## Town of Effingham Budget Committee November 01, 2016

Present: Paul Bartoswicz, Mike Pilkovsky, Dave Strauss & Mellisa Seamans. Excused: Jim Morris, Leo Racine Select Board Present: Henry Spenser Other(s) Present: Deanna Amaral, Celine Bergeron, Cheryle Feirick

1. Meeting.		Called to order 7:17 p.m.
2. Approval	Motion	Approved minutes of 10/25/16.
		Majority approved
3. Town Clerk Budget	Discussion	Post Office postage increase next year, two elections budgeted for next year and an overall reduction in budget of \$1,296 from last year.
	Motion	Approved budget as submitted.
4 Tax	Discussion	Majority approved
4. Tax Collector Budget	Discussion	Post Office postage increase next year an overall increase in budget of \$935 from last year.
	Motion	Approved budget as submitted.
		Majority approved
5. Town Clerk	Other	Informed Budget Committee that motor vehicle revenue
		increased by 4.2% and expects by end of the year an
		approximate increase of 5%.
		As of this date 87% of town property taxes have been paid.
6. Budget Committee	Roads/Culverts Study	Ms. Seamans presented a program that the town of Wentworth NH had done by Lakes Region Planning Commission/UNHNHDOT. This program provides a comprehensive study for roads/culverts and capital improvements using a ten year time frame. This would greatly aid the Budget Committee/Select Board in planning yearly road budgets. Cost is expected to be approximately \$6000 and LRPC has two openings. It was suggested our town request entry ASAP.
		Discussed how the planning board would be affected. It was suggested that this could be funded in conjunction with the Planning Board's capital improvement fund.

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6. Budget Committee Continued.	Roads/Culverts Study	A member of the pubic asked If other towns had used this program recently and it was noted Ossipee had used it in 2013. Asked Select Board member the best way to relay the information to the board. He suggested an E-mail was sufficient and he would bring the subject up at the next meeting.
		Special warrant articles were discussed for usage with this program and the pros/cons.
		It was decided a letter requesting entry into the LRPC roads/culverts program would be drafted and sent to the Select Board.
	Motion	Strongly recommend to Select Board to sign Effingham up for the LRPC study for roads/culverts.
		Majority approved
7. Budget Committee	Training	The Committee was provided with notice of training in Concord provided by the Municipal Association. November 9 <sup>th</sup> for Asset Management and December 7 <sup>th</sup> for Infrastructure funding strategies. Chair encouraged those who could attend to do so.
Adjournment		Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.
Next Meeting	November 15, 2016 6:45 p.m.	Fire Department, Emergency Management, Fire Warden budgets will be discussed. Any other business which may arise.