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

Absent:

Select Board Present: Lawrence Edwards, Lenny Espie, Henry Spencer. Other(s) Present: (Admin Asst.) Sheryl Feirrick.

1. Meeting		Called to order 6:45 p.m.
2. Approval	Motion	Approved minutes of 1/3/17.
		Majority approved
3. Budget Committee	Discussion	Concerning public input the board weighed in on how the Budget Committee (BC) Chair could attempt to maintain input and keep it on point.
		Noted that Non-profits request sheets from White Mountain/VNA and American Red Cross had been located.
		Discussed spread sheet provided by Mellisa. Concerns about errors from transposing numbers arose. She pointed out the spreadsheet she obtained had only been modified to add an additional column. Most of the committee felt it was a useful tool.
		Requested the balance sheet for the unreserved fund balance for future meetings. The exact balance was in question as the 2015 audit showed \$524K and last year it was suggested we had \$840K. Currently the figure stands at \$353K.
4. Non-profits	Discussion	Limiting Non-Profits to 1% or .08% of town budget.
	Motion	To limit Non-profits to 1%. No second
	White Mountain	Requests \$1623. BC approved last year was \$500.
	Motion	To fund at \$500 Second Majority approved
	VNA	Requests \$4000. BC. approved last year \$4000. Covered the value they provided to our town.
	Motion	To fund at \$4000 Second Majority approved

4. Non-profits Continued	American Red Cross	Requests \$500. BC approved last year \$250.
	Motion	To fund at \$500
		Second
	Discussion	Noted services were not listed for Effingham in their handout. Value of their services and the point that their services had not been used were a good thing. The seven figure CEO salary and the fact that this was the only national charity asking the town for assistance was debated.
	Motion	To modify the previous motion to \$250.
		Second
		Majority approved
		Noted that including the 1/3/17 meeting totals, the overall total for Non-profits is \$15,358. Approximately 1% of last year's town appropriation.
5. Treasurer Budget	Discussion	Noted Treasurer/Deputy Treasurer was not in attendance. Budget request totaled \$4700.00
	Motion	To Accept budget as submitted
		Second
	Discussion	Question concerning supplies cost as it relates to the Tax collector. The Budget to Actual spreadsheet does not detail out this item like each individual department budget does. Discussed Salary increase request.
		Majority approved
6. Select Board Road budget	Discussion	Noted that no budget sheet was presented to the BC. BC Chair requested Select Board (SB) Chair if he had submitted a budget for funding. SB Chair responded that he had submitted a budget. BC Chair noted per state RSA a budget for appropriations must be submitted to the BC.

6. Select Board Road budget Continued	Discussion	SB Chair started to cover details from a Budget to Actual (B to A) spreadsheet for which the BC did not have a copy, less BC member Edwards (SB representative).
Continued		Copies were made of the SB Chairs spreadsheet and provided to BC members.
		BC Chair requested SB to explain why the requested 48 hour notice prior to meeting for the committee to review the Budget was not met.
		SB detailed that the office Admin. whom is key in preparing the budget was out the last 2 weeks due to an illness and this caused the delay.
		It was pointed out that the board had been requested months ago for a budget and the delay was caused due to poor planning not office staff. The SB waited too long to assemble a budget.
		BC Chair also noted that the schedule was set last year for a separate Road/Bridge budget due to its importance on the overall budget and the SB's late excuse was petty.
		SB Chair started to discuss his figures for individual line items. It was noted that SB spreadsheet was incomplete and had hand written in figures. BC Chair stopped SB presentation and STRONGLY expressed his dissatisfaction with what was presented to the committee.
	Motion	By BC Chair to fund line item 4312 Highway and Streets at \$400,000
		Second
		SB pointed out that winter road contract is up coming and the bid price was unknown and amount would not be sufficient.
		Asked if this was in the best interest of the town and the BC Chair noted the inefficiency and overspending by the SB was out of control and needed to be controlled.
		It was suggested to SB Chair if an additional week was provided (1/17/17 is the overall Select Board budget meeting) would they be able to provide the BC with a proper budget. SB Chair responded in the affirmative.

6. Select Board Road budget continued	Motion	To amend motion to allow SB one additional week to present a Budget on 1/17/17 with BC obtaining draft copies Friday 1/13/17 or Monday 1/16/17 at the latest. Second Majority approved
7. Budget Committee	Discussion	<ul> <li>BC expressed with SB the need to rein-in over expenditures as last year's performance was not acceptable. BC Chair pointed out how the SB needs to improve the planning process.</li> <li>BC member pointed out why the winter road contract was not out before the town meeting. He suggested poor planning management was the fault and suggested improvements.</li> <li>Public input-Need to have a concrete plan for roads and bridges was a must also cost control and accountability. Importance of using the approved town master plan. The need to build roads to DOT standards was emphasized.</li> <li>SB Chair asked BC where it stood on general/capital reserve account funding for bridges. BC members spoke of the need for a capital reserve account without the selectmen appointed as agents to expend.</li> <li>BC member spoke on the need to not have political agendas or bias views as it was not in the best interest of the town. She pointed out that previous SB's also had the same problems seen here. Additionally the office staff supporting the SB carried a major role in supporting the budget preparation and some blame was in that area.</li> <li>To Adjourn</li> <li>Second</li> <li>Majority approved</li> </ul>
Adjournment		Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.
Next Meeting	January 17, 2017 6:45 p.m.	Selectman's COMPLETE budget will be discussed. Any other business which may arise.