

Shutesbury Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 15, 2013, Town Hall

Members Present: Eric Stocker, Gary Hirshfield, Al Hanson, Rus Wilson, Lori Tuominen, George Arvanitis and Weezie Houle **Visitors Present:** Becky Torres **Select Board:** Elaine Puleo

1. Meeting Called to order at 7:10pm
2. Elaine Puleo reported about the problem of knotweed. We discussed whether or not we consider it an emergency to fund a chemical solution for the knotweed on town property. There is consensus that it is not an emergency. We discussed using a small test site with the proposed chemical. We will hear back from Con. Comm. on their opinion. We agreed that knotweed is a problem in Shutesbury. Con. Comm. and WQC are going to explore the various methods of managing it and present it to us a later date.
3. Approve minutes of April 16, 2013 as amended.
4. Approve minutes of July 9, 2013 as amended.
5. We had a discussion about using debt, free cash, and/or stabilization for large ticket items.
6. Planning for the Our Town handout and for sharing town financing education links on the website. We are going to prepare a list of our process, meeting dates with the dept. heads, and consider a Municipal Finance educational presentation.
7. Reports:
 - a. Rus Wilson – Capital Planning and Co-chair
 - b. Weezie Houle – School Committee
 - c. Al Hanson – CPC
 - d. Gary Hirshfield – Capital Planning
 - e. Lori Tuominen – Co-chair
 - f. George Arvanitis – Personnel
8. Next meeting is Wednesday, September 3rd and October 1st, 2013, 7pm
9. Meeting adjourned at 9pm.