

Shutesbury Finance Committee Minutes
Tuesday, January 16, 2018 – Town Hall, 7pm

Members Present: Eric Stocker, Jim Hemingway, Bob Groves, George Arvanitis, Jim Walton and Weezie Houle, **Members Absent:** Elaine Puleo **Non-Members present:** Becky Torres, Melissa Makepeace-O'Neil,

- 1) Met with the Town Accountant, Gail Weiss, who shared her budget needs for next year, mostly the Software Maintenance.
- 2) Met with Tom Harding, the Police Chief regarding his budget
 - a) The older radio system needs a whole upgrade, with new parts etc., but the county is undecided about which system they want to pursue, 400 or 800 MHz.
 - b) They may have some extra funds in the Dept. Operations line item.
 - c) Current staffing: 3 full time and 2 part time. There has been a decrease in coverage since Sean left.
 - d) Discussion about the police training and attrition issue.
- 3) Approve minutes from January 9, 2018 as amended.
- 4) Review the Draft Budget
 - a) Review the Revenue page and the changes.
 - b) Review the formatting of the expenses.
- 5) Reports from Committee
 - a) Broadband – Eric – There will be an appropriation request for their first year of the operating budget. Jim: The make pole ready expense might be exceeding their budgeted amount. The state may come up with some more funds for the make ready work.
- 6) A Recreation Committee has been appointed by the Select Board. They need a revolving fund for their expenses. We are going to use a Fin Comm transfer to clear this.
- 7) Motion passed unanimously with one recusal, to transfer \$150 from the Finance Committee Reserves to the Recreation Committee Line item.
- 8) Meeting adjourned 8:50pm
- 9) Future Meeting Schedule:
 - a) Thursday, January 25, 2018, Fire
 - b) Saturday, January 27, 2018, Four Town Meeting, 8:30am, Middle School Library
 - c) Thursday, February 8, 2018, Broadband,
 - d) Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 7pm Treasurer, Town Collector, Assessor
 - e) Thursday, February 22, 2018, Assessor, Capital Planning
 - f) Thursday, March 8, 2018, Select Board, Personnel Committee
 - g) Thursday, March 22, 2018
 - h) Thursday, April 12, 2018
 - i) Thursday, April 26, 2018
 - j) Saturday, May 5, 2018, Town Meeting