

Shutesbury Finance Committee Minutes
Tuesday, January 7, 2020, Town Hall, 7pm

Members Present: Eric Stocker, Rita Farrell, Bob Groves, Jim Hemingway and Weezie Houle
Jim Walton Ajay Khashu, Jim Walton **Members Absent:** **Non-Members present:** Select Board,
School board, Towns people

- 1) Motion passed unanimously to move up to \$20,000 from the Fin Com Reserves for the school Water Heater.
- 2) Town Collector
 - a) Postage has gone up. Filing fee has gone up from \$74 to \$105.
 - b) The total annual increase will be about \$560.
 - c) She may have an increase in her software.
- 3) Approve minutes from 12/23/19.
- 4) Meet with Police 7:30
 - a) This year's budget versus last year's doesn't work as there was so much overage last year due to lack of staffing.
 - b) Line items need to be edited to be fewer line items.
 - c) He has reduced the part time by 8 hours so as to increase the officers' salaries for retention, and the 24 hours will be split among 2 staff so neither will go over 20 hours, therefore no benefits will be offered.
 - d) Operating and Cruiser will remain level funded this year.
 - e) When the officer goes to the academy, shifts will be covered by the chief, the other officer and part timers.
 - f) The FY 2021 Salary line item has increased about \$550.
- 5) Approve minutes from 12/5/19 as amended.
- 6) Review December 4 Town Meeting
- 7) Reports from representatives to other committees
 - a) Broadband – The network is finished all but 10 folks
- 8) Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm
- 9) Upcoming Meetings
 - a) January 14, 2020, Assessor, Accountant, Treasurer
 - b) January 28, 2020, School Committee Budget Review with Selectboard
 - c) February 1, 2020, Middle School Library, 4 Town Meeting Regional Assessment and Budget
 - d) February 11, 2020, Broadband
 - e) February 18, 2020, COLA - Fincom, SB, Personnel Board - 7pm-7:30pm (at SB mtg)
 - f) February 25, 2020, Highway Dept
 - g) March 10, 2020, Reschedule date
 - h) March 24, 2020, Capital Planning - Final/Initial ATM Warrant Review
 - i) April 7, 2020, Final Budget Prep/final ATM Warrant Vote
 - j) April 14, 2020, Town Meeting Prep
 - k) April 21, 2020, More Town Meeting Prep if needed
 - l) April 25, 2020, Town Meeting