

**Shutesbury Finance Committee Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 8, 2018 – Town Hall, 7pm**

**Members Present:** Eric Stocker, , Bob Groves, George Arvanitis, Weezie Houle, Elaine Puleo Jim Walton and Jim Hemingway **Members Absent:** **Non-Members present:** Becky Torres, **Select Board:** Melissa Makepeace-O'Neil, Michael DiChiara, Jeff Lacy, Anna Aaron, April Stein

- 1) Public Comments:
  - a) Jeff Lacy - Presented data, enrollment and staffing for SES 2003-2018, source Union 28.
  - b) Discussion about the configuration of the Elementary School.
- 2) Discuss the salary increases for FY19.
- 3) Motion failed 3 in favor and 4 against to increase the salary for town staff 3% for next FY.
- 4) Motion passed 5 in favor and 2 against to increase the salary for town staff 2.5% for next FY.
- 5) Approve minutes from February 22, 2018 as amended.
- 6) Review the Draft Budget
  - a) Revenue
    1. Reduce PILOT row 45 by half, \$37,500
    2. Increase New Growth line row 3, by \$10,000 to \$30,000.
    3. Increase Excise Tax row 42 raising it by \$5,000 to \$195,000.
  - b) Expense
    1. Reduce the Fin Comm Reserves by \$2,000
    2. Pay increases of 2 ½ % will increase the budget by \$22,905
- 7) Broadband report – We will need about \$275,000 more for make ready work than was in the original plan. The state will reimbursement us for it once the project is finished.
- 8) Meeting adjourned 9:10pm
- 9) Future Meeting Schedule:
  - a) Thursday, March 22, 2018, School Committee, Capital Planning
  - b) Thursday, April 12, 2018
  - c) Thursday, April 26, 2018
  - d) Saturday, May 5, 2018, Town Meeting