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