

Town of Effingham
Budget Committee
November 25, 2014

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

1. Minutes	The minutes of November 18, 2014 were reviewed.	The minutes were accepted.
2. Police	Paul had invited Chief Butts to introduce himself to the committee. He served in the Air Force and as a NH Liquor Commission investigator. He has been at Effingham for 7 years.	None.
3. Police Department	<p>The Committee and Chief Butts discussed the request. Equipment expenses were \$0 for this year because of grants and donations. Ammunition expenses are high and officers are required to practice fire their weapons. The need for a police department was discussed. Like many towns there is a drug problem which leads to crime. Also the PK and Lakeview present unique problems.</p> <p>The Selectmen reduced part-time salary \$4000 to \$16500. Chief Butts agreed with this. Fuel expenses are based on a contract with New Hampshire. There is no salary increase requested.</p> <p>It was moved and seconded to accept the budget at \$\$157946.</p> <p>There was a motion to amend the request to \$160196 to reflect a 2% salary increase. This was discussed.</p> <p>After further discussion the original motion of \$157946 was voted on.</p>	<p>There was a 3 to 3 vote and the amendment failed.</p> <p>Pending the public hearing and final action, the request was approved at \$157946</p>

4. Dog Officer	The budget request of \$500 was reviewed.	Pending the public hearing and final action, the request was approved at \$500
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.	
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be on December 2, 2014 at 6:45 p.m.	