

**Shutesbury Finance Committee Minutes**  
**Tuesday, June 2, 2020, Zoom Meeting, 7pm**

**Members Present:** Eric Stocker, Bob Groves, Jim Hemingway, Ajay Khashu, Rita Farrell and Weezie Houle, Jim Walton **Members Absent: Non-Members present:** Becky Torres, April Stein, George Arvanitis, Jeff Lacy, Leslie Luchonok, Melissa Makepeace-O'Neil, Mike Vinskey, Susie Mosher, Paul Lyons, Kathy Carey, Diane Jacoby

- 1) Minutes of May 28, 2020 discussed.
- 2) Review Expenses
  - a) We will be \$8-10,000 over on Health Insurance.
  - b) To close out the oil burners that were replaced for the school \$4,090. We need about \$1,000 from Fin Comm Reserves at the next meeting.
  - c) Nothing else is unusual. Legal is under control. Assessor's web software went \$500 over.
  - d) SREC funding discussion. Pros and cons were discussed regarding turning it into Free Cash and then direct the funds to an Income account.
- 3) Review the FY21 Budget
- 4) Motion passes with 5 in favor (Rita Farrell, Eric Stocker, Ajay Khashu, and Jim Walton) and 2 opposed (Bob Groves and Jim Hemingway) to accept the proposed FY21 Budget Expense as is.
- 5) Motion passes 6 in favor (Rita Farrell, Eric Stocker, Ajay Khashu, Jim Hemingway and Jim Walton) and 1 opposed (Bob Groves) to apply \$220,000 Free Cash toward the budget, end result \$22.63 per thousand, which is \$1.40 less than what it is now (as shown in the document REV-FY21ShutesburyBudget6120free cash.pdf).
- 6) Vote on all motions pertaining to funding:
  - A2 Motion passes, unanimously, that Finance Committee Recommends Alternative Regional Assessment.
  - A3 Motion passes, 5 in favor (Rita Farrell, Eric Stocker, Ajay Khashu, Weezie Houle and Jim Walton) and 2 opposed (Bob Groves and Jim Hemingway) Finance Committee Recommends Salary Compensation for elected officials.
  - A4 Motion passes Finance Committee to Not Recommend, 5 in opposed (Rita Farrell, Eric Stocker, Ajay Khashu, Jim Walton, Weezie Houle, Bob Groves) and 1 abstention (and Jim Hemingway) Citizens Petition, \$750,000 to pay down Broadband.
  - A5 Motion passes, unanimously, Assessors-Request \$12,000 from Assessors Overlay Surplus account.
  - A6 Motion passes, 5 in favor (Rita Farrell, Eric Stocker, Ajay Khashu, Weezie Houle, Bob Groves Jim Hemingway) and 1 opposed (Jim Walton), for Finance Committee Recommend Air BNB local excise tax imposed.
  - A7 Motion passes, 5 in favor (Rita Farrell, Eric Stocker, Ajay Khashu, Weezie Houle, Bob Groves Jim Hemingway) and 1 opposed (Jim Walton), for Finance Committee Recommend Air BNB set rate for local excise tax imposed.
  - A8 Motion passes, unanimously, \$15,000 for for Finance Committee Recommend free cash for unemployment.
  - A9 Motion passes, unanimously, Fund 30: for Finance Committee Recommend to return \$20,028.08 Wyola Dam Project to Stabilization.
  - A10 Motion passes, unanimously, Fund 30: for Finance Committee Recommend to return \$24,016.16 Hazardous Waste Clean Up to Free Cash.
  - A11 Motion passes, unanimously, Fund 30: for Finance Committee Recommend to return \$12,400 Alternative Energy to Stabilization.

- A12 Motion passes, unanimously, Fund 30: for Finance Committee Recommend to return \$24,200 School Sidewalk Repair to Free Cash.
- A13 Motion passes, unanimously, Fund 30: for Finance Committee Recommend to return \$4,137.59 School Flooring Replacement to Free Cash.
- 14 Motion passes, 5 in favor (Rita Farrell, Eric Stocker, Ajay Khashu, Weezie Houle and Jim Walton) and 2 opposed (Bob Groves and Jim Hemingway) Finance Committee Recommends Budget Article.
- 16 Motion passes, unanimously, Finance Committee Recommends CPC budget.
- 17 Motion passes, unanimously, Finance Committee Recommends CPC expenses.
- 18 **To Be voted**, CPC projects
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- 23 Motion passes, unanimously, Finance Committee Recommends MLP BUDGET.
- 24 Motion passes, unanimously, Finance Committee Recommends c. 90 Authorization.
- 25 **To Be voted**, compensating balances.
- 26 Motion passes, unanimously, Finance Committee Recommends Authorization of SB at apply for grants.
- 27 Motion passes, unanimously, Finance Committee Recommends BOH Clerk, elected & appointed.
- 28 Motion passes, 5 in favor (Rita Farrell, Eric Stocker, Ajay Khashu, Weezie Houle and Jim Walton) and 2 opposed (Bob Groves and Jim Hemingway), Finance Committee Recommends Capital Item - conference room glass doors.
- 29 Motion passes, 4 in favor (Eric Stocker, Ajay Khashu, Weezie Houle and Jim Walton) and 2 opposed (Bob Groves and Jim Hemmingway), Finance Committee Recommends, SES flooring.
- 30 Motion passes, 4 in favor (Eric Stocker, Ajay Khashu, Weezie Houle and Jim Walton) and 2 opposed (Bob Groves and Jim Hemingway), Finance Committee Recommends, Fire Dept, 2 door openers.
- 31 Motion passes, 3 in favor (Eric Stocker, Ajay Khashu, and Jim Walton) and 2 opposed (Bob Groves and Jim Hemingway) 1 abstention (Weezie Houle), Finance Committee Recommends radar gun and breathalyzer.
- 32 **To Be voted**, Recommends Revolving Fund Limits.

7) Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm

8) Upcoming Meetings:

- a) Monday June 8, 2020, 4 Votes to take,
- b) June 16, 2020, FY21 Report
- c) June 27, 2020, 9am, Town Meeting