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