

Town of Effingham
Budget Committee
January 6, 2015

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

1. Minutes	The minutes of December 16, 2014 were reviewed.	The minutes were accepted.
2. Conservation Commission	Emelyn Albert was present. In 2014 Land Improvement projects included a shelter at the boat ramp. 2015 funds will be used at the Province Lake conservation area. She requested that association dues be changed to \$242. There was a motion to approve the request at \$3622	Pending the final hearing and final action, the request was approved at \$3622.
3. Recess	The meeting was recessed at 7:00 pm for a Selectmen public hearing. The meeting reconvened at 7:25 pm.	
4. ZBA	Paul Bartoswicz recused himself since he is a member of the ZBA. The increases were discussed. Advertising was increased due to an expected increase in cases. There was a motion to reduce books & supplies by \$50 and office equipment by \$50 for a total of \$2090.	Pending the final hearing and final action, the request was approved at \$2090.
5. Treasurer	The treasurer's request was reviewed. Bank services increased by \$500 and bank supplies were reduced by \$300 for a total of \$3942. There was a motion to approve the request at \$3942.	Pending the final hearing and final action, the request was approved at \$3942.
6. Non-profit requests.	Jim Morris suggested setting an overall amount for this category and then reviewing the requests. This was discussed in depth with questions as to how this would work. Each year's budget committee can set the amount or eliminate the policy. After discussion, a motion was made to set the amount at 1% of 2014 budget total. The individual requests were reviewed. Tri-County CAP's request was discussed. Maureen	The motion to fund non-profits not to exceed 1% of the previous year's total was approved.

	<p>Spencer explained the benefits of the CAP programs. The VNA request was discussed. A report showing the increase in services last year was reviewed. The ARC request was discussed. There was a motion to reduce their funding to \$0. After further discussion there was a motion to fund the ARC at \$250. With no further discussion there was a motion to fund all non-profits at their requested amount except the ARC at \$250 for a total of \$12306.</p>	<p>The motion to fund the ARC at \$0 was defeated 3 to 2. The motion passed. Pending the final hearing and final action, the request was approved at \$12306.</p>
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.	
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be on January 13, 2015 at 6:45 p.m.	