

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

Members Present: George Arvanitis, Eric Stocker, Jim Walton, Bob Groves Jim Hemingway and Weezie Houle
Members Absent: none, Select board members:

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05.
2. Approved the minutes from August 9, 2016 as amended
3. Review 6/30/16 Final Expenses dated 9/13/16
4. Joined the Select Board
5. Discussed Mike Vinskey's four questions from email
6. Be aware that we will have to hire a Municipal Lighting Plant Manager
7. October 25, 2016, All Chairs of all Boards
8. Regional School Update – The Superintendent's departure will cost the region \$159,000. Shutesbury's portion of the region is 8%, \$12,720.
9. Request from the Fire Chief to pave the area in front of the Fire Station, \$27,000. The status of the fire station gas issues will be resolved by November. There will be man holes where the wells are.
10. Motion passed unanimously that the paving is paid for by Free Cash or Stabilization at will be on the next Town Meeting agenda.
11. Motion passed unanimously to use the Shutesbury Finance Committee Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Report as the Shutesbury Annual Report.
12. Reports from Committee
 - a. Personnel Board: George: No meeting lately. Members have been appointed. Performance Reviews is on the agenda for this year.
 - b. Visioning Committee: Bob: A contractor was selected: The Cecil Group
 - c. Broadband Committee: Eric: Eric handed out an MBI Managed Project Timeline with date points for payments. WiredWest's involvement is unknown at this time..
 - d. School Committee: Weezie: none this month
 - e. Regional Assessment Committee: George: George passed out some spreadsheets that were handed out by Sean. They are moving very slowly. They have not come to consensus on anything yet. The Assessment Committee has agreed to consider the new method that takes ability to pay in consideration. They agreed that they will not be agreeing on a method for a long time. They have agreed that they need to determine next year's assessment.
13. Request has come in from Tim Hunting for a \$1,000 increase for Doug Smith as he has gotten his Hoister's License. Mike Vinskey thinks we should give it to him retroactively.
14. Motion passed unanimously that we support the \$1,000 increase to be retroactive to the day Doug Smith got his license.
15. Adjourned at 9:15 pm.
16. Next Meeting: September 29, 2016 at 7pm