

Shutesbury Finance Committee Minutes April 19, 2016
Shutesbury Town Hall, 7pm

Members Present: George Arvanitis, Jim Walton, Gary Hirshfield, Eric Stocker Gary Hirshfield, Eric Stocker and Weezie Houle **Members Absent:** none **Non-Members Present:** Jim Hemingway, Mike Vinsky, Michael DeChiara, April Stein, Al Hanson,

1. Meeting called to order at 7:04.
2. Al Hansen met with us to discuss:
 - a. His representation of the Finance Committee on the Community Preservation.
 - b. There will be 2 warrant articles for school projects, then others for the CPC budget, transfers, etc.
 - c. Rebuild the Kindergarten playground – purchase an ADA structure for \$29,000
 - d. Convert the upper field into a track for \$5,000
 - e. There was a proposal from the church. They never responded with a main proposal.
 - f. This year the state just announced that the return is 19%. At the end of the year if they have a surplus, they increase the return. (Matching)
 - g. At the end of 2016 is about \$290,000.
 - h. The estimated revenue for next year is about \$47,800. That includes the 19% but not the end-of-year bonus.
 - i. We are at half of what the max is. We typically take in about \$37,500.
 - j. They have been discussing using some of their funds for low-income housing.
3. Motion passed unanimously to appoint Allen Hanson as the Finance Committee Representative to the Community Preservation committee.
4. Motion passed unanimously to appoint Allen Hanson as the Finance Committee Representative to the Visioning Committee.
5. Approved the minutes from April 5th as amended.
6. Join the Select Board
7. Review Warrant Articles
8. Review the Budget - There are a couple of issues
 - a. Wired West – we added \$1,000 for funding for legal fees for FY17
 - b. We balanced the budget by reducing \$8,000 income in Courts and Fines.
9. Leave the Select board meeting.
10. Review the Shutesbury Finance Committee Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Report to be used at the public budget meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2016 and Town Meeting.
11. The Head of DESE at the Stan Rosenburg conference spoke to the needs of the town for Chapter 70.
12. . Approve Town Meeting 2016 Warrant Articles
 - a. Article 1: No Finance recommendation needed
 - b. Article 2: No Finance recommendation needed
 - c. Article 3: No Finance recommendation needed
 - d. Article 4: No Finance recommendation needed
 - e. Article 5: Will vote later once we see language
 - f. Article 6: No Finance recommendation needed
 - g. Article 7: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend
 - h. Article 8: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend

- i. Article 9: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend
- j. Article 10: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend
- k. Article 11: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend
- l. Article 12: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend
- m. Article 13: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend
- n. Article 14: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend
- o. Article 15: No Finance recommendation needed
- p. Article 16: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend
- q. Article 17: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend
- r. Article 18: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend
- s. Article 19: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend
- t. Article 20: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend
- u. Article 21: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend
- v. Article 22: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend
- w. Article 23: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend
- x. Article 24: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend
- y. Article 25: No Finance recommendation needed
- z. Article 26: Finance Committee Votes to Recommend

13. Adjourned at 9:30pm

14. Next Meetings:

- a. Thursday, May 5, 2016, 7pm
- b. May 7, 2016, 9am (Annual Town Meeting) Weezie will be absent from Town Meeting
- c. June 7, 2016, 7pm