

Shutesbury Selectboard Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2024 Hybrid Meeting Format

Selectboard members present: Rita Farrell/Co-Chair (zoom), Melissa Makepeace-O'Neil/Co-Chair (joins in person @ 6:06 pm) and Eric Stocker (in person)

Staff present: Rebecca Torres/Town Administrator (in person)

Volunteers & Other Staff present: Paul Lyons (zoom)

Makepeace-O'Neil calls the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Agenda Review: As posted.

Public Comment: NONE

Review of Minutes: NONE

Discussion Topics:

1. Unanticipated Item #1: The principal has asked to move the budget article that is currently #13 up as she will need to leave Town Meeting at noon and no other representative from Union 28 will be in attendance. Town Moderator has no opposition to moving this item. The SB agreed to move Item #13 to Item #3.

VOTE: Farrell makes a Motion to move the town budget article up to #3 on the Warrant; Stocker seconds. Roll call vote: Stocker: aye, Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, and Farrell: aye; the motion carries.

2. Unanticipated Item #2: The town clerk has provided the TA with the Election Warrant for Town Meeting and is requesting the SB approve it tonight. The SB approved the Election Warrant.

VOTE: Makepeace-O'Neil makes a Motion to approve the warrant for annual town election; Stocker seconds. Roll call vote: Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, and Farrell: aye; the motion carries.

Makepeace-O'Neil Motions to Adjourn (6:08 pm) and go into Executive Session for Reason #3, To discuss strategy with respect 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 with Town Counsel and to NOT return to open session; Roll call vote: Farrell: aye, Stocker: aye, and Makepeace-O'Neil: aye; the motion carries.

Administrative Actions:

1. N/A

Documents and Other Items Used at the Meeting:

1. N/A

Respectfully submitted,
Geneva Bickford,
Administrative Secretary

** A full version of the 4/10/24 SB meeting is available to view on the Town of Shutesbury's YouTube page at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4ajoOcJsNzf5DBgMTZgcJA>