Shutesbury Capital Planning Committee Meeting

January 17, 2021, 6:00 PM

Members present: Ellen McKay, Ajay Khashu, Bob Groves, Michael Broad

Guests: Becky Torres, Kristen Burgess (Acting Police Chief), Gail Weiss (Town Accountant)

Minutes from 12/7/21 meeting approved.

Next meeting 1/24/22 at 5:00 PM

Discussion of Police Department requests:

New cruiser discussion: Currently have three cruisers. They want to replace the 2015 sedan. 2014 SUV has over 90,000 miles. Robert Groves suggested having someone assess all vehicles. According to Kristen Burgess costs for cruisers have not gone up recently and payback for a hybrid vehicle would be about two years plus environmental benefits. Discussed what to do with old vehicle. No resolution. As much equipment as possible is transferred to the new vehicle.

Solar powered speed board: Current one is battery powered and must be brought to a power source to be recharged. Cost estimate is around \$3,800 per unit. They would like three; one near the center of town, one near January Hills Road or Pelham roads, one on Lakeview.

Discussion of request from Accountant and Treasurer:

New software would move information to the cloud for more efficient access. Estimated total cost \$27,790 includes annual subscription costs. Capital cost would be about \$18,000. Will check if this needs to go out to bid.

Next Meeting will be January 24, 2022, at 5:00 PM. It is anticipated that we will have formal requests from the School and Fire Departments.

Meeting adjourned: 6:56 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Michael Broad