

Shutesbury Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 15, 2009, 7 p.m., Town Hall

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

Visitors: Becky Torres, Al Springer, Time Hunting, Mary Anne Antonellis, Karen Traub

1. Meeting called to order at: 7pm

2. Meet with highway superintendent regarding FY11 budget 7 p.m.

Tim Hunting, Shutesbury Highway Superintendent, presented a 0% and a -5% budget. He detailed how he would do that. He also reviewed capital needs: 1 ton dump truck needs replacing. He would like a new one that will cost about \$60,000 with dump and plow by next winter. They are in pretty good shape with the big trucks.

3. Meet with library director regarding FY11 budget at 8 p.m.

Mary Anne Antonellis was prepared to present a 0% budget. The MBLC requires all towns increase their library funding by 2.5% each year. The committee discussed the ramifications of a 0% budget increase including: Shutesbury library would lose its accreditation which would cause all residents to be prevented from using any other MA library; we would have to pay back the design grant to the state (\$40,000) and we would have to pay the architects. It was noted that to save \$1,900, we would be liable for about \$70,000+.

4. Reports from committees reps:

a. Capital Planning Committee Report: Rus Wilson

- i.** The police would like a new cruiser – a Dodge Charger is \$23,000, a Crown Vis is \$28,000
- ii.** The school needs \$20 - 30,000 for an exterior paint job and an oversight maintenance plan and team to supervise it
- iii.** Tim's truck for \$50,000 (see #2)
- iv.** The annual contribution toward a new library: \$2,500
- v.** Discussion regarding debt exclusion versus warrant article items

b. Community Preservation Act Report: Bill Wells: None

c. LFNAC Report: Lori Tuominen: LFNAC hosted a community meeting /Ice Cream Social to give the Architects an opportunity to review the two lots under consideration (Lot 032 and behind Town Hall). 54 people attended. At the end of the presentation, an informal vote was taken on lot selection and lot 032 won unanimously.

d. Personnel Committee Report: None

e. School Committee Report: Weezie: Regular school Budget cut 2.5M for next year. (?)

5. Expense Reports – study for next meeting

6. Revenue Reports – study for next meeting

7. Next meeting: January 26, 2010 – Open boards, Committees, other Departments, 7pm

8. Meeting adjourned at: 9:50pm