

Town of Effingham
Budget Committee
January 13, 2015

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

1. Minutes	The minutes of January 6, 2015 were reviewed.	The minutes were accepted.
2. Selectmen's Budget	<p>The Committee reviewed the selectmen's request line by line. Employees will receive a 2% raise. Salaries in the selectmen's office are also increasing because of additional staff hours due to increased business and this being a reevaluation year. Primex costs have increased because of our past claim history. The selectmen are working on a multi-town EMS contract that could be in effect in 2016 at a reduced cost. Highway funds are planned to resurface Green Mountain road. Road reconstruction funds will be used for Granite Road. These are part of a 5-year plan to have most roads redone. The cost of maintaining after this effort should decrease. The Stevens Road Bridge needs to be done. The unexpended fund balance will be used and the State will then reimburse 80% of the cost. The Aquatic Plants CRF is being funded to replace funds used. The Audit TF is being reduced because the estimate to perform an audit is lower than expected.</p> <p>There was a discussion of the overall town budget. This year's budget should be decreased from last years. There was a discussion of the Committee's responsibility if the total tax rate increased due to the County or School budget.</p>	There was no motion to take action on this budget. Paul polled the members by email, which seemed to indicate approval of the request. At the next meeting a formal vote will be taken.

Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.	
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be on February 3, 2015 with Committee meeting at 6:45 pm and public hearing at 7:15 pm	