

Shutesbury Finance Committee
Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2010, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Finance Committee Members Present: George Arvanitis, Patrick Callahan, Gary Hirshfield, Weezie Houle, Lori Tuominen, Rus Wilson, Bill Wells

Visitors: Becky Torres, Al Springer, Police Chief: Tom Harding, Fire Chief: Walter Tibbetts

1. Call to order 7:06pm
2. Reports from committees
 - a. LFNAC – Lori and Weezie: There was a meeting on January 21. The architects presented several options. LFNAC discussed them all, narrowed choices, asked for revisions for next meeting for three of the options. We reviewed some of the proposed options in the pdf presentation.
 - b. Capital Planning – Laurie and Rus: no meeting
 - c. CPA – Meeting date for orientation is Feb. 13. Current revenue is \$63,595 without the match.
 - d. Personnel:
 - i. They will be negotiating the wage portion of the contract the Police Chief and Police Officers' Salaries. Will need a Fin Comm rep for the Negotiating Committee. Two separate committees. They asked what Fin Comm are doing about salary increases.
 - ii. Four Town heads: Fire, Police, Highway and Town Administrator
 - iii. Town contracted employees are scheduled for 1.5% increase
 - e. School Committee, (education reform changes)
 - f. Regional School update
 - g. State budget update – Some slight improvement in the state revenues. The Governor is trying not to cut local aid. There will be some flexibility.
3. FY11 proposed budgets are looking good due to several factors including the Regional School surplus, debt service,
4. Expense Reports – reviewed and looking good
5. Revenue Reports - reviewed and looking good
6. News business
 - a. Leslie is proposing a new fee schedule and to change the authority so the Town Officials can change fees as necessary based on M. G. L. Chapter 40, Section 22F. We have had the same fees since 1993. Leslie will propose a package in writing to us at our next meeting.
7. Next meeting – February 9th, 7pm
8. Adjourn – 9:10pm