

Shutesbury Finance Committee Minutes
Tuesday, January 22, 2019 – Town Hall, 7pm

Members Present: Eric Stocker, Rita Farrell, Bob Groves, George Arvanitis, Weezie Houle, Jim Walton and Jim Hemingway **Members Absent:** **Non-Members present:** Library Trustees: Michele Cunningham, Brad Foster, Jamie Donta, Kate Cell, Friends of the Library: Jenn Davies, Joanne Bernhardt, Melissa Warwick, Charles Gillian, Rebecca Gillian

- 1) Library Budget Review
 - a) Maryann reviewed her budget. The library needs \$1,076 to cover their 2.5% increase over the last 3 year average.
 - b) Discussion regarding the WiFi service Maryann uses – CWMARS and the WiFi transmitter. We will revisit this in March. And we recommended she hold off on the equipment until a later date to see if our own broadband network will meet the needs of the library.
- 2) Motion to approve the minutes from 1/8/19 as amended.
- 3) Motion to approve the minutes from 1/17/19 as amended.
- 4) Budget Review FY 20 –
 - a) The school was asking for \$140,000, but it nets out to \$180,000 unding impact because we had used \$40,000 in free cash the year before and they have lost lots of grants.
 - b) Discussed the revenue picture.
 - c) Discussed expense line items
 - d) Dam keeper – Why is the line at \$0.
 - e) Regional Assessment
 1. They met on Thursday and Sean distributed new spreadsheets.
 2. George reviewed the 3 methods they are considering.
 3. George is still pushing hard for Shutesbury.
- 5) Meeting adjourned 9:15pm
- 6) Future Meeting Schedule:
 - a) Tuesday, February 5, 2019, Treasurer, Town Collector, Accountant
 - b) Tuesday, February 19, 2019, Police, Reschedule date
 - c) Tuesday, March 5, 2019, Select Board, Personnel Committee
 - d) Tuesday, March 19, 2019, Capital Planning
 - e) Tuesday, April 2, 2019, Vote on Warrants if ready
 - f) Tuesday, April 16, 2019, Town Meeting Initial Prep
 - g) Tuesday, April 30, 2019, Town Meeting Final Prep
 - h) Saturday, May 5, 2019, Town Meeting