

Shutesbury Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 3, 2015, Town Hall, 7pm

Members Present: Weezie Houle, Rus Wilson, Eric Stocker, George Arvanitis and Susie Mosher **Members**

Absent: Al Hanson and Gary Hirshfield, **Visitors:** Becky Torres

1. Meeting called to order at 7:10pm.
2. Reviewed the Jeff Lacy reply letter regarding the Regional Agreement.
 - a. We discussed the pros and cons of both the Alternative Method and the Statutory Method.
 - b. We decided to recommend the Alternative Method to May 2, 2015 Town Meeting.
 - c. We agreed to invite Roger Hatch to come to a public meeting to answer questions on the Statutory Method.
 - d. We propose a Shutesbury study committee to be formed to further evaluate the Regional Assessment method.
3. Library
 - a. Mary Anne presented the library FY16 budget. It meets the 2.5% increase needed to stay certified.
 - b. The budget is an increase of \$1,666 over FY15.
4. Minutes of January 29, 2015 approved as amended.
5. Ellen McKay has asked for an additional \$1,500 in her FY16 Budget for automated data entry software. We wonder if this will impact her hours.
6. Review Expense Report – none tonight
7. Committee Reports:
 - a. Rus Wilson and Gary Hirshfield – Capital Planning - none
 - b. Al Hanson – CPC - none
 - c. Susie Mosher – School Committee – none
 - d. George Arvanitis – Personnel – none
 - e. Eric - Broadband Report – There will be something to talk about at the next meeting.
8. Next Meeting:
 - a. February 17, 2014, 7pm
9. Meeting adjourned: 9:50pm