

Shutesbury Finance Committee Minutes
Tuesday, October 9, 2018 – Town Hall, 7pm

Members Present: Eric Stocker, , Weezie Houle, Jim Walton, Jim Hemingway and, Rita Farrell **Members Absent:** Bob Groves, George Arvanitis **Non-Members present:** Becky Torres

- 1) Approve minutes from September 18, 2018 as amended.
- 2) Committee Reports
 - a) Broadband Report – Jim H.
 1. Drop Costs: there is roughly \$1,500 per household to pay for their drop.
 2. A proposal is being considered that all but homes in Shutesbury will cost more than \$1,500 per household and charge those with longer driveways extra, a range of \$2,000-\$8,000. We discussed it at length and the sentiment of the Fin Comm is that the MLP go back to Town Meeting to request additional funds for all the drops in town.
 - b) Personnel Board – Becky / Jim Walton – none this meeting
 - c) Buildings Committee – Bob Groves – none this meeting
 - d) Capital Planning – Jim W & Bob G. – none this meeting
 - e) SES Committee – Weezie – Staff children not on enrollment totals. They attend under contractual agreement. Weezie will contact Lauren Paquin-Thomas with new meeting dates.
 - f) CPC – Rita – – none this meeting
- 3) Review Expenses FY19
 - a) Legal will need a boost soon. We are at 78%.
 - b) Watch Health Insurance.
 - c) Solar owners Loadstar has agreed to up the PILOT from \$67,500 to \$70,000
 - d) If the Planning Board amendment goes through, we will get \$1,500.
 - e) They are going to give the town \$2,500 to offset legal costs.
- 4) Review Revenue FY19
- 5) Meeting adjourned 8:35pm
- 6) Future Meeting Schedule:
 - a) Tuesday, October 23, 2018, Budget Review, School Committee Initial Budget Review, Weezie absent.
 - b) Tuesday, November 6th, Election Day - **Meeting cancelled**
 - c) Thursday, November 8, 2018, Capital Planning
 - d) Tuesday, November 20, 2018, Fire Dept, Four Town Meeting Planning
 - e) Saturday, December 1 or 8, Four Town Meeting, Amherst Middle School
 - f) Tuesday, December 4, 2018, Highway, Assessor
 - g) Tuesday, December 18, 2018, Police, Broadband
 - h) Tuesday, January 8, 2019, Select Board, School Committee
 - i) Tuesday, January 22, 2019, Capital Planning, Library
 - j) Tuesday, February 5, 2019, Treasurer, Town Collector, Accountant
 - k) Tuesday, February 19, 2019, Reschedule date
 - l) Tuesday, March 5, 2019, Select Board, Personnel Committee
 - m) Tuesday, March 19, 2019, Capital Planning
 - n) Tuesday, April 2, 2019, Vote on Warrants if ready
 - o) Tuesday, April 16, 2019, Town Meeting Initial Prep
 - p) Tuesday, April 30, 2019, Town Meeting Final Prep
 - q) Saturday, May 5, 2019, Town Meeting