Members Present: Eric Stocker, Bob Groves, George Arvanitis, Weezie Houle, Jim Walton and Jim Hemingway Members Absent: Rita Farrell Non-Members present: Becky Torres, Broadband Committee: Gayle Huntress, Frank Citino, Asha Strazzero-Wild, Steven Schmitt; Mike Vinskey

1) Motion to approve the minutes from 12/04/18 as amended.
2) Motion to approve the minutes from 12/8/18 as amended.
3) Motion to approve the minutes 12/18/18 as amended.
4) Broadband Committee Report
   a) They are considering an $8,500 cap on the cost of the drops. A decision has to be made as to what happens to the ones that exceed that amount.
   b) We held a discussion about what to do about any home whose costs come in above the $8,500. The Broadband Committee is asking if they put a cap on how much the town will pay, and a homeowner offers to pay for it, with the possibility of reimbursement.
5) School Committee
   a) They weren’t prepared for tonight’s meeting.
   b) They are meeting on Thursday, January 17th. We are going to go to their meeting.
   c) Reviewed the Update on the Circuit Breaker handout.
   d) Prepared questions for the School Committee.
6) Budget Review FY 20
   a) New Regional 10 year Capital Stabilization contribution
   b) Solar Pilot
   c) Line 6 – The Town’s total Assessed Value has increased to $218,851 from $212,759. It’s been a long time it since it has increased.
   d) We have a $68,000 gap in expenses to revenue.
7) Regional Assessment
   a) George met with a rep from each town, the superintendent, Chair of Regional Committee, and Sean Magano to try to work out the assessment method.
   b) The state has identified our region of having a non-permanent method.
   c) We reviewed the statutes that govern how the assessment must be passed and if the towns fail to approve a budget.
   d) George reviewed the 6 methods they discussed. George asked them to run the S10 and they are going to meet again to discuss the methods again.
8) Meeting adjourned 9:35pm
9) Future Meeting Schedule:
   a) Thursday, January 17, 2018, School Committee @ the Shutesbury Elementary School, 7pm
   b) Tuesday, January 22, 2019, Capital Planning, Library
   c) Tuesday, February 5, 2019, Treasurer, Town Collector, Accountant
   d) Tuesday, February 19, 2019, Police, Reschedule date
   e) Tuesday, March 5, 2019, Select Board, Personnel Committee
   f) Tuesday, March 19, 2019, Capital Planning
   g) Tuesday, April 2, 2019, Vote on Warrants if ready
   h) Tuesday, April 16, 2019, Town Meeting Initial Prep
   i) Tuesday, April 30, 2019, Town Meeting Final Prep
   j) Saturday, May 5, 2019, Town Meeting