

Shutesbury Finance Committee Minutes
Tuesday, January 25, 2018 – Town Hall, 7pm

Members Present: Eric Stocker, Jim Hemingway, Bob Groves, George Arvanitis, Jim Walton and Weezie Houle, Elaine Puleo **Members Absent:** none **Non-Members present:** Becky Torres, Melissa Makepeace-O'Neil, Fire Chief, Walter Tibbetts

- 1) Approve minutes from January 16, 2018 as amended.
- 2) Met with the Fire Chief regarding his budget
 - a) His budget proposal is level funded except for Turnout gear, which has an increase of \$200.
 - b) His personnel is at 9 as of today.
 - c) Most calls are medical, alarm related, fairly standard calls.
 - d) Discussion about the Maintenance budget.
 - e) *Note to Finance Committee: We should remember to fund the salaries line item taking into account the pay increase.
- 3) Discussion about the Regional Assessment presentation
 1. After lengthy discussion we decided to continue to support the Statutory Method Ten, Tier 1
 - b) The Select Board suggests that we offer our URA extra funds to the Region as a gesture.
- 4) Review the Draft Revenue formatting.
- 5) Review the Expense Report
 - a) We are going to need more in the legal line.
 - b) There are repairs that are needed for the dam, approximately \$40,000. There is funding needed for the Locks Pond Road culvert. We are waiting for funding from the state to help with the culvert.
 - c) Eric asked about the well that we have legal issues with. We will need more funds for lots more well work this summer.
- 6) Bob described the roofing issues at the school and feels that if the grant process is going to take a year that we repair the school roof issues in the meantime.
- 7) Meeting adjourned 9pm
- 8) Future Meeting Schedule:
 - a) Saturday, January 27, 2018, Four Town Meeting, 8:30am, Middle School Library
 - b) Thursday, February 8, 2018, Broadband,
 - c) Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 7pm Treasurer, Town Collector, Assessor
 - d) Thursday, February 22, 2018, Assessor, Capital Planning
 - e) Thursday, March 8, 2018, Select Board, Personnel Committee
 - f) Thursday, March 22, 2018
 - g) Thursday, April 12, 2018
 - h) Thursday, April 26, 2018
 - i) Saturday, May 5, 2018, Town Meeting