

Shutesbury Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 14, 2014, Town Hall

Members Present: Gary Hirshfield, Weezie Houle, Rus Wilson, Eric Stocker, George Arvanitis and Susie Mosher **Members Absent:** Al Hanson **Visitors:** Becky Torres and Mike Vinsky.

1. Meeting Called to order at 7:00pm
2. Approved the Minutes of September 9, 2014 as amended.
3. Review Expense Reports
 - a. Police Operating Budget is at 45%
 - b. County Health District is at 98%
 - c. Fire Dept is at 59%
 - d. Insurance & Board is at- 102.58%
4. Committee Reports:
 - a. Rus Wilson – Capital Planning and Co-chair - none
 - b. Al Hanson – CPC - absent
 - c. Gary Hirshfield – Capital Planning - none
 - d. Susie Mosher – School Committee – There are 2 unexpected expenses – a one-to-one and a bus monitor. They may need to come to the Fin Com for these at a later date.
 - e. George Arvanitis – Personnel – There is an open position on the board. They are still waiting for Ralph Armstrong to finish the database. We suggest that they set a timeline. The Police Department, the Fire Chief and Town Administrator contracts are up for negotiation this year.
 - f. Eric - Broadband Report
 - 1) Active committee.
 - 2) Same question – where is the money?
 - 3) Wired West or go it on our own. – we have to count the poles.
 - 4) Pole count coming soon
 - 5) Meeting with Monica Web – State has authorized about \$50M and hold \$5M back. How will the \$45M be distributed? Still need \$50M.
 - 6) It will be complicated and confusing.
5. Edit letter to the Department heads.
6. George’s OPEB Presentation – George will print one scenario out for next meeting and Becky will get a projector.
7. Meeting adjourned: 9:15pm
8. Next Meeting: November 4, 2014, 7pm