

Shutesbury Selectboard Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2024 Hybrid Meeting Format

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

Staff present: Becky Torres/Town Administrator

Volunteers & Other Staff present: Gabriele Voelker, Kathy Salvador, Robert Groves

Guests: Joseph's Ipad, Gail Fleischaker, Amanda Alix, Tom Siefert, Miriam DeFant, Leslie Bracebridge, Sharon Weizenbaum, Russell Greco

Farrell calls the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

Agenda Review: As posted.

Public Comment: None

Review of Minutes: None

Discussion Topics:

1. Review Negotiating Team's recommendation for Interim Town Administrator and Hire: The Selectboard ("SB") meet along with Bob Groves and Kathy Salvador, who are members of the interview committee, to discuss their recommendation of hiring Gabriele Voelker as Shutesbury's Interim Town Administrator. Voelker was present in person and the SB and interview committee discussed Voelker's background with Shutesbury knowledge, as well as her extensive and impressive employment history as Town Administrator in the Town of Orange, Treasurer for Shutesbury, Finance Director for Orange, Treasurer for New Salem and Interim Treasurer for Barre. The Interim Town Administrator position is expected to be short term, 3-4 months on a part-time schedule, two days a week. The SB unanimously votes to appoint Gabrielle Voelker as Shutesbury's Interim Town Administrator. Current Town Administrator, Rebecca Torres, will meet with Voelker on Thursday to go over a few items.

VOTE: Makepeace-O'Neil makes a Motion to appoint Gabriele Voelker as the Interim Town Administrator; Stocker seconds. Roll call vote: Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, and Farrell: aye; the motion carries.

Makepeace-O'Neil Motions to Adjourn (5:22 pm); Stocker seconds. Roll call vote: Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, and Farrell: aye; the motion carries.

Administrative Actions:

1. TA will meet with Voelker Thursday to go over some operational matters and to discuss zoom scheduling.

Documents and Other Items Used at the Meeting:

- 1.

Respectfully submitted,
Geneva Bickford,
Administrative Secretary

** A full version of the 11/4/24 SB meeting is available to view on the Town of Shutesbury's YouTube page at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4ajoOcJsNzf5DBgMTZgcJA>