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

**Members Present:** Eric Stocker, Rita Farrell, Bob Groves, Jim Hemingway and Weezie Houle  
Jim Walton Ajay Khashu, Jim Walton  
**Members Absent:** Non-Members present: Select Board, School board, Towns people

1) Motion passed unanimously to move up to $20,000 from the Fin Com Reserves for the school Water Heater.

2) Town Collector  
   a) Postage has gone up. Filing fee has gone up from $74 to $105.
   b) The total annual increase will be about $560.
   c) She may have an increase in her software.

3) Approve minutes from 12/23/19.

4) Meet with Police 7:30  
   a) This year’s budget versus last year’s doesn’t work as there was so much overage last year due to lack of staffing.
   b) Line items need to be edited to be fewer line items.
   c) He has reduced the part time by 8 hours so as to increase the officers’ salaries for retention, and the 24 hours will be split among 2 staff so neither will go over 20 hours, therefore no benefits will be offered.
   d) Operating and Cruiser will remain level funded this year.
   e) When the officer goes to the academy, shifts will be covered by the chief, the other officer and part timers.
   f) The FY 2021 Salary line item has increased about $550.

5) Approve minutes from 12/5/19 as amended.

6) Review December 4 Town Meeting

7) Reports from representatives to other committees  
   a) Broadband – The network is finished all but 10 folks

8) Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

9) Upcoming Meetings  
   a) January 14, 2020, Assessor, Accountant, Treasurer  
   b) January 28, 2020, School Committee Budget Review with Selectboard  
   c) February 1, 2020, Middle School Library, 4 Town Meeting Regional Assessment and Budget  
   d) February 11, 2020, Broadband  
   e) February 18, 2020, COLA - Fincom, SB, Personnel Board - 7pm-7:30pm (at SB mtg)  
   f) February 25, 2020, Highway Dept  
   g) March 10, 2020, Reschedule date  
   h) March 24, 2020, Capital Planning - Final/Initial ATM Warrant Review  
   i) April 7, 2020, Final Budget Prep/final ATM Warrant Vote  
   j) April 14, 2020, Town Meeting Prep  
   k) April 21, 2020, More Town Meeting Prep if needed  
   l) April 25, 2020, Town Meeting