

Shutesbury Planning Board  
Minutes – November 25, 2024  
Approved – July 14, 2025  
*Virtual Meeting*

**Board Members Present:** Michael DeChiara, Robert Raymond, Tom Siefert, Keith Hastie, Jeff Weston, Steve Bressler

**Board Members Absent:** Nathan Murphy, Deacon Bonnar, Ashleigh Pyecroft

**Other Staff Present:** Matteo Pangallo (Land Use Clerk)

**Others Present:** Rita Farrell, Adam J. Costa, Donna MacNicol, Mary Lou Conca

**Chair's Call to Order:** 7:03pm

In the absence of the Chair, Nathan Murphy has asked DeChiara to serve as Chair.

Meeting is being held online and being recorded.

Siefert and Hastie recognized as voting Members due to absence of regular Members.

MacNicol notes that AG has struck down energy storage bylaw as it did in Wendell. MacNicol explains her argument to the Attorney General's Office that the State's legislation does not effectively address the needs of small towns in light of these facilities. DeChiara notes that there is increasing discussion at the State level about the fact that these bills are ignoring the needs and constraints of small towns.

### **Executive Session**

DeChiara invites Matteo Pangallo (Land Use Clerk), Adam Costa (special counsel), Donna MacNicol (Town Counsel), and Rita Farrell (Select Board) to attend Executive Session. Board will enter Executive Session and not return to Open Session.

Motion by DeChiara to enter Executive Session at 7:07pm for Reason #3, to discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the government's litigating position. Litigation specific to Complaint received from Cowls regarding the Shutesbury Solar Bylaw. Second: Weston. Approved unanimously.

Entered Executive Session at 7:07pm.

### **Adjournment**

Adjourned from Executive Session.

### **List of Documents Used:**

- None