

Shutesbury Finance Committee Minutes
Tuesday, September 17, 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, Select Board, School Committee, many town residents

1. Prepare for the Regional School Budget methodology Discussion
 - 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
2. Join the Select board
 - a. Sean presented the history of the last 20 years of assessment methods
 - b. He then presented the committee work that has been done since 2006.
 - c. Select Board and towns people expressed a historical perspective and how they want to go forward.
 - d. Jeff presented his graph describing the last ten years of assessment versus the Statutory Method.
 - e. Lauren P-T reminded us about how the region needs all 4 towns to keep the quality of the education high.
 - f. An hour of further comments and discussion.
3. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. Thursday, October 10, 2019
 - b. Tuesday, October 22, 2019