Shutesbury Finance Committee Minutes
Tuesday, September 10, 2019 Town Hall, 7pm

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

1. Introduce new member Ajay Khashu  
2. Reminder re: Sign up for email alerts  
3. Approved Minutes from July 16, 2019 as amended.  
4. Discuss Regional School Budget methodology  
   a. Jeff Lacy has done some data analysis based on some data from Sean and put it into a chart; Enrollment versus Shutesbury’s cost above the Statutory from FY10-20.  
   b. Jeff and Leslie represent a group who has requested that the Fin Comm to adopt the Statutory Method for the Regional Assessment method.  
   c. The history of and the process was discussed at length  
5. Motion passed unanimously to transfer $1,335 from Finance Committee Reserve Fund to the Tree Warden line item for National Grid tree work. (136 trees on town property have been identified as hazard trees. Don Wakoluk was appointed to work with National Grid, Shutesbury’s forester and home owners. The Select Board voted to approve Don for up to 100 hours.) This is a one time change and does not represent a budget change.  
6. Review FY19 End of Year – not Final  
   a. Union 28 had a major problem at the end of the spring. Shutesbury Elementary School’s books were impacted. Bruce has been working to get all the budgets up and running.  
   b. Becky has just started working on the Carry Forwards:  
      i. Independent Audit – moving from every 3 years to annual  
      ii. Town Administrative Expenses  
      iii. Assessors Revaluation  
      iv. OPEB  
      v. Lake Wyola Draw Down Consultant  
      vi. Dam Management Consultant  
      vii. Energy Project  
      viii. Energy Efficient Projects  
      ix. Broadband MLP Expenses  
      x. Police Department  
      xi. Police Cruiser Maintenance will be spent on the boat  
      xii. Road Striping?  
      xiii. Waste Disposal  
      xiv. Sick Bank Benefit  
7. Reviewed FY20 (YTD) Expense Reports  
8. Schedule meetings for FY20 - Weezie will set up a schedule and send it to the co-chairs  
9. The Co-Chairs will review the letter that will go out to the Department Chairs.  
10. Upcoming Meetings  
    a. Tuesday, September 17, 2019  
    b. Thursday, October 10, 2019
c. Tuesday, October 22, 2019