

Shutesbury Finance Committee Minutes
Tuesday, April 16, 2013, Town Hall

Members Present: Eric Stocker, Gary Hirshfield, Al Hanson, Rus Wilson, Lori Tuominen, George Arvanitis & Weezie Houle **Visitors Present:** Becky Torres, Jeff Lacey, Jim Aaron,

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05pm.
2. **Conservation Commission appearance to request a modification of next year's budget:**
The Conservation Clerk is currently paid for 244 hours per year. The Conservation Commission is requesting an increase of 60 hours to 304, for an annual total of \$800. She organizes, attends all meetings, 244 hours, office hours, projects, organized files, and is EDEP trained.
Vote passed unanimously to increase the conservation clerk's hours from 244 to 304 per year.
3. Quarterly review of fire station fuel leak. It will take 15 – 18 months of testing to see if the fuel continues to decline.
4. Review Reserve Funds Analysis for Annual Town meeting; Free Cash; Future Reserve Fund Projections;
5. Edits to the Reserve Fund Analysis Sheet: Add: the loader for \$140,000, OPEB for \$30,000 and \$20,000 for Buildings Committee, for a total of \$190,000 of expenses from Free Cash.
Jim Aaron and Jeff Lacey requested the Fin. Comm. not pass this item and consider alternatives to purchasing a new loader, including repairing the existing loader, or purchasing a second hand or surplus loader.
Vote passed unanimously to recommend a warrant article be created to have \$20,000 transferred from free cash to the Town Building Fund.
6. Water Resources Committee requests a \$200 line item to be created in the budget for their expenses. They are focused on clean water and have gotten cool maps made.
7. ZBA – requesting funding for 75 hours for a clerk. There are 50 hours in the budget.
Vote passed unanimously to recommend increasing the ZBA clerk's hours from 50 to 75 contingent on the personnel board making the same recommendation.
8. Article 14: The Loader: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend.
9. Article 1: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend.
10. Article 2: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend.
11. Article 3: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend.
12. Article 4: no action.
13. Article 5: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend.
14. Article 6: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend.
15. Article 7: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend.
16. Article 8: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend.
17. Article 9: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend.
18. Article 10: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend.
19. Article 11: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend.
20. Article 12: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend.
21. Article 13: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend.
22. Article 15: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend.
23. Approved the minutes from March 5, 2013 as amended.
24. Approved the minutes from April 9, 2013 as amended.
25. Regionalization discussion.
26. Meeting adjourned 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Weezie Houle