

Shutesbury Finance Committee  
Tuesday, May 30, 2023 Virtual (Zoom) Meeting

Members Present: Ajay Khashu, Bob Groves, Jim Hemingway, Susie Mosher, George Arvanitis, Jim Walton, and ex-officio member, Town Administrator Becky Torres  
Paul Lyons, Moderator  
Select Board members: Eric Stocker and Melissa Makepeace-O'Neill

Members of the Public: Mike Vinskey, Leslie Luchonok, Linda Avis Scott, Gayle Huntress, Joan Hanson, Joyce Braunhut, Jan Rowen, Tom Seifert, Frank McGinn, Jane Urban

Finance Committee meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

1. Finance Committee presentation of FY24 budget
  - A. Overview of process presented by Ajay Khashu
  - B. Annual report summarized
  - C. Excess levy capacity explained
2. Other business
  - A. School roof bid came in at \$362K, below \$500K estimate
  - B. Includes eaves and gutter work
  - C. Money saved on roof may go towards rotted wood repair and painting needed at school
3. Transfer of Finance Committee Reserve Funds
  - A. Highway Department needs \$3K for "Beaver Deceiver" for Montague Rd. culvert. Beaver dam threatens to flood the road. Motion made and seconded to transfer \$3,000 to Highway account - Unanimously approved
  - B. Fire Department needs funds for training instead of calls. Instead of transferring from Finance Committee reserve fund now, this can be part of the end of year transfers to balance FY23.
4. Future business
  - A. Next meeting scheduled for 6:30 June 13, 2023
  - B. Moderator's suggestion to consolidate currently detailed budget lines into categories such as operating, salaries, equipment will be on a future agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.