

**Shutesbury Finance Committee Minutes**  
**January 24, 2017 - Shutesbury Town Hall, 7pm**

**Members Present:** George Arvanitis, Eric Stocker, Elaine Puleo, Bob Groves, Jim Hemingway and Weezie Houle **Members Absent:** Jim Walton **Non-Members present:** Becky Torres, Shutesbury Select board and Shutesbury School Committee

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05
2. Reschedule meeting with Gabe Volker,
3. Joined the Select Board, School Committee, and Union 28 Superintendant and Finance person
  - a. The Union 28 Budget was not provided and will be distributed at a later date
  - b. Review the Elementary School Budget
  - c. Discuss the Regional Assessment Method
    - i. The Statement of Principle and Agreement was presented
    - ii. Discussion about the prospect of getting a consultant help negotiate our position
    - iii. Discussion about the various assessment methods
  - d. Discussion about the future of the levy
  - e. Review the FY18 Draft Budget
4. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm
5. Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 7pm, Treasurer, 7:15pm School and Select Board
6. Upcoming FY17 Meeting Schedule
  - f. Thursday, February 9, 2017, 7:15 Fire Dept, Amherst Regional Budget, 8pm
  - g. Saturday, February 11, 2017,
  - h. Thursday, February 21, 2017, 7pm, Capital Planning, ,7:15pm
  - i. Thursday, March 9, 2016, 7pm, Personnel Board, 7:15pm
  - j. Thursday, March 23, 2016, 7pm
  - k. Thursday, April 6, 2016, 7pm, Final Budget, Warrant voting
  - l. Thursday, April 20, 2016, 7pm, Prep for Town Meeting
  - m. Saturday, May 6, 2016, 8:30am, Town Meeting
  - n. Thursday, June 8, 2016, 7pm