32.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to appropriate the carry forward balance (\$20,496 year-end balance of 12/31/2016), and 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.

Maddy Pierce made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– Ann Bridges) to approve Article 32 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.**

**Article 33.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$261,000 for the winter roads contract or what they will do related thereto. Selectmen recommend \$210,000 from taxation and \$51,000 from excise.

R. Michael Malesky made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– Maddy Pierce) to approve Article 33 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.**

**Article 34.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,000 from taxation for sanitation/solid waste disposal to Waste Management, Inc. or what they will do related thereto.

Maddy Pierce made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– Ann Bridges) to approve Article 34 as printed. **Motion carried.**

**Article 35.** 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).

Maddy Pierce made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– Dwight Barron) to approve Article 35 as printed. **Motion carried.**

**Article 36.** 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	\$ 1,500.00	D. Senior Spectrum	\$ 800.00
B. Somerset County Hospice	\$ 1,200.00	E. Madison Food Cupboard	\$ 2,000.00
C. Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$ 250.00	F. Baker Mountain Ski Tow Club	\$ 300.00

G. Sunset Cemetery	\$ 1,000.00	J. Maine Public Broadcasting	\$ 100.00
H. Madison Public Library	\$ 600.00	K. Life Flight of Maine	\$ 1,000.00
I. Crisis and Counseling Centers	\$ 250.00		
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$9,000.00</b>	

*Maddy Pierce made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– Ann Bridges) to approve Article 36 as printed. **Motion carried.***

**Article 37.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to appropriate the carry forward balance (\$5,171 year-end balance of 12/31/2016), and raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 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.

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 37 as printed. **Motion carried.***

**Article 38.** 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.

*Eric Morrill made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 38 as printed. **Motion carried.***

**Article 39.** 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.

*Maddy Pierce made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– Eric Morrill) to approve Article 39 as printed. **Motion carried.***

**Article 40.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to appropriate the revenues received from the Embden Community Club (\$12,000 year-end balance as of 12/31/2016), to the Capital Improvement Fund, specifically for the future purchase of a generator for the Community Center, or what they will do related thereto.

*Robert Dunphy made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– Maddy Pierce) to approve Article 40 as printed. William Pierce said he felt the price was high. He asked whether Madison Electric had been contacted. Charles Taylor explained that the initial quote was for \$51k for a 100kw generator. He said they had reviewed the electricity usage of the building, and now had an estimate of \$35,155 for a 35kw generator. He added they were looking into grants, and would definitely get other bids. **Motion carried.***

**Article 41.** To see if the Inhabitants will vote to appropriate the remaining balance of the RSU Withdrawal Expense account (\$37,156 year-end balance as of 12/31/2016), and raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000 from excise, to the Capital Improvement Fund, specifically for the purchase of replacing/repairing the Slipp Road/Mill Stream Bridge or what they will do related thereto.

*Maddy Pierce made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>– Eric Morrill) to approve Article 41 as printed. **Motion carried.***

**Article 42.** 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 17-16.***

*Robert Dunphy made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – Ann Bridges) to adjourn. **Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:12.***

*Minutes submitted by:  
Bonnie A. Baker*

# Anson Fire Department

The Anson Fire Department would like to remind our Citizens of Embden to please make your house numbers visible from the road and, if possible, from both directions. Being able to see your house numbers clearly from the road helps us, help you - much faster.

We would like to thank Rick Caldwell, from the Skowhegan Fire Department, for taking the time to come up and remind/teach our annual Fire Prevention at the Garret Schenck School and the Carrabec Community School. He does an amazing job!

We have continued to apply for grants as they become available to us.

This year we have responded to a total of 156 calls of service between Anson and Embden.

## 2017 Calls:

Car Accidents – 50  
Tree/Wires Down – 30  
Structure Fires – 14  
Assist AMS – 12  
False Alarms – 8  
Chimney Fires – 6

Unpermitted Burns – 2  
Vehicle Fires – 3  
Woods/Brush Fires – 4  
Carbon Monoxide Alarms – 4  
Search & Rescue – 2  
Other – 21

I would like to thank our firefighters for all of the hard work and time they have put in this year – for me and for our community!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Daryel Partridge  
Fire Chief



# Baker Mountain Ski Tow Club

Baker Mountain Ski Area was established in 1937 and is one of the oldest ski areas in the state. Baker Mountain Ski Tow Club is a 501(c)(3) organization and its members and volunteers have run the ski area, one of only 14 community ski areas left in Maine, since 1959. Surrounding towns donate towards the operating budget, so we are able to keep ticket prices reasonable. There is a 2140' T-bar, one large open slope and 4 side trails. We have ski and snowboard rentals and a snack bar. We are open weekends and school vacations and we have night skiing. We also offer free ski and snowboard lessons for all ages. It is our goal to provide area residents with affordable recreational winter activities in a family-oriented environment.

Starting Balance 1-1-2017		7,706.46
INCOME:		
Town of Bingham	4,000.00	
Town of Caratunk	500.00	
Town of The Forks	500.00	
Town of Moscow	5,000.00	
Town of Pleasant Ridge	2,000.00	
Town of Solon	500.00	
Town of Embden	300.00	
Food	3,101.25	
Day Tickets	5,790.00	
Night Ticket	100.00	
Rentals	1,000.00	
Seasonal	1,730.00	
Miscellaneous	2,092.00	
TOTAL INCOME:		26,613.25
TOTAL BALANCE:		34,319.71
EXPENSES:		
Bank Mortgage	6,429.44	
Telephone	56.50	
Fuel	290.24	
Food	2,207.53	
Repairs	1,151.09	
Central Maine Power	3,718.97	
Heat	3,118.86	
Miscellaneous	2,411.19	
Insurance	3,293.57	
Inspections	867.00	
Ski Maine	325.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES:		23,869.39
TOTAL BALANCE December 31, 2017:		10,450.32

Respectfully Submitted,  
Corey Farnham, Treasurer

# 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.”***

Another year has come and gone at the Embden Community Center with many things happening. The sewing group, bone building, Weight Watchers and TOPS have had a great turn out this past year. The Neighbor to Neighbor Thrift Store has done a booming business and continues to help those who had fires by inviting them to come in and pick out what they need for free. Open Mic is on the second and fourth Sunday of each month, weather permitting, and is well attended by those folks who enjoy listening to and singing with the band. We have had wonderful entertainment including Bob Marley who has become a perennial favorite. The Second Saturday Group continues to put on fabulous dinners and had been hired to serve several meals during the year. This year they were asked to host a luncheon for Bicycle Maine feeding over four hundred cyclists from around the world on September 11<sup>th</sup>. That would not have been possible without the added support of the many volunteers that stepped forward to help. The Embden Community Club gave out three scholarships for a total of \$1,500, as well as donated \$500 to the Diadema Breast Cancer Fall Classic Golf Tournament.

All of us at the Community Center would encourage you to stop in at one or more of our activities or events to see what is going on in our community and to join us.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED –  
THE EMBDEN COMMUNITY CLUB



Embden Community Club 2017 Year End Report

<b>ECC YEAR END 2017 REPORT</b>			
	<u>Money In</u>	<u>Money Out</u>	<u>Net</u>
ROOM RENTALS	\$ 1,387.98	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,187.98
DINNERS	\$ 10,260.00	\$ -	\$ 10,260.00
CONCERTS & EVENTS	\$ 2,921.00	\$ 2,411.00	\$ 510.00
FLEA/CRAFT MARKET	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
50/50	\$ 508.50	\$ -	\$ 508.50
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
KITCHEN FOOD SALES	\$ 2,147.95	\$ -	\$ 2,147.95
DONATIONS	\$ 3,206.68	\$ -	\$ 3,206.68
THRIFT STORE	\$ 6,492.78	\$ -	\$ 6,492.78
OPEN MIC	\$ 3,194.00	\$ 52.42	\$ 3,141.58
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 30,168.89</b>	<b>\$ 2,663.42</b>	<b>\$ 27,505.47</b>
FOOD EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ 7,176.76	\$ (7,176.76)
MISC EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ 4,328.60	\$ (4,328.60)
ADVERTISING & LICENSES	\$ -	\$ 604.81	\$ (604.81)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 30,168.89</b>	<b>\$ 14,773.59</b>	<b>\$ 15,395.30</b>
<b>Money Given to Town Treasurer</b>	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	\$ (12,000.00)
<b>ECC Donated Money</b>	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (2,000.00)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$30,168.89</b>	<b>\$ 28,773.59</b>	<b>\$ 1,395.30</b>
<b>DINNERS &amp; KITCHEN Sales</b>	<u>Money In</u>	<u>Money Out</u>	<u>Net</u>
	\$ 12,407.95	\$ 7,176.76	\$ 5,231.19

<b>DONATED</b>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>To Who</u>
03/17/17	\$ 500.00	Scholarship to Mickala Willette
03/17/17	\$ 500.00	Scholarship to Bailey Atwood
03/17/17	\$ 500.00	Scholarship to Patrick Nichols
09/01/17	\$ 500.00	Diadema Cancer Golf Tournament

Submitted By: Ruth Blake, Embden Community Club Treasurer

# EMBDEN COMMUNITY CENTER

The Embden Community Center is available for the residents of Embden to use free of charge.

If the Gym and/or Kitchen is needed there will be a \$100.00 deposit which will be returned after the event if the space used, is free of damage, clean, and in the same condition it was found in. This applies to residents and nonresidents.

If a resident of Embden will be earning money from the use of the space then the same fee for nonresidents will be charged.

## Rental Fees

<u>Gymnasium</u>	\$100.00	daily
	\$20.00	hourly
<u>Gym &amp; Kitchen</u>	\$125.00	daily
	\$25.00	hourly
<u>Meeting Room</u>	\$30.00	daily
	\$10.00	hourly

If you want to book the Community Center for an event please call Wayne or Mona 474-1065

# Embden Historical Society, Inc.

[www.rootsweb.com/~meehs](http://www.rootsweb.com/~meehs)



Our historical society has had a good year and are looking forward to 2018. We have a great line up for upcoming programs which are listed as follows:

March 12, 2018 Blizzard to Blossoms (DVD Winter 1948-49 in Skowhegan) at Community Center

April 9, 2018 Forestry Practices by Adam Cates at Community Center

May 14, 2018 Maine Historic Bridges, including locals by Amanda Taylor at Town House

June 11, 2018 Ash Baskets and Gold Basket Pendants by Steve/Tammy Zeh at Town House

July 9, 2018 Olds Cops: Funny Cider, Authors John Ford/ Mark Nickerson at Town House

Aug. 13, 2018 Mainers on the Titanic by Mac Smith at Town House

Sept. 10, 2018 Potluck Meal; Tour of Museum at Jim/Jenny Lightbody's with Elections at 4:30

Oct. 8, 2018 Sandy River Rangeley Lakes Railroad by Tom Moore at Town House

Nov. 12, 2018 Harvest Fest Potluck/Yankee Swap at 5:30 at Town House

All programs are at 7:00 unless otherwise noted and are open to the public. The business meeting is at 6:30. Please feel free to attend 1 or all of our meetings/speakers.

Our huge cemetery project this year was at the Pierce-Purington Cemetery on the New Portland Road. During a severe wind storm on Friday, November 10, 2017 a large white pine tree snapped off along with many branches. Luckily it did not damage any of the headstones but did destroy one-third of the cedar rail fence which will be

repaired next year. By 9:00 Sunday morning we had a crew of 8 volunteers (Patty/Andy Cobb, Mitchell/Emily Quint; Carol/Mike Dolan, Jim Lightbody, Sr. and landowner Lowell Piper) along with Mike's tractor hauling and piling the debris. The town was a huge help in promptly removing the debris. Clean up was amazingly fast.

Our 19 cemeteries in town were raked, branches removed and mowed for the season. Johnny Bigelow does a great job and he now takes care of 14 of the cemeteries. Some of the cemeteries only need minimal care but a few of the cemeteries need to be mowed a few times during the growing season. Many thanks to the volunteers that mow the remaining 5 cemeteries. Flags are placed annually on Veteran's graves before Memorial Day.

The Embden Historical Society enjoyed a fun-filled educational year. Total attendance at the meetings were 143 people (100 members and 43 guests) over the course of 8 meetings. Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 at the Embden Town House; programs follow at 7:00. No meetings are held during the months of December, January and February. (The meetings in March and April are held at the Embden Community Center.)

This year our annual \$1,000.00 scholarship was awarded to Paul Kaplan. The Society has been giving out \$1,000.00 scholarships since 2011 and lower amounts between 1992 until 2010. The scholarship has been 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.

The Society has the following items for sale:

Embden Town of Yore - Ernest George Walker's 1929 book. \$40.00

Solon of Lost Nation - Ernest George Walker's manuscript of several local families. \$20.00

Embden Bicentennial Afghans/Throws. \$25.00

Embden Bicentennial Historical Maps. \$2.00

Embden Bicentennial Maps (Roads in town) \$2.00

This year's officers are:

President Carol Dolan

Vice President Larry Witham

Secretary Nancy McLean

Treasurer Brainard Tripp

Executive Committee (1 year term) Norma Campbell

Executive Committee (2 year term) Jim Lightbody, Sr.

Executive Committee (3 year term) Lois Erickson

If you would like a program, be added to the monthly E-mail group and/or purchase any items the Historical Society has for sale, please feel free to contact me at [mcdolan@roadrunner.com](mailto:mcdolan@roadrunner.com)

Carol Dolan, President

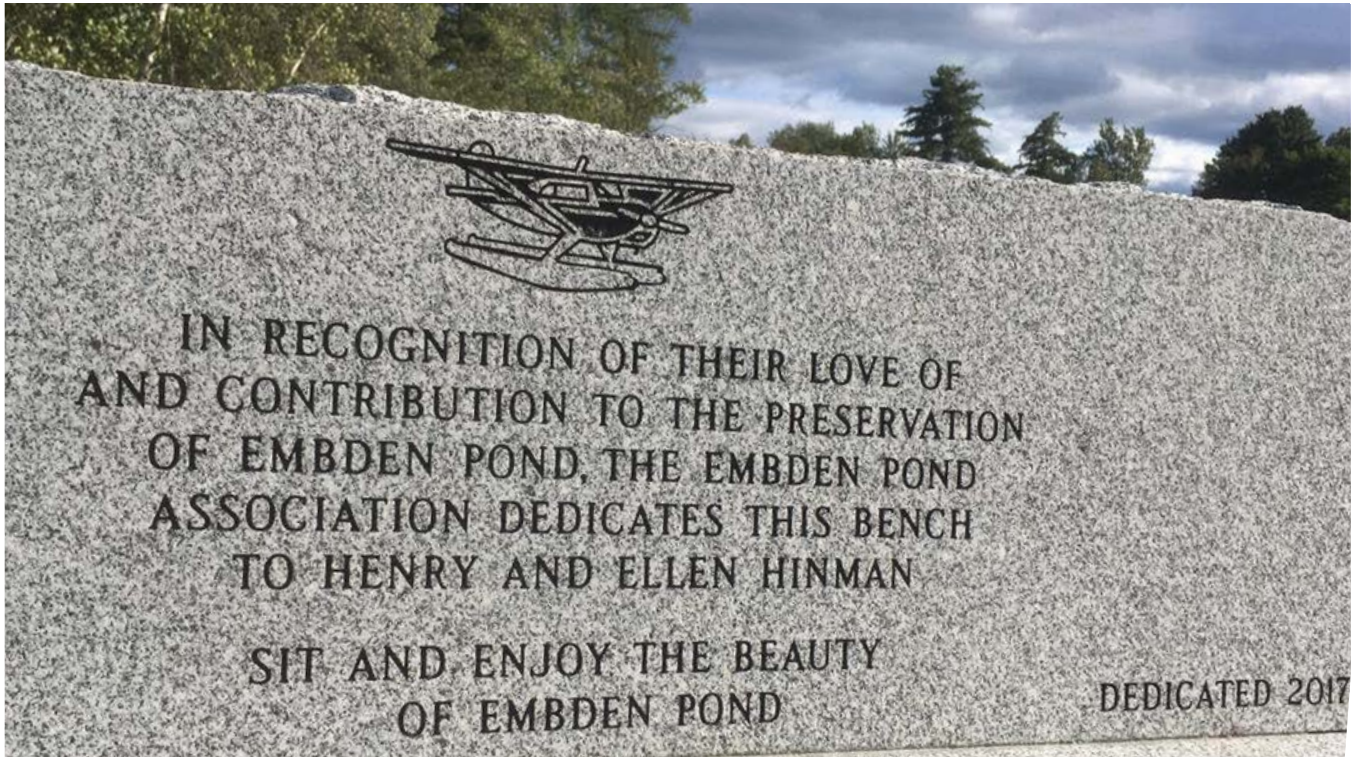
# Embden Pond Association

Greetings from the Embden Pond Association. 2017 was a very active year on the pond. The association has been busy working to keep our little gem of a pond as pristine as always. Our water quality is considered excellent based on data collected by volunteers and Maine DEP since 1970. The Invasive plant program, headed by one of our residents and run by volunteers, reports our lake is free of damaging plants. The mission of the association is to promote the protection and enhancement of Embden Pond's water quality and to preserve its ecological, economic, recreational, and aesthetic value. We do this not only for the residents who live on the pond but for all who use and enjoy our lake. Just a reminder to all of you who use the Pond it is very important to check your boat and trailer for any plant life that may be hanging around from another pond or lake. This is the number one way damaging plants enter lakes and ponds. Once a pond or lake is invaded it is very difficult to stop and extremely difficult remove, not to mention costly. I have seen here in Maine lakes over run by invasive plants to the point of being closed. We certainly would not want that to happen here. So what can you do you ask? Well you can rinse your boat and trailer when you move from one lake or pond to the next. It doesn't take that much time and it will insure that there will be many more years of excellent water quality for you and future generations.



I'm sure everyone knows by now that there was a new spillway built on the pond some time ago. The association wanted to recognize Henry and Ellen Hinman for their contribution in making that happen. We have installed a granite bench at the spillway as a remembrance to them. Take some time to visit and take a seat and admire the beauty of Embden Pond.

Wishing everyone a healthy and happy 2018.  
Ernie Falcone, President



Pictures of the Granite Bench provided by Janice Welch



# 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 this year consisting of 35 miles of trails. In support of this effort, the Club thanks the residents of Embden for approving the monetary support of this organization. The ETSC is also supported annually by a State grant that will equal \$5,400 and \$15.00 from each family membership, as well as donations and fund raisers. These funds will be used to build two new bridges, repair the bridge by the Embden Spillway over Mill Stream damaged by vandals, fuel and equipment maintenance. We did need to remove more than 230 trees downed by the October 30<sup>th</sup> storm. Our trail system provides users access to North New Portland, Pleasant Ridge and the Interconnecting Trail to Solon and North Anson leading to the 14,000 miles of trails in the State.

Last year, the ETSC had 21 family memberships, 2 businesses and 1 associate membership. At the time of this writing (January 14) trail conditions are marginal due to the heavy rain this past week followed by near zero temperatures. A few moderate snowfalls should allow for trail surfaces to recover. We are hopeful the State of Maine will allow access from the Spring Hill area to our trails to the north that was denied last year. Again, the State of Maine has left all the shallow water buoys in place on Embden Pond. Please be alert to these hazards if you sled on the pond.

We have a potluck the third Saturday in October, the second Saturday of December and meet as necessary January through April. Membership open to everyone. Contact Membership chair Nancy McLean (635-2857), Trailmaster Jay Wilson (566-5330) or, President John Duff (566-5722) for an application. Jay will also respond to any calls from those wishing to offer some help.

It is with great respect that the ETSC extends 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 would not be enjoyed locally.

John P. Duff  
President ETSC

# Madison Public Library

To the residents of Embden:

Books, computers, Wi-Fi, printing, summer programs, online classes, tax forms, knitting groups, writing groups for children, proctoring exams. The library continues to be a busy place! Total checkouts (adult, juvenile and young adult circulation) for the 2017 calendar year is as follows:

Print books	12,595
Digital audiobooks	730
In-house audiobooks	28 (We keep a small selection on hand for patrons with no computer access)
Ebooks	1,265
Total	14,618

In today's world, internet access is expected at public libraries. We have replaced all five public computers. Job applications, tax forms and filing, research and recreational use is available to all at no cost to the user. Many people use their own laptops, tablets or phones to access the internet before, during, and after library hours. Madison Public Library offers free access to electronic resources, including wireless internet, as part of its commitment to provide informational and educational freedom for all area residents and visitors as long as they abide by the rules of acceptable use. There is a 2 hour limit for anyone under 18 years of age, and a 3 hour limit for adults, per day.

We held an event in April in cooperation with KVCAP to educate children about first responders in a non-emergency environment. It was well attended and the children were thrilled with the opportunity to explore a sheriff cruiser, an ambulance and a fire truck!

The public bathroom was renovated, the furnace repaired, and a wireless router replaced twice, after it was somehow compromised by malware. Other repairs included some new, simple shelving and more lighting installed in the hallway by the children's non-fiction.

Madison was recently designated an Age-Friendly Community. As such, AARP Maine offers several collections of books to the community's library about matters associated with growing older. At the time this report was written, we had received our first shipment, which deals with caregiving. The next shipment should arrive in early 2018 and will highlight financial matters.

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. We also hold local history and genealogical research material for in library use. Patron computers are available plus Wi-Fi connectivity for wireless users. The catalog is available online during library hours by going to our website and clicking on “Catalog”. We changed our Wednesday hours to 2:00-5:00 p.m. and Saturdays remain the same 2:30-4:30 p.m. or by appointment. Residents may contact the library during hours at 635-3212. Wi-Fi is available for laptops and other wireless devices both inside and outside the library from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily. Watch bulletin boards, newspapers and the library website for the annual Summer Book Sale.

Our patronage increased fourteen percent and checkouts increase by a third. With our new wi-fi router more people can download/upload faster from inside and outside the library. We offered robotics, Legos and hosted a new author visit this year. Students from Carrabec Community School visited the library prior to summer vacation. In addition to our annual book sale, we held a Plant Sale at A Maine Farmhouse. The average annual VALUE per household use of the library is \$3,627.50; the average annual COST to the Town is about \$1.50 per resident.



Desk volunteers: Glenna Blazic, Betsy Burpee, Alyson Duff, Lois Erickson, Kathy Falcone, Angela Larlee, Emily Quint, and Beverly Tripp. A sincere thank you for your service! Volunteers Margaret Adams, John Duff, Jim Foss, Rick Keen, Carol McLaughlin, Jeanne Moore, Mitchell Quint, Alice Stardig, Doreen Whitmore, Larry Witham, and Una Wyman served on special projects. A special thanks to all the individuals who donated their time, money, services and books. Thank you for your continued support.

Stewart Public Library – the little library that’s bigger than it looks!

Sincerely,  
Stewart Public Library  
Emily Quint, Volunteer Librarian  
Email: [splib@tdstelme.net](mailto:splib@tdstelme.net)  
Website: [www.stewartpub.lib.me.us](http://www.stewartpub.lib.me.us)



**Embden Storm Damage – November 2017**



# REAL ESTATE COLLECTION REPORT

<b>2018 PREPAYMENTS RECEIVED IN 2017</b>	<b>\$55,423.18</b>
2017 TAX COMMITMENT	\$2,860,311.87
2017 SUPPLEMENTAL BILLS	\$1,280.00
2017 ABATEMENTS ISSUED DURING 2017	\$3,326.14
2017 REAL ESTATE TAXES COLLECTED	\$2,676,469.92
<b>2017 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2017</b>	<b>\$183,643.93</b>
2016 REAL ESTATE TAXES OUTSTANDING AS OF 1/01/2017	\$185,990.31
2016 SUPPLEMENTAL BILLS ISSUED DURING 2017	\$9,608.00
2016 ABATEMENTS ISSUED DURING 2017	\$3,546.03
2016 REAL ESTATE TAXES COLLECTED	\$165,194.14
<b>2016 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2017</b>	<b>\$39,824.47</b>
2015 REAL ESTATE TAXES OUTSTANDING AS OF 1/01/2017	\$41,633.05
2015 SUPPLEMENTAL BILLS ISSUED DURING 2017	\$0.00
2015 ABATEMENTS ISSUED DURING 2017	\$3,326.83
2015 REAL ESTATE TAXES COLLECTED	\$43,562.87
<b>2015 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2017</b>	<b>\$6,918.18</b>
2014 REAL ESTATE TAXES OUTSTANDING AS OF 1/01/2017	\$8,546.33
2014 SUPPLEMENTAL BILLS ISSUED DURING 2017	\$0.00
2014 ABATEMENTS ISSUED DURING 2017	\$0.00
2014 REAL ESTATE TAXES COLLECTED	\$8,653.49
<b>2014 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2017</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
REAL ESTATE TAX INTEREST COLLECTED	\$12,411.00
REAL ESTATE TAX LIEN COSTS COLLECTED	\$5,568.15

<b>ABATEMENTS ISSUED DURING 2017</b>		
<b>2015:</b>		
Ernest & Kathy Lynn Falcone	\$695.95	
Donna LeBlanc	\$129.60	
Eleanor Ketchum	\$176.26	
Robert Leahy	\$825.55	
Lisa Thomas, Trustee	\$1,499.47	
<b>2016:</b>		
Tamara Howes	\$238.47	
Ernest & Kathy Lynn Falcone	\$692.19	
Donna LeBlanc	\$127.61	
Robert Leahy	\$821.09	
Lisa Thomas, Trustee	\$1,491.37	
Eleanor Ketchum	\$175.30	
<b>2017:</b>		
Henry Chipman	\$31.63	
Zane Fletcher II	\$154.00	
Cathy Hinman	\$5.50	
Robert Leahy	\$875.88	
Lisa Thomas, Trustee	\$1,590.88	
Michael Whitmore	\$173.25	
Eleanor Ketchum	\$187.00	
Steven Gerard Wentworth	\$308.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,199.00</b>	
<b>SUPPLEMENTS ISSUED DURING 2017</b>		
<b>2016:</b>		
Nancy McLean		\$4,684.00
Clinton & Deborah Brown		\$4,424.00
Joseph M. Flynn		\$500.00
<b>2017:</b>		
Joseph M. Flynn		\$1,280.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$10,888.00</b>

# 2017 Delinquent Property Taxes

\* Paid in full after 12/31/2017 and before 2/1/2018

Name ----	Amount Due
880 EAST SHORE REALTY TRUST	4,855.04
ABDELRIHIM, MOHAMED A. & RHONDA	489.38
ANAIR, ROBERT A.	2,403.50
ARMBRISTER, EUGENE J. & LINDA M.	159.50
ARNTSON, JUDITH MOREL	3,209.91
ATTWOOD, LAURIE L.	61.26
BAKER, CINDY	328.40
BECKLER, MARJORIE H.	490.37
BEEDY, CHAD E. & ABBOTT, LYNETTE M.	773.74
BELANGER, COREY	882.75
BERRY, DONALD J. & CYNTHIA A.	1,775.13
BILLING, SAMUEL L.	1,127.50
BILLING, SAMUEL L.	376.75
BISHOP, TERRY L.	1,240.25
BOLMER, NUFER B. & DONA A. (J.T.)	980.37
BOLTHOUSE, CATHERINE L.	352.00
BOUCHER, PAUL	423.26
BREAULT, NATHAN & TAMMY (J.T.)	748.00
BRETON, MITCHELL R. & MARY B.	353.38
BRIMIGION IRREVOCABLE TRUST, JEANNE	1,065.32
BROWN, ROBERT A. & DEBRA A.	375.38
BURNS, DANNY E.	2,061.13
BURNS, DANNY E. & NICHOLE S.	404.25
BURRILL, CHRISTOPHER J. & LINDSEY A.	567.88
BURRILL, DARRON	395.48
BURRILL, DARRON R.	1.98
BURRILL, TAMMY I. & STAPLES, MICHAEL C.	1,079.38
CALDWELL, BARBARA D.	2,787.13
CARAMIHALIS, MICHAEL	5,231.88
CARAMIHALIS, MICHAEL J.	445.50
CAREY 2007 FAMILY TRUST, DANA M.	261.25

<b>Name ----</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>
CAREY, JAMES P.	192.50
CHARITY, CARLTON & VIOLETTE, BONNIE	802.31
CHIPMAN, WADE	1,506.63
CHRISTENSEN, JON C. & DENA J.	2,682.63
CLARK, JULIE B.	800.52
COPELAND, DIANE J. CHRIS N.	1,943.56
COSTELLO, MYLES T.	233.75
COTE FAMILY REAL ESTATE, LLC	1,231.16
COTE, MICHAEL & FISHER, CYNTHIA	16.23
COTE, MICHAEL & FISHER, CYNTHIA &	342.85
CRAIG, CHLOERIVA N. & JEFFREY S.	5.81
CUMMINGS, SHERRIE	649.00
CUMMINGS, SHERRIE L	639.06
CYR, BRENT D. & CARMAN P.	1,946.73
DESPRES, BRIAN & NOELLA	6.91
DIAMOND, JOEY	719.13
DICKEY II (PERSONAL REP.), RICHARD W.	842.88
DILL, JUDITH L. & COLBY A.	940.50
DOMINO, MICHAEL J.	1,502.19
DOMINO, MICHAEL J. & JOY E.	1,729.07
DOWNS, EUGENE & JOANN	398.75
DUBE, HONORE G. & KENNETH NICHOLE	431.75
EAST NINE PROPERTIES, LLC.	1,050.29
EBNETER, KURT T.	3,217.61
EMERY, RENEE F. & WILLIAM M.	120.19
EVANS, DAVID & NOREEN	686.13
FARMER, DUANE E. & KATHY	3.54
FLETCHER, DAVID & MARY	2,388.14
FLYNN, JOHN F. & AL	1,415.56
FLYNN, RONALD F.	4.68
FOLEY, JOHN T. & KATHLEEN L.	1,361.25
FRENCH, MICHAEL S.	169.13
FRINK, ROBERT H. & PARASCANDOLO, J.M.	454.13
FRITH, PALMER E.	2,564.38
FROST, TIFFANY L.	781.00

<b>Name ----</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>
G.M. REALTY	3,521.38
GAGNON, WILFRED W. JR.	722.56
GAIAS, EDWARD & BARBARA M.	1,110.31
GAIAS, EDWARD & BARBARA M.	177.37
GASLIN, ROCKY & BARBARA	3,077.94
GOODALE, KRISTINA ELIZA	398.75
GOODRICH, TAMMY L.	1,277.27
GRAY, LINDA	831.88
GREENLAW, MARK A. & WENDY J.	700.54
HABERLAND, GREG	176.00
HARDING JR., RICHARD L. & WENDY A.	944.62
HESS JR, ALFRED D.	1,698.12
HIBBARD, CHESTER A. & DEBRA A.	1,434.12
HIBBARD, JOSEPH M.	1,762.75
HINKLEY JR., MARK	672.37
HINKLEY, ADAM	280.50
HINKLEY, MARK P. JR. & ADAM J.	151.25
HOOD, PARKER	1,342.69
HOWE, JAMES G.	827.75
HUBBARD, CLARE C.	126.50
INGALLS, KENNETH & SANDRA	461.15
IRISH, JEFFREY C. & RHONDA L.	2.81
JACKSON, SUSAN	1,169.35
JAROS, RICHARD E. & BRENDA J.	2,299.00
JILLSON, JOSHUA P.	577.50
JOHNSON, RONALD L. SR. & RONALD L. JR.	462.00
JUSSEAUME, DAVID P.	1,468.50
JUTRAS, DAVID J. & LUZ M.	906.14
KEENE, VERNON H.	1,242.71
KELLY, MICHAEL P.	1,326.88
KEMEZYS, DR. KESUTUIS & HARRIET	112.06
KEMEZYS, DR. KESUTUIS & HARRIET	389.81
KENNEY, DAVID	192.50
KENNEY, DAVID	68.75
KENNEY, DAVID	253.00

<b>Name ----</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>
KENNEY, DAVID D. & KATHY A.	2,410.38
KIGER, GEORGE JR. & JACQUELINE	703.31
KIGER, JACQULINE ON697	460.63
KIGER, LAURIE	592.63
LABBE, CINDY	270.66
LABBE, CINDY H.	203.79
LADD, CINDY & JONATHAN (PERSON IN POSSESSION)	165.00
LAFLAMME, CARL P.	780.00
LANCASTER, GARY G.	419.37
LANE, CARROL A.	702.63
LAVERDIERE, JANICE B. & MELISSA M.	673.75
LEAVITT, DONALD M.	924.69
LIBBY, LAURA L.	1,911.25
LOONS NEST REALTY LLC.	2,025.38
MACGREGOR, ROBERT R. & NANCY A.	283.14
MAINE-LY TREES INC.	1,413.63
MAINE-LY TREES INC.	20.63
MAINE-LY TREES INC.	5.50
MAINE-LY TREES INC.	6.88
MAINE-LY TREES INC.	11.00
MAINE-LY TREES INC.	6.88
MAINE-LY TREES INC.	19.25
MAINE-LY TREES INC.	5.50
MAINE-LY TREES INC.	11.00
MALESKY, MICHAEL	760.38
MALESKY, MICHAEL	1,193.50
MALESKY, R. MICHAEL	335.50
MALESKY, R. MICHAEL	288.75
MANZER, CARL & BROWN, JENNIFER	85.25
MARTIN, JAMES R. & BRENDA L.	943.10
MAXON, SHANE & PAMELA	1,770.31
MAYO, CYNTHIA M.	195.31
MCCARTHY, CAROLYN M.	1,522.58
MCMAHON, RICHARD J. & KIM R.	5,112.93
MELLO, JENNIFER M.	364.93

<b>Name ----</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>
MERCIER, DANIEL L.	97.08
MICHAUD, WAYNE A.	1,510.98
MILLER, DUWAYNE E. & PAMELA C.	152.62
MONACO, JUDITH	229.63
MOOERS, EDWARD & DONNA	481.94
MORAN, STEPHAN	1,735.25
MORAN, STEPHEN M.	2,292.13
MORIN, JO-ANN A.	2.24
MORRILL, ERIC S. & AMANDA L.	970.75
MORRIS, SAMUEL	296.86
MORRIS, SAMUEL	1,104.13
MORTON, GERALD	108.79
MORTON, JEAN G.	1,297.24
MULLIN, ABIGAIL E.	145.98
MULLIN, JOHN L.	596.75
MULLIN, STEVEN R. & JANE H.	998.25
MURRAY, JOSEPH B. & SMITH, KATHLEEN M.	576.38
NADEAU, MAURICE P. & COLLINS, CAROLYN M.	1,217.58
NELSON, BRIAN M. & GAGE MICHAEL	387.75
NICHOLS, LOUIS A. SR. & LOUIS A. JR.	584.90
NILE, LAURIE	812.63
NIXON, LAURENCE G.	2.21
PALMER, STUART M.	264.00
PATTEN REVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT, HARRY S.	229.63
PELLETIER, CARLENE T.	169.97
POMERLOW, DONALD W. & LINDA D.	452.38
QUARTON, FRANCES BAXTER TRUST	9.94
QUIMBY, WILLIAM A.	4.71
RAYMOND, LORETTA & DONALD	1,211.38
RAYMOND, LORETTA J.	207.63
REIGLE, ALAN F. & SHIRLEY B.	119.63
REIGLE, ALAN F. & SHIRLEY B.	140.25
ROBERTS, GARETH & HILARY	1,060.81
ROOP, STEPHEN R. & ELAINE J.	2,527.00
SEVINOR, GARY & LYDIA (TRUSTEES)	1,251.94

<b>Name ----</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>
SHAW, NORMAN	224.13
SHAW, NORMAN R.	393.25
SHEEHAN, THOMAS & APRIL (J.T.)	6.84
SMITH, WINN S.	1,856.25
ST. MICHEL, NORMANDE	662.75
SWARTOUT, JEFFREY S. & TERRY K.	1,025.75
TAYLOR, DARLENE A.	2,690.88
THRASHER, HEATHER M.	1,207.25
TINGLEY, RAY A.	446.88
TINGLEY, RAY A.	343.75
TOWNE JR., KENNETH E. & CINDA L.	994.12
TOY REVOCABLE TRUST, MARY E.	3,022.25
TRUSCOTT, DANIEL T. & KATIE M.	836.00
TRUSCOTT, KATIE & DANIEL	327.25
VERRILL, ANNE R.	1,602.56
VILES, GLENN & CLAUDIA	2,813.25
VILES, GLENN & CLAUDIA	517.00
VITAL III, JOSEPH P.	1,230.63
WAHLER, HEATHER	937.74
WAHLER, TIMOTHY P. & TORRY D.	3,290.38
WAHLER, TORRY D. & TIMOTHY P.	826.38
WALKER, PERCIE	104.50
WARREN, DOUGLAS	829.13
WAY, JAMIE & BRAD	342.38
WILKINS, STACY & STEVEN; ZEH, TAMBERLAINE; WILLIAM	250.08
WITHAM, ELLERY G.	2,115.92
WOOD, KENNETH G.	347.88
WOOLF, HESTON G.	398.04
WYMAN, TRAVIS P. & DONNA M.	376.75
YATTAW, FRANK & NICOLETTE	200.75
YORDANOPOULOS, GEORGE B.	134.75

**Total Outstanding 2017 Taxes:**

**\$181,860.06**

# 2016 Delinquent Property Taxes

\* Paid in full after 12/31/2017 and before 2/1/2018

Name ----	Amount Due
BELANGER, COREY	203.61
BISHOP, TERRY L.	1,274.55
BREAULT, NATHAN & TAMMY	448.93
BROWN, ROBERT A. & DEBRA A.	428.00
BURRILL, CHRISTOPHER J. & LINDSEY A.	326.36
CALDWELL, BARBARA D.	2,788.64
CHRISTENSEN, JON C. & DENA J.	2,686.36
CUMMINGS, SHERRIE	695.83
DIAMOND, JOEY	764.47
DILL, JUDITH L. & COLBY A.	981.16
DOWNS, EUGENE & JOANN	212.51
DUBE, HONORE G. & KENNETH NICHOLE	558.55
FRENCH, MICHAEL S.	293.42
G.M. REALTY	3,515.40
HUBBARD, CLARE C.	60.32
JAROS, RICHARD E. & BRENDA J.	2,403.74
JILLSON, JOSHUA P.	629.89
JOHNSON, RONALD L. SR. & RONALD L. JR.	493.55
* KELLY, MICHAEL P.	516.64
KENNEY, DAVID D. & KATHY A.	2,429.30
LADD, CINDY & JONATHAN (PERSON IN POSSESSION)	222.09
LANE, CARROL A.	748.72
LIBBY, LAURA L.	2,040.34
MALESKY, MICHAEL	804.86
MALESKY, MICHAEL	1,296.09
MALESKY, R. MICHAEL	388.98
MALESKY, R. MICHAEL	343.22
MANZER, CARL & BROWN, JENNIFER	144.04
MULLIN, JOHN L.	603.26
NELSON, BRIAN M. & GAGE MICHAEL	570.67
NILE, LAURIE	857.34

Name ----	Amount Due
PATTEN REVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT, HARRY S.	285.35
POMERLOW, DONALD W. & LINDA D.	401.92
SMITH, WINN S.	1,946.13
SWARTOUT, JEFFREY S. & TERRY K.	633.75
TAYLOR, DARLENE A.	2,695.78
TINGLEY, RAY A.	771.20
TINGLEY, RAY A.	417.24
WAY, JAMIE & BRAD	395.70
WOOD, KENNETH G. & GAUDETTE, THERESA	671.62
WYMAN, TRAVIS P. & DONNA M.	499.33
YATTAW, FRANK & NICOLETTE	257.08

**Total outstanding 2016 Taxes: \$38,705.94**

## 2015 Delinquent Property Taxes

\* Paid in full after 12/31/2017 and before 2/1/2018

Name ----	Amount Due
DIAMOND, ROBERT ERWYN	983.20
MANZER, CARL & BROWN, JENNIFER	154.43
NELSON, BRIAN M.	500.00
* NILE, LAURIE	877.06
* WAY, JAMIE & BRAD	275.68

**Total outstanding 2015 Taxes: \$2,790.3**



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February 7, 2018

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Embden  
Embden, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Embden, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Embden, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017. The following schedules have been excerpted from the 2017 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town. Included herein are:

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds	Statement C
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	Statement E
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund	Schedule 1
Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund	Schedule A
Combining Balance Sheet - Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule B
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, 2017

	General Fund	Highway Block Grant	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,016,289	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,016,289
Investments	-	-	5,729	5,729
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):				
Taxes	184,144	-	-	184,144
Liens	37,149	-	-	37,149
Due from other funds	-	144,772	54,703	199,475
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 1,237,582</b>	<b>\$ 144,772</b>	<b>\$ 60,432</b>	<b>\$ 1,442,786</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable	\$ 3,070	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,070
Due to other governments	251	-	-	251
Due to other funds	199,475	-	-	199,475
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>202,796</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>202,796</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Prepaid taxes	55,423	-	-	55,423
Advance payment of LRAP funding	21,282	-	-	21,282
Deferred revenue	168,500	-	-	168,500
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>245,205</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>245,205</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	22,972	-	5,729	28,701
Committed	115,867	144,772	54,703	315,342
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	650,742	-	-	650,742
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>789,581</b>	<b>144,772</b>	<b>60,432</b>	<b>994,785</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 1,237,582</b>	<b>\$ 144,772</b>	<b>\$ 60,432</b>	<b>\$ 1,442,786</b>

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

## TOWN OF EMBDEN, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	General Fund	Highway Block Grant	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 2,876,435	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,876,435
Excise taxes	178,569	-	-	178,569
Intergovernmental	129,377	-	-	129,377
Charges for services	7,132	-	-	7,132
Embden Community Center	12,000	-	-	12,000
Interest income	6,836	-	9	6,845
Other tax income	17,761	-	-	17,761
Other	8,109	-	-	8,109
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>3,236,219</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3,236,228</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
General government	209,656	-	-	209,656
Protection	71,507	-	-	71,507
Public works	511,717	-	-	511,717
Health and sanitation	39,534	-	-	39,534
Culture services	4,863	-	-	4,863
Social services	12,793	-	-	12,793
Education	1,688,213	-	-	1,688,213
County tax	490,922	-	-	490,922
Unclassified	35,201	-	2	35,203
Capital outlay	138,189	-	-	138,189
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>3,202,595</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3,202,597</b>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>33,624</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>33,631</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>33,624</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>33,631</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1</b>	<b>755,957</b>	<b>144,772</b>	<b>60,425</b>	<b>961,154</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31</b>	<b>\$ 789,581</b>	<b>\$ 144,772</b>	<b>\$ 60,432</b>	<b>\$ 994,785</b>

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## TOWN OF EMBDEN, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final	Actual	
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	\$ 755,957	\$ 755,957	\$ 755,957	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	2,860,312	2,860,312	2,876,435	16,123
Excise taxes	113,000	113,000	178,569	65,569
Intergovernmental:				
State revenue sharing	29,677	29,677	31,680	2,003
Homestead reimbursement	39,708	39,708	34,822	(4,886)
Local road assistance	41,998	41,998	42,230	232
Tree growth/MRC quarterly dist.	-	-	15,771	15,771
General assistance	-	-	3,310	3,310
Other	-	-	1,564	1,564
Charges for services	-	-	7,132	7,132
Other tax income	-	-	17,761	17,761
Embden Community Center	12,000	12,000	12,000	-
Interest income	-	-	6,836	6,836
Other revenues	-	-	8,109	8,109
Transfers from other funds	-	-	-	-
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>3,852,652</u>	<u>3,852,652</u>	<u>3,992,176</u>	<u>139,524</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	298,299	298,299	209,656	88,643
Protection	77,410	77,410	71,507	5,903
Public works	527,145	527,145	511,717	15,428
Health and sanitation	38,000	38,000	39,534	(1,534)
Culture services	12,771	12,771	4,863	7,908
Social services	9,400	9,400	12,793	(3,393)
Education	1,711,185	1,711,185	1,688,213	22,972
County tax	490,922	490,922	490,922	-
Unclassified	67,184	67,184	35,201	31,983
Capital outlay	205,849	205,849	138,189	67,660
Transfers to other funds	-	-	-	-
Total Charges to Appropriation	<u>3,438,165</u>	<u>3,438,165</u>	<u>3,202,595</u>	<u>235,570</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 414,487</u>	<u>\$ 414,487</u>	<u>\$ 789,581</u>	<u>\$ 375,094</u>
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	\$ 44,500	\$ 44,500	\$ -	\$ (44,500)
Utilization of committed fund balance	296,970	296,970	-	(296,970)
	<u>\$ 341,470</u>	<u>\$ 341,470</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (341,470)</u>

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SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF EMBDEN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
Compensation	\$ 82,000	\$ -	\$ 82,000	\$ 75,578	\$ 6,422
Town meeting expenses	8,000	-	8,000	7,565	435
Assessors	32,000	-	32,000	29,615	2,385
Tax map account	16,000	-	16,000	7,150	8,850
Planning board	20,955	-	20,955	5,741	15,214
Code enforcement	13,470	-	13,470	11,847	1,623
Appeals board	2,368	-	2,368	506	1,862
Dues and memberships	4,550	-	4,550	4,484	66
Legal	9,900	-	9,900	6,278	3,622
Insurances	13,000	-	13,000	6,842	6,158
Utilities	42,300	-	42,300	42,836	(536)
Supplies and equipment	10,000	-	10,000	7,757	2,243
Facilities maintenance	43,756	-	43,756	3,457	40,299
<b>Total</b>	<b>298,299</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>298,299</b>	<b>209,656</b>	<b>88,643</b>
<b>PROTECTION</b>					
Anson FD fire protection	40,000	-	40,000	39,709	291
Hydrant rental	10,000	-	10,000	9,251	749
AMS ambulance service	15,000	-	15,000	15,963	(963)
Street lights	1,000	-	1,000	858	142
Animal control officer	7,638	-	7,638	3,126	4,512
EMA director	2,572	-	2,572	1,558	1,014
E911 safety	1,200	-	1,200	1,042	158
<b>Total</b>	<b>77,410</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>77,410</b>	<b>71,507</b>	<b>5,903</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>					
Highway and bridges	262,494	-	262,494	249,759	12,735
Winter roads	261,000	-	261,000	260,214	786
Sand and salt - utilities	1,000	-	1,000	796	204
Sand and salt - maintenance	2,651	-	2,651	948	1,703
<b>Total</b>	<b>527,145</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>527,145</b>	<b>511,717</b>	<b>15,428</b>
<b>HEALTH AND SANITATION</b>					
Waste disposal/recycling	38,000	-	38,000	39,534	(1,534)
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,000</b>	<b>39,534</b>	<b>(1,534)</b>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF EMBDEN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>CULTURE SERVICES</b>					
Stewart Public Library	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	-
Madison Public Library	100	-	100	100	-
Recreation	11,171	-	11,171	3,263	7,908
Total	12,771	-	12,771	4,863	7,908
<b>SOCIAL SERVICES</b>					
General assistance	2,000	-	2,000	5,393	(3,393)
Local charities	7,400	-	7,400	7,400	-
Total	9,400	-	9,400	12,793	(3,393)
<b>EDUCATION</b>	1,711,185	-	1,711,185	1,688,213	22,972
<b>COUNTY TAX</b>	490,922	-	490,922	490,922	-
<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>					
Software license	10,000	-	10,000	12,248	(2,248)
Technology	11,600	-	11,600	3,054	8,546
TAN interest	5,100	-	5,100	4,951	149
Cemeteries	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	-
Snowmobile club	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
Contingency	2,000	-	2,000	1,430	570
Overlay/abatements	35,984	-	35,984	11,018	24,966
Total	67,184	-	67,184	35,201	31,983
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>					
Town building account	54,660	-	54,660	-	54,660
Generator	13,000	-	13,000	-	13,000
Town road projects	138,189	-	138,189	138,189	-
Total	205,849	-	205,849	138,189	67,660
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	\$ 3,438,165	\$ -	\$ 3,438,165	\$ 3,202,595	\$ 235,570

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## TOWN OF EMBDEN, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Investments	\$ -	\$ 5,729	\$ 5,729
Due from other funds	54,703	-	54,703
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 54,703</u>	<u>\$ 5,729</u>	<u>\$ 60,432</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Restricted	-	5,729	5,729
Committed	54,703	-	54,703
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>54,703</u>	<u>5,729</u>	<u>60,432</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>\$ 54,703</u>	<u>\$ 5,729</u>	<u>\$ 60,432</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, 2017

	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Interest income	\$ -	\$ 9	\$ 9
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>-</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Other	-	2	2
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</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	-	7	7
FUND BALANCE - JANUARY 1	<u>54,703</u>	<u>5,722</u>	<u>60,425</u>
FUND BALANCE - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 54,703</u>	<u>\$ 5,729</u>	<u>\$ 60,432</u>

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# Town of Embden Directory

POSITION	TELEPHONE	E-MAIL
<b>Selectpersons</b>	<b>566-5551 x 4</b>	
Charles E. Taylor (Chair)	491-2641	embden-select@roadrunner.com
Scott LeHay	635-3459	
Wayne McLaughlin	474-1065	
<b>Town Clerk/Treasurer/Registrar</b>		
Bonnie Baker	566-5551 x1	embden-clerk@roadrunner.com
<b>Tax Collector</b>		
Ruth Blake	566-5551 x1	embden-collector@roadrunner.com
<b>General Assistance Officer</b>		
Charles Taylor	491-2641	embden-select@roadrunner.com
<b>Health Officer</b>		
Leo Mayo	566-7341	
<b>E-911 Addressing Officer</b>		
Eleanor Ketchum	566-7141	
<b>Board of Assessors</b>	566-5551 x2	embden-assessor@roadrunner.com
Terriann Lamontagne (Chair)		
Dwight Barron		
Wayne McLaughlin		
<b>Road Commissioner</b>		
Michael Witham	431-1604	
<b>Emergency Management Director</b>		
Robert Dunphy	474-4515	
<b>Animal Control Officer</b>		
Pamela Graf	474-6465	
<b>Code Enforcement Officer</b>		
Susan Hathaway	566-5551 x 3	embden-ceo@roadrunner.com
<b>Plumbing Inspector</b>		
Leo Mayo	566-7341	
<b>Planning Board</b>		
Leo Mayo (Chair)	566-7341	
Ann Bridges (Secretary)	566-5793	
<b>Appeals Board</b>		
John Duff (Chair)	566-5722	

# Important Dates:

- **ATVS** Available beginning May 1  
Renewals can also be done online at [www10.informe.org/ifw/atv-snow](http://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](http://www10.informe.org/ifw/atv-snow)
- **BOATS** Available beginning December 1
- **DOGS** Available beginning October 15 (\$25 Late fee per dog begins February 1<sup>st</sup>)  
Also Available online at [www10.informe.org/dog\\_license/](http://www10.informe.org/dog_license/)
- **FISHING/HUNTING/GAME LICENSES** Available December 1  
Also Available online at [www.state.maine.us/ifw/](http://www.state.maine.us/ifw/)
- **ABSENTEE BALLOTS**  
Absentee Ballots are available 30 days prior to an election from the Town Clerk
- **REAL ESTATE TAXES**  
Bills are mailed once a year in June  
Due dates are approximately July 15 & November 15