

Shutesbury Finance Committee Minutes
Tuesday, March 20, 2019 – Town Hall, 7pm

Members Present: Eric Stocker, Weezie Houle, Rita Farrell, Bob Groves, Jim Walton George Arvanitis and Jim Hemingway **Members Absent:** **Non-Members present:** Becky Torres, Shutesbury Select Board: Elaine Puleo, Melissa Makepeace-O'Neil, Linda Avis Scott, April Stein, Ralph Armstrong, Michael DiChiara, Penny Kim, Anna Aaron, Leslie Bracebridge, Steve Schmidt,

- 1) Becky summarized the recent changes to the FY20 proposed budget up to the 3/19/19 budget.
- 2) Michael DiChiara reviewed the history of the personnel committee approach to the three-year job description review and wage increase process.
- 3) George reviewed the bottom line and explained where we are at and inflation resources.
- 4) Motion passed 5 in favor and 1 abstention increase the town employees' wages by 3%.
- 5) Motion passed 5 in favor and 2 abstentions to transfer \$2,237.30 from the Fin Comm Reserves to the Asst Town Clerk for this FY.
- 6) Things to be added to the 3/20/19 budget:
 - a) 1 more % to salaries which is \$5,000.
 - b) \$5,000 to Buildings?
- 7) Planning for the Special Town Meeting
- 8) Discussion about the citizen's petition, submitted by Mike Vinskey, signed by 15 citizens, to use \$750,000 of stabilization to reduce the debt service for Broadband.
- 9) Meeting adjourned 9pm
- 10) Future Meeting Schedule:
 - a) Tuesday, March 26, 2019, Special Town Meeting
 - b) Tuesday, April 2, 2019, Vote on Warrants if ready
 - c) Tuesday, April 16, 2019, Town Meeting Initial Prep
 - d) Tuesday, April 30, 2019, Town Meeting Final Prep
 - e) Saturday, May 5, 2019, Town Meeting