

Shutesbury Planning Board Minutes

Minutes – 09.12.2023

Approved – 03.04.2024

Virtual Meeting

The following text has been directly excerpted from the Select Board 09.12.2023 Meeting Minutes, written by Geneva Bickford, as found on Mytowngovernment.com.

Selectboard Members Present: Melissa Makepeace-O’Neil, Co-Chair and Eric Stocker

Staff Present: Becky Torres/Town Administrator

Volunteers & Other Staff Present: Gregor McGregor, Nathan Murphy, Mary David, Meryl Mandell, April Stein, Michael DeChiara, Gail Fleischaker, Deacon Fungus, Jeff Lacy, Jeff Weston, Ashleigh Pyecroft, Pam Ososky

Guests: Garrett Simonsen, Joseph’s Ipad, Sandra’s Ipad, Tom Siefert, Amanda Alix, Joyce Braunhut, Mary’s Ipad, Mike S., Frank McGinn, III, Town Hall Meeting Room, Mark Roblee, Suzanne Lyon, Shanon’s dad, Robert Raymond, Kenneth Holt, Jon Thompson, Penny Jaques, Geddes, Gary Rehorka, Don Wakoluk, Tracy McNaughton, Steven Bressler, Sharon Weizenbaum, Stephen Dallmus, Kevin Weir, Mark Rivers, Dale Houle, Janice Stone, Catherine’s Iphone, Susan Millinger, Cliff Read, Elaine Puleo, Rob Kibler, Linda Bills, Kate Cell, Panlillo, Arleen Read, Donna MacNicol, Cynthia Banfield-Weir, Michele Regan-Ladd, Penelope Kim, Craig’s Ipad, Jane, Elizabeth Fernandez O’Brien, Mary Jo, Kathy Carey, Richard Seelig, Joann, Mark Protti, Mary Lou Conca, Brian Colleran, Bert Fernandez

Murphy calls the Planning Board to order at 5:45pm

2. Appoint new Planning Board member, appoint ZBA associate member: Jeff Lacy officially resigned from Planning Board as of 9/12/23. Ashleigh Pyecroft was appointed as a full PB member. Jeff Lacy verbally resigned as a ZBA member and will send resignation via email. Jon Thompson is appointed as a full ZBA member. Jeff Lacy was appointed as an associate ZBA member.

VOTE: Makepeace-O’Neil makes a Motion to appoint Ashleigh Pyecroft to the Planning Board; Nathan Murphy moves; Stocker seconds. Roll call vote: Stocker: aye, and Makepeace-O’Neil: aye; Murphy: aye; Weston: aye; DeChiara: aye; Bressler: aye; Raymond: aye; Bonnar: aye; the motion carries.

3. Planning Board discussion with Selectboard of Planning Board associate member Home Rule Petition testimony to Legislature: Two years ago, TM passed a vote to request a Home Rule Petition and this is now in front of the Joint Committee for Municipal Government. The committee is collecting testimony and the deadline is 9/13/23. DeChiara has written draft testimony and it was approved by the PB. The SB votes to sign on to DeChiara’s testimony. DeChiara will amend his testimony to state “writing on behalf of the PB and the SB”.

VOTE: Makepeace-O'Neil makes a Motion to sign on to the PB testimony for the home rule petition; Stocker moves. Roll call vote: Stocker: aye, and Makepeace-O'Neil: aye; the motion carries.

Motion: Raymond moves to adjourn, DeChiara seconds. Vote: Bonnar – Aye, Bressler – Aye, DeChiara – Aye, Murphy – Aye, Raymond – Aye, Weston – Aye. *The motion carries.*

Meeting Close: 6:00pm