

Shutesbury Finance Committee Minutes

Nov. 3, 2009, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Finance Committee Members Present: Patrick Callahan, Gary Hirshfield, Weezie Houle, Lori Tuominen, Rus Wilson, Bill Wells

Finance Committee Members Absent: George Arvanitis

Visitors: Becky Torres

1. **Call to order:** 7:17pm
2. **Minutes passed for:** Oct. 6, 20 & 22 passed
3. **Reports from committees reps:**
 - a. **Capital Planning Committee Report:** Rus Wilson & Lori Tuominen, no report
 - b. **Community Preservation Act Report:** Bill Wells, no report
 - c. **LFNAC Report:** Lori Tuominen: visit next week
 - d. **Personnel Committee Report:** Becky reported that there was no quorum, preparations for their evaluation workshop November 9th.
 - e. **School Committee Report:** Weezie:
 - i. School Committee Report: none
 - ii. Union 28 meeting, : none
 - f. **Other:**
 - i. Education vision meeting 10/22/09: Several models were presented, discussion
 - ii. Meeting with U28 superintendent on 10/22/09 – overview of budget process & Shutesbury's financial situation
4. **Free cash estimate** – not certified yet, still at \$569,000
5. **CPA surcharge report** – Brief discussion
6. **Budget planning for 2011** – Looked at meeting scheduled
7. **Reviewed the Expense reports**
8. **Reviewed the Revenue reports**
 - a. **9C Cuts on October 29 that affected Shutesbury:**
 - i. **PILOT - Payment In Lieu of Taxes** – payment to towns for taxes on state owned land was cut to Shutesbury by \$6,958 in October.
 - ii. **Amherst Regional Transportation cut by \$167,020** which the Region will have to absorb through their E & D budget line item.
 - iii. **Quinn Bill** – The Commonwealth portion of the payback for the adjustment to the Police's salaries education was cut leaving Shutesbury responsible for the full amount.
 - iv. **There are cuts to two library grants** – it is not clear how or if this will affect Shutesbury.
9. **Old business**
10. **New business**
 - a. **Regional Budget:** Becky talked to Rob Detweiller about a regional budget meeting December 5 and on February 6th.
11. **Next regular Finance committee Meeting:** Tuesday, December 1, 2009, 7pm, Town Hall