

SECRET BALLOT ELECTION

Friday, March 1, 2019

And

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Saturday, March 2, 2019

To Ernest Falcone, 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 Community Center in said town on Friday, the 1st day of March, A.D. 2019, 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 2nd day of March, 2019 A.D., at ten o'clock in the morning, then and there to act on Articles 3 through 41 as set out below, to wit:

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

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

Nominated Candidates;

Selectman, three-year term: Charles Taylor

Road Commissioner, one-year term: Michael Witham

Assessor, three-year term: Susan Hathaway

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

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, 2019 (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 2019 pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A Section 710.

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, 2020 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 Roads 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
- I. FEMA

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 \$90,000 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 \$5,100 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 \$20,000 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 \$9,000 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 \$50,000 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	\$28,000	Street Lights	\$1,100
Town House	\$ 600	Sand Shed	\$1,100
Boat Landing	\$ 1,000		

Selectmen recommend.

Article 17. 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 18. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 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 19. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 from taxation for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for Tax Assessment or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 20. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 from taxation for the Town Map Maintenance Account 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 \$18,000 from taxation for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for the Planning Board or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 22. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,000 from taxation, for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for Code Enforcement or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 23. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 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 24. 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 25. 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 26. 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 27. 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 28. 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 29. 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 \$42,192 .

Selectmen recommend.

Article 30. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 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 \$175,000 from taxation and \$75,000 from excise.

Article 31. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate \$291,740 for winter roads, or what they will do related thereto.

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

Article 32. 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 33. 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 34. 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	\$ 200.00
I. Sunset Cemetery	\$1,000.00
J. Madison Public Library	\$ 600.00
K. Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center	\$ 329.00
L. Maine Public Broadcasting	\$ 100.00
M. Community Health & Counseling	\$ 100.00
N. Life Flight of Maine	\$1,000.00
Total:	\$9,829.00

Selectmen recommend.

Article 35. 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 36. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 from surplus plus interest from the Mary Ann Burns trust fund for use, dedicated for maintenance of cemeteries within the town (this includes \$500 for the repair of three Veteran's head stones) or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 37. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to use the \$12,000 in revenues received from the Embden Community Club in 2018 to the Capital Improvement Fund (previous balance \$25,000), specifically for the purchase of a generator for the Community Center, or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 38. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 from taxation to add to the Capital Improvement Fund, specifically for purchase of the land behind the Town Office and Community Center.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 39. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 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.

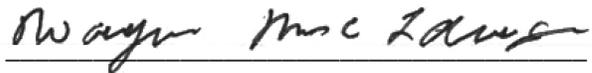
Article 40. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Embden by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved by the proposed articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Selectmen recommend.

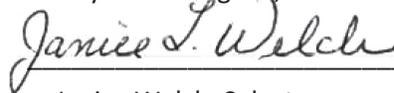
Dated: 14th day of February 2019.



Charles E. Taylor, Selectman Chair



Wayne McLaughlin, Selectman



Janice Welch, Selectwoman

Municipal Officers