

**Shutesbury Finance Committee Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 19, 2019 – Town Hall, 7pm**

**Members Present:** Eric Stocker, Weezie Houle, Rita Farrell, Bob Groves, Jim Walton and Jim Hemingway

**Members Absent:** George Arvanitis **Non-Members present:** Becky Torres, Asha, Greg, Steve, Kent, Graham, Frank, Gail

- 1) Broadband – Broadband Committee / MLP – Gail
  - a) Drop Bid
    1. Cost of aerial are more certain – and contingencies are not needed
    2. Underground – We will need lots of contingency funding for underground installations. There could be additional costs for the home owner if they want an installation that is beyond the norm.
      - (1) For those who need conduit, we will have a 35% contingency over the base of the total drop cost.
      - (2) For those with conduit, the contingency will be 20%
    3. Interior – There could be additional costs for the home owner if they want an installation that is beyond the norm.
    4. The construction costs for the network are just about exactly what we discussed in February.
    5. The Operating Budget hasn't changed.
    6. There are hard and soft numbers. The soft numbers need contingencies.
    7. Discussion about the Special Town Meeting date – Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>
- 2) Motion to approve the Option A for the Potential Funding: \$274,100 from a town funding source to be determined at our next meeting and \$170,000 from Subscriber Fees (\$200 installation fee per household).
- 3) Motion passed to approve the minutes from 1/22/19 as amended.
- 4) Budget Review FY 20
  - a) Becky put in the Police Salary line. It includes all the things Tom did not such as vacation, overtime and other contractual hours. Dan will provide us the details at our meeting with him.
  - b) Library and Health are in. Town employee increases are not in.
  - c) Retirement up \$23,000.
- 5) Regional School Budget – Bob read the default language for the vote on the assessment. Bob confirmed with DESE that the Statutory is the default method absent a unanimous vote of the four towns.
- 6) Meeting adjourned 9:10pm
- 7) Future Meeting Schedule:
  - a) Saturday, March 2, 2019, Four Town Meeting, 9am Middle School
  - b) Tuesday, March 5, 2019, Select Board, Personnel Committee
  - c) Tuesday, March 19, 2019, Police, Capital Planning,
  - d) Tuesday, March 26, 2019, Special Town Meeting
  - e) Tuesday, April 2, 2019, Vote on Warrants if ready
  - f) Tuesday, April 16, 2019, Town Meeting Initial Prep
  - g) Tuesday, April 30, 2019, Town Meeting Final Prep
  - h) Saturday, May 5, 2019, Town Meeting