

**Shutesbury Finance Committee**  
**Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010, 10:30 a.m., Town Hall**

**Members present:** Patrick J. Callahan, chairman, Gary Hirshfield, Rus Wilson, Lori Tuominen, Bill Wells; also Becky Torres, town administrator.

The special meeting convened at 10:30 a.m.

The 37-year-old dishwasher at the elementary school has broken down repeatedly since spring and it is so old the company no longer makes parts for this model. The cost of a new unit (Hobart AM15 with booster) is \$9,625. The school is currently serving meals on Styrofoam plates.

A motion was made and seconded to transfer \$10,000 from the Finance Committee reserve to allow the school to begin purchasing a new dishwasher as early as Tuesday, Oct. 12. The motion was approved unanimously. Patrick agreed to come to Town Hall early Tuesday morning to sign the transfer.

A motion was also made and seconded to add an article to the Oct. 26 special Town Meeting warrant to transfer \$10,000 from free cash to replenish the reserve fund. This was approved unanimously. The committee also voted to recommend approval of this article.

There was a general discussion about personnel and staff at the school. It is not known what impact the retirement of Charlie Paulin will have on the town's relationship with Union 28.

It was agreed that Patrick will invite Joan Wickman to attend the Nov. 9 Finance Committee meeting to discuss next year's budget.

The meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Rus Wilson (typed by Patrick)