

Shutesbury Finance Committee Minutes
Tuesday, January 28, 2020, Town Hall, 7pm

Members Present: Eric Stocker, Rita Farrell, Bob Groves, Jim Hemingway Ajay Khashu, and Weezie Houle

Members Absent: Jim Walton

Non-Members present: Becky Torres, Select board members: April Stein, Melissa Makepeace-O'Neil, Elaine Pueleo; School Committee Members: Kate Fiander, Lauren Paquin-Thomas, Dan Hayes, Steve Sullivan; Jeff Lacy, U-28: Bruce Turner, Jennifer and Jackie, SES principal

- 1) Approve minutes from 1/14/2020 as amended.
- 2) Discussion is that this year's position for Saturday is to reduce our contribution by 3%, with the ultimate goal being going to the Statutory with 5 Year Rolling Average.
- 3) Meet with the School Committee and Select board
 - a) The SES budget includes a .86% increase
 - b) There is \$30,000 in Rural Aid included
- 4) Becky shared the new contribution funds. Everyone agreed that going for -3% and continue working toward the Statutory with 5-year-rolling-average.
- 5) Discussion about preparing for the Four Town Meeting.
- 6) Expense Report
- 7) Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm
- 8) Upcoming Meetings
 - a) February 1, 2020, Middle School Library, 4 Town Meeting Regional Assessment and Budget
 - b) February 11, 2020, Broadband
 - c) February 18, 2020, COLA – Fin Comm, SB, Personnel Board - 7pm-7:30pm (at SB mtg)
 - d) February 25, 2020, Highway Dept
 - e) March 10, 2020, Reschedule date
 - f) March 24, 2020, Capital Planning - Final/Initial ATM Warrant Review
 - g) April 7, 2020, Final Budget Prep/final ATM Warrant Vote
 - h) April 14, 2020, Town Meeting Prep
 - i) April 21, 2020, More Town Meeting Prep if needed
 - j) April 25, 2020, Town Meeting