

Town of Embden

Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

July 6th, 2023, 6:15pm at the Embden Town Office

Board Members in Attendance: Charles Taylor, Wayne McLaughlin, Janice Welch

Other Officials Present: Terriann Lamontagne, Michael Witham, Leo Mayo

Members of the Public Present:

Minutes recorded by: Christine Sockwell

1. **Call to Order:** Chuck called the meeting to order at 6:19 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approved, May 4th, 2023, minutes: Janice made motion to approve the minutes, Wayne seconded. Passed 3-0.
 - b. Review Town Warrant – (AP #33 and payroll #32) – All signed and approved.
 - c. Bank Reconciliation- June Bank rec will be finished mid-July
4. **Appointments and Resignations-** None
5. **Presentation-** None
6. **Executive Session-** None
7. **Department Officials' Reports**
 - a. E-911 – Darren Priest is working on a post for Katie Crotch Rd, so the sign cannot be stolen. We are going to start selling the road signs (one sided) for Katie Crotch and Embden Pond Rd. They will be \$35.00 each.
 - b. Winter Roads – Nothing to report
 - c. Animal Control – Nothing to report
 - d. Assessor – There is an abatement, the layer is being contacted. Next year we will be doing a full revaluation.
 - e. Planning Board – The Planning board is working on the Solar Farm Moratorium. William Gassert will move to an alternate, and Rady Caldwell will be moving to full time planning board member. They have a good size agenda in front of them.
 - f. Board of Appeals – There is one appeal coming up.
 - g. Local Plumbing Inspector – Nothing to report
 - h. Code Enforcement Officer- Terriann is super busy. The grass is growing at the solar farm on Kennebec River Rd. Terri has a fine that has not been paid. The DEP supports the fine. The Select Board supports Terri resending it.
 - i. Health Officer- No new notices. All is good.
 - j. Road Commissioner – There are trees on East Shore Rd, Fahi Pond Rd, East Shore Rd, and Dunbar Hill Rd that need to come down. The West Shore Rd is a mess with runoff. This problem is by the Water District Building. Chuck will be reaching out to them to let them know a bigger culvert is needed there. There are a lot of culverts that need replacing. Many of them are being replaced with 36-inch culverts. There have been complaints of a large shrub blocking the view at the corner of West Shore and Cross Town Rds. Michael got the Calcium in. Dana has been grading the roads. Chuck asked Michael to talk to PJ Vicneire about cleaning up some of the Town lots over the next few year.
 - k. RSU#74- The budget passed.
 - l. Town Clerk/Treasurer- Office is busy with summer residents. Christy is going on vacation July 10th – 14th
 - m. Registrar of Voters – School budget is behind us, up next is the November election .
 - n. Tax Collector – Nothing to report
 - o. Community Center- The ECC is being used a lot! July 22nd Doug Mathieu and Adam Cates will be putting on a show. Pickleball is in the works.
8. **Unfinished Business** – The Foreclosed properties are going up for bid. Map-001 – Lot-36 came back with a value between \$25,000.00 and \$35,000.00. The minimum bid will start at \$20,000.00

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Map-004 Lot-041 Came back with a value between \$20,000 and \$24,000.00. The minimum bid will start at \$15000.00. Thank you, Ernie Falcone, for providing the Market Analysis.

9. New Business – Nothing to report

10. Correspondence- Nothing to report

11. Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum-

12. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment –

a. Next regularly scheduled meeting – August 3, 2023.

b. Janice made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Wayne seconded, and the Board voted 3-0 to adjourn at 7:19 pm.