

Shutesbury Finance Committee Minutes June 7, 2016
Shutesbury Town Hall, 7pm

Members Present: George Arvanitis, Eric Stocker, Eric Stocker and Weezie Houle Gary Hirshfield

Members Absent: Jim Walton **Non-Members Present:** Jim Hemingway, Mike Vinskey, Michael DiChiara, Melissa Makepeace O'Neil, Walter Tibbetts

1. Meeting called to order at 7:20
2. Meet with Select Board to discuss Regional Capital Plan and Assessment Method
 - a. Regional Capital Working Group discussion regarding capital spending in the region and how its' funded. We all prefer the
 - b. Regional Assessment meeting report: Are you really speaking for the town? George wanted to ask Sean to run 10, 20, 30 and 40.
3. Walter Tibbetts, presentation for SCBAs, fin com transfer 5% cash matching grant of \$2,923.89, for a value of \$58,478.
4. Motion passed unanimously transfer from Finance Committee Reserves for MCFD 2016 grant to account 15220.855 SCBA tank fund.
5. Approved the minutes from May 5th as amended
6. Motion passed unanimously to appoint Jim Walton as the Fin Com Rep to SPD pay negotiations w/union, if needed.
7. Review Expenses
 - a. Law suit for Salt Contamination will grow
 - b. Overage in Telecommunications, \$2,700-3,500.
 - c. School Choice – came out ahead by \$6,900
 - d. Elementary School transportation – we are coming way under due to fuel cost drop
 - e. Regional debt is not fully paid yet, but we went over on the regional budget, so Becky has to research it. \$336.
 - f. One Veteran's Benefits is over by \$544 and the other is under so the should be a wash.
 - g. Health Insurance – we have one more payment
 - h. Administrator support staff – will probably go to 0. Con Comm is over by \$600 and some due to the Solar project. It's going to get worse before the FY ends.
8. Discussed status of State Budget as it relates to us
9. Discussed Broadband update
 - a. Shutesbury and 4 other towns will be built out first. Towns that are ready will go first.
 - b. There is a sea change at MBI and WiredWest. MBI wants to move forward.
 - c. Latest WiredWest plan – capitulate working on the A2 plan that MBI will embrace, where the town will end up owning the wires.
 - d. The new scenario will not work well for the smaller towns. They want to work quickly and get something done fast.
 - e. You get more money if MBI does the design. Until we get solid numbers on services we can't make estimates.
10. Two new appointments to the Finance Committee, Bob Groves and Jim Hemingway.
11. Read the Gazette Op Ed article about Charter.
12. Adjourned at 9:10pm
13. Next Meeting: July 12, 2016, 7pm