

SHUTESBURY FINANCE COMMITTEE
Minutes for May 24, 2005
Shutesbury Town Hall

Members present: Eric Stocker, chairman, Al Springer, Russ Greco and Patrick J. Callahan. Guest, Becky Torres, selectwoman.

The meeting convened at 7:10 p.m.

The minutes of the May 17 meeting were approved unanimously.

Patrick was appointed to be the Finance Committee member on the search committee for a new police chief. The vote was unanimous.

It was moved and approved to transfer \$2,000 from the Finance Committee reserve to the printing and advertising budget to cover costs for advertising for the new police chief, new officers and summer help for the highway crew. There was a discussion of whether the summer helper is saving money for the highway crew and general agreement that it was a good idea.

It was moved and approved to transfer \$1,500 to the building heating account. Russ Greco asked for more details about how fuel oil is purchased and it was agreed to ask David Dann, the town administrator, for more details.

There was also a request to have a transfer of \$13,075 to cover the cost of five items for overruns for the Leverett/Cooleyville/Prescott road project. Becky told the committee she didn't think this was the proper mechanism for funding these items and noted that they had not been brought to the selectmen for action. She asked that the committee pass over the items, and it was unanimously agreed to do so.

The committee was also informed about a possible future expenditure for making changes to the elementary school roof to repair some leaks. There was discussion of whether the problem was caused by the design accepted from the engineer.

The next meeting was set for June 28, 2005 at 7 p.m. in Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by Patrick J. Callahan.