

Shutesbury Finance Committee Minutes
October 13, 2016 - Shutesbury Town Hall, 7pm

Members Present: George Arvanitis, Eric Stocker, Elaine Puleo, Bob Groves, Jim Hemingway, Jim Walton and Weezie Houle **Non-Members present:** Becky Torres

1. Meeting called to order at 7:10.
2. Approved the minutes from September 29, 2016 as amended
3. Reports from Committee
 - a. Capital Planning: Jim Walton, Nothing to report tonight
 - b. Broadband Committee: Eric,
 - i. Discussion: Axia has backed out of the last mile initiative. The committee is moving ahead with the Leverett model.
 - c. Visioning Committee: Bob: The community meetings are on November 3 and December 5 at the Elementary School. The Harriman Group (formerly called Cecil Group) was selected for as the consulting firm for the committee. Alison LaFlore has resigned from the company so the committee will be interviewing Howard Snyder, the principal in a mock session. There are some other options if they don't choose the Harriman Group. They are designing the sessions and preparing the report for the Select board. There will be an online survey and announced through all town wide media outlets.
 - d. Regional Assessment Committee: George: It took a while to get everyone to a meeting. The agenda will be solely to discuss FY18. We need to strategize for the Four Town Meeting.
4. Regional Assessment Committee: George: We need to strategize for the Four Town Meeting. George would like to end the negotiations at least 15% and ideally 20% taxable property method. We need to have Sean to put the Statutory Method on the spread sheet. Enrollment for all other towns has been going down while Shutesbury is staying flat.
5. Review Expense and Income Reports – Everything looks as it should at this time of year.
6. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.
7. Next Meeting: November 17, 2016 at 7pm
8. FY18 Meeting Schedule 2nd and 4th Thursdays.
FY17 Fin Committee Meeting Dates:
 - a. November 15, 2016, 7pm, Police Dept, 7:15pm, Select Board, End of Year, 8pm
 - b. December 1, 2016, 7pm, Highway Dept, 7:15pm, Library, 8pm
 - c. December 15, 2016, 7pm, Fire Dept., 7:15pm
 - d. January 10, 2017, 7pm, School Committee, Select Board, 7:15pm
 - e. January 26, 2017, 7pm, Financial Dept Heads, Tax Collector, 7:15pm
 - f. February 9, 2017, 7pm, Amherst Regional Budget, 7:15pm
 - g. February 23, 2017, 7pm, Capital Planning, ,7:15pm
 - h. March 9, 2016, 7pm, Personnel Board, 7:15pm
 - i. March 23, 2016, 7pm
 - j. April 6, 2016, 7pm, Final Budget, Warrant voting
 - k. April 20, 2016, 7pm, Prep for Town Meeting
 - l. May 6, 2016, 8:30am, Town Meeting
 - m. June 8, 2016, 7pm