

Shutesbury Finance Committee Minutes
Tuesday, March 4, 2020, Town Hall, 7pm

Members Present: Eric Stocker, Bob Groves, Jim Hemingway, Jim Walton Ajay Khashu and Weezie Houle **Members Absent:** Rita Farrell, **Non-Members present:** Becky Torres, Linda Avis Scott **Select Board:** Melissa Makepeace-O'Neil, Elaine Puleo, April Stein, Peg Ross

- 1) Meet with Select board and Personnel Board regarding the municipal wage increase for Fiscal Year 21.
 - a) Review of School Cola and Step
 - b) Historical review of town's people
 - c) Transportation budget has gone from \$65,000 to \$87,000. Becky will investigate.
 - d) Reminder was mentioned that the Highway Dept is underpaid and can't hire staff.
 - e) Discussion about the budget.
 - f) Motion passed 5 in favor and 1 against to raise the municipal employees pay by 3%.
- 2) Minutes of February 25, 2020 approved as amended.
- 3) Expense Review:
- 4) Board of Health
- 5) Highway Department – Tim Hunting
- 6) Budget Review
- 7) Meeting adjourned at 9pm
- 8) Upcoming Meetings
 - a) March 10, 2020, 6pm, Capital Planning - Final/Initial ATM Warrant Review
 - b) March 24, 2020, 7pm, Broadband, Lynn
 - c) April 7, 2020, 7pm, Final Budget Prep/final ATM Warrant Vote
 - d) April 14, 2020, 7pm, Town Meeting Prep
 - e) April 21, 2020, 7pm, More Town Meeting Prep if needed
 - f) April 25, 2020, 7pm, Town Meeting