

**Shutesbury Finance Committee Minutes**  
**Thursday, July 12, 2018 – Town Hall, 7:07pm**

**Members Present:** Eric Stocker, Bob Groves, George Arvanitis, Rita Farrell and Jim Hemingway

**Members Absent:** Weezie Houle & Jim Walton **Non-Members present:** Becky Torres Town Administrator, Penny Kim Moderator and Mike Vinsky

- 1) Article One of the Special Town Meeting scheduled for July 31:
  - a) Article one will need to be amended to accommodate the following:
    1. Change amount to the difference of the amount in the FY19 budget and the amount of the requested chief salary \$8,206
    2. Eliminate Cemetery Commissioner from job description
    3. Determine funding source for amended amount of article. Possible to appropriate for the budget and included in the tax rate. Article only changes budget line funding. The Selectboard is the only entity that can determine the chief's salary. Agreed to fund this article through the FY 19 budget
  - b) Discussed cost of the special town meeting. Mailing and town employees, but not legal counsel
  - c) Count will be made by a paper ballot
  - d) Discuss our statement on town floor
  - e) Voted not to recommend this article
- 2) Voted to recommend article two
- 3) Appointed Rita Farrell to the Police Chief negotiating committee
- 4) New state regulations proposed to forbid MLPs contracted with a town to allow residents of other towns on town lines
- 5) Treasurer has resigned effective August 7. Appointed George to the Treasurer search committee
- 6) Meeting adjourned 8:25 pm
- 7) Future Meeting Schedule:
  - a) Thursday, August 16, 2018