

Shutesbury Finance Committee Minutes
Tuesday, December 4, 2018 – Town Hall, 7pm

Members Present: Bob Groves, George Arvanitis, Weezie Houle, Jim Walton, Jim Hemingway **Members**

Absent: Eric Stocker and Rita Farrell **Non-Members present:** Becky Torres, Tim Hunting

- 1) Highway Budget
 - a) Time is asking for 0% increase and even Highway materials line item is \$2,000 less.
 - b) Becky has applied for a grant from the state for a half million dollars for the Locks Pond dam repair. It is currently rated in poor condition.
 - c) Uniforms are going down by \$600. Tim found a new company, more local.
 - d) Tim does the cleanout and road lining in the spring.
 - e) Clark have given us notice on plowing the lake. We need to get a plan for next year.
- 2) Review the Assessors Budget
 - a) It is level funded except for a \$233 increase in computer maintenance.
- 3) Approve minutes from November 20, 2018 as amended.
- 4) Discuss strategy for Four Town Meeting Saturday, December 12, 2018
 - a) Becky told Sean Magano that Shutesbury's guidance will be 0% or increase as needed.
 - b) We are going to meet at 9am on Saturday for the meeting.
- 5) Review Expenses FY19
- 6) Reports from Committees
 - a) Broadband – Jim Hemingway - We are meeting with them next meeting to discuss their finances.
- 7) Meeting adjourned 9pm
- 8) Future Meeting Schedule:
 - a) Saturday, December 8, 9am, Four Town Meeting, Amherst Middle School
 - b) Tuesday, December 18, 2018, , Broadband
 - c) Tuesday, January 8, 2019, Select Board, School Committee
 - d) Tuesday, January 22, 2019, Capital Planning, Library
 - e) Tuesday, February 5, 2019, Treasurer, Town Collector, Accountant
 - f) Tuesday, February 19, 2019, Police, Reschedule date
 - g) Tuesday, March 5, 2019, Select Board, Personnel Committee
 - h) Tuesday, March 19, 2019, Capital Planning
 - i) Tuesday, April 2, 2019, Vote on Warrants if ready
 - j) Tuesday, April 16, 2019, Town Meeting Initial Prep
 - k) Tuesday, April 30, 2019, Town Meeting Final Prep
 - l) Saturday, May 5, 2019, Town Meeting