

Shutesbury Finance Committee Minutes
January 10, 2017 - Shutesbury Town Hall, 7pm

Members Present: George Arvanitis, Eric Stocker, Elaine Puleo, Bob Groves, Jim Hemingway, Jim Walton and Weezie Houle **Non-Members present:** Becky Torres, Gayle Weiss,

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00
2. The Town Accountant presented her budget and it is the same as last year, except for an increase for her software maintenance, \$203.
3. Approved the minutes from December 15, 2016 as amended.
4. Meet with the Select board to discuss the regional assessment.
5. Review DRAFT FY18 Budget, This includes:
 - a. The increase in the Police budget
 - b. The 15% Taxable Property Value Method
 - c. The elementary school is at an increase of 1.3%
 - d. The assumption is that the state funding will be level
 - e. 2.5 % Levy
 - f. First year of the highway truck – debt service is less than \$25,000
 - g. Tax collector’s item is a \$1,200 increase – to be discussed with her
 - h. We added a new line item for Turnout gear
 - i. Elaine has been appointed to be the town rep to the Elementary School teacher’s negotiations.
 - j. Highway – Bob asked how the hoop building was paid for
 - k. Veteran’s line is going down
 - l. Health Insurance going up \$41,391
6. Reports from Committee
 - a. Capital Planning: Jim Walton –
 - b. Broadband Committee: Eric –
 - c. Visioning Committee: Bob.
 - d. Regional Assessment Committee: George –.
 - e. Personnel Board – George –School Committee –
7. Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.
8. Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 7pm, Treasurer, 7:15pm School and Select Board
9. Upcoming FY17 Meeting Schedule
 - a. Thursday, February 9, 2017, 7:15 Fire Dept, Amherst Regional Budget, 8pm
 - b. Thursday, February 23, 2017, 7pm, Capital Planning, ,7:15pm
 - c. Thursday, March 9, 2016, 7pm, Personnel Board, 7:15pm
 - d. Thursday, March 23, 2016, 7pm
 - e. Thursday, April 6, 2016, 7pm, Final Budget, Warrant voting
 - f. Thursday, April 20, 2016, 7pm, Prep for Town Meeting
 - g. Saturday, May 6, 2016, 8:30am, Town Meeting
 - h. Thursday, June 8, 2016, 7pm