

Shutesbury Selectboard Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2024 Hybrid Meeting Format

Selectboard members present: Rita Farrell/Co-Chair, Melissa Makepeace-O'Neil/Co-Chair and Eric Stocker

Staff present: Rebecca Torres/Town Administrator

Volunteers & Other Staff present:

Guests: Tom Siefert, Lynda & Chad Grybko, Select Board Meeting, Tracy McNaughton, Charlene Galenski, Meaghen Mikolajczuk, Mark Rivers, Kathy Salvador, Chris Cummings, Matt, Plemo's Iphone, Joseph's Ipad, Jean Perkins, Judy Rimmel, Jan Rowan, Dennis, Clint K, Jennifer Wallace, Jon Lawless, Amanda Alix, Lake Wyola, Iphone, Melissa B, Michelle Abdow, Alex Abdow, Stephen Dallmus, Wyola, Marie Rivers, Norene's Ipad, Amy Lehane, Lauren Grybko, Kent Whitney, April Stein, Robert Groves, Susie Mosher, Ajay Khashu, George Arvanitis, Jim Hemingway, symarmac51@gmail.com, Bob

Farrell calls the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Agenda Review: As posted. PAF's will not be reviewed and discussed tonight.

Public Comment: Charlene Galenski states would like to know the reason this became a charge for the SB? Farrell explains that will be discussed when we get to that item on the agenda.

Review of Minutes: Minutes of October 11, 2022, April 9, 2024 and April 23, 2024 were approved.

VOTE: Farrell makes a Motion to approve the October 11, 2022 minutes; Makepeace-O'Neil moves, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote: Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, and Farrell: aye; the motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a Motion to approve the April 20, 2024 minutes; Makepeace-O'Neil moves, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote: Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, and Farrell: aye; the motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a Motion to approve the April 23, 2024 minutes; Makepeace-O'Neil moves, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote: Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, and Farrell: aye; the motion carries.

Discussion Topics:

1. Review new Watercraft and Persons Committee Charge: This is being discussed due to the most recent accident at Lake Wyola and requests received by the SB to review the existing bylaw. The SB approved the amended charge for the Lake Wyola Boating and Safety Review Committee. The Police Chief and Fire Chief along with the Environmental Police will be added as well as 7 members from the community. The SB expects to make appointments at their next meeting. Those interested in serving should contact the SB or TA.

VOTE: Farrell makes a Motion to approve the amended charge for the Lake Wyola Boating and Safety Review Committee; Makepeace-O'Neil moves, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote: Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, and Farrell: aye; the motion carries.

2. Approve PAFs (personnel action forms): No Discussion

3. Open Meeting Law Complaint Response: The OML complaint was similar to complaints received previously about the agenda not stating the names of individuals to be appointed or re-appointed to town boards and committees. We have had previous communication from the Attorney General that it

is not required so we do not believe it is a violation and therefore have responded. A letter has been drafted and circulated to the SB to go out

VOTE: Farrell makes a Motion to approve the response with those edits; Makepeace-O'Neil moves, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote: Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, and Farrell: aye; the motion carries.

4. FY24 Budget Close out with Finance Committee: At the last meeting there was discussion of Farrell and Khashu meeting with Amherst Town Council and other members of the 4 Town region concerning the regional school budget. Farrell and Khashu were clear that Shutesbury would continue with the modified statutory method and that would not be revisited and that was understood by Amherst. Discussion about FY26 will begin earlier in August. There will need to be a lot of painful decisions made about the regional school budget.
5. Town Administrator Updates: The auditors were here all last week, they are continuing this week. Things are a little quiet a lot are on vacation or at conferences. We are keeping town hall open.

Farrell Motions to Adjourn (6:44 pm); Makepeace-O'Neil moves, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote: Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, and Farrell: aye; the motion carries.

Administrative Actions:

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Documents and Other Items Used at the Meeting:

1. Open Meeting Law Complaint;
2. Response to Open Meeting Law Complaint;
3. Lake Wyola Boating and Safety Review Committee Charge.

Respectfully submitted,
Geneva Bickford,
Administrative Secretary

** A full version of the 7/16/24 SB meeting is available to view on the Town of Shutesbury's YouTube page at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4ajoOcJsNzf5DBgMTZgcJA>