

**Shutesbury Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 3, 2015, Town Hall, 7pm**

**Members Present:** Weezie Houle, Rus Wilson, Eric Stocker, George Arvanitis and Susie Mosher, Al Hanson and Gary Hirshfield, **Visitors:** Becky Torres, Tom Harding.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05pm.
2. Minutes of February 17, 2015 approved as amended.
3. Police Chief
  - a. His wages are tied to the union contract
  - b. Budget will be level funded
  - c. Cruiser maintenance is level funded
  - d. Requesting the replacement of the 2010 Ford Explorer, now at 80,000 miles. He is looking to get an SUV Interceptor (Ford Explorer) instead of a cruiser, as it is much better in the snow.
  - e. Chief is asking to send Sean Sawicki to the Police Academy. He has completed the requisite college courses over two semesters. He is looking for funding for \$3,800 to send Sawicki to the Academy. It is 22 weeks. The \$3,800 does not include his payroll wages ~ \$17,000. We would not have to cover his current shifts.
  - f. They had been collecting guns over the years. They sold them and used the funds to upgrade their current firearms. They are going to trade in their shotguns as they don't work in their new vehicles, as they are too long. Everyone was qualified at the shooting range.
  - g. He is modifying some of the office computer technology and they have switched to Tech One in Orange for their computer service needs. He is trading in some his of equipment with Tech One to upgrade their computer equipment.
4. Budget Review –
  - a. Reviewed the Revenue sources in great detail and found a few items that need adjusting.
  - b. Reviewed the Expense items in great detail.
  - c. Becky will add a line item for Fire hose to the budget.
5. Committee Reports: - none tonight
  - a. Rus Wilson and Gary Hirshfield – Capital Planning - none
  - b. Al Hanson – CPC - none
  - c. Susie Mosher – School Committee
    - 1.) The school is going to need another \$5,000 for oil.
    - 2.) The boiler has had a lot of repairs and they are wondering if they need to look at getting a new boiler. They don't know how to forecast the life of the boiler. We are wondering if we should have a boiler inspection.
    - 3.) They need to replace their dryer.
    - 4.) The Kindergarten funding has been cut by a couple of thousand.
    - 5.) The school committee is going to send Fred Steinberg to the Capital Planning for their needs.
    - 6.) Mike Vinsky - there was a discussion about who should sponsor a forum on the Regionalization Agreement for K-12.
  - d. George Arvanitis – Personnel – none
  - e. Eric - Broadband Report – Sign up for WiredWest!
6. Next Meeting:
  - a. March 17, 2015, Capital Planning, Energy Committee
7. Meeting adjourned: 9:14pm