



Shutesbury Select Board Executive Session Minutes

September 15, 2025, at 5:24pm

Select Board members present: Melissa Makepeace O'Neil (Chair), Rita Farrell, and Eric Stocker.

Staff and guests: Hayley Bolton, Town Administrator, and Donna McNicol, Town Counsel.

Melissa Makepeace O'Neil made a motion to enter into Executive Session for reason # 3; to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares

A roll call vote was taken, Farrell voted aye, Makepeace O'Neil voted aye, and Eric Stocker voted aye.

Attorney McNicol presented an overview of her discussions with Kristen Burgess' attorney regarding a potential settlement agreement in lieu of a contract renewal. The discussion also consisted of the potential impact of a settlement compared to the potential impact of litigation. The Board acknowledged that it was reluctant to sign the settlement, but in terms of the expense of town money and resources, it made more sense to sign a settlement than risk litigation.

Stocker made a motion to have the Town sign the settlement agreement. Farrell seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all Select Board members voting aye.

The executive session ended at 6:55pm.

Shutesbury Select Board Executive Session Minutes: April 13, 2026, at 4:26pm

Select Board members present: Melissa Makepeace O'Neil (Chair), Rita Farrell, and Eric Stocker. Staff: Hayley Bolton, Town Administrator.

Melissa Makepeace O'Neil made a motion to enter into Executive Session for reason # 3; to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. Rita Farrell seconded.

A roll call vote was taken, Farrell voted aye, Makepeace O'Neil voted aye, and Eric Stocker voted aye. Rita Farrell made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Eric Stocker seconded. A roll call vote was taken, Farrell voted aye, Makepeace O'Neil voted aye, and Eric Stocker voted aye. The meeting ended at 4:37pm.