

Shutesbury Finance Committee Minutes Tuesday, September 10, 2019 Town Hall, 7pm

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

1. Introduce new member Ajay Khashu
2. Reminder re: Sign up for email alerts
3. Approved Minutes from July 16, 2019 as amended.
4. Discuss Regional School Budget methodology
 - a. Jeff Lacy has done some data analysis based on some data from Sean and put it into a chart; Enrollment versus Shutesbury's cost above the Statutory from FY10-20.
 - b. Jeff and Leslie represent a group who has requested that the Fin Comm to adopt the Statutory Method for the Regional Assessment method.
 - c. The history of and the process was discussed at length
5. Motion passed unanimously to transfer \$1,335 from Finance Committee Reserve Fund to the Tree Warden line item for National Grid tree work. (136 trees on town property have been identified as hazard trees. Don Wakoluk was appointed to work with National Grid, Shutesbury's forester and home owners. The Select Board voted to approve Don for up to 100 hours.) This is a one time change and does not represent a budget change.
6. Review FY19 End of Year – not Final
 - a. Union 28 had a major problem at the end of the spring. Shutesbury Elementary School's books were impacted. Bruce has been working to get all the budgets up and running.
 - b. Becky has just started working on the Carry Forwards:
 - i. Independent Audit – moving from every 3 years to annual
 - ii. Town Administrative Expenses
 - iii. Assessors Revaluation
 - iv. OPEB
 - v. Lake Wyola Draw Down Consultant
 - vi. Dam Management Consultant
 - vii. Energy Project
 - viii. Energy Efficient Projects
 - ix. Broadband MLP Expenses
 - x. Police Department
 - xi. Police Cruiser Maintenance will be spent on the boat
 - xii. Road Striping?
 - xiii. Waste Disposal
 - xiv. Sick Bank Benefit
7. Reviewed FY20 (YTD) Expense Reports
8. Schedule meetings for FY20 - Weezie will set up a schedule and send it to the co-chairs
9. The Co-Chairs will review the letter that will go out to the Department Chairs.
10. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. Tuesday, September 17, 2019
 - b. Thursday, October 10, 2019

c. Tuesday, October 22, 2019