

Town of Effingham
Budget Committee
November 18, 2014

Present: Paul Bartoswicz, Jim Morris, Leo Racine, Dave Strauss and Mike Cauble.
Excused: Mike Pilkovsky

1. Minutes	The minutes of October 28 th were reviewed.	The minutes were accepted.
2. Library Request	The library requested \$57605 an increase of \$1383. Library volume is up. The town-building fund has been used for heating improvements and it is anticipated that the heating bill will be reduced.	Pending the public hearing and final action, the request was approved at \$57605.
3. Administrative Assistant	Claudia gave the budget committee an overview of her responsibilities and accomplishments and answered questions.	None
4. Selectmen's Discussion	Tim shared a report he developed showing 2014 budget and actual and 2015 request. It was agreed this would save work. He reported that the transfer station costs were going down because of stopping non-residents from using it. There was a general discussion of actions that could be taken if the tax rate kept growing. This year the increase was the result of the school budget. Tim reviewed the school budget process.	None
5. Camp Marist	Henry discussed the status of the negotiation with Camp Marist regarding their tax status. To date, Camp Marist has not provided requested information.	None
6. Back Taxes	The Selectmen have been formalizing the policy for taking property for back taxes.	None
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.	
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be on November 25, 2014 at 6:45 p.m.	