

**Shutesbury Finance Committee**  
**Monday, April 12, 2010, 7 p.m., Town Hall**

**Finance Committee Members Present:** George Arvanitis, Patrick Callahan, Weezie Houle, Lori Tuominen, Gary Hirshfield

**Members Absent:** Bill Wells, Rus Wilson

1. Call to order at 7:10pm
2. Joint meeting with selectmen and moderator about Annual Town Meeting warrant articles. Also discuss need for Special Town Meeting before ATM.
3. Vote on ATM warrant article recommendations
  - a. Article 5 – Article passed - Finance Committee Recommends.
  - b. Article (Old #6 – New #7) – (change wording “transfer” to “raise and appropriate”. The budget indicates \$32,000 while Article indicates \$30,000. Modify the budget to \$30,000. Article passed as modified. Finance Committee Recommends.
  - c. Article (Old #7 - New #8) – The new highway truck. Article is not supported. Finance Committee does not Recommend.
  - d. Article (Old #7 – New # 6) – Library. Article passed - Finance Committee Recommends.Unanomously.
  - e. Article 14 – Accept State Highway \$ - Article passed - Finance Committee Recommends.
  - f. Article 15 – Set the salary compensation. Article passed - Finance Committee Recommends.
  - g. Article 16 – Treasurer to borrow. Article passed - Finance Committee Recommends.
  - h. Article 17 – Allow Select Board to get grants. Article passed - Finance Committee Recommends.
  - i. Article 18 – Revolving funds. Article passed - Finance Committee Recommends.
  - j. Article 19 – Regional School. Article passed - Finance Committee Recommends.
  - k. Article 20 – Budget. Article passed - Finance Committee Recommends.
4. Approve minutes of March 23, 2010 as amended.
5. Reserve transfers
  - a. Transfer \$30,000 from Finance Committee Reserve to pay for the police SUV.
  - b. Transfer \$3,500 from Finance Committee Reserve to pay for legal fees.
6. Reports of Committees - none
7. Contract negotiations – The Police union is negotiated at 1.5%.
8. News business
  - a. Discussion about debt service and what the Treasurer would recommend. Actual debt level and the ability to service a debt.
  - b. Motion passed: To create a new line item n the budget for 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration and allocate \$500 to it for FY11. Patrick recused himself.
9. Next meeting: April 22, 2010
10. Adjourned at: 9:13pm