

Shutesbury Finance Committee Minutes
Tuesday, April 9, 2013, Town Hall

Members Present: Eric Stocker, Gary Hirshfield, Al Hanson, Rus Wilson, Lori Tuominen, George Arvanitis & Weezie Houle **Visitors Present:** Becky Torres

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:05pm.
- 2) Legislative breakfast report: Eric & Weezie
 - a. Review of proposed tax changes; Stan Rosenberg and Steve Kulik both say there will be no change in sales tax.
 - b. Wired West update.
- 3) Capital Planning update
 - a. Tim Hunting requested \$140,000 for a new articulated loader. We hope to get \$20,000 on a trade in or pay \$15,000 in repairs and you may get another 5-10 years, (now 18 years old) but you may not and don't know when it could go. Capital Planning voted in favor of supporting the purchase of a new vehicle.
 - b. The committee also voted to support \$25,000 for the library.
 - c. The school roof estimate has gone from \$110,000 down to \$4,000.
 - d. \$20,000 was voted on for the Buildings Committee.
- 4) Personnel Committee:
 - a. The committee is considering changing the Town of Shutesbury Wage and Salary Plan chart (distributed) to a new plan (distributed). There are several issues with the current plan including the financial staff are not being paid market value, the step and grades not working.
 - b. The step and grade changes will impact the budget by \$15,000.
- 5) Review the Budget
 - a. Becky put the Governor's Chapter 70 \$ in the revenue in the budget.
 - b. The additional revenue allowed her to put the fire dept tires, the building committee request for \$20,000 (which includes the \$4,000 for the school roof) and \$25,000 for the library in this year's budget.
 - c. All the debt (\$116,000) that is dropping out we are moving to Capital Stabilization.
 - d. The loader is a warrant article.
- 6) **Finance Committee voted unanimously to support the Personnel Board's recommendation for the salary adjustment for 2014.**
- 7) Reviewed Expense Reports
 - a. Numbers are looking good.
- 8) Upcoming Meeting Schedule
 - a. April 16
 - b. May 4, Town Meeting

Adjourned at 8:55pm

Respectfully submitted, Weezie Houle