

Town of Embden
Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons
May 7th 2026

Board Members in Attendance: Charles Taylor, Kayla Starr, Foster Robinson

Other Officials Present: Leo Mayo, Chuck Pease, Michael Witham, Ruth Blake

Members of the Public Present: Ann Bridges, Mark Campbell, Fred Mayo, George Arab, Keith Stephens, Paula Sansouci, Peter Hunter, Bruce Blake, Wayne McLaughlin

Minutes recorded by: Christine Sockwell

1. **Call to Order:** Chuck called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approved
 - b. Review Town Warrant – (AP #19,20 and payroll #18) –Passes 3-0
 - c. Bank Reconciliation- Working on March bank rec. Christy will have it finished within the next week.
4. **Appointments and Resignations-** Kayla makes motion to appoint George Arab as the full-time planning board member. Foster 2nd. Passes 3-0.
Foster made motion to appoint Myles Durkin as Planning Board Alt. Kayla seconded. Passes 3-0.
Kayla makes motion to appoint Charles Taylor as head of the planning Board. Foster 2nd. Passes 2-0
5. **Presentation-** Mark Campbell Superintendent: There are two major employee groups that are getting raises. The Support Staff are looking at a 3% raise and Teaching Staff are looking at a 3.5% raise. Health Insurance has gone up 28% over the last few years. They have cut a few teacher positions due to the number of children and are down one bus driver. There is a new bus in the budget this year. They are paying it outright so they can get full reimbursement from the state. Plus this saves over \$22,000.00 in interest. Overall Embden will see a decrease of over \$124,000.00.
6. **Executive Session-** None
7. **Department Officials' Reports**
 - a. E-911 – Christy just ordered post for the road signs. Michael helps Christy out by putting up the signs.
 - b. Winter Roads – No report
 - c. Animal Control – No report
 - d. Assessor – No report
 - e. Planning Board – We will wait for June to order the filing cabinets for the basement. Leo is working on a couple of ordinances. The number of permits will start picking up.
 - f. Board of Appeals – Nothing to report
 - g. Local Plumbing Inspector – No report
 - h. Code Enforcement Officer- Chuck had a zoom meeting with company about software that may be beneficial. He will continue looking into it.
 - i. Health Officer- Nothing to report
 - j. Road Commissioner – The Water District has destroyed the Embden Pond Road. Michael got cold patch for the 'West Shore Rd" Embden Pond Rd. Michael will go for a walk through with the Water District to address the issues after the project is done. Sweeping has been done. Michael started grading last week. Posted road signs have been pulled. Culverts need to be cleaned out.
 - k. RSU#74- Budget Hearing is Ma 20th. The Budget vote will be held on June 9th with the Primary.
 - l. Town Clerk/Treasurer- Christy is still working on the 2024 audit.
 - m. Registrar of Voters – Christy is working on getting ready for the double election.
 - n. Tax Collector – \$33,020.33 was collected in taxes since April 2nd.
 - o. Rec. Dept. – Baseball is up and running. Great program!!!!
 - p. Community Center- Keith said they will have a full Board by next Wednesday. The next dinner is on Saturday evening. 55 people showed up for the last one. Embden 250 Celebration will be held on August 15th. It will be held at the ECC from 12pm-5pm. The band The Shack will play from 1pm-4pm. Plus, there will be dunk you Select Board member!
8. **Unfinished Business** – Select need to sign to allow the ATV Club to receive grant money from the State of Maine.

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9. New Business – None

10. Correspondence- Nothing to report

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

12. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment –

- a. Next regularly scheduled meeting – June 4nd 2026
- b. Kayla made motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58pm, Foster seconded. Passed 3-0.