Town of Effingham Budget Committee November 24, 2015

Present: Paul Bartoswicz, Mike Pilkovsky, Jim Morris, Leo Racine, Dave Strauss & Bill Piekut. Excused:

1. Meeting		Called to order 7:08 p.m.
2. Conservation	Review	Question on reimbursable from capital
Comm. Budget.		reserve line for milfoil removal. This will be
		addressed when capital reserve is reviewed.
		Asked to clarify how conservation camp funds are used.
		Question on 14 acre land purchase on Pine river road and the concern of taking land off property tax rolls. Additionally asked to detail other properties the C.C. owned.
		Question about why grants were not applied for and if future requests would grants be attempted. Grants will be attempted in the future.
	Motion	To accept presented budget. Majority approved.
3. Police Department Budget.	Review	Question about difference on salaries for part time officers and secretary. Was noted these were included in last year's town voted salary raise.
		Question on fuel usage costs as amounts were decreased. Fuel is purchased on a contract for the year and is a fixed cost.
		Asked Chief if department was satisfied with Selectman changes to the budget, they were.

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3. Police Department Budget Continued.		Noted the budget to actual sheet (B.A.) had salaries that were different than submitted budget. B.A. was not a full year cost and submitted budget was full year cost. Discussed items on budget that were carryover from previous years and not expended. No changes made. Question on equipment figure for \$1250
		chief detailed item.
	Motion	To accept Selectman modified budget. Majority approved
4. Dog officer Budget.	Review	Chief discussed calls and issues for holding strays.
		Question on carryover funds of \$500 for this line item not being used for the last 3 budgets. Determined line item was needed.
	Motion	To accept presented budget. Majority approved.
5. Fire Warden Budget.	Review	Question on truck repair costs and usage. Truck has not been used for greater than ten years. Repair cost was due to age and lack of usage. Discussion on the need for this truck and the possibility of using mutual aid. Decided to continue with this unit.
		Selectman discussed drop in firefighter reimbursement as the recent Ossipee forest fire had shown costs were significant and hard to budget. If needed Capital reserve funds would have to be used to handle this situation so line item was dropped to minimum.

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	Motion	To accept presented budget.
5. Fire Warden		Majority approved.
Budget		
Continued.		
Adjournment		Adjourned at 8:26 p.m.
Next Meeting	December 01, 2015 6:45 p.m.	Historic District commission,
		Fire Department and Emergency
		management budgets will be discussed.