

**PB vote Aug. 11, 2025**

The Planning Board supports a one-year moratorium for the installation of data centers in Shutesbury. A data center is defined as a facility composed of networked computers, storage systems, and computing resources used to process, store, and disseminate large amounts of data, and that such a facility is either a principle use or is used in a standalone capacity; further that the Chair is empowered to conduct all procedural steps to achieve this objective.

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**WARRANT ARTICLE**

**Warrant Article #\_\_ : Moratorium and Prohibition on Data Centers**

To see if the Town will establish a moratorium on the application for and installation of data centers by amending the Town of Shutesbury Zoning Bylaw by adding a new use to Section 3.1-1 - Use Table; by adding a new Section under Article VIII – Supplementary Regulations, 8.13 – Moratorium on Data Centers; and by adding a new definition to Section 13.2 Definitions; or take any other action related thereto.

**3.1-1 Use Table**

*Amend Use table by Adding to Industrial Uses Category*

<b>INDUSTRIAL</b>	<b>RR</b>	<b>FC</b>	<b>TC</b>	<b>LW</b>
Data Centers	N	N	N	N

**13.2 Definitions**

*Amend Definitions by adding the following:*

Data Center: A facility composed of networked computers, storage systems, and computing resources that is used to process, store, and disseminate large amounts of data, and that such a facility is either a principle use or is used in a standalone capacity.

**8.13: Moratorium on Data Centers**

The Town of Shutesbury shall enact a moratorium on the application for or building of new data centers, as defined in Section 13.2 of the Shutesbury Bylaw. The purpose of the moratorium is to provide the Shutesbury Planning Board with sufficient time to research and understand this complex use so that reasonable regulation can be developed for consideration at spring 2026 Shutesbury Town Meeting. The moratorium will be in effect starting on September 30, 2025 upon adoption at Special Town Meeting. The moratorium will be in place until June 20, 2026.