

Town of Effingham New Hampshire



**Annual Reports
2016**

Dedication of town report:

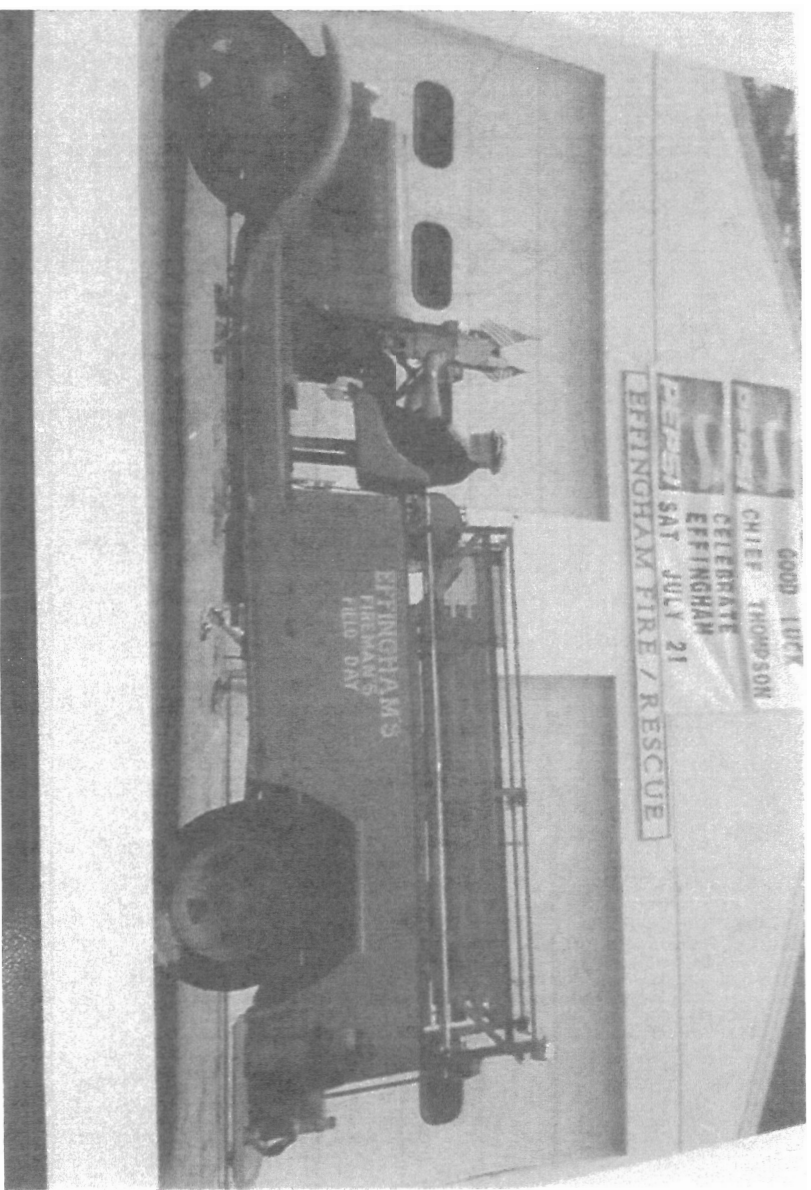
Dedications are generally given to residents who have given years of service to the town. This year we are dedicating the town report to Mr. Richard Thompson for both the many years and offices through which he has given to the people of Effingham.

It is true that when Mr. Thompson retired as Chief of the Effingham Volunteer Fire Department he was given heartfelt thanks by both the people of Effingham and the State of New Hampshire. But that all happened a few years ago.

Mr. Thompsons efforts on behalf of our fire department saw the fostering of what can really be seen as foundation upon which our current department was built upon. There is a saying that nothing stays the same and the management of today's Effingham Fire Department has changed from what it took in the past. What hasn't changed is fact that what we have today was built upon what was already there and if there is any one person to whom credit for providing that foundation can be given it would be Mr. Richard Thompson.

With the complete understanding that Mr. Thompson will state that he could not have done it without the consistent and dedicated efforts of many others we here offer our thanks and gratitude for his commitment to our town and hope that this dedication will ensure that his work and heart will not be forgotten. There are times when a man's will and abilities rise to a need, the Effingham Fire Department has been one of yours. Thank you for everything you accomplished.

The Effingham Selectmen



Cover Photo: Drake Store Building c. 1860 ~ Center Effingham Historic District

1770 - Weare Drake with his wife Anna Taylor (great aunt of the Potters) and their five children (ages 7,5,4,2, infant) work their way along the crude, rough path over hill, through swamp and forest, into the wilderness north of Wakefield and settle on the hill just north of Drake's Corner.

1773 - Leavitts Town has 17 struggling families and 64 children.

1776 - The 17 men of Leavitts Town sign the "Association Test" declaring their loyalty to the American colonies. As a "frontier town," the men stay home to guard from danger of Indians.

1778 - The town is incorporated as Effingham. The first town meeting is held at Captain John Leavitt's house. He is elected moderator and the first selectmen are: Weare Drake, Carr Leavitt and John Leavitt.



1788 - Statehood is achieved. NH is the ninth state to adopt the federal Constitution.

1796 - Town accounts change from British money to dollars, dimes, and cents.

1798 - Lord's Hill Meeting House is built. Every family is represented there on the Sabbath.

1800 - Population 451; 1802 - There are 15 "Highway Districts" in town.

1816 c. - Weare (age 78) and his grandson Thomas Parsons Drake (age 23) build the store building that 100 years later becomes Grange No. 313 and is now the home of the Preservation Society. It snows in June and there is a killing frost every month that summer. 1816 is remembered as "The Year Without a Summer" and "The Starvation Year." Effinghamians survive on groundhogs.

1820 - Effingham Union Academy at Lord's Corner erected (serves as first Normal School from 1830-1845); Stage coach line to Portland is established by Isaac Lord's stock company.

1822 - Center Effingham Baptist Church is built; Isaac Lord Esq. builds the "Great House."

1829 - Thomas Parsons Drake, as postmaster, "captures" the Effingham post office, established in 1817, and moves it from Lord's Hill to his store (**Drake Store Building**) at Drakes' Corner.

1831 - A portion of town north of the Great Ossipee River is set off as North Effingham (Freedom).

1833 - Davis Meeting House is built by the first Freewill Baptist Society.

1836 - The Weare Drake's store building is "fitted up as an academy" and called the Carroll Literary Institute. This school was in successful operation for a number of years under different teachers. The building was remodeled and a bell tower added because every "good school" has a bell tower. (N. E. Potter) (The bell tower now lives across the street on the Baptist Church.)

The Carroll Literary Institute may have been in competition with the Effingham Union Academy (often referred to as the "Normal School"). Finally, there was insufficient enrollment and the Institute closed.

1840 - Carroll County is created (was part of Strafford County), it's the 3rd largest of NH's ten counties.

1857 - Thomas P. Drake deeds the store building to Major H. Folsom "being the land and building that has been occupied as an Academy and is now occupied as a store;" The *House on Green Mountain* is built, a summer hotel on top of Green Mountain. It burned three years later. (cont. >)

(Cover Photo: Drake Store Building cont.)

1858 - The Masonic Hall at Center Effingham is built. It also contains schoolrooms. The first term opened with 55 students. (It is now owned by the Town and known as the "Town Hall" and the library).

1866 - Centre Effingham Post Office is established at Drake's Corner with Thomas J. Cate postmaster (changed to Center Effingham in 1893). The office is discontinued in 1943.

1870 - The population peaks at 865. 85% of NH land has been cleared of forests.

1880 - Bandstand built at Lord's Hill

1890-91 - The New England Masonic Charitable Institute is converted to the Town Hall. Cyrus K., Josephus and Huldah Drake sell their residuary rights of the property to the town of Effingham for \$400. Two years later, the small room downstairs is converted to a library. Meetings are held in the former auditorium on the first floor and the selectmen's office is located in an inner room; South Effingham Church is built (now owned by the non-profit group So. Effingham Parsonfield Citizens Organization).

1911 - The first assembly for the purpose of organizing a Grange ~ to be known as the Effingham Grange No. 313 ~ is held.

1913 - Chester Drake deeds the store building to the Grange. Grange No. 313 enlivens the building for the next 100 years with meetings, suppers, Whist parties, Red Cross medical clinics, and more.

1957 - The Grange deeds Effingham Historical Society the 100' x 100' lot where their building now sits.

1999 - Effingham Preservation Society is founded. Funds are raised for a structural inspection and exterior painting of Lord's Hill Meeting House. The sidewalk on the Effingham Falls Bridge, which was scheduled to be removed during bridge repair work, is preserved. Granite corner posts are placed to mark the entry to the cemetery where town founder, Captain John Levitt, is buried.

2002 - The Grange building is deeded by the Town to the Effingham Preservation Society (EPS).

2015 - EPS receives a commendation from the Governor's Commission on Disability for our efforts to incorporate accessible elements into our historic renovation. (It is notable that the Historic District Commission and the ZBA held a joint meeting on our behalf to streamline the permitting process.)

2016 - EPS celebrates the bicentennial of the building and major rehabilitation projects.

2017 - The building is open as a community gathering space summer Saturdays from 9 - 1 with homemade baked goods and locally grown produce (as available) in an historic setting.

Our efforts need your help. We need volunteers and bakers.

Folks with pictures or stories of the building are encouraged to come by and share!

From the founding meeting of Effingham Grange No. 313

~ 9/11/1911 ~

We heartily endorse the [Grange] motto,

"In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things: charity."

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**Board of Selectmen present Effingham's Boston Post Cane to Thomas Routs
Selectmen left to right Leonard Espie, Lawrence Edwards, Henry Spencer**



Our 2016 Civic Recognition Awards winners

**From left to right:
Michael Pilkovsky, Elected Official of the year
Edith Sharp, Special Citizen of the year
Mark Bussiere, Employee of the year
Ralph "Tom" Thompson, Volunteer of the year**

Town Officers and Officials

Selectmen

Leonard Espie	Term Expires 2019
Lawrence Edwards	Term Expires 2017
Henry Spencer	Term Expires 2018

Selectmen's Meeting: Tuesday at 5:00 PM

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Friday 9:00 AM – Noon

Office Telephone: (603) 539-7770 Fax: (603) 539-7799 email: Effingham@roadrunner.com

Zoning Enforcement Officer

Rebecca Boyden Office hours: Tuesday 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM (603) 539-7147
email: Effingham_becca@roadrunner.com

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Deanna Amaral Term Expires 2018
Celine Bergeron, Deputy
Office Hours (starting March 1st): Tuesday 10 AM – 6 PM, Wednesday 8 AM – Noon,
Thursday 10 AM - 6 PM, Friday 8 – Noon. (603) 539-7551 Fax (603) 539-7637
email: effinghamdeanna@roadrunner.com

Treasurer

Laurie J. Caldwell Term Expires 2018
Terri Carrier, Deputy

Moderator

Susan Slack Term Expires 2018

Trustee of Trust Funds

Karen Payne	Term Expires 2017
Theresa Swanick	Term Expires 2018
Carol Pfister	Term Expires 2019

Library Trustees

Maureen Spencer	Term Expires 2017
Anita Spencer	Term Expires 2017
Dennis Vienneau	Term Expires 2017
Johanna Vienneau	Term Expires 2019
Erik Jones	Term Expires 2018

Budget Committee

James Morris	Term Expires 2018
Mellisa Seamans	Term Expires 2019
David Strauss	Term Expires 2018
Paul Bartoswicz	Term Expires 2019
Leo Racine	Term Expires 2017
Mike Pilkovsky	Term Expires 2017

Planning Board

Joanna Bull	Term Expires 2019
Gary Jewell	Term Expires 2019
Mike Cahalane	Term Expires 2017
Paul Potter	Term Expires 2018
Theresa Swanick	Term Expires 2017
George Bull	Term Expires 2018

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Tom Hart	Term Expires 2019
David Strauss	Term Expires 2017
Timothy White	Term Expires 2017
Jory Augenti	Term Expires 2017
Michael Cahalane	Term Expires 2018

Supervisor of The Checklist

Cheryle Feirick	Term Expires 2018
Carol Pfister	Term Expires 2021
Rebecca Harrington	Term Expires 2020

Conservation Commission (appointed)

Emelyn Albert	Term Expires 2018
Al Levesque	Term Expires 2018
Jack Williams	Term Expires 2017
Harry Libby	Term Expires 2017
Timothy White	Term Expires 2018
Virginia Wrabel	Term Expires 2018

Historic District Commission (appointed)

Sandy Finn	Term Expires 2019
Elaine Chick	Term Expires 2017
Erik Jones	Term Expires 2019

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EFFINGHAM TOWN MEETING RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Town Moderator will use the following general Rules of Procedure to conduct the Town Meeting, keeping in mind that voters at the Meeting always have the right to vote to change the rules. The Moderator will not follow Robert's Rules of Procedure, but will conduct the Meeting according to the following rules so that voters can express their opinions and so that the Meeting keeps moving forward. The goal is to avoid having the Meeting bog down in procedural technicalities and confusion.

1. By majority vote, the voters can overrule any decision that the Moderator makes and any rule that the Moderator establishes. A voter can raise such a request by a Point of Order.
2. The Moderator will take Articles in the order that they appear on the Warrant unless the Moderator announces the intent to take Articles out of order.
3. The Moderator will consider each Article as follows:
 - a. The Moderator will announce the Article number and the text of the Article.
 - b. The Moderator will recognize a member of the Board of Selectmen or Budget Committee, or the petitioner (for a petitioned article), to move the adoption of the Article.
 - c. If the motion is seconded, the Moderator will recognize a member of the Board of Selectmen or the petitioner to explain the Article.
 - d. The Meeting will debate and then vote on the Article.
4. Everyone who speaks must use a microphone so they can be heard. If the voter is unable to reach the stand-up microphone, the voter should raise his/her hand and a hand-held microphone will be provided.
5. No one may speak unless he or she is recognized by the Moderator and has the floor.
 - a. Each speaker must provide his/her name.
 - b. Even if a voter does not have the floor, he/she may speak to raise a Point of Order, to challenge the Moderator's ruling, or to overrule the Moderator.
6. The Moderator will allow only one motion on the floor at a time. There are two exceptions to this rule:
 - a. A voter may raise a Point of Order at any time;
 - b. If the voter has the floor, the voter may make a motion to:
 - i. Amend the pending motion;
 - ii. Call the Question
7. The Moderator will not accept negative motions, which are motions that require a "no" vote to vote in the affirmative, such as: "I move that we not adopt the budget."
8. Motions to Call the Question limit debate and require a 2/3 vote. If passed, the motion stops debate on a motion. However, the Moderator will recognize all voters who are standing at a microphone or holding a microphone and anyone seated at the Selectmen's or Budget Committee's table who has previously told the Moderator he/she wishes to speak. Also, the Moderator has the right to refuse to recognize a Motion to Call the Question if, in the Moderator's opinion, the voters have not yet had an adequate opportunity to discuss an issue.
9. Non-voters may not speak at the Meeting without the permission of the voters. However, the Moderator will allow non-resident town officials and consultants or experts who are at the Meeting to provide information about an Article to speak.
10. All speakers must be courteous and must speak to the issues, not the individuals raising them. The Moderator will not allow personal attacks or inappropriate language.

11. Any person who behaves in a disorderly manner and, after notice from the Moderator, persists in such behavior, or shall in any way disturb the Meeting, or willfully violates any rule of proceeding may be removed from the Meeting. The Moderator may have a police officer, or any legal voter of the town, remove such person. (RSA 40:8)
 12. Speakers will address all questions and comments to the Moderator. The Moderator will choose who responds to the questions.
 13. With the exception of initial presentations on Articles, which the Moderator asks to be limited to 10 minutes, all speakers in debate will be limited to 3 minutes.
 14. Speakers will be recognized only once on an issue until everyone who wishes to speak on the issue has spoken.
 15. The Moderator will determine the method of voting except as determined by law. However, any voter who doubts the accuracy of any non-counted vote may require the Moderator to determine a vote by a counted show of hands or counted standing vote.
 16. Any 5 voters may require that a vote on any Article or question be by secret ballot. To do so:
 - a. All 5 voters must be present and identified, and
 - b. The request must be presented in writing to the Moderator prior to the end of debate on the Article or question.
 17. Any vote on a bond issue of over \$100,000 by law must be voted on by secret ballot. (RSA 33:8).
 18. Motions to reconsider an Article may only be made immediately after the vote on the Article, and may only be made by a voter who voted on the prevailing side of the vote to be reconsidered. However, the following limits may apply to the reconsideration of the Article:
 - a. **Mandatory Restriction:** In accordance with RSA 33:8-a, if a motion to reconsider a ballot vote on a bond issue of more than \$100,000 passes, the Article cannot be reconsidered until a reconvened Meeting that is at least 7 days after the original vote. The restriction on reconsideration automatically applies without the need for the Meeting to vote for it.
 - b. **Optional Restriction:** Voters may postpone reconsideration of any Article at this Meeting by voting to restrict reconsideration of the Article in accordance with RSA 40:10. If the Meeting passes such a motion, the Article cannot be reconsidered until a reconvened Meeting held at least 7 days after the date of the original vote.
- Reminder:** Since any rule of the Moderator or decision of the Meeting can be reversed or changed at any time prior to the end of the meeting by a majority vote of the Meeting, there is no rule that can be adopted that can absolutely prevent the reconsideration of an Article.
19. The Moderator may vote on all Articles. However, the Moderator plans to vote only in two instances:
 - a. To break a tie
 - b. To make a vote a tie vote if a motion the Moderator opposes would otherwise carry by 1 vote
 20. The Moderator will make every effort to recess the Meeting at an appropriate time so that voters may make donations to enjoy food and refreshments provided by the PTO.

Susan Slack
Effingham Town Moderator

The State of New Hampshire

Town Warrant

To the inhabitants of the Town of Effingham in the County of Carroll in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs: Polls not to close before 7:00 P.M.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Effingham Elementary School, 6 Partridge Cove Road, in said Effingham on Tuesday, the 14th day of March 2017, next at 11 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subject:

Article 1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing:

1 Selectman	3 year term
1 Trustee of Trust Funds	3 year term
1 Trustee of the Library	2 year term
1 Trustee of the Library	3 year term
1 Trustee of the Library	3 year term
1 Budget Committee Member	3 year term
1 Budget Committee Member	3 year term
1 Planning Board Member	3 year term
1 Planning Board Member	3 year term
1 Zoning Board of Adjustment Member	3 year term
1 Zoning Board of Adjustment Member	3 year term
1 Zoning Board of Adjustment Member	2 year term

Article 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2017-1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: To include Article 23 Accessory Dwelling Units, which complies with RSA 674:71-73 mandated by the State of New Hampshire that all towns shall allow Accessory Dwelling Units?
The Planning Board is in favor of this article.

Article 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2017-2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Add the following to Section 302 Definitions of the Zoning Ordinance?

Accessory Dwelling Unit, Attached/Interior: A residential living unit that is within or attached to a single family dwelling, and that provides independent living facilities for one or more persons, including provisions for sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation on the same parcel of land as the principal dwelling unit it accompanies. RSA 674:71.

Accessory Dwelling Unit, Detached: An Accessory Dwelling Unit that is detached from a single family dwelling, and that provides independent living facilities for one or more persons, including provisions for sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation on the same parcel of land as the principal dwelling unit it accompanies.

Footprint: The area of a building or structure to be measured by the exterior dimensions of the structure including concrete slabs, chimneys, steps, attached or detached decks, carports, balconies, roofs or overhangs that extend more than 2 feet.
The Planning Board is in favor of this article.

Article 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2017-3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Revise Article 10 and Table I to include Accessory Dwelling Units, Attached/Interior and Accessory Dwelling Units, Detached, and renumber the subsequent conditions of permitted uses?

This is a housekeeping item.

The Planning Board is in favor of this article.

Article 5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2017-4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article 10 Section 1016 to read:

Section 1016 Home Occupation

- (a) Lot is primarily residential
- (b) Structure must be kept primarily residential
- (c) No employees other than persons living in the home
- (d) Restricted public access
- (e) No noxious use as defined in Section 902 of the Zoning Ordinance
- (f) Does not involve construction of new structure or expansion of existing structure
- (g) Is not dangerous or hazardous to public safety
- (h) Has received Special Exception, if located in the Province Lake District

The Planning Board is in favor of this article.

Article 6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2017-5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Remove the requirement from Article 10 Section 1028 that a restaurant must be located in an existing building?

The Planning Board is in favor of this article.

Adjourn meeting as per vote. Meeting will reconvene at the Effingham Elementary School, 6 Partridge Cove Road, Effingham on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 9 o'clock in the forenoon.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to adopt the Effingham Procurement Policy as presented by the Board of Selectman. This requires a majority vote.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established to the Police Cruiser and Police Cruiser Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The purpose of this fund will be to purchase, refurbish or equip police cruisers. This is a special warrant article. This requires a 2/3 vote.

Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established to the Fire Truck and Fire Truck Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The purpose of this fund will be to purchase, refurbish or equip fire trucks. This is a special warrant article. This requires a 2/3 vote.

Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the purchase of a police cruiser and police cruiser equipment. Further, to authorize the withdrawal of \$40,000 from the Police Cruiser and Police Cruiser Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. This is a special warrant article. This requires a majority vote.

The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of road reconstruction. This special article is a special warrant article. This requires a majority vote.

The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to establish a Fire Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of purchasing or refurbishing fire department equipment and to raise and appropriate \$9,000 to put in the fund, further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

This is a special warrant article. This requires a majority vote.

The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,250.00 for payments to the following Capital Reserve Accounts previously established:

Invasive Aquatic Plant CRF	\$4,250	\$10,836.54
Fire Truck & Truck Equip. CRF	\$20,000	\$33,730.84
PD Cruiser & Cruiser Equip CRF	\$10,000	\$60,282.82
Transfer Sta/Recycling Ctr CRF	\$2,000	\$14,252.75

This is a special warrant article. This requires a majority vote.
The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,000.00 for payments to the following Trust Fund Accounts previously established:

Police Safety Gear Exp TF	\$2,000.00	\$4,799.75
Municipal Buildings Exp TF	\$10,000.00	\$34,371.92
Town Hall Restoration TF	\$5,000.00	\$45,206.03

This is a special warrant article. This requires a majority vote.
The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be added to the Fire Truck and Fire Truck Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance (which represents money received from the Town of Parsonsfield for Fire Department Mutual Aid). No amount to be raised from taxation. This is a special warrant article. This requires a majority vote.
The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$160,000 to replace the bridge on Snow Road. This is a special warrant article. This requires a majority vote.
The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 for phase one of a project to purchase and install equipment to provide fire protection at the Town Hall/Library and to authorize the withdrawal of \$6,000 from the Town Hall Repair and Restoration Trust Fund created for that purpose. This is a special warrant article. This requires a majority vote.
The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation.
The Selectmen do recommend this appropriation.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 for a maintenance/restoration project for the Elm Street Bridge. This is a special warrant article. This requires a majority vote.
The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for paved road resurfacing and repair. This requires a majority vote.
The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,680 to contract the services of Avitar Associates of New England, Inc. for the year 2017. This sum represents payment for the second year of a five-year level funded contract that provides for a full update of property values to market rate in 2020 as required by RSA 75:8-a, as well as general assessing services throughout each of the five years and field data verification of information appearing on property tax cards. This requires a majority vote.
The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to establish a Bridge Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of maintaining town owned bridges and to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to put in the fund, further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This is a special warrant article. This requires a majority vote.

The Budget Committee and the Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,525,123 for the ensuing year for general operations. This requires a majority vote.

Executive	102,408
Election & Registration	32,865
Financial Administration	51,935
Assessing	6,125
Legal	45,000
Payroll Expenses	57,500
Planning & Zoning	19,756
Municipal Buildings	67,000
Cemeteries	2,500
Insurance Fees	105,500
Advertising & Regional Dues	3,000
Police	179,159
Fire/Rescue Department	133,378
Emergency/Forest/911	6,010
Highways & Streets	452,000
Street Lighting	7,250
Solid Waste Collection	56,989
Solid Waste Disposal	90,000
Solid Waste Clean Up	3,750
Dog Officer Expenses	500
Health Agencies & Hospitals	15,358
General Assistance	14,000
Meals on Wheels	4,500
Parks & Recreation	5,000
Library	58,193
Patriotic Purposes	650
Conservation Commission	3,796
Town Forester	1,000
Debt Service	1

The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 23. To see if the Town of Effingham will vote to remove the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Town Owned Bridges Capital Reserve Fund, previously established in accordance with RSA 35:1 and direct that future expenditures from this fund will be made by the legislative body? This is a special warrant article. This requires a majority vote. This article is petitioned by Michael Cahalane and others.

Article 24. To see if the Town of Effingham will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund, in accordance with RSA 35:1 for the purpose of constructing and/or reconstructing the “Snow Road bridge” and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 toward this purpose? This is a special warrant article. This requires a majority vote. This article is petitioned by Michael Cahalane and others.

The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to change the advertising requirements for special projects, passed by the Town at the 1995 Town meeting, Article #24 and amended at the 2014 Town meeting Article #21 to read as follows.

To require advertising for special projects, costing fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars or more, in at least two (2) internet publications as well as one (1) State wide and one (1) local newspaper for request for proposals/bids. Requiring no less than thirty (30) days from the original advertised date in all publications, prior to closing the competitive RFP/bidding process.

This is considered a “binding requirement” per vote of the legislative body and is to be included in any purchasing ordinance and/or purchasing policy adopted by the Town of Effingham.

This is a special warrant article. This requires a majority vote. This article is petitioned by Michael Cahalane and others.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of its agents and auditors.

Article 27. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given our hands and seal the 21st day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Henry Spencer

Lawrence Edwards

Leonard Espie

Town of Effingham
Budget vs. Actual
 January through December 2016

	Jan - Dec 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Jan - Dec 17
Executive				
Computer & Network Expense	4,446.47	5,000.00	-553.53	5,000.00
Mileage	76.84	200.00	-123.16	200.00
Office Equipment & Supplies	3,744.77	4,000.00	-255.23	4,000.00
Postage	731.09	1,000.00	-268.91	1,000.00
<i>Salaries</i>				
<i>Moderator</i>	<i>500.00</i>	<i>500.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Selectmen</i>	<i>14,999.94</i>	<i>15,000.00</i>	<i>-0.06</i>	<i>15,000.00</i>
<i>Selectmen's support staff</i>	<i>23,103.48</i>	<i>18,200.00</i>	<i>4,903.48</i>	<i>30,000.00</i>
<i>Town Administrator</i>	<i>39,194.34</i>	<i>36,882.00</i>	<i>2,312.34</i>	<i>39,707.00</i>
<i>Trustee of Trust Funds</i>	<i>300.00</i>	<i>300.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>300.00</i>
<i>Website Entry</i>	<i>1,684.20</i>	<i>1,800.00</i>	<i>-115.80</i>	<i>1,800.00</i>
Total Salaries	79,781.96	72,682.00	7,099.96	87,307.00
Telephone	1,362.81	1,350.00	12.81	1,400.00
Town Meeting Expense	0.00	1.00	-1.00	1.00
Town Report Printing	1,399.60	2,000.00	-600.40	2,000.00
Workshops & Seminars	1,120.18	1,000.00	120.18	1,500.00
Total Executive	92,663.72	87,233.00	5,430.72	102,408.00
Election & Registration				
Advertising	364.00	426.00	-62.00	365.00
Association Dues	20.00	20.00	0.00	20.00
Election Expenses	738.75	1,840.00	-1,101.25	850.00
Mileage	137.70	300.00	-162.30	300.00
Office Equipment & Supplies	1,266.43	1,700.00	-433.57	1,700.00
Postage	1,214.07	1,000.00	214.07	1,350.00
Record preservation	434.19	500.00	-65.81	200.00
<i>Salaries</i>				
<i>Ballot Clerk</i>	<i>2,130.00</i>	<i>1,800.00</i>	<i>330.00</i>	<i>550.00</i>
<i>Deputy Town Clerk</i>	<i>9,094.40</i>	<i>8,500.00</i>	<i>594.40</i>	<i>8,825.00</i>
<i>Town Clerk</i>	<i>11,000.04</i>	<i>11,000.00</i>	<i>0.04</i>	<i>12,000.00</i>
Total Salaries	22,224.44	21,300.00	924.44	21,375.00
Software Support	2,770.00	2,960.00	-190.00	2,800.00
Telephone	468.42	575.00	-106.58	475.00
Workshops & Seminars	803.50	1,000.00	-196.50	900.00
Total Election & Registration	30,441.50	31,621.00	-1,179.50	30,335.00
Checklist Supervisors	2,227.51	2,545.00	-317.49	2,530.00
Financial Administration				
Association Dues	40.00	20.00	20.00	40.00
Auditors	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	16,500.00

Town of Effingham
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	Jan - Dec 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Jan - Dec 17
Bank Service Charges	1,206.31	1,000.00	206.31	1,200.00
Financial/Banking supplies	994.31	750.00	244.31	1,000.00
Mileage	232.20	300.00	-67.80	300.00
Office Equipment & Supplies	1,273.09	1,750.00	-476.91	1,750.00
Postage	3,076.43	2,800.00	276.43	3,000.00
Records Preservation				200.00
Registry of Deeds	635.16	675.00	-39.84	675.00
<i>Salaries</i>				
Deputy Tax Collector	8,902.60	8,500.00	402.60	8,825.00
Deputy Treasurer	725.04	725.00	0.04	750.00
Tax Collector	11,000.04	11,000.00	0.04	12,000.00
Treasurer	1,716.96	1,717.00	-0.04	1,750.00
Total Salaries	22,344.64	21,942.00	402.64	23,325.00
Software Support	2,246.00	2,360.00	-114.00	2,250.00
Telephone	468.42	575.00	-106.58	475.00
Workshops & Seminars	889.90	1,000.00	-110.10	900.00
Total Financial Administration	42,406.46	42,172.00	234.46	51,615.00
Budget Committee	91.00	270.00	-179.00	320.00
<i>Assessing</i>				
Contract	17,769.18	25,680.00	-7,910.82	25,680.00
Equipment & Supplies	396.51	400.00	-3.49	425.00
Postage	505.68	500.00	5.68	500.00
Salaries	4,929.00	16,785.00	-11,856.00	0.00
Software Support	2,154.00	2,200.00	-46.00	2,200.00
Tax Map Maintenance	2,316.20	3,000.00	-683.80	3,000.00
Workshops & Seminars	63.18			0.00
Total Assessing	28,133.75	48,565.00	-20,431.25	31,805.00
Legal	83,504.78	25,000.00	58,504.78	45,000.00
Payroll Expenses	55,508.44	55,500.00	8.44	57,500.00
<i>Planning & Zoning</i>				
Planning Board	4,624.05	5,055.00	-430.95	5,055.00
Enforcement Officer	8,061.88	10,115.00	-2,053.12	11,415.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment	895.70	2,140.00	-1,244.30	2,141.00
Historic District Commission	1,167.08	468.00	699.08	1,145.00
Total Planning & Zoning	14,748.71	17,778.00	-3,029.29	19,756.00
<i>Municipal Buildings</i>				
Bldg maint/supplies/equipment	49,376.73	40,000.00	9,376.73	40,000.00
Total Electricity	10,412.59	12,000.00	-1,587.41	12,000.00
Total Heating Fuel	6,116.24	10,000.00	-3,883.76	10,000.00
Salaries	4,677.18	5,000.00	-322.82	5,000.00
Total Municipal Buildings	70,582.74	67,000.00	3,582.74	67,000.00

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	Jan - Dec 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Jan - Dec 17
Cemeteries	1,850.00	2,500.00	-650.00	2,500.00
Insurance Health/Libilty/WC	86,078.40	105,000.00	-18,921.60	105,500.00
Advertising & Regional Dues	2,422.55	3,000.00	-577.45	3,000.00
Police				
Association Dues	0.00	100.00	-100.00	160.00
Equipment	1,224.30	1,250.00	-25.70	1,250.00
Fuel	6,656.44	9,500.00	-2,843.56	9,500.00
Postage	94.00	100.00	-6.00	100.00
Radar recertification	120.00	160.00	-40.00	160.00
Radio maintenance	185.00	750.00	-565.00	750.00
<i>Salaries</i>				
<i>Police Chief Salary</i>	68,122.49	66,885.00	1,237.49	69,574.00
<i>Police Officer Salaries</i>	21,812.57	21,525.00	287.57	21,525.00
<i>Police Sergeant Salary</i>	56,768.83	55,744.00	1,024.83	57,975.00
<i>Secretary</i>	3,456.86	6,025.00	-2,568.14	6,025.00
Total Salaries	150,160.75	150,179.00	-18.25	155,099.00
Software Support	1,480.00	1,420.00	60.00	2,200.00
Supplies	1,243.62	750.00	493.62	1,000.00
Telephone	1,890.30	2,500.00	-609.70	2,500.00
Training	1,327.83	2,500.00	-1,172.17	2,500.00
Uniforms	1,841.08	1,000.00	841.08	1,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance	3,019.86	3,000.00	19.86	3,000.00
Total Police	169,243.18	173,209.00	-3,965.82	179,159.00
Fire/Rescue Department				
Disease Protection	192.99	300.00	-107.01	300.00
EMS Contract	65,743.32	65,745.00	-1.68	56,578.00
Fire Prevention	479.89	400.00	79.89	500.00
Fuel	1,148.47	1,500.00	-351.53	1,500.00
General Expenses & Supplies	1,138.67	1,500.00	-361.33	1,500.00
Medical Supplies	1,561.57	1,500.00	61.57	1,500.00
Member Compensation	24,310.40	23,000.00	1,310.40	25,000.00
Mileage	879.01	1,500.00	-620.99	1,500.00
Mutual Aid & Dues	5,450.00	5,500.00	-50.00	5,500.00
New Equipment Purchase	5,098.57	5,000.00	98.57	8,000.00
Personnel Background Checks	127.50	200.00	-72.50	200.00
Radio	1,890.25	2,500.00	-609.75	2,500.00
Secretary	2,865.00	3,000.00	-135.00	3,000.00
Telephone	1,579.38	1,800.00	-220.62	1,800.00

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	Jan - Dec 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Jan - Dec 17
Training	5,539.78	4,000.00	1,539.78	6,000.00
Truck & Equipmt Maintenance	17,714.98	20,000.00	-2,285.02	18,000.00
Total Fire/Rescue Department	135,719.78	137,445.00	-1,725.22	133,378.00
Emergency Mngmt	858.62	1,600.00	-741.38	1,510.00
Forest Fires	1,356.50	3,500.00	-2,143.50	4,500.00
Highways & Streets				
Paved Road Resurfacing & Repair	14,000.00	15,000.00	-1,000.00	15,000.00
Road Reconstruction	16,251.08	15,000.00	1,251.08	25,000.00
<i>Road Maintenance</i>				
Calcium Chloride	19,725.73	23,100.00	-3,374.27	22,000.00
Materials	8,035.55	28,500.00	-20,464.45	28,000.00
Road Maint Contractor	82,637.43	76,000.00	6,637.43	76,000.00
Roadside Mowing	14,275.00	14,275.00	0.00	15,000.00
Signs & Equipment	596.39	1,000.00	-403.61	1,000.00
Total Road Maintenance	125,270.10	142,875.00	-17,604.90	142,000.00
<i>Winter Roads</i>				
Contract Payment	239,583.32	239,584.00	-0.68	250,000.00
Winter Road Materials	51,229.94	60,000.00	-8,770.06	60,000.00
Total Winter Roads	290,813.26	299,584.00	-8,770.74	310,000.00
Total Highways & Streets	446,334.44	472,459.00	-26,124.56	492,000.00
Bridge Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,000.00
Street Lighting	6,854.04	7,000.00	-145.96	7,250.00
Solid Waste Collection				
Certification/Training	324.74	500.00	-175.26	500.00
Repairs & Maintenance	2,794.30	1,500.00	1,294.30	1,500.00
Salaries	46,147.69	47,000.00	-852.31	52,000.00
Supplies	823.26	1,000.00	-176.74	1,000.00
Telephone	449.67	500.00	-50.33	500.00
HHW Day	1,246.00	1,246.00	0.00	1,489.00
Total Solid Waste Collection	51,785.66	51,746.00	39.66	56,989.00
Solid Waste Disposal				
Compactor Containers/WM	79,383.42	90,000.00	-10,616.58	85,000.00
Other Disposal Containers	4,162.76	2,750.00	1,412.76	5,000.00
Total Solid Waste Disposal	83,546.18	92,750.00	-9,203.82	90,000.00
Solid Waste Clean Up	2,580.00	3,000.00	-420.00	3,750.00
Dog Officer Expenses	0.00	500.00	-500.00	500.00

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	Jan - Dec 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Jan - Dec 17
Health Agencies & Hospitals				
American Red Cross	500.00	500.00	0.00	250.00
Freedom Food Pantry	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Northern Human Services	716.00	716.00	0.00	716.00
Ossipee Children's Fund	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Starting Point	1,168.00	1,168.00	0.00	892.00
Tri- County CAP	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
VNA	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
White Mntn Comm Health Ctr	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Total Health Agencies & Hospitals	15,884.00	15,884.00	0.00	15,358.00
Total General Assistance	5,948.58	17,000.00	-11,051.42	14,000.00
Meals on Wheels	3,619.50	4,500.00	-880.50	4,500.00
Parks & Recreation	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Library				
Operating Expenses	14,900.00	14,900.00	0.00	14,175.00
Salaries	41,901.00	41,340.00	561.00	44,018.00
Total Library	56,801.00	56,240.00	561.00	58,193.00
Patriotic Purposes	605.60	600.00	5.60	650.00
Conservation Commission	3,730.00	3,730.00	0.00	3,796.00
Town Forester	1,064.70	1,000.00	64.70	1,000.00
TAN Interest	0.00	1.00	-1.00	1.00
Capital Outlay				
Police Cruiser	0.00			40,000.00
Tw'n Hall /Library fire protection panel				6,000.00
Bridges				
Stevens Road Bridge	33,205.02	210,000.00	-176,794.98	0.00
Snow Road bridge				160,000.00
Total Capital Outlay	33,205.02	210,000.00	-176,794.98	206,000.00
Transfer to Capital Rsrve Funds				
<i>Invasive Aquatic Plant CRF</i>	<i>6,830.00</i>	<i>6,830.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>4,250.00</i>
<i>Fire Truck/Equipment CRF</i>	<i>21,000.00</i>	<i>21,000.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>21,000.00</i>
<i>Police Cruiser CRF</i>	<i>15,000.00</i>	<i>15,000.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>10,000.00</i>
<i>Town owned Bridges CRF</i>	<i>100,000.00</i>	<i>100,000.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>
<i>Transfer/Recycling Ctr CRF</i>	<i>2,000.00</i>	<i>2,000.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>2,000.00</i>
Total Transfer Capital Rsrve Funds	144,830.00	144,830.00	0.00	37,250.00

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	Jan - Dec 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Jan - Dec 17
Transfer to Trust Funds				
<i>Bridge Maintenance Exp TF</i>				5,000.00
<i>Fire Dept Equipment Exp Trust</i>				9,000.00
<i>Municipal Auditing Exp Trust</i>	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Municipal Bldgs Exp Trust</i>	21,000.00	21,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
<i>Police Safety Gear Exp TF</i>	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	2,000.00
<i>Town Hall Exp Trust</i>	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Total Transfer to Trust Funds	30,500.00	30,500.00	0.00	31,000.00
Totals Budgeted Expenditures	1,710,126.36	1,920,678.00	-210,551.64	1,900,053.00
Total Payments to Other Gov'ts.	2,705,402.92			
Refunds	2,900.37			
	<u>4,418,429.65</u>	<u>1,920,678.00</u>		



SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Submit to the Department of Revenue Administration by September 1

Instructions

Note: for ease of use please begin at the last section and work forward.

REPORTS REQUIRED: RSA 21-J:34 as amended, provides for certification of valuations, appropriations, estimated revenues and such other information as the Department of Revenue Administration may require upon reports prescribed for that purpose.

NOTE: The values and figures provided represent the detailed values that are used in the city/towns tax assessments and sworn to uphold under Oath per RSA 75:7. Please complete all applicable pages and refer to the instructions for individual items.

For Assistance Please Contact:

DRA Municipal and Property Division
Phone: (603) 230-5090
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

Data has been imported into the form from an external source. All form calculations have been disabled.

ENTITY'S INFORMATION ?

Entity Type: Municipality Village

Municipality:

County:

Original Date

Revision Date

ASSESSOR

Assessor's Name

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

Municipal Official 1

Municipal Official 3

Municipal Official 5

Municipal Official 2

Municipal Official 4

Municipal Official 6

Under penalties of perjury, We declare that we have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of our belief it is true, correct and complete.

PREPARER'S INFORMATION

Preparer's Name

Phone Number

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Email (optional)



Municipality Values

Value Land Only (Exclude amount listed in lines 3A, 3B and 4) ?

		Number of Acres	Assessed Valuation
1-A	Current Use (At current values) RSA 79-A ?	12,660.08	\$816,414
1-B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B ?		
1-C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C ?		
1-D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D ?		
1-E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F ?		
1-F	Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved) ?	7,168.94	\$56,410,400
1-G	Commercial/Industrial Land (excluding Utility Land) ?	418.47	\$3,789,100
1-H	Total of Taxable Land ?	20,247.49	\$61,015,914
1-I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land ?	4,015.65	\$4,773,200

Value Buildings Only (Exclude amount listed in lines 3A and 3B) ?

		Number of Structures	Assessed Valuation
2-A	Residential ?		\$86,056,290
2-B	Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31 ?		\$4,311,300
2-C	Commercial/Industrial (excluding Utility buildings) ?		\$12,857,600
2-D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D ?		
2-E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F ?		
2-F	Total of Taxable Buildings ?		\$103,225,190
2-G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings ?		\$3,922,010

Utilities and Timber ?

		Assessed Valuation
3-A	Utilities ?	\$6,083,900
3-B	Other Utilities ?	
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5 ?	

5) Valuation before Exemptions (Total of lines 1H, 2F, 3A, 3B and 4) ?

\$170,325,004



Exemptions			Total # Granted	Assessed Valuation
6	Certain Disabled Veterans (RSA 72:36-a) ?			
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA (72:38-b V) ?			
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities (RSA 72:37-a) ?			
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption (RSA 72:23-IV) ?			
10a	Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption (RSA 72:12-a) ?			
10b	Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption (RSA 72:12-a) ?			
11) Modified Assessed Valuation of all Properties (Line 5 minus lines 6,7,8,9,10a,10b) ?				\$170,325,004

Summation of Exemptions ?			Amount Per Exemption	Total # Granted	Assessed Valuation
12	Blind Exemption (RSA 72:37) ?				
13	Elderly Exemption (RSA 72:39-a & b)			4	\$90,000
14	Deaf Exemption (RSA 72:38-b) ?				
15	Disabled Exemption (RSA 72:37-b) ?				
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:70) ?			4	\$7,000
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:62) ?			1	\$17,850
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:66) ?			1	\$5,000
19	Add'l School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemptions (RSA 72:23 IV) ?				
20) Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions (sum of lines 12-19)					\$119,850

Calculations		
21	NET VALUATION: Used To Compute Municipal, County, and Local Education Tax Rates (Line 11 minus Line 20)	\$170,205,154
22	LESS UTILITIES: (Line 3A) Do not include the value of other utilities listed in Line 3B	\$6,083,900
23	NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES TO COMPUTE STATE EDUCATION TAX (Line 21 minus Line 22)	\$164,121,254

AVITAR SYSTEM WARNING: Residential Buildings (2A) REDUCED by \$139,110 for Char/Reli/Educ Exemptions
 AVITAR SYSTEM WARNING: Tax Exempt/Non-Taxable Buildings (2G) INCREASED by \$139,110 for Char/Reli/Educ Exemptions

Notes:



Utility Summary: Electric, Hydroelectric, Renewable - Misc., Nuclear, Gas/Pipeline, Water & Sewer

Utility Value Appraiser ?

Who Appriases/Establishes the Utility Value in the Municipality? (If multiple, please list)

Avitar

If the Municipality Uses DRA Utility Values, is it Equalized By The Ratio? Yes No

SECTION A

List Electric Companies ?

Electric Company	Assessed Valuation
PSNH DBA EVERSOURCE ENERGY	\$5,812,500
NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOP	\$271,400
A1 Total of all Electric Companies listed in this section:	\$6,083,900

List Gas Companies ?

Gas Company	Assessed Valuation
A2 Total of all Gas Companies listed in this section:	



List Water and Sewer Companies ?

Water/Sewer Company	Assessed Valuation

A3 Total of all Water and Sewer Companies listed in this section:	
Grand Total Valuation of all Sect. A Utility Companies	\$6,083,900

SECTION B

List Other Utility Companies ?

Other Utility Company	Assessed Valuation

B1 Total of All Other Companies listed in this section (must agree with line 3B):	
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Tax Credits and Exemptions

Veterans' Tax Credits

Credit Description	Limits	Number of Individuals	Estimated Tax Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> Veterans' Tax Credit/Optional Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28) (\$50 Standard Credit, \$51 up to \$500 upon adoption by city/town)	\$500	76	\$37,750
<input type="checkbox"/> Surviving Spouse (RSA 72:29-a) *The surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States... (\$700 Standard Credit, \$701 up to \$2,000 upon adoption by city or town)	\$700		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability (RSA 72:35) *Any person who has been honorably discharged from the military service of the United States and who has total and permanent service-connected disability, or who is a double amputee or paraplegic because of service-connected injury... (\$700 Standard Credit, \$701 up to \$2,000 upon adoption by city or town)	\$2,000	4	\$8,000
Total Number and Amount		80	\$45,750

*If both husband and/or wife qualify for the credit they count as 2. If someone is living at a residence such as a brother & sister, and one qualifies count as 1, not one-half.

Disabled and Deaf Exemption Report

	Disabled Exemption Report (RSA 72:37-b)		Deaf Exemption Report (RSA 72:38-b)	
	Single	Married	Single	Married
Income Limits <input type="checkbox"/>				
Asset Limits <input type="checkbox"/>				

Elderly Exemption Report - RSA 72:39-a

First Time Filers <u>Granted</u> Elderly Exemption for Current Tax Year			Total Number of Individuals Granted an Elderly Exemption for the Current Tax Year & Total Number of Exemptions Granted			
Age	#	Amount Per Individual	Age	#	Max Allowable Exemption	Total Actual Exemption Granted
65-74		\$15,000	65-74			
75-79		\$20,000	75-79	2	\$40,000	\$40,000
80+		\$25,000	80+	2	\$50,000	\$50,000
Total				4	\$90,000	\$90,000
Income Limits	Single	\$18,000	Asset Limits	Single	\$35,000	
	Married	\$27,000		Married	\$52,500	

Community Tax Relief Incentive - RSA 79-E

Adopted: Yes No

Taxation of Qualifying Historic Buildings - RSA 79-G

Adopted: Yes No

Taxation of Certain Chartered Public School Facilities - RSA 79-H

Adopted: Yes No



Property Reports

Current Use Reports - RSA 79-A ?

	Total Number of Acres Receiving Current Use	Assessed Valuation	Other Current Use Statistics	Total Number of Acres
Farm Land	343.3	\$109,919	Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	7,385.53
Forest Land	8,677.68	\$578,168	Removed from Current Use During Current Tax Year 2016	3
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	2,437.72	\$106,970	Owners in Current Use	138
Unproductive Land	402.83	\$6,541	Parcels in Current Use	266
Wet Land	798.55	\$14,816		
Total	12,660.08	\$816,414		

Land Use Change Tax ?

Gross Monies Received for Calendar Year (Jan 1 through Dec 31)			\$1,300
Conservation Allocation	Percentage	50	And/Or Dollar Amount
			\$650
Monies to Conservation Fund			\$650
Monies to General Fund			\$650

Conservation Restriction Assessment Report - RSA 79-B (must file PA-60) ?

	Total Number of Acres Receiving Conservation	Assessed Valuation	Other Conservation Restriction Assessment Statistics	Total Number of Acres
Farm Land			Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment	
Forest Land			Removed from Conservation During Current Tax Year	
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship				
Unproductive Land			Owners in Conservation	Total Number
Wet Land			Parcels in Conservation	
Total				

Discretionary Easements - RSA 79-C ?

Total Number of Acres	# of Owners	Assessed Valuation	Description of Discretionary Easements Granted (e.g. Golf Course, Ball Park, Race Track)

Taxation of Farm Structures and Land Under Farm Structures - RSA 79-F ?

Total Number Granted	Total Number of Structures	Total Number of Acres	Assessed Valuation Land	Assessed Valuation Structures



Tax Increment Financing Districts - RSA 162-K



TIF District Name	Date of Adoption/ Modification	Original Assessed Value	Unretained Captured Assessed Value	Amount used on page 2	Retained Captured Assessed Value	Current Assessed Value



Revenues Received from Payments in Lieu of Tax ?

	Revenue	Number of Acres
State and Federal Forest Land , Recreational and/or Flood control land from MS-4, acct 3356 & 3357	\$1,574	3,138
White Mountain National Forest only, acct. 3186		

Check if your municipality has entered into an agreement for a payment in lieu of taxes with a renewable generation facility pursuant to RSA 72:74

	Revenue	List Source(s) of Payment in Lieu of Taxes
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186		
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1. CERTIFY THIS FORM

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Preparer's First Name

Claudia

Preparer's Last Name

Lamphier

Date

08/29/2016

2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM TO THE EQUALIZATION BUREAU

Please save and e-mail the completed, fillable PDF form to the Equalization Bureau at equalization@dra.nh.gov.

3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM TO THE MTRSP

This completed PDF form must be PRINTED, SIGNED, SCANNED, and UPLOADED onto the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal (MTRSP) at <http://proptax.org/nh/>. If you have any questions, please contact your Municipal Bureau Advisor.

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Claudia Lamphier
Preparer's Signature

Assessor's Signature

Henry Soucier Selectman
Governing Body Member's Signature and Title

Governing Body Member's Signature and Title

Laurie [unclear] Selectman
Governing Body Member's Signature and Title

Governing Body Member's Signature and Title

Rebecca [unclear] Selectman
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Town of Effingham
Annual Town Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2016

The following are the results from the Town Election, which was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. The checklist listed 1022 registered voters. 354 ballots were cast, including 29 absentee ballots.

Article 1.

Selectman, three year term:	Leonard Espie	189
	Timothy Eldridge	158
Moderator, write-in:	Susan Slack	89
Trustee of Trust Funds, three year term:	Carol Pfister	290
Trustee of the Library, one year term:	Anita Spencer	196
Trustee of the Library, three year term:	Johanna Vienneau	320
Trustee of the Library, write-in:	Dennis Vienneau	*
Planning Board, 2-three year terms:	Joanna Bull	171
	Gary Jewell	218
	Timothy Murphy	140
Budget Committee, 2-three year terms:	Paul Bartoswicz	182
	Mellisa Seamans	151
	William Piekut	146
	Linda Edwards	126
Zoning Board of Adjustment, three year term:	Thomas Hart	270
Zoning Board of Adjustment, write-in:	Timothy Murphy	*
Supervisor of the Checklist, six year term:	Carol Pfister	299

*Write-in votes

1.

Article 2.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2016-1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Change Article 7, Section 708 Lot Density to read: "For non-conforming lots of one acre or less, the total area of all existing and proposed structures shall be limited to 20% of the gross lot area. "Total Area of all Structures" in this section shall mean that part of the structures which cover the ground under it (footprint), including all deck, porch and roof overhangs that extend more than 2 feet. All other requirements of this ordinance shall be met."?

The Planning Board is in favor of this article.

YES 208 NO 127

Article 3.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2016-2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article 10, Section 1006 Campgrounds to include the following:

"(f) Campsites

- i. A minimum of 600 sq. ft. shall be provided for each tent site and a minimum of 1,000 square feet shall be provided for each recreational vehicle and trailer campsite, with or without connection to an approved sewage disposal system (RSA 216-I: 3).
- ii. RV and trailer campsites are allowed a total of 640 sq. ft. per site, inclusive of the RV or trailer and all other structures, not to be permanent in nature and to have no permanent footings or foundations.
- iii. Two (2) parking spaces per campsite at 160 sq. ft. each (8 ft. x 20 ft.) are required either within the campsite or two (2) parking spaces specifically designated for said campsite are provided elsewhere.
- iv. Single story camping cabins as per RSA 216-I:1 VII-a are allowed a total of 640 sq. ft. per site, inclusive of the camping cabin and all other structures, not to be permanent in nature and to have no permanent footings or foundations.
- v. No tent, tent trailer, travel trailer, motorized camper, pick-up camper, single story cabin or pick-up coach shall be used as permanent year-round residence."?

The Planning Board is in favor of this article.

YES 216 NO 123

Article 4.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2016-3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article 11, Section 1102.2 Enforcement and Penalty to read:

"Section 1102.2 Enforcement and Penalty - Any person who violates this Ordinance may be fined in accordance with RSA 676:17,I. No action may be brought under this provision unless the alleged offender has had at least seven (7) days' notice by certified mail that a violation exists."?

The Planning Board is in favor of this article.

YES 227 NO 107

Article 5.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2016-4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Article 15, Section 1502 Historic Districts, "Pursuant to NH RSA 674:46, the Town of Effingham hereby establishes the Center Effingham Historic District and the Lord's Hill Historic District, which are bounded as in Appendix A."? (This is a housekeeping item.)

The Planning Board is in favor of this article.

YES 252 NO 87

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Article 6.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2016-5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article 15, Section 1502 Historic Districts to clarify the metes and bounds legal description for the Lord's Hill Historic District? (This is in Appendix A.)

The Planning Board is in favor of this article.

YES 257 NO 77

Article 7.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2016-6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article 15, Section 1502 Historic Districts to clarify the metes and bounds legal description for the Center Effingham Historic District.? (This is in Appendix A.)

The Planning Board is in favor of this article.

YES 257 NO 81

At 7:00 pm, The Moderator announced that the polls were closed. Ballot clerks and counters were: Theresa Swanick, Thomas Hart, Erik Jones, David Manley, Jim Morris, Karen Payne, Cheryle Feirick, David Strauss, Gwenda English and Celine Bergeron. When we were finished counting, Moderator Pilkovsky called for a recess and announced that the meeting would reconvene on Saturday, March 12 at 9:00 am.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,680.00 to contract the services of Avitar Associates of New England, Inc. for the year 2016. This sum represents payment for the first year of a five-year level funded contract that provides for a full update of property values to market rate in 2020 as required by RSA 75:8-a, as well as general assessing services throughout each of the five years and field data verification of information appearing on property tax cards. This requires a majority vote.

The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

The article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for road reconstruction. This requires a majority vote.

The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

The article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for paved road resurfacing and repair. This requires a majority vote.
The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

The article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$143,830.00 for payments to the following Capital Reserve Accounts previously established:

		Acct balances 12/31/15
Aquatic Invasive Plants	\$6,830.00	\$8,014.06
Fire Truck/Equipment	\$20,000.00	\$244,527.04
Police Cruiser/Equipment	\$15,000.00	\$45,201.22
Town Owned Bridges	\$100,000.00	\$103,560.12
Transfer Station/Recycling Center	\$2,000.00	\$12,230.79

Total in above Capital Reserve accounts: \$ 413,533.23

This is a special warrant article. This requires a majority vote.
The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

The article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,500.00 for payments to the following Trust Fund Accounts previously established:

		Acct balances 12/31/15
Police Safety Gear Exp TF	\$3,500.00	\$1,297.09
Municipal Auditing Exp TF	\$1,000.00	\$27,009.41
Municipal Buildings Exp TF	\$21,000.00	\$13,346.09
Town Hall Restoration TF	\$5,000.00	\$40,134.03

Total in above Trust Fund accounts: \$81,786.62

This is a special warrant article. This requires a majority vote.
The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

The article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance to be added to the Fire Truck and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The \$1,000.00 was received from the Town of Parsonsfield in 2015 for Fire Department Mutual Aid. This is a special warrant article. This requires a majority vote. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

The article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

A motion was made and seconded to restrict reconsideration of Articles 8-13. Motion passed.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$260,000.00 to replace the bridge on Stevens Road. And further to authorize the governing body to withdraw \$150,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance for this purpose, with the remaining \$110,000.00 to be funded through taxation. This is a special warrant article. This requires a majority vote. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

The article was moved and seconded.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the amount of \$260,000.00 to \$210,000.00 and amend the amount of \$110,000.00 to \$60,000.00 through taxation. The motion passed as amended.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,479,668.00 for the ensuing year for general operations. This requires a majority vote. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Executive	87,233.00
Election & Registration	34,166.00
Financial Administration	42,442.00
Assessing	22,885.00
Legal	25,000.00
Payroll Expenses	55,500.00
Planning & Zoning	17,778.00
Municipal Buildings	67,000.00
Cemeteries	2,500.00
Insurance Fees	105,000.00
Advertising & Regional Dues	3,000.00
Public Safety	315,754.00
Highways & Streets	442,459.00
Street Lighting	7,000.00
Solid Waste Collection	51,746.00

Solid Waste Disposal	92,750.00
Solid Waste Clean Up	3,000.00
Dog Officer Expenses	500.00
Health Agencies & Hospitals	15,884.00
General Assistance	17,000.00
Meals on Wheels	4,500.00
Parks & Recreation	5,000.00
Library	56,240.00
Patriotic Purposes	600.00
Conservation Commission	3,730.00
Town Forester	1,000.00
Debt Service	1.00
Total	<u>1,479,668.00</u>

The article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

A motion was made and seconded to restrict reconsideration of Articles 14-15. Motion passed.

Article 16. To see if the Town will urge that the next President and Congress fight big money politics and restore government of, by and for the people by championing the We the People agenda: 1) Ban Super PACs and overturn Citizens United 2) Expose secret donors and require full transparency 3) Ban bribes from big-money lobbyists and government contractors 4) Establish small-donor, citizen-funded elections 5) End gerrymandering and modernize voter registration 6) Close loopholes and enforce campaign finance laws. That the New Hampshire State Legislature support concrete legislation to enact the We the People agenda. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the selectmen to the NH congressional delegation and to Effingham’s state legislators, and to the President of the United States informing them of the instructions from their constituents within 30 days of the vote. This article is petitioned by Arthur Surette and others. This requires a majority vote.

The article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 17. To see if the Town of Effingham will vote “No Confidence” in the Effingham Fire Chief Randy Burbank. If the vote is affirmative, the Town asks the Board of Selectmen to remove him from office, if he doesn’t resign, and to not allow him to drive any Town owned vehicles. The vote on this article is to be conducted by secret ballot. This requires a majority vote. This article is petitioned by Jerome Smith and others.

The Article was moved and seconded. Moderator Pilkovsky explained the procedure for requesting a ballot vote and a request for a ballot vote was handed to him. A motion was made and seconded to amend the article to read: “Full Confidence” and delete the second sentence. A discussion followed and a ballot vote was done. Amendment passed.

YES 101 NO 34

6.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of its agents and auditors.

The article was moved, seconded and passed as read.

Article 19. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Deanna Amaral
Town of Effingham
Town Clerk**



New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue
Administration

2016
\$22.80

Tax Rate Breakdown Effingham

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,360,015	\$170,205,154	\$7.99
County	\$231,392	\$170,205,154	\$1.36
Local Education	\$1,897,904	\$170,205,154	\$11.15
State Education	\$377,373	\$164,121,254	\$2.30
Total	\$3,866,684		\$22.80

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Total			

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$3,866,684
War Service Credits	(\$45,750)
Village District Tax Effort	\$0
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$3,820,934

 Stephan Hamilton Director of Municipal and Property Division New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration	10/17/2016
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BALANCE SHEET

Account	Current Assets ?	Beginning of Year	End of Year
1010	Cash and Equivalents ?	\$892,912	\$1,107,928
1030	Investments ?	\$7,147	\$7,152
1080	Tax Receivable ?	\$567,881	\$432,379
1110	Tax Liens Receivable ?	\$356,082	\$265,316
1150	Accounts Receivable ?		\$10,405
1260	Due from Other Governments ?	\$5,303	
1310	Due from Other Funds ?		\$4,000
1400	Other Current Assets ?	\$6,703	\$9,332
1670	Tax Deeded Property (Subject to Resale) ?	\$69,627	\$65,944
TOTAL ASSETS		\$1,905,655	\$1,902,456
Account	Current Liabilities ?	Beginning of Year	End of Year
2020	Warrants and Accounts Payable ?	\$4,415	\$72,619
2030	Compensated Absences Payable ?		
2050	Contracts Payable ?		
2070	Due to Other Governments ?		
2075	Due to School Districts ?	\$906,740	\$951,283
2080	Due to Other Funds ?		
2220	Deferred Revenue ?	\$2,173	\$23,677
2230	Notes Payable - Current ?		
2270	Other Payable ?	\$14,475	\$18,406
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$927,803	\$1,065,985

Expanded Owner Index Sorted by Owner Name

Owner	Map	Lot	Sub	Location	Use	Acres	Cards	Land	Buildings	Total
EFFINGHAM CONSERVATION COMM.	000106	000012	000000	LAKE SHORE DRIVE	EXEMPT	1.060	1	70,900	0	70,900
EFFINGHAM CONSERVATION COMM.	000106	000014	000000	LAKE SHORE DRIVE	EXEMPT	0.210	1	37,800	0	37,800
EFFINGHAM CONSERVATION COMM.	000202	000024	000000	PROVINCE LAKE ROAD	EXEMPT	0.460	1	12,000	0	12,000
EFFINGHAM CONSERVATION COMM.	000202	000025	000000	PROVINCE LAKE ROAD	EXEMPT	0.360	1	21,100	0	21,100
EFFINGHAM CONSERVATION COMM.	000410	000075	000000	PROVINCE LAKE ROAD	EXEMPT	14.500	1	38,000	0	38,000
EFFINGHAM CONSERVATION COMM.	000410	000077	000000	PROVINCE LAKE ROAD	EXEMPT	0.340	1	500	0	500
EFFINGHAM CONSERVATION COMM.	000412	000016	000000	OFF TOWN HOUSE ROAD	EXEMPT	45.000	1	46,600	0	46,600
EFFINGHAM CONSERVATION COMM.	000412	000021	000000	OFF WILKINSON SWAMP ROA	EXEMPT	54.000	1	54,600	0	54,600
EFFINGHAM CONSERVATION COMM.	000413	000019	000000	OFF DRAKE ROAD	EXEMPT	10.300	1	3,300	0	3,300
EFFINGHAM CONSERVATION COMM.	000413	000159	000000	PINE RIVER ROAD	EXEMPT	7.800	1	2,500	0	2,500
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000101	000021	000000	LAKE SHORE DRIVE	EXEMPT	0.530	1	10,600	0	10,600
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000101	000021	000001	LINCOLN STREET	EXEMPT	0.120	1	900	0	900
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000101	000021	000002	LINCOLN STREET	EXEMPT	0.120	1	900	0	900
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000101	000049	000000	ALPINE STREET	EXEMPT	0.400	1	16,600	0	16,600
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000101	000054	000000	BAILEY ROAD	EXEMPT	0.110	1	40,400	0	40,400
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000101	000055	000000	BAILEY ROAD	EXEMPT	0.190	1	40,500	0	40,500
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000102	000020	000000	BAILEY ROAD	EXEMPT	0.110	1	1,600	0	1,600
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000102	000048	000000	PRINCETON AVENUE	EXEMPT	0.150	1	1,200	0	1,200
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000106	000013	000000	LAKE SHORE DRIVE	EXEMPT	0.070	1	22,800	0	22,800
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000106	000015	000000	LAKE SHORE DRIVE	EXEMPT	0.080	1	22,800	0	22,800
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000106	000016	000000	LAKE SHORE DRIVE	EXEMPT	0.090	1	30,300	0	30,300
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000106	000018	000000	LAKE SHORE DRIVE	EXEMPT	0.720	1	10,900	0	10,900
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000106	000021	000000	LAKE SHORE DRIVE	EXEMPT	0.460	1	10,500	0	10,500
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000201	000025	000000	144 SCHOOL STREET	EXEMPT	0.370	1	35,500	0	35,500
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000201	000047	000000	68 SCHOOL STREET	EXEMPT	2.580	2	44,800	245,300	290,100
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000204	000001	000000	30 TOWN HOUSE ROAD	EXEMPT	1.080	1	43,600	516,300	559,900
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000204	000020	000000	SNOW ROAD	EXEMPT	12.300	1	49,500	1,900	51,400
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000204	000032	000000	1102 PROVINCE LAKE ROAD	EXEMPT	1.800	1	39,700	62,300	102,000
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000401	000007	000000	15 STORAGE ROAD	EXEMPT	1.000	1	31,400	6,400	37,800
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000404	000001	000000	596 PROVINCE LAKE ROAD	EXEMPT	0.150	1	3,200	36,400	39,600
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000404	000046	000000	PROVINCE LAKE ROAD	EXEMPT	2.090	1	19,700	0	19,700
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000406	000042	000000	MORRIS AVENUE	EXEMPT	2.050	1	27,900	7,600	35,500
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000406	000053	000000	RYEFIELD ROAD	EXEMPT	0.370	1	300	0	300
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000407	000042	000000	OFF PINE RIVER ROAD	EXEMPT	7.200	1	4,800	0	4,800
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000407	000047	000000	OFF PINE RIVER ROAD	EXEMPT	6.000	1	4,000	0	4,000
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000407	000048	000000	OFF PINE RIVER ROAD	EXEMPT	24.000	1	14,800	0	14,800
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000409	000007	000000	TOWN HOUSE ROAD	EXEMPT	21.000	1	23,200	0	23,200
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000410	000062	000000	HOBBS ROAD	EXEMPT	114.000	1	67,800	0	67,800
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000411	000021	000000	53 SNOW ROAD	EXEMPT	315.000	1	190,100	6,500	196,600
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000411	000025	000000	WEDGEWOOD ROAD	EXEMPT	63.000	1	88,400	0	88,400
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000411	000026	000000	WEDGEWOOD ROAD	EXEMPT	16.000	1	17,200	0	17,200
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000411	000049	000000	1292 PROVINCE LAKE ROAD	EXEMPT	0.500	1	34,200	49,400	83,600
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000412	000018	000000	TOWN HOUSE ROAD	EXEMPT	23.000	1	37,600	0	37,600
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000412	000070	000000	JONES ROAD	EXEMPT	1.800	1	21,600	0	21,600
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000412	000082	000000	TOWN HOUSE ROAD	EXEMPT	22.000	1	53,000	0	53,000
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000413	000103	000000	MOUNTAIN VIEW DRIVE	EXEMPT	1.020	1	20,600	0	20,600
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000413	000222	000000	DRAKE ROAD	EXEMPT	0.060	1	900	0	900
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000417	000073	000000	SPENCER AVENUE	EXEMPT	0.130	1	900	0	900
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000417	000075	000000	PRINCETON AVENUE	EXEMPT	0.380	1	10,400	0	10,400
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000418	000007	000000	BONNYMAN ROAD	EXEMPT	0.240	1	13,700	0	13,700
EFFINGHAM, TOWN OF	000418	000008	000000	BONNYMAN ROAD	EXEMPT	0.220	1	14,200	0	14,200
Parcels: 51						776.510		1,410,300	932,100	2,342,400

Selectmen's Report 2016

The largest portion of this year was taken up in establishing what the selectmen hope will become normal operating procedures for the planning, funding and execution of large capital projects. These improvements in process came about because of serious problems with bridges in town. As it stands at the end of the year the selectmen have agreed that large capital intense projects will have outside engineering oversight. It is anticipated that this oversight shall include evaluation of the project, project design and or criteria, applications for all required DES and other State requirements, writing of requests for proposal (RFP's), dissemination of RFP bid requests, vetting of received bids, awarding of RFP bids by selectmen and project oversight and evaluation of finished project by the engineering firm. It must be stated that much of the impetus for these changes was instigated by public concern and an expressed desire by the Budget Committee that the Selectmen develop a rational system of municipal behavior that will overlap the terms of any particular selectman and become the expected standard operating procedure for all future capital projects.

This year also saw many normal maintenance concerns dealt with. The wrapping up of work on Granite road, some small improvement to the paving at the transfer station, moving the gas tank at the Library and repairs to the Library building's portico, an evaluation of town owned buildings, improvements to the electrical system in the Police modular and walkways at the town offices. Work has been initiated to improve the fire alarm system at the Library and improvements to various employee safety issues in all town owned building housing staff. The IT systems in town offices saw marked improvements as well. The town also purchased a container to provide the police department with needed additional storage space. The selectmen have also begun work on trying to establish a workable system to fund and execute a needed bridge maintenance system to forestall the sort of bridge problems the town is now dealing with. All of this represents fairly normal annual needs and maintenance requirements.

2016 also saw the town involved in more court cases than normal. A property tax case involving a private citizen, a citizen sponsored injunction placing work on Steven's road on hold and Camp Marist's tax based application for status as a Charitable organization and the final stages of class action tax case related to evaluation of utility poles in town.

As Chairman of the Selectboard I would like to say that the end of the year finds me fairly positive about where the town is. The process of getting here while revealing a degree of chaos did get us to a place where rational processes can become normal. Thanks are owed to both the budget committee for their insistence that the selectmen establish this rationality and the members of the public who keep an eye on how things are going.

Henry Spencer, Chair of Effingham Board of Selectmen

Grand Totals:

Receipt Type	Net Transaction Count	Town Amt	State Amt	Total Amt
MOTOR VEHICLE				
	Net Transactions/Voids:			
	1 / 0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CERT-COPY LOST	36	\$108.00	\$540.00	\$648.00
CREDIT APPLIED	1	\$0.00	\$-12.40	\$-12.40
DECAL-REPL LOST	13	\$33.00	\$13.00	\$46.00
LB SUSPENSE	1	\$451.20	\$0.00	\$451.20
NEW	512	\$56,422.00	\$22,995.74	\$79,417.74
PLATE-REPL LOST	2	\$6.00	\$12.00	\$18.00
PLATE-REPL REORDER-1	3	\$6.00	\$12.00	\$18.00
PLATE-REPL STOLEN	1	\$3.00	\$8.00	\$11.00
REGISTRATION MAINTENANCE	23	\$12.00	\$0.00	\$12.00
RENEWAL	1757	\$188,762.00	\$82,187.74	\$270,949.74
SHORT SLIP DUE	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
STATE-ONLY NEW	3	\$9.00	\$153.32	\$162.32
STATE-ONLY TITLE-PS	3	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
TITLE - AP	149	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TITLE - EXAP	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TITLE - EXPS	1	\$2.00	\$25.00	\$27.00
TITLE - PS	205	\$412.00	\$4,800.00	\$5,212.00
TITLE ONLY	20	\$40.00	\$500.00	\$540.00
TITLE ONLY - ANTIQUE	3	\$6.00	\$56.00	\$62.00
TITLE ONLY - EX	2	\$4.00	\$50.00	\$54.00
TRANSFER	142	\$14,061.00	\$1,879.16	\$15,940.16
VOID - RETURNED CHECK	5	\$-234.00	\$-189.60	\$-423.60
VOID - SAME DAY/TELLER	2	\$-201.00	\$-59.20	\$-260.20
	Net Transactions/Voids:	\$259,902.20	\$113,039.76	\$372,941.96
	2,879 / 7			
LOG LICENSES				
	Net Transactions/Voids:			
LB SUSPENSE	2	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
LICENSE LEGACY	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
LICENSE NEW	82	\$444.50	\$192.50	\$637.00
LICENSE RENEWAL	340	\$1,751.00	\$745.50	\$2,496.50
LICENSE TRANSFER	1	\$1.50	\$0.00	\$1.50
TAG REPLACEMENT	4	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$12.00
VOID - SAME DAY/TELLER	1	\$-8.00	\$-2.50	\$-10.50
	Net Transactions/Voids:	\$2,210.00	\$935.50	\$3,145.50
	430 / 1			
TOWN CLERK SERVICES				
	Net Transactions/Voids:			
2015 CIVIL FORFEITURE	1	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
2015 UNALTERED LIC.	1	\$6.50	\$2.50	\$9.00
2016 CIVIL FORFEITURE	17	\$480.00	\$0.00	\$480.00
FILING FEE	1	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$2.00
MARRIAGE LICENSE	4	\$28.00	\$172.00	\$200.00
MV REVENUE	4	\$338.20	\$0.00	\$338.20
POLE PERMIT	2	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
RETURNED PAYMENT	3	\$93.00	\$0.00	\$93.00
UCC FILING	2	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$135.00
VITAL STATISTICS	26	\$197.00	\$503.00	\$700.00
VOID - CREDIT ISSUED	1	\$-31.00	\$0.00	\$-31.00
VOID - SAME DAY/TELLER	2	\$-30.00	\$0.00	\$-30.00
	Net Transactions/Voids:	\$1,278.70	\$677.50	\$1,956.20
	61 / 3			
WRITE OFF				
	Net Transactions/Voids:			
ADMIN	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	1 / 0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grand Total:	3,372 / 11	\$263,390.90	\$114,652.76	\$378,043.66

Effingham Town Clerk

Account Summary

Account Name	Account Number	Fees Summary	Net Count	Net Amount	Debit Amt	Credit Amt
Dog Licenses - Civil Forfeiture	3290.4	DOG CIVIL FORFEITURE - COST OF SERVICE	16	\$80.00		
		DOG CIVIL FORFEITURE FEE	16	\$400.00		
		Account Total:	32	\$480.00		\$30.00
Dog Licenses - Overpopulation	3290.3	DOG OVERPOPULATION FEE	365	\$730.00		
Dog Licenses - State	3290.2	DOG STATE LICENSE FEE	416	\$208.00		
Dog Licenses - Town	3290.1	DOG LATE FEE	39	\$137.00		
		DOG LEGACY LICENSE FEE	0	\$0.00		
		DOG LICENSE FEE GROUP	5	\$90.00		
		DOG LICENSE FEE PUPPY	20	\$80.00		
		DOG LICENSE FEE SENIOR	56	\$84.00		
		DOG LICENSE FEE SERVICE DOG	2	\$0.00		
		DOG LICENSE FEE SPAYED/NEUTERED	280	\$1,120.00		
		DOG LICENSE FEE UNALTERED	60	\$390.00		
		DOG LICENSE MAIL-IN FEE	293	\$293.00		
		DOG REPLACEMENT TAG FEE	4	\$6.00		
		DOG TRANSFER FEE	1	\$1.50		
		Account Total:	760	\$2,201.50	\$8.00	\$2,209.50
Filing Fees	3206.10	FILING FEE	1	\$2.00		
Motor Vehicle - Agent Fees	3220.3	AGENT FEE	2,378	\$7,134.00		
Motor Vehicle - DMV Returns	3220.7	REGISTRATION FEE RETURN CHECK	2,378	\$7,134.00		
Motor Vehicle - Due DMV	3220.6	CERTIFIED COPY FEE	-7	\$-189.60		
		CREDIT APPLIED	36	\$540.00		
		DECAL REPLACEMENT FEE	0	\$-12.40		
		PLATE FEE	13	\$13.00		
		PLATE REPLACEMENT FEE	454	\$3,236.00		
		REGISTRATION FEE	6	\$32.00		
		SAFETY FUND	2,218	\$95,665.96		
		STATE PARK PLATE	1	\$1.00		
		TITLE FEE	7	\$895.00		
		TRANSFER FEE	220	\$5,500.00		
		VANITY FEE	139	\$1,390.00		
			159	\$6,360.00		
		Account Total:	3,253	\$113,320.56	\$71.60	\$113,392.16
Motor Vehicle - Titles	3220.4	APPLICATION FEE	439	\$901.00		
Motor Vehicles - Clerk Fees	3220.2	CLERK FEE	439	\$901.00		
			2,407	\$4,814.00		
		Account Total:	2,407	\$4,814.00	\$4.00	\$905.00
Motor Vehicles - Permits	3220.1	DMV MAIL-IN FEE	52	\$52.00		
		MPF	1,130	\$1,130.00		
		PERMIT FEE	2,384	\$244,937.00		
		SUSPENSE ACCOUNT	3	\$466.20		
		TRANSFER FEE	141	\$705.00		
		Account Total:	2,407	\$4,814.00	\$10.00	\$4,824.00

Motor Vehicles - Transfer Fees	3220.5	TRANSFER FEE	Account Total:	3,710	\$247,290.20	\$406.00	\$247,696.20
				1	\$25.00		
Pole Permit	66	POLE PERMIT	Account Total:	1	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
				2	\$30.00		
Return Check Fees	3210.5	RETURNED PAYMENT	Account Total:	2	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
				2	\$62.00		
Return Check Postage Fees	3210.6	RETURNED CHECK POSTAGE	Account Total:	2	\$62.00	\$31.00	\$93.00
				0	\$0.00		
UCC Filing Fees	3210.4	UCC FILING FEE	Account Total:	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
				2	\$135.00		
Vital Statistics - Marriage State	3290.6	MARRIAGE LICENSE - STATE	Account Total:	2	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$135.00
				4	\$172.00		
Vital Statistics - Marriage Town	3290.5	MARRIAGE LICENSE - TOWN	Account Total:	4	\$172.00	\$0.00	\$172.00
				4	\$28.00		
Vital Statistics - Vital Record State	3290.8	VITAL STATISTICS - STATE - ADDL COPY	Account Total:	4	\$28.00	\$0.00	\$28.00
				31	\$155.00		
				26	\$208.00		
				31	\$62.00		
				26	\$78.00		
Vital Statistics - Vital Record Town	3290.7	VITAL STATISTICS - TOWN - ADDL COPY	Account Total:	114	\$503.00	\$0.00	\$503.00
				31	\$93.00		
				26	\$104.00		
				57	\$197.00	\$0.00	\$197.00
			Grand Total:	13,940	\$378,043.66	\$767.70	\$378,811.36



DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

01/01/2016 - 12/31/2016

--EFFINGHAM, NH --

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union	Military
KRUPSKI, MARGARET	02/06/2016	EFFINGHAM	AINSWORTH, WILLIAM	CLEMENT, GLORIA	N
BYRNS, JEAN	02/17/2016	GRANTHAM	BECKWITH, BURT	WELLS, MABEL	N
WILLIAMS, NANCY	03/06/2016	EFFINGHAM	MORRISON, GORDON	WESTERBERGER, ALICE	N
RHAME, TOMMY	04/05/2016	EFFINGHAM	RHAME, BERT	DAVIS, SYBIL	Y
PARADIS, RAYMOND	05/13/2016	ROCHESTER	PARADIS, LUCIEN	PELLETIER, LORETTE	N
SPINALE, GUY	06/04/2016	EFFINGHAM	SPINALE, FRANK	LEE, RITA	Y
GRIFFIN, RITA	07/01/2016	WOLFEBORO	DEFUSCO, ALBERT	BENENATI, MARGA	N
DIETZEL, JEAN	07/03/2016	OSSIPEE	CHENEY, EARL	MOORE, ISABELLE	N
DIETZEL, SUJAN	07/04/2016	EFFINGHAM	DIETZEL JR, WILLIAM	CHENEY, JEAN	N
KLIMASKAS, MARY	08/21/2016	EFFINGHAM	KENNEY, WILLIAM	NYLAN, ELLEN	N
OERTSEN, ARLEEN	10/15/2016	WOLFEBORO	GRIFFIN, JOSEPH	GALAGER, LILLIAN	N
SUPRENARD, KATHRYN	11/27/2016	EFFINGHAM	KENNARD, RAYMOND	PEARSON, RUTH	N
DISHMAN JR, ROBERT	11/28/2016	LEBANON	DISHMAN, ROBERT	RODRIGUEZ, NOEMI	N
PALMER, ELEANOR	12/15/2016	WOLFEBORO	JACKSON, RONALD	WHELEUER, DORIS	N

Total number of records 14

DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT

01/01/2016 - 12/31/2016

-- EFFINGHAM --

Person A's Name and Residence	Person B's Name and Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
VARNEY, FRANK W EFFINGHAM, NH	EASTMAN, CRYSTAL A WOLFEBORO, NH	OSSIPEE	BROOKFIELD	06/25/2016
MCCULLOUGH, SUSAN M EFFINGHAM, NH	WALLACE, MICHELLE P EFFINGHAM, NH	EFFINGHAM	EFFINGHAM	08/27/2016
VAN HOOK, BRITTANY M EFFINGHAM, NH	CRUZ, JAMES A EFFINGHAM, NH	OSSIPEE	EFFINGHAM	08/27/2016
DANFORTH, JESSICA L EFFINGHAM, NH	BABB, PHILLIP J EFFINGHAM, NH	OSSIPEE	NEWMARKET	10/22/2016
HAMMOND, PAULA EFFINGHAM, NH	FALLON, KATE EFFINGHAM, NH	OSSIPEE	EFFINGHAM	12/03/2016

Total number of records 5

DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT

01/01/2016-12/31/2016

--EFFINGHAM--

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's/Partner's Name	Mother's Name
ARMSTRONG, KADEN JAMES	02/26/2016	NORTH CONWAY, NH	ARMSTRONG JR, JAMES	LAWTON, CRYSTAL
WELCH, ELEANOR RENE'	03/09/2016	ROCHESTER, NH	WELCH, TIMOTHY	WELCH, KIMBERLY
ROBINSON, CRAIG ALAN	03/10/2016	NORTH CONWAY, NH	BULL III, GEORGE	ADJUTANT, STEFFANIE
BULL, IMOGEN MARGARET	03/24/2016	LEBANON, NH	STOUT, JERAMIAH	BULL, JOANNA
STOUT, BRINLEY LYNN	07/16/2016	NORTH CONWAY, NH		STOUT, LEAH
PLATT, XANDER MICHAEL HUGH	10/25/2016	NORTH CONWAY, NH		PLATT, KASSANDRA

Total number of records 6

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DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes		Levy For Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES		
Beginning of Fiscal Year	Account		2015	2014	2013+
Property Taxes	#3110	XXXXXX	\$ 432,379.41	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	XXXXXX	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	XXXXXX	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Yield Taxes	#3185	XXXXXX	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax	#3187	XXXXXX	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	#3189	XXXXXX	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes		XXXXXX	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$ 13,271.78)			

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy For Year of this Report	2015
Property Taxes	#3110	\$ 3,850,675.07	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 0.00
Yield Taxes	#3185	\$ 18,016.32	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax	#3187	\$ 31.20	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	#3189	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Overpayment Refunds		Levy For Year of this Report	2015	2014	2013+
Property Taxes	#3110	\$ 11,248.61	<i>Amount is from "Credits Refunded"</i>		
Resident Taxes	#3180				
Land Use Change	#3120				
Yield Taxes	#3185				
Excavation Tax	#3187				
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	#3190	\$ 3,489.27	\$ 31,818.60	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	#3190	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Total Debits		\$ 3,883,688.69	\$ 464,198.01	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
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CREDITS

Includes \$15,014.26 from "This Year's New Credits"
-Includes (\$13,095.17) from "Prior Years' Overpayments Assigned"

Remitted to Treasurer	Levy For Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2015	2014	2013+
Property Taxes	\$ 3,356,046.33	\$ 150,153.64	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Yield Taxes	\$ 13,670.72	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$ 3,489.27	\$ 27,190.60	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Penalties	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,628.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax	\$ 31.20	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Conversion To Lien (Principal only)	\$ 0.00	\$ 280,185.96	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Discounts Allowed	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Abatements Made	Levy For Year of this Report	2015	2014	2013+
Property Taxes	\$ 19,645.49	\$ 246.81	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Yield Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Current Levy Deeded	\$ 1,610.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Uncollected Taxes - End of Year #1080	Levy For Year of this Report:	2015	2014	2013+
Property Taxes	\$ 475,292.34	\$ 1,793.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Yield Taxes	\$ 4,345.60	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$ 3,942.26)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Total Credits	\$ 3,883,688.69	\$ 464,198.01	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
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SUMMARY OF DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2015	2014	2013+
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Fiscal Year		\$ 0.00	\$ 164,830.33	\$ 100,485.28
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$ 0.00	\$ 305,259.42	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,815.32	\$ 21,634.67	\$ 29,661.09
Total Debits	\$ 0.00	\$ 308,074.74	\$ 186,465.00	\$ 130,146.37

SUMMARY OF CREDITS

	Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2015	2014	2013+
Redemptions	\$ 0.00	\$ 42,428.14	\$ 69,953.95	\$ 87,363.94
Interest & Costs Collected #3190 (After Lien Execution)	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,815.32	\$ 21,634.67	\$ 29,661.09
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	\$ 0.00	\$ 101.59	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,342.64	\$ 3,607.11	\$ 5,001.88
Unredeemed Liens End of Fiscal Year #1110	\$ 0.00	\$ 259,387.05	\$ 91,269.27	\$ 8,119.46
Total Credits	\$ 0.00	\$ 308,074.74	\$ 186,465.00	\$ 130,146.37

Summary of Elderly Liens	Last Year's Levy	2015	2014	2013+
Unredeemed Elderly Liens Beg. of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Elderly Liens Executed During FY	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Elderly Liens Interests & Costs Collected	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Elderly Lien Debits:	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Elderly Redemptions	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Elderly Liens Interests & Costs Collected	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Unredeemed Elderly Liens End of FY	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Elderly Lien Credits:	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

TREASURER'S REPORT
TOWN OF EFFINGHAM – FISCAL YEAR 2016

2016 GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance – 1/1/16	\$ 990,400.29	
Revenue – All Sources	4,956,825.44	
Disbursements	4,714,665.26	
	Balance 12/31/16	\$1,232,560.26

2016 REVENUE

2016 Receipts – Tax Collector	\$4,347,886.70	
2016 Receipts – Town Clerk	378,811.36	
2016 Receipts – Board of Selectmen	<u>230,127.38</u>	
Total 12/31/16	\$4,956,825.44	

2016 CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Balance 1/1/16	\$17,422.44	
Revenue	7,752.13	
Expenses	8,540.05	
	Balance 12/31/16	\$16,634.52

2016 INVESTMENT POOL

Balance 1/1/16	\$7,152.16	
Interest	37.30	
	Balance 12/31/16	\$7,189.46

TOTAL CASH 12/31/16 \$1,256,384.24

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie L. Caldwell
Treasurer

Cristin Harkins and I rang in the new year with new positions at the library. After two and a half years as Assistant Library Director, hired by Marilyn Swan, then assisted Library Director Terry Wheeler, I was promoted to Library Director. Cristin, having six months under her belt as our Library Aide, became the Assistant Director. The both of us could not be more proud and grateful to hold these titles and to serve our wonderful little community in Effingham.

Winter brought more people into the library than in years past. Mild with little snow, patrons were more inclined to brave the cold and trudge out to borrow materials to enjoy by the fire. The "Tea & Downton" crew pulled out all the stops (and cups) in celebration of the final season of *Downton Abbey*. Who knew the quiet tea and crumpet crowd would be so adventurous? (Risking the icy roads and staying up well past eleven o'clock!) Our "First Wednesday Movie" series of screwball comedies also brought folks out of the woodwork. This was fun series enjoyed by all who attended. Writers' Night celebrated its eleventh season of local artists, singers and songwriters, poets and authors, and all who bravely stepped up to the mic to share their gifts with a faithful audience. Friends of the Effingham Library continue to support Writers' Night by purchasing materials for the library. You can borrow these items from our "Local Author" section and have your own Writers' Night experience in the comfort of your own home! The enduring Knit and Crochet group has concluded its run, and we thank the many women who came out on Wednesday afternoons to chat and sip tea while contributing to the hats and mittens tree for Christmas. We are still accepting donations of knitted items for families in need. All are welcome to come and knit at the library anytime! In the interest of promoting the library to new families in town, as well as showcasing all of our offerings to long-time residents who still haven't signed up for a library card, we designed an Every Door Direct Mailer (EDDM) to be delivered to every Effingham resident at the end of February. We are happy with the new faces and interest in the library as a result of the EDDM.

Spring kicked off with a huge crowd for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, which is always a popular, fun-filled time. Anne Foley, a long time visitor and now part-time resident became a volunteer with us in April. She brings with her a background of library science and education. Anne has been a great help to us. We miss her in the winter when she is off volunteering her time in other countries. We have also hired a new IT person, Matt Salvatore. Matt and his family had been attending our Friday Story Time, along with many other families in town, and lo and behold he knows how to speak computer! We are fortunate to have both Matt and Anne as new additions to our library. After many postponements, we were finally able to host a CPR class in May. Many thanks to those who attended and helped with the process. We hope to see more classes available here and within the community in the future. Pulitzer Prize winning author Steve Kurkjian promoted his book "Master Thieves: The Boston Gangsters Who Pulled off the World's Greatest Art Heist" for us in May. Once again, Effingham Elementary School kindly let us display their student artwork on our walls this past May and June. We love seeing the amazing creativity amongst our young people and are beyond grateful to show off their talents at our library.

Summertime heat left us with a need to replace our air conditioners. A BIG thank you to Fire Chief Randy Burbank and his son Jonathan for removing our old units and installing the new ones in June. Poet, Bob Demaree hosted his seventh annual Poetry Workshop, a very popular program that brings folks in from all over the state. The EDDM was sent out a second time in July to reach our Summer residents. We saw a flurry of new card members and families attending programs as a result. Promotional material truly does work from time to time! A gaggle of patrons asked to form a Book Group, and I am proud to say we have successfully created one. The Book Group meets once a month and is self-sustaining; I have high hopes for its continuation. The 2016 nationwide Summer Reading Program (SRP) theme of "On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!" failed to draw the attention of the local kiddos. Most libraries statewide reported low SRP attendance. It's time to swap the smart phones for books and creative activities! Miss Cristin is at the ready for the hoard of "phone zombie kids." Drop them off and we will find what they need! Once again we received the "Kids Books and the Arts" grant, and with additional support from the Friends group, we had musician T.J. Wheeler perform for us in July. Thank you to the Friends group and the many volunteers who helped with the annual book sale in August. We heavily weeded the library this year and had many materials to buy at the sale. Thank you also to Rolling Thunder, a non-profit organization who takes on the rough job of gathering items after the book sale.

Autumn brought around our annual Open House, which coincides with the Freemason's open house. It's always a treat to see folks come in excited to see what the library has to offer, and to peek upstairs at the wonders of the masonic temple's "trompe l'oeil" artwork. Our Halloween Party was a great success this year, as was our first attempt at hosting a cabin for "Halloween Town" at Purity Springs in Madison, NH. Our library partnered with Madison Library to host one of many cabins for the spooky tour. Our theme was based on a colorful family friendly movie, and was a big hit. It poured buckets, but everyone who entered our cabin was mesmerized and left with smiles and bags of candy. Pontine Theatre performed for us again during "Christmas in Effingham," and our Treasurer, Erik Jones, once more climbed all the stairs to string the lights throughout all six floors of our building. Our printer decided it wanted to hibernate this winter and quit on us. We purchased a new laser printer in hopes of it cutting down on the cost of expensive ink. We also purchased a new corner chair with an arm table. We wouldn't be a complete library if we didn't have a quiet spot in which to read and work!

Cristin and I look forward to another year working with the Effingham community. Visit us with questions, comments, ideas, or the usual chit chat during library hours. Thank you for supporting your local library!

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Director's Town Report

Library statistics for 2016

Library Patrons Visiting in 2015: 3469
 Total Books & Materials: 11950
 Total Books & Materials added: 1430
 Total Books & Materials Lost or Deleted: 1990
 New Cards Issued: 89
 Children's & Junior Book Borrowed: 1564
 Adult Books Borrowed: 1520
 Audio Books Borrowed: 577
 DVD's Borrowed: 3354
 Laptops Borrowed: 310
 WIFI usage: 77
 Inter Library Loan In and Out: 1012
 Downloadable Users: 746
 Passes Issued: 17
 Reference Questions Recorded: 70
 Meetings: 18 Attendees: 109
 Adult Programs: 44 Attendees: 571
 Children's Programs: 52 Attendees: 268

<u>Amount Used</u>	<u>Material/Service</u>	<u>Retail value</u>
1520	Adult Books	\$25,840
1564	Children's Books	\$26,588
577	Audiobooks	\$5,741
1012	Interlibrary Loan Requests	\$25,300
746	eBooks Downloaded	\$11,190
101	Magazines	\$505
52	Newspapers	\$494
31	Games & Puzzles	\$310
3354	DVDs	\$13,416
114	Meeting Room Use	\$2,850
571	Adult Programs Attended	\$8,565
268	Children's Programs Attended	\$1,876
17	Museum Passes Borrowed	\$340
310	Laptop Use	\$3,720
70	Reference Assistance	\$490
Total Value of Library Use		\$127,255
The 2016 Library budget was		\$56,240

Thank you for supporting your local library. We wouldn't be here without you!

Crystal Hoyt
 Library Director
 Effingham Public Library
 30 Town House Road

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2016 Value of Library Service

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INCOME 2016

Interest			
	Checking Accounts	2.05	
	<u>Savings Account (Non-Lapsing)</u>	<u>0.16</u>	
	Total Interest		2.21
Library Equipment Expendable Trust Fund Withdrawals			2,287.44
Rebates			36.00
Refunds			108.39
Town Appropriation			56,240.00
Unanticipated Funds			
	Non-Lapsing Funds		
	Income-Generating Equipment	322.00	
	<u>Replacement of Lost Materials</u>	<u>46.45</u>	
	Total Non-Lapsing Funds	368.45	
	Lapsing Funds		
	Coffee/Conscience Jar Donations	363.50	
	Friends Donations	130.00	
	Fundraising	185.50	
	Grants	420.00	
	Library Trusts Interest Income	2.91	
	Specified Donations	0.00	
	<u>Unspecified Donations</u>	<u>220.00</u>	
	Total Lapsing Funds	1,321.91	
	Total Unanticipated Funds		<u>1,690.36</u>
TOTAL INCOME			60,364.40

EXPENSES 2016

Appreciation Gifts/Outside Donations	50.00
Association Dues/Annual Licenses	1,396.81
Books/Publications	7,610.19
Contracted Services	0.00
Service Fees/Bank Charges	66.25
Interest Paid	4.00
Office Equipment/Supplies	2,490.24
Postage/Shipping and Handling	498.97
Program Expenses	1,227.35
Technology	3,072.09
Telephone/Internet	464.56
Wages	41,901.00
<u>Workshops/Conferences/Seminars</u>	<u>539.16</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	59,320.62
<u>Outstanding Accounts Payable</u>	<u>745.94</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES AND OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	60,066.56
 NON-LAPSING FUNDS ACCOUNT BALANCE	 1,706.43

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INVENTORY OF PROPERTY

Adding Machine	1	Locking Mailbox with Post	1
AED Unit	1	Loveseats	2
Area Rugs	5	Low Vision Keyboard	1
Artificial Tree	1	Magazine Basket/Caddy	2
Banker's Lamp	1	Mailbox Style Book Drop	1
Banquet Tables	3	Metal Signs	7
Book Rack	1	Microwave	1
Books and Other Materials for Lending	11901	Micellaneous Craft Supplies	500+
Box Fan	1	Micellaneous Office/Library Supplies	500+
Broom	1	Mirrors	2
Bulletin Boards	7	Miscellaneous Coffee/Tea Supplies	25+
Card Table	1	Miscellaneous Food Service Supplies	50+
Children's Kitchen Set	1	Miscellaneous Holiday Décor Supplies	100+
Child's Chairs	7	Modem	1
Child's Table	1	Oil Painting	1
Chromebooks	4	Outdoor Letter Signs	2
Clocks	3	Oversized Upholstered Chair	1
Coffee Table	1	Paper Cutter	1
Collapsible Stepstool	1	Paper Shredder	1
Computer Tables	1	Picnic Table	1
Curtains	2	Planter	1
Desk Chairs	2	Plastic Brochure Rack	1
Desktop Computers	2	Podium	1
Desktop Fan	1	Push Broom	1
Digital Cameras	2	Printer/Copier/Fax Machine	1
Digital Picture Display Frames	2	Rake	1
Disc Cleaning Machine	1	Refrigerator Pan	1
Display Easels	2	Router	2
Drafting Chairs	2	Sectional Wooden Cabinets	27
Dry Mop	1	Shelving Carts	2
Dustpan	1	Shovel	1
Electric Tea Kettle	1	Small Display Quilt	1
Filing Cabinets	3	Small Library Stairs	1
Fire Extinguishers	6	Small Refrigerator	1
Fireproof Lockbox	1	Small Tables	3
Floor Mats	5	Small Upholstered Chair	5
Framed Artwork/Maps	33	Small Wooden Dolly	1
Handcart	1	Small Wooden Storage Shelves/Cabinets	3
Keurig Coffee Maker	1	Stacking Chairs	53
Knit Lap Blankets	7	Telescope	1
Laminated Posters/Maps/Artwork	50+	Three-Station Telephone System	1
Laminating Machine	1	Toolbox with Tools (10+)	1
Laptops	6	Toys and Manipulatives	100+
Laptop Cool Pad	1	Trash Cans	10
Large Library Stairs	1	Water Bubblers	1
Large Screen TV and A/V System	1	Window Unit Air Conditioners	3
Leather Armchair with Desk	1	Wooden Bookshelf	1
Library Shelving Units (Various Sizes)	69	Wooden Kitchen Cart	1
Library Stepstools	2	Wooden Toy Cabinet/Shelf	1

From the Trustees of the Trust Funds ~

The three elected Trustees of the Trust Funds (ToTF) are the custodians of all of the Town's capital reserve and expendable trust funds as well as the cemetery perpetual care trust funds. (For the full list, see the *Report of the Trust Funds* included in the *Annual Report*). The Trustees meet periodically throughout the year to disburse funds and maintain our records. This group has also put great effort into organizing the historical records of the ToTF, researching and correcting discrepancies where possible.

We are required by law to annually review and sign an "Investment Policy." It can be as simple or as detailed as the trustees wish (*RSA 35:9*). In 2016, we expanded our Investment Policy to include clarification of trustee responsibilities. The policy is on file in a public binder at the Town Office, labeled Trustees of the Trust Funds.

In 2015, the trustees transferred Effingham's trust funds to TD Bank (from Citizens Bank) for improved accounting, security, and rate of return (a notable increase). We set-up three "break outs," which you will see in our *Report of the Trust Funds*: 1) Capital Reserve - Town vote needed to expend; 2) Capital Reserve - funds with agents to expend; and, 3) Cemetery Funds - where the interest only (I/O) can be expended for the perpetual care of those specific lots.

TD bank tells us that Effingham has one of the largest lists of cemetery trusts in NH. We listed the cemetery trusts by location, rather than alphabetically by trust, because historically work on grave sites has been done simultaneously within cemeteries. "Cemetery perpetual care income may not be used for general cemetery maintenance or cemetery improvement..... the income is therefore restricted for use on the lot or lots upon which the fund has been placed." (doj.nh.gov) We have been doing our best to fill in some of the gaps in background information on these trusts. Note that the location of each lot/s was researched and included as a memo.

When a trust fund is created with money raised through taxation, town vote establishes the agents to carry out the objects designated by the fund, referred to as "agents to expend." For example, the Conservation Commission is the agent to expend the Invasive Aquatic Plant fund. The Board of Selectmen is the agent to expend the Town-owned Bridges fund. Trusts created with private monies designate trustees when they are created. Before releasing funds from a trust, a voucher clearly outlining the purpose of the requested funds must be received and the ToTF must be satisfied that the monies will be used for the purpose designated when the fund was set up. We added the policy that in order for a check to be written, the request needs to be confirmed by a quorum. Thus, any agents in need of disbursements need to please allow two weeks time for a meeting to be set. We plan to meet in March, after the Town Meeting and in December to take care of year end business.

The "trust" comes in the idea that the individual/s who established these funds trusted that the money would only be used for the purposes established by the fund. Over the past several years, we have been on a dedicated hunt for the original wording of each of the trust funds. A folder for each fund, with a copy of the original warrant, has been set up. Copies of the original warrant articles are also on file in our public binder.

In our research process, we found that the last trustee of the Emma B. Leland Silent Poor Fund, est.1932, was Marion Kirker. The fund was set up to assist needy persons as approved by three trustees of the fund, assigned by the selectboard. We made the Board aware of the unfilled positions and they appointed Maureen Spencer, Lori Lenart, and Cindy Espie. The Silent Poor Fund trustees requested that the interest income be released to the Town Welfare Agent.

Interest income is being released for several other funds. Because interest rates are low and some funds earn less than \$1.00 annually, we signed an agreement with the Library Trustees to release interest from the four privately established library funds in years ending in 0 and 5.

We corresponded with the NH Dept. of Justice for permission to release the interest from the Abigail Drake School fund. This fund was established by Ms. Drake in 1876 for "the purpose of schooling." We are proposing to release the interest to the principal of the Effingham Elementary school - for the purpose of schooling - in 2017 and then in future years ending in 0 and 5.

A request for the original wording of the Police Cruiser and Equipment fund showed that the article is worded "police cruiser." The DRA suggests a change of purpose warrant article (RSA 35:16) to clarify that monies to specifically equip our police cruiser would come from this fund. To this end we met with the Selectboard to draft this article. Also, in good faith, we believe that the original warrant for the fire truck fund from 1963 is missing. In reviewing past town warrants, the Town has been voting to designate funds for the truck and equipment and refurbishing since at least 1983. Thus, we also submitted a draft change of purpose article to clarify this.

We invite you to educate yourself further about the trust funds of the Town through our public binder on file at the Town Office. In it you will find minutes from our meetings, our investment policy, copies of all the original warrant articles under which the funds were established, and a copy of this year's full MS-9 submit to the State.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Payne (bookkeeper) Carol Pfister, Theresa Swanick

Glossary:

Agent to Expend - Withdrawing money from a reserve fund requires a town vote unless the town has voted on "agents to expend." Agents may be named at the time the fund is established, or at a later date. Agents may authorize expenditures at any time *for the purposes of the fund*.

Capital Reserve Funds (RSA 35) vs. Expendable Trust Funds (RSA 31:19-a) - After years of confusion, in 1995 an amendment clarified that the same provisions apply to both. Capital reserve funds are best used to offset a significant future expense. Expendable trust funds are most often used to insure that maintenance money is available, typically to address immediate needs.

(www.nhmunicipal.org/TownAndCity/Article/5)

Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) - administers the tax laws of the state and assists municipalities in matters of budget and finance

Department of Justice (DOJ) - the top department responsible for law enforcement; supervises NH law enforcement; a friendly legal resource for town officials; **Attorney General (AG)** - head of the DOJ; NH's chief legal officer and chief law enforcement officer

RSA - *Revised Statutes Annotated* - a collection of the current laws of NH

Trust - [law] - property that is held by one party for the benefit of another

ToTF - Regardless of whether or not a fund has designated agents to expend, all reserve funds are held in the custody of the **Trustees of Trust Funds** who will only release funds when they have a voucher executed by the agents to expend, and they are satisfied that the monies will be used for the purpose for which the fund was established.

Warrant Article - In New England, a **warrant** is a document issued by the Board of Selectmen to call a town meeting (and in the early days, there were fines for being tardy or absent). The **warrant** contains the agenda for the meeting. The **articles** are the description of the specific actions on which the town is voting. Depending on the purpose, laws may require the warrant article to be written in specific language.

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF EFFINGHAM TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS ON DECEMBER 31, 2016

Date of Origination	Name of Trust Fund	Memo	Purpose of Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL			INTEREST INCOME			Grand Total	
					Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Withdrawals	Balance Year End	Income Received	Expended		Balance Year End
	TOWN VOTE REQUIRED TO EXPEND:											
1963	Fire Truck & Equip Pur/Ref CRF	Town Vote	Cap. Reserve	TD Bank CAP	237,229.69	21,000.00	-232,000.00	\$26,229.69	203.80	0.00	\$7,501.15	\$33,730.84
1990	Police Cruiser Purchase CRF	Town Vote	Cap. Reserve	TD Bank CAP	44,181.55	15,000.00	0.00	\$59,181.55	81.60	0.00	\$1,101.27	\$60,282.82
2003	Public Safety Bldgs CRF	Town Vote	Cap. Reserve	TD Bank CAP	47,502.00	0.00	0.00	\$47,502.00	88.97	0.00	\$2,370.71	\$49,872.71
	FUNDS WITH AGENTS TO EXPEND:											
1876	Abigail Drake School Scholarship	Interest Only (I/O)	Schooling	TD Bank CAP	500.00	0.00	0.00	\$500.00	1.62	0.00	\$406.19	\$906.19
1932	Emma B Leland Silent Poor Fund	Trustees SP Fund I/O	Charitable	TD Bank CAP	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	\$1,000.00	3.63	-975.87	\$363.63	\$1,363.63
1910	Abbie A Wedgewood Library Fund	Library Trustees I/O	Library	TD Bank CAP	400.00	0.00	0.00	\$400.00	0.72	-0.48	\$0.72	\$400.72
1932	Emma Browing Leland Library TF	Library Trustees I/O	Library	TD Bank CAP	500.00	0.00	0.00	\$500.00	0.81	-0.81	\$0.89	\$500.89
1942	Georgia F Parsons Library Fund	Library Trustees I/O	Library	TD Bank CAP	500.00	0.00	0.00	\$500.00	0.81	-0.81	\$0.89	\$500.89
1977	Edith & Clarissa Taylor Library Fund	Library Trustees I/O	Library	TD Bank CAP	500.00	0.00	0.00	\$500.00	0.81	-0.81	\$0.89	\$500.89
1991	Emergency Mgmt/Disaster Fund ETF	BOS	Expendable	TD Bank CAP	30,516.32	0.00	0.00	\$30,516.32	60.23	0.00	\$3,242.68	\$33,759.00
1998	Muni Bldg Repair & Maintain ETF	BOS	Expendable	TD Bank CAP	12,782.04	21,000.00	0.00	\$33,782.04	564.05	0.00	\$569.88	\$34,371.92
2000	Dry Hydrant Install & Maintain ETF	BOS	Expendable	TD Bank CAP	3,777.45	0.00	0.00	\$3,777.45	7.16	0.00	\$235.70	\$4,013.15
2000	Uninsured Loss ETF	BOS	Expendable	TD Bank CAP	3,201.00	0.00	0.00	\$3,201.00	6.75	0.00	\$585.67	\$3,786.67
2003	Woodland Cemetery ETF	BOS	Expendable	TD Bank CAP	9,000.00	0.00	0.00	\$9,000.00	17.85	0.00	\$1,002.32	\$10,002.32
2003	Transfer Station/Recycling Center CRF	BOS	Cap. Reserve	TD Bank CAP	11,752.85	2,000.00	0.00	\$13,752.85	477.94	0.00	\$499.90	\$14,252.75
2003	Salt Shed CRF	BOS	Cap. Reserve	TD Bank CAP	5,610.51	0.00	0.00	\$5,610.51	297.25	0.00	\$375.80	\$5,918.31
2003	Town-owned Bridges CRF	BOS	Cap. Reserve	TD Bank CAP	106,748.00	100,000.00	-3,272.34	\$203,475.66	84.46	0.00	\$275.00	\$203,750.66
2004	Invasive Aquatic Plant CRF	Conservation Commission	Cap. Reserve	TD Bank CAP	7,005.00	6,830.00	-4,022.50	\$9,812.50	1,009.96	0.00	\$1,024.04	\$10,836.54
2005	Planning and Land Use ETF	BOS	Expendable	TD Bank CAP	15,240.76	0.00	-365.81	\$14,874.95	17.75	0.00	\$44.36	\$14,919.31
2005	Town Hall Repair and Restoration ETF	BOS	Expendable	TD Bank CAP	35,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	\$40,000.00	5,134.03	0.00	\$5,206.03	\$45,206.03
2006	Library Eqpt Purchase & Maintain ETF	Library Trustees	Expendable	TD Bank CAP	6,970.70	0.00	-1,994.13	\$4,976.57	69.39	0.00	\$82.24	\$5,058.81
2012	Muni Auditing ETF	BOS	Expendable	TD Bank CAP	27,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	\$28,000.00	9.41	0.00	\$57.73	\$28,057.73
2013	Voting Machine ETF	BOS	Expendable	TD Bank CAP	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	\$3,000.00	1.06	0.00	\$6.43	\$3,006.43
2014	Police Safety/Protective Gear ETF*	BOS	Expendable	TD Bank CAP	1,295.98	3,500.00	0.00	\$4,795.98	1.11	0.00	\$3.77	\$4,799.75
	CEMETERY FUNDS (Perpetual Care - Int. Only):											
1932	Bryant, William S. - Bryant Farm	LOCATION:	Cemetery	TD Bank CAP	200.00	0.00	0.00	\$200.00	358.19	0.00	\$359.19	\$559.19
1942	Drake Lot - Parsons, Georgia F - Baptist Church	Mt. Rd.-opposite Elm St	Cemetery	TD Bank CAP	265.33	0.00	0.00	\$265.33	382.35	0.00	\$383.50	\$648.83
1959	Leavitt, Carrie M - Baptist Church	Ctr. Eff Baptist Church	Cemetery	TD Bank CAP	100.00	0.00	0.00	\$100.00	98.94	0.00	\$199.29	\$298.23
1935	Morse, Wilton C - Baptist Church	Ctr. Eff Baptist Church	Cemetery	TD Bank CAP	200.00	0.00	0.00	\$200.00	306.11	0.00	\$307.01	\$507.01
1957	Champion, Myrtle G - Ctr Eff	Ctr. Eff	Cemetery	TD Bank CAP	100.00	0.00	0.00	\$100.00	180.58	0.00	\$181.08	\$281.08
1935	Downs, Evelyn M - Ctr Eff	Ctr. Eff	Cemetery	TD Bank CAP	50.00	0.00	0.00	\$50.00	63.94	0.00	\$64.15	\$114.15
1963	Judkins Lot-Ctr Eff	Ctr. Eff	Cemetery	TD Bank CAP	200.00	0.00	0.00	\$200.00	145.18	0.00	\$145.79	\$345.79
1940	Leavitt, Melvin-Ctr Eff	Ctr. Eff	Cemetery	TD Bank CAP	100.00	0.00	0.00	\$100.00	75.76	0.00	\$76.08	\$176.08
1968	Lord, Thomas Bradley-Ctr Eff	Ctr. Eff	Cemetery	TD Bank CAP	400.00	0.00	0.00	\$400.00	417.09	0.00	\$418.55	\$818.55
1984	Nutter, Roger-Ctr Eff	Ctr. Eff	Cemetery	TD Bank CAP	300.00	0.00	0.00	\$300.00	340.63	0.00	\$341.78	\$641.78
1968	Stevens & Davis, Lena & Herbert-Ctr Eff	Ctr. Eff	Cemetery	TD Bank CAP	100.00	0.00	0.00	\$100.00	190.96	0.00	\$191.48	\$291.48
1944	Stevens, Mary-Ctr Eff	Ctr. Eff	Cemetery	TD Bank CAP	50.00	0.00	0.00	\$50.00	77.26	0.00	\$77.48	\$127.48
1964	Taylor, Fields & Knowles Lot - Ctr Eff	Ctr. Eff	Cemetery	TD Bank CAP	300.00	0.00	0.00	\$300.00	532.70	0.00	\$534.19	\$834.19
1912	Wedgewood, Abbie A & Stevens, C - Ctr Eff	Ctr. Eff	Cemetery	TD Bank CAP	400.00	0.00	0.00	\$400.00	742.69	0.00	\$744.73	\$1,144.73
1996	Wilson, Fred-Ctr Eff	Ctr. Eff	Cemetery	TD Bank CAP	100.00	0.00	0.00	\$100.00	52.31	0.00	\$52.58	\$152.58
1948	Smith, Joseph S-Drake Lot-Champ Hill	A. Maloon Farm	Cemetery	TD Bank CAP	100.00	0.00	0.00	\$100.00	68.73	0.00	\$69.03	\$169.03
1954	Poore, Pauline - Colcord Hill Rd	Chas. Colcord Farm	Cemetery	TD Bank CAP	350.00	0.00	0.00	\$350.00	354.78	0.00	\$356.04	\$706.04
1979	Bailey & Keniston-Davis Mig	Davis Mig.	Cemetery	TD Bank CAP	600.00	0.00	0.00	\$600.00	824.06	0.00	\$826.60	\$1,426.60
1982	Craigin Lot-Davis Mig	Davis Mig.	Cemetery	TD Bank CAP	100.00	0.00	0.00	\$100.00	105.94	0.00	\$106.30	\$206.30
1961	Drake & Bradley-Davis Mig	Davis Mig.	Cemetery	TD Bank CAP	500.00	0.00	0.00	\$500.00	919.55	0.00	\$921.88	\$1,421.88
1922	Flanders, John H-Davis Mig	Davis Mig.	Cemetery	TD Bank CAP	150.00	0.00	0.00	\$150.00	336.52	0.00	\$337.39	\$487.39
1971	Gale, Willis D (Lot #2)-Davis Mig	Davis Mig.	Cemetery	TD Bank CAP	100.00	0.00	0.00	\$100.00	169.91	0.00	\$170.39	\$270.39

Town of Effingham Zoning Office

The number of Building Permits dropped slightly in 2016. A total of 67 permits were issued. The nature of the permits indicates that most of the town's activity is either renovating existing structures or taking place at seasonal campgrounds. This has been the trend for several years; 2011 was the last year more than 3 permits were issued for new dwellings. The number of warning letters was down to three.

Rebecca Boyden
Zoning Enforcement Officer

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2016 Permits Issued

Dwelling:	2	
Addition:	4	(1 living space; 3 barn/garages)
Accessory Structure:	5	(5 sheds)
Mobile Home:	2	
Renovation:	10	
Driveway:	7	
Pool	1	
Camper/RV	7	
Campground structure	23	(canopies, decks, sheds)
Demolition	2	
Solar Array	2	
Other	2	Change of Use & Permit Renewal
TOTAL:	67	

Annual Report for Effingham Police Department 2016

Opioid Abuse is, by far, the biggest and most profound nationwide challenge facing Healthcare, Family care, and Law Enforcement today.

The Town of Effingham is no exception when it comes to the negative effects drug and alcohol abuse has on a community.

There has been a 14% increase in drug and/or alcohol related incidents, offenses and arrests in the past year to include but not limited to burglaries, thefts, assaults, and Motor Vehicle related offenses.

Effingham Police Department has received training in Narcotics Interdiction from the New Hampshire State Police Drug Interdiction Unit under Operation Granite Hammer and has been working with the Drug Enforcement Administration, NHSP Drug Interdiction Unit, and the NH Attorney General's Drug Taskforce sharing information and resources in an attempt to curtail Illegal drug related activity and trafficking.

We will continue to work closely with these and other Law Enforcement agencies in our efforts.

Effingham Police Department welcomes any input from the community. Please do not hesitate to contact Effingham Police with any questions or concerns.

Thank You

Chief Timothy A. Butts
Effingham Police Department

Effingham Fire & Rescue 2016 Annual Report

I want to start by thanking the taxpayers of Effingham for your continued support. I would also like to thank the voters for your vote of confidence at our 2016 Town Meeting. That was very humbling and much appreciated to see that amount of support for our Fire Department.

This year we had four people join our department, but we lost two. This gives us 15 members. Our department consists of 8 firefighters (3 are also EMS), 3 EMS and 2 auxillary members and we are always looking for more members.

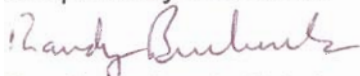
In 2016 the department logged 217 calls as follows:

Structure Fires 1
Auto Accidents without injuries 15
EMS 117
Service Calls 11
Brush Fire 2
Vehicle Fire 1
Mutual Aid 15
Good Intent 10
Unintentional False Calls 14
Hazardous Conditions 17
Illegal Burn 1
Chimney Fire 1
System Malfunction 12

The Fire Department also performed;
5 Home Care & 10 Fire Safety & Life Safety Inspections
4 Heating Appliance Inspections
Fire Prevention at our School & at a local day care
47 Training Sessions & 6 Work Details
Totalling 1188 man hours.

Office hours at your Fire Station are Saturdays from 9am to 1 pm.
If you have an emergency, dial 911.
For any other needs one may have, please dial 539-7956. We will return your call as quickly as possible.

Respectfully Submitted



Randy Burbank, Chief

**Town of Effingham
Transfer Station
Facility Rules and Regulations
539-2558**

1. Trash and recyclables will be accepted only during scheduled hours.

Summer Hours effective May 1st to Sept. 30th

Wednesdays	10:00am – 4:30pm
Saturdays	8:00am – 4:30pm
Sundays	8:00am – 4:30pm

Winter Hours effective Oct 1st to April 30th

Wednesdays	10:00am – 3:30pm
Saturdays	9:00am – 3:30pm
Sundays	9:00am – 3:30pm

NOTICE: To those residents of Effingham utilizing transfer station permits for commercial vehicles as authorized by the Board of Selectmen, you are in possession of an Effingham Transfer Station Permit for a commercial vehicle to be used for the disposal of your personal household trash. Disposal of any commercial trash related to your employment or otherwise is **NOT** permitted.

2. All trash and recyclables shall be placed in designated containers.
3. The following refuse **will** be accepted at the transfer station:

- Paper Recyclables and Cardboard Boxes- must be broken down.

Unacceptable items in paper/cardboard recyclables are as follows:

Wax paper of any kind (i.e. waxed cardboard)
Gift Wrap Carbon paper Milk Cartons
Plastic Bags of any kind Tyvek Envelopes
Blue Prints Hard cover books w/covers

- Glass bottles and jars of all colors, clean aluminum/tin cans and plastics #1-7
- Large metals including: refrigerators, washers, dryers, stoves, bicycles, bed springs, grills, empty drums
- Brush including stumps up to 5" and untreated wood scraps
- Household garbage
- A demolition container is also available for homeowners who need to dispose of **SMALL** amounts of construction debris and/or furniture such as: treated/painted wood, upholstered furniture, a mattress.

DEMO- CONTAINER IS NOT FOR CONTRACTORS!

4. *Disposal of the following items may be paid for at the Transfer Station. **CASH ONLY!***

- Tires: \$2.00 each (max. dia. 20 inches)
- Electronic: w/visual display: \$10.00 each and includes: Televisions, PC Towers and Monitors.

5. Used oil recycling is available. **ALL** oil **must** be given to the attendant on duty, **must** be in a clean, clear container and **free** of any of the following contaminants:

**GASOLINE
ANTIFREEZE
PAINT
SOLVENT
WATER
FOREIGN MATERIAL**

Only oil from residents is acceptable. No commercially gathered oil can be taken. To keep the Oil Storage Area clean and safe will require the effort of all who use it. Please bring your used uncontaminated oil to the transfer station in a container that is clean both on the inside and outside.

6. The following refuse will **NOT** be accepted:
- Explosives such as dynamite
 - Gas or gas products (exception is used uncontaminated oil in acceptable container)
 - Other hazardous items such as strong acids and basis, highly volatile products, asbestos and florescent light bulbs
 - Human or animal waste
7. The Transfer Station Attendant and Town Police Department is empowered to enforce these rules and regulations. Violation of these rules and regulations could result in the loss of transfer station privileges.
8. **ADMISSION** to the Transfer Station is by **ANNUAL PERMIT ONLY**. Permits can be purchased at the Selectmen's Office. Permits are **NOT** available at the transfer station. The cost is \$1.00 and a copy of the vehicle registration must be presented at time of purchase. If you are renting and have not yet registered your vehicle in Effingham a copy of your lease agreement verifying your residency must also be presented. For more information you may contact the Selectmen's Office Mon., Tues., Thurs., 9:00am – 2:00pm and Fri., 9:00am – Noon @ 603-539-7770.
9. The transfer station will be closed in observance of the following holidays:
Christmas, New Year's Day and Independence Day
10. Children under the age of 10 **must** remain in the vehicle. Per Order of the Board of Selectmen.

Your adherence to these rules and regulations is imperative to the operation of the Transfer Station and the working relationships between the Town of Effingham and its vendors.

Board of Selectmen



"Partnering to make recycling strong through economic and environmentally sound solutions"

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 03234 Telephone: (603) 736-4401 or 1-800-223-0150
 Fax: (603) 736-4402

E-mail: info@nrna.net

Web Site: www.nrra.net

Town of Effingham, NH

Congratulations for being such active recyclers!

Below please find information on the positive impact your recycling has had on our environment.

The recyclable materials listed below were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products through your non-profit recycling organization, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

Recyclable Material	Amount Recycled In 2016	Environmental Impact! Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of recycling materials rather than manufacturing products from virgin resources
Scrap Metal	39.8 gross tons	Conserved 111,343 pounds of iron ore!
Tires	5.2 tons	Conserved 3.4 barrels of oil!

Avoided Emissions:

Recycling uses much less energy than making products from virgin resources, and using less energy means fewer greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere.

By recycling the materials above, you have avoided about **195 tons** of carbon dioxide emissions
 This is the equivalent of removing **42 passenger cars** from the road for an entire year



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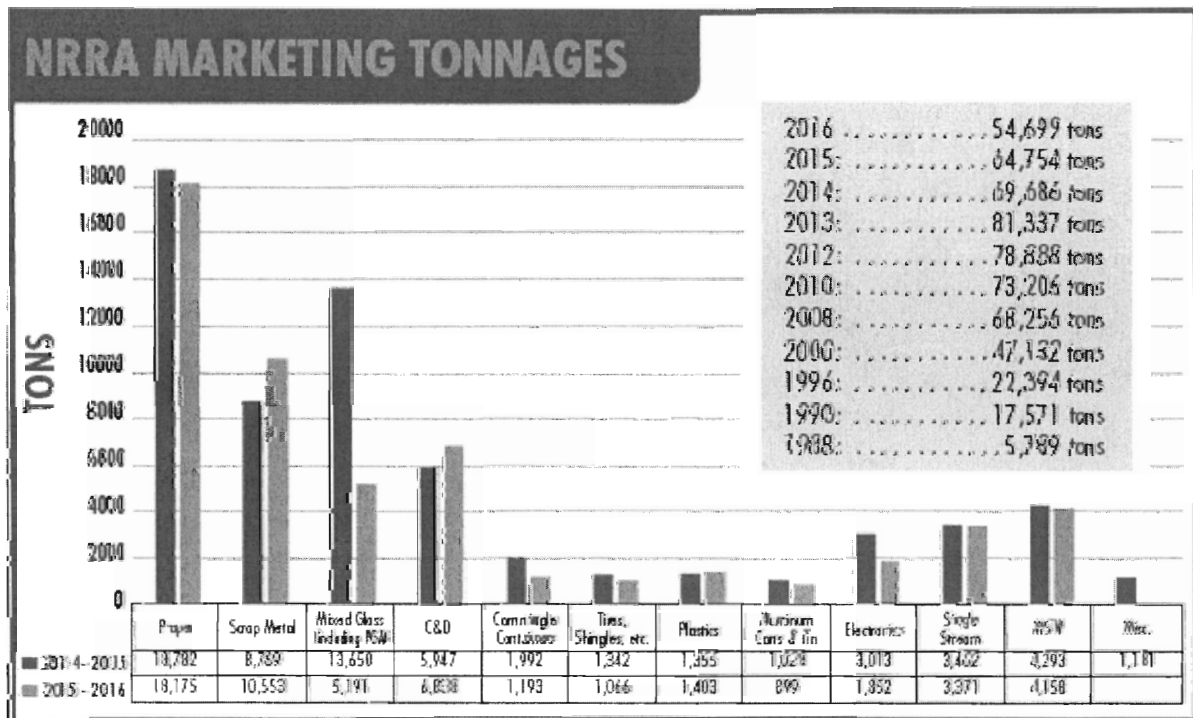
Dear NRRA Member,

As a member of Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA), your community has access to all the services of this first in the nation, 36-year old recycling cooperative. Your member-driven organization provides you with:

- Up-to-date **Technical Assistance** in waste reduction and recycling including solid waste contract negotiations;
- **Cooperative Marketing** to maximize pricing and **Cooperative Purchasing** to minimize costs;
- **Current Market Conditions** and Latest **Recycling Trends, both regionally and nationwide;**
- **Innovative Programs** (i.e. Dual Stream, Consolidation and Single Stream);
- **Educational and Networking Opportunities** through our Annual Recycling Conference, our Monthly "Full of Scrap" email news, monthly Marketing meetings, **members' only website**, workshops and Fall Facility Tours;
- **School Recycling Club** - a program to assist schools to promote or advance their recycling efforts;
- **NH DES Continuing Ed Credits;**
- **NH the Beautiful Signs, Grants, Bins and Recyclemobiles.**

NRRA membership has grown to include more than 400 municipalities, businesses and individuals in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Maine. NRRA, as a non-profit organization, is unique in that we do not charge a "brokerage fee" or work to maximize profit gains, but rather has a minimal "Co-op" Fee" which is re-invested to further your recycling programs and solid waste reduction efforts in schools and municipalities.

Through your continued support and dedication, NRRA has assisted our members to recycle over 54,699 tons in fiscal year 2015-2016!



Please contact NRRA at 800-223-0150 / 603-736-4401 or visit our website at www.nrra.net

General Assistance Year End Report

The new GAP computer system has been implemented so we are now connected to all other towns using this system. It will help prevent duplication of services and will make paper work easier to deal with since each client will now be entered into the system. It will not totally eliminate paper copies but will significantly reduce them.

My office always takes donations any time of year, so if you have clothes or things that need a new home and are in good condition please call the office. I never know what people need so I try to collect things for future use. I try to be prepared for as many client needs as I can. I have assisted many people with varied needs throughout the year. If you have something you think can be used to assist someone please let the office know and I will be in touch.

I am thankful for the freedom food pantry which is open on Saturday mornings and serve the people of Effingham. The town of Wakefield is also a designated Effingham site. There is a list of food pantries in the town office with information and other locations. You can also go on the town website townofeffingham.net to find information and places to sign up for assistance.

As we have heard in the news federal and state help is going to be significantly reduced. This will have an impact on my office. Electric rules have changed, Medicare, most of the programs people are use to depending on are being decreased. I have many sources people can turn to posted or as a paper hand out at the municipal office and library.

I try to keep information and updates current. I have also posted places people can turn to for help with the opioid crisis. There is information at our library as well. Clients can go there to job search on the laptops, or do any number of things you need to do on the internet. It is a great resource for people that don't have this ability at home.

You can find information about veteran's services, elderly help with electric payments, fuel assistance, tax help for low incomes, long term services, and many more. I am always adding information so be sure to check back frequently.

A very scary situation arose last year which impacted this office and continues into this year. Shelters are full due to the many people that are unable to afford their lives. Low pay high costs and other situations impact people in many negative ways. Rural living is hard if there is no public transportation to help people get where they need to go. Rents are high, food and other household needs are expensive. All of these things can cause a person to become homeless. The state keeps track of the homeless population and does a count every year.

I would like to thank all the people that donated things in many forms so I could assist people. You can make a difference in someone's life.

Effingham has many generous people and I would like to thank them for stepping up when I have needed them.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen S Spencer GAA 1/26/17

Effingham Planning Board
Annual Report 2016

The Planning Board conducted 12 regular meetings, on the first Thursday of each month, and 10 work sessions throughout the year.

Over the course of the year the Planning Board,

1. Updated the zoning ordinance with changes as passed at the 2015 Town Meeting;
2. Presided over 3 Special Use Permit hearings, 1 Site Plan Review, 1 Subdivision, 1 Voluntary Lot Merger; and 1 Voluntary Lot Line Adjustment;
3. Conducted a site visit working session with Green Mountain Treatment Center to learn more about the facility and discuss town zoning and the role of the Planning Board as it pertains to future projects;
4. Reviewed procedural questions and requests for guidance which came before the board;
5. Discussed monthly Zoning Enforcement Officer reports, related questions and ordinance considerations with ZEO;
6. Developed proposed updates to the zoning ordinance, including Article 23 Accessory Dwelling Units; changes to Article 10 re: Accessory Dwelling Units, Home Occupation and Restaurant; and updates to Section 302 (Definitions);
7. Developed a new Home Occupation checklist;
8. Updated applications and checklists for consistency and improved ease of use; and
9. Commenced request for volunteers to work on a Capital Improvement Plan for 2017.

This year we would also like to make special note of Barbara Thompson's contributions to the Planning Board these many years, and also Tom Thompson, who has been serving as an active alternate. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to Barbara and Tom for all of their time and effort. They will be sorely missed!

We look forward to continuing work on planning initiatives important to Effingham in the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Bull

Effingham's Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA)

Annual Report 2016

In April, the Zoning Board of Adjustment welcomed a new member. Mr. Thomas Hart, previously served as an alternate for the ZBA, where he had been pressed into service on several occasions.

In May, the ZBA received a written request from Mr. David Strauss to fill the remaining vacant position thus providing us with a full Board. Mr. Strauss was accepted by a unanimous vote, appointing him to fill the vacant position for the year. The ZBA was fortunate to have an alternate member again this year. Mr. Timothy Murphy offered his services. Thank you both.

Overall it was a slow year for the ZBA, as there were no cases April thru November. As a result, the Board had the opportunity to address the much needed revisions to our rules of procedures and application forms. With revisions to both the rules of procedure and application forms completed, all the appropriate documents were placed on file at the Town Clerks office.

Many training sessions and conferences were available to our members again this year with participation in the following events:

New Hampshire Municipal Association: Knowing the Territory. May, 25th 9:00am – 4:00pm in Ossipee
Office of Energy and Planning: (State of NH) Spring Conference. June, 4th 8:00am – 3:30pm in Concord
University of New Hampshire: A Hard Road to Travel. July, 13th 8:00am – 2:30pm in Concord
New Hampshire Municipal Association: Law Lecture Series. October, 15th 9:00am-- 4:30pm in Concord

The ZBA plays an important part in a community's land use: Tasked with providing relief for property owners from the strict adherence to the Towns Zoning Ordinance when deemed appropriate. At the same time, balancing the public's interest and environmental concerns as we have come to understand them. This often saves property owners and the taxpayers from expensive legal costs associated with resolving such issues through the legal system.

The ZBA must always bear in mind what the potential long term effects our decisions may have on the Town, its character and the environment. What the cumulative effect of providing relief from our Zoning Ordinance will have is impossible to quantify or define. However, providing relief remains a necessity, as having a one size fits all Zoning Ordinance, that provides for all of life's scenarios, remains a distant if not impossible goal.

Thank you, to all the members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for your service, time and dedication this past year. Please join me in recognize these members for their commitment to public service and to the Town of Effingham:

Mr. Jory Augenti, Mr. Timothy White, Mr. Tomas Hart, Mr. David Strauss and Timothy Murphy (Alt)

In closing, on behalf of the Zoning Board, I would like to recognize the selfless dedication, talent and contributions of Barbra Thomson, our recording secretary, who does so much more than her title reflects, a very special thanks from the Board.

Effingham Zoning Board Adjustment

Chairman,

Michael Cahalane

Historic District Commission (HDC) 2016 Annual Report

2016 brought significant membership changes for the Historic District Commission. We began the year with a full quorum of four full members, the selectmen's representative and two vacancies for alternates. At the start of the year, long time board member and prior Chair, Mr. Paul Potter announced he would not seek reappointment and would be leaving the commission at the end of his term. Mr. P. Potter had been a member of the Commission for 29 years. His knowledge and support will be greatly missed and we thank him for his service. Mr. Neil Potter submitted his resignation in March 2016 indicating he would retire from the Commission in August 2016. Mr. N. Potter stepped up when the Commission was faced with difficulties in filling membership vacancies. The HDC appreciates Mr. N. Potter's willingness to serve on the Commission and his service to the community.

Mr. Erik Jones, Historic District Commission Secretary, was reappointed for a 3-year term ending in 2019. Ms. Sandra Finn, a new resident to Effingham, was appointed for a 3-year term also ending in 2019. We are currently seeking one member to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Potter's departure in August and two alternates. The Commission is always looking for individuals with an interest in Historic District and a desire to serve on the board. As an appointed Board, interested parties must apply to the Board of Selectmen. We invite the public to attend our meetings, whether they have business before the commission or just an interest in learning more about the Historic District Commission. We meet on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Municipal offices.

At the March Town meeting, the townspeople voted in favor to adopt amendments 2016-4, 2016-5 and 2016-6, amending Article 15, section 1502, clarifying the metes and bounds legal description of the Historic Districts. Considerable time and effort went into assuring the accuracy of descriptions and transferring those defined boundaries onto the associated Tax Maps. A map of each Historic District can be viewed at the Municipal Offices or on the Town website.

Historic District Sign Project: The Commission is very pleased to report that, in September 2016, the Historic District Signs delineating the borders of both Historic Districts, were installed on Route 153. This project has been under way for some time and was mentioned in the Historic District Town Report as far back as 2001. Once the Historic Register placards for the Lord's Hill District are added, this project will be considered complete.

2016 Commission business included: The review of four new Applications for Certificate of Approval, two for the Lord's Hill District and two for the Center Effingham District. In addition, one request for extension of an existing, previously approved, application. Currently pending, the outcome of one Notice of Violation for failure to submit the Application for Certificate of Approval. After several sessions of edits, additions and modifications the Historic District Regulations were revised and ready for public comment and review. In September, the Commission held Public Hearings in the two Districts to review and approve the changes. The newly revised Regulations are on file at the Municipal Town Offices.

Members of the Historic District Commission had the opportunity to attend the New Hampshire Municipal Association: Law Lecture Series that was offered in October 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Chick

Chair of the Historic District Commission

Effingham Conservation Commission 2016 Annual Report

It's kind of sweetly sad when you think about it: a little group of aging people, working for a beautiful natural environment they can't possibly live long enough to see. They're only guessing that future generations will like clean water and healthy forests. Consider joining the Conservation Commission.

Here are some highlights from the Effingham Conservation Commission's 2016 activities.

In February, we welcomed back Kamal Nath as an alternate to ECC. His energy and intelligence are greatly welcome.

For the annual Earth Day Poster contest at the Effingham school, the theme was "Good Bugs/Bad Bugs-Show Us What Bugs Do For The Earth." Book prizes were given out to the winner in each grade as well as little plastic bugs for all the students.

April also brought the yearly roadside trash clean-up. Though the number of volunteers was down in 2016 year, our mighty band of trash removers picked up 182 bags of roadside trash in Effingham. Please consider joining in this year's effort on April 29th. The litterbugs have been hard at work preparing another bountiful harvest. Remember, people who care wouldn't have anything to do if there weren't a bunch of people who don't care. Who doesn't love cleaning up after a bunch of anonymous slob? Join the fun!

On a more serious technical note, ECC received six wetland permit applications from landowners on Province Lake last year, mostly involving shorefront stabilization. ECC is encouraged to see that these landowners are participating in the State permitting process and working on their shorefronts for the betterment of the water quality and environmental integrity of Province Lake.

This year's milfoil removal involved a combination of activities. In June, the State DES chemically treated an area we call Marist Cove on Ossipee Lake. ECC hired New England Milfoil this summer to remove milfoil in the Ossipee River. We coordinated with Freedom and AB Aquatics to hand harvest milfoil in Ossipee Lake. Total cost to the Town was \$4022.50. In 2015, the cost was \$6825. We're not sure we are gaining on this problem, but we are definitely working to control it. ECC has also applied to DES for matching grant money for milfoil removal in 2017. Milfoil is the gift that keeps on giving. We keep pushing it back or let the lakes and rivers turn into mats of green glop.

Over the last year, ECC has hired a grant writer to raise grant money to purchase property on Pine River Road (Map 413/Lot 160). The lot is 14.83 acres with a scenic shorefront on the Pine River of approx. 1000 feet. This will be public access conservation land for all to use and enjoy. As of the writing of this report, we hope to make the closing on February 15, 2017.