Shutesbury Finance Committee Minutes  
Tuesday, October 9, 2018 – Town Hall, 7pm

Members Present: Eric Stocker, Weezie Houle, Jim Walton, Jim Hemingway and, Rita Farrell
Absent: Bob Groves, George Arvanitis  
Non-Members present: Becky Torres

1) Approve minutes from September 18, 2018 as amended.
2) Committee Reports
   a) Broadband Report – Jim H.
      1. Drop Costs: there is roughly $1,500 per household to pay for their drop.
      2. A proposal is being considered that all but homes in Shutesbury will cost more than $1,500 per household and charge those with longer driveways extra, a range of $2,000-$8,000. We discussed it at length and the sentiment of the Fin Comm is that the MLP go back to Town Meeting to request additional funds for all the drops in town.
   b) Personnel Board – Becky / Jim Walton – none this meeting
   c) Buildings Committee – Bob Groves – none this meeting
   d) Capital Planning – Jim W & Bob G. – none this meeting
   e) SES Committee – Weezie – Staff children not on enrollment totals. They attend under contractual agreement. Weezie will contact Lauren Paquin-Thomas with new meeting dates.
   f) CPC – Rita – none this meeting
3) Review Expenses FY19
   a) Legal will need a boost soon. We are at 78%.
   b) Watch Health Insurance.
   c) Solar owners Loadstar has agreed to up the PILOT from $67,500 to $70,000
   d) If the Planning Board amendment goes through, we will get $1,500.
   e) They are going to give the town $2,500 to offset legal costs.
4) Review Revenue FY19
5) Meeting adjourned 8:35pm
6) Future Meeting Schedule:
   a) Tuesday, October 23, 2018, Budget Review, School Committee Initial Budget Review, Weezie absent.
   b) Tuesday, November 6th, Election Day - Meeting cancelled
   c) Thursday, November 8, 2018, Capital Planning
   d) Tuesday, November 20, 2018, Fire Dept, Four Town Meeting Planning
   e) Saturday, December 1 or 8, Four Town Meeting, Amherst Middle School
   f) Tuesday, December 4, 2018, Highway, Assessor
   g) Tuesday, December 18, 2018, Police, Broadband
   h) Tuesday, January 8, 2019, Select Board, School Committee
   i) Tuesday, January 22, 2019, Capital Planning, Library
   j) Tuesday, February 5, 2019, Treasurer, Town Collector, Accountant
   k) Tuesday, February 19, 2019, Reschedule date
   l) Tuesday, March 5, 2019, Select Board, Personnel Committee
   m) Tuesday, March 19, 2019, Capital Planning
   n) Tuesday, April 2, 2019, Vote on Warrants if ready
   o) Tuesday, April 16, 2019, Town Meeting Initial Prep
   p) Tuesday, April 30, 2019, Town Meeting Final Prep
   q) Saturday, May 5, 2019, Town Meeting