

Shutesbury Finance Committee Minutes Tuesday, November 26, 2019, Town Hall, 7pm

Members Present: Eric Stocker, Rita Farrell, Bob Groves, Ajay Khashu, Jim Hemingway and Weezie Houle Jim Walton **Members Absent:** **Non-Members present:** Becky Torres, Select board, Melissa Makepeace-O'Neil, Elaine Puleo, Linda Avis Scott, Anna Aaron, Bill Wells, Jeff Lacy, School Committee: Dan Hayes, Jennifer Malcolm-Brown, Kate Fiander, Steve Sullivan, Citizens: Susie Mosher, Michael DiChiara, Leslie Luchonok, Bill Wells, Melissa Warwick, Joan Hanson, Ethan

- 1) Select Board passes a motion that its goal to get to the Statutory with the 5 year rolling average.
- 2) School Committee passes a motion that its goal to get to the Statutory with the 5 year rolling average.
- 3) Finance Committee: Motion passes 6 in favor and 1 abstention to get to the Statutory with the 5 year rolling average.
- 4) Discussion about the process and who has permission to contact the Regional Finance Director.
- 5) Finance Committee each spoke their opinion on the process.
- 6) Discussion about the approach.
- 7) Review of the options. Agreement that we want to provide guidance of -3%, and continue to move toward the statutory with the 5 year rolling average, and try to help us stay away from \$25 per thousand.
- 8) Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.
- 9) Upcoming Meetings
 - a) December 3, 2019, Highway, Prep for 4 Town Meeting
 - b) December 7, 2019, 9am, Middle School, 4 Town Meeting Regional Assessment and Budget
 - c) January 7, 2019, School Committee Round 2 Budget Review with Select board
 - d) January 14, 2019, Capital Planning - Second Review
 - e) January 28, 2019, Police, Town Collector
 - f) February 11, 2019, Broadband
 - g) February 25, 2019, Reschedule date
 - h) March 10, 2019, Reschedule date
 - i) March 24, 2019, Capital Planning – Final
 - j) April 7, 2019, Final Budget Prep
 - k) April 21, 2019, Town Meeting Warrants
 - l) April 28, 2019, Tentative
 - m) May 2, 2019, Town Meeting