

Town of Effingham  
Budget Committee  
December 21, 2014

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

1. Minutes	The minutes of November 25, 2014 were reviewed.	The minutes were accepted.
2. Historic District Commission.	Eric Jones represented the Commission. The presence of a “sock” with funds was discussed. It had about \$1027.40 but the Commission has spent about \$490 for signs and has future expenses of \$100. Last year their request was \$499 and this year the request is \$390. Currently the Commission decided on spending from the sock.	Pending the public hearing and final action, the request was approved at \$390.
3. Randy Burbank	Paul invited Randy Burbank to introduce himself to the Committee. Randy has 44 years experience in the Fire Service and 40 years as an EMT. He is working on a Fire Science Degree.	None.
4. Emergency Management	Randy presented the Emergency Management budget of \$2250. The increase of \$500 was for the cost of a survey of the community to identify people who may need services in case of emergencies.	Pending the public hearing and final action, the request was approved at \$2250.
5. Fire and Rescue	Randy discussed the Fire and Rescue budget. His original request was \$78,250 and the Selectmen recommended \$77,950. The major increases were for air bags at \$6000 and a utility trailer for \$2500. The utility trailer is needed to haul wet hoses from a fire and carry miscellaneous supplies. In the past most of the firemen had trucks and could do this but currently Randy is the only member with a truck. The air bags are used to lift vehicles to rescue occupants. Medical supplies are up \$500 to reflect the cost of a First In	Pending the public hearing and final action, the request was approved at \$69450.

	Kit for a new EMT. There was discussion of funding the air bag and trailer in separate warrant articles. It was moved to fund Fire Rescue at \$69450.	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.	
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be on December 9, 2014 at 6:45 p.m.	