

Shutesbury Finance Committee Minutes
Tuesday, March 5, 2019 – Town Hall, 7pm

Members Present: Eric Stocker, Weezie Houle, Rita Farrell, Bob Groves, Jim Walton George Arvanitis and Jim Hemingway **Members Absent:** **Non-Members present:** Becky Torres

- 1) Motion passed unanimously to pass the minutes from 2/19/19 as amended.
- 2) Budget Review FY 20
 - a) Discussion of the SES loss of grants
 - b) The current draft budget includes
 1. 2% Salary increase for the town employees
 2. 3% increase for the police
 3. The police budget requests
 4. Review the SES budget
 5. The Regional Assessment which is flat
 6. Health Insurance is undergoing a change in plan design. Hopefully we will be able to keep the same number.
 7. Broadband revenue and expense has been added \$50,790 to the Revenue (line 12) and the Expense side (line 166).
 - c) From the assessor: Last year new growth came in at \$70,000. Next year it might be \$60,000-75,000. Becky is going to look into that more.
 - d) It is decided that we will fund the Assistant Town Clerk line item from Free Cash.
 - e) The legal line is \$6,000 higher
 - f) The gasoline spill line has been decreased by \$4,000.
 - g) We need a request from the Town Buildings Committee for repairs.
- 3) Projected Capital needs:
 - a) We just received a \$500,000 for the dam culvert; \$100,000 will be our expenses.
 - b) Paving still need to be done at the highway, the school and town hall, \$100,000.
 - c) The MSBA grant for the roof has been sent in timely. If we get 55-65% it will be about \$300,000
 - d) Miscellaneous capital requests are \$100,000 including Buildings committee.
- 4) Motion passed unanimously to fund \$274,000 for the Broadband Fiber to the Home project from Capital Stabilization.
- 5) Meeting adjourned 9:15pm
- 6) Future Meeting Schedule:
- 7) Tuesday Budget Hearing at the Shutesbury Elementary.
 - a) Tuesday, March 19, 2019, Police, Capital Planning,
 - b) Wednesday, March 20, 2019, Personnel, Select Board,
 - c) Tuesday, March 26, 2019, Special Town Meeting
 - d) Tuesday, April 2, 2019, Vote on Warrants if ready
 - e) Tuesday, April 16, 2019, Town Meeting Initial Prep
 - f) Tuesday, April 30, 2019, Town Meeting Final Prep
 - g) Saturday, May 5, 2019, Town Meeting