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