

Shutesbury Selectboard Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2026 In-Person Meeting Format

Selectboard members present: Melissa Makepeace-O'Neil/Chair, Eric Stocker/ Vice-Chair, Rita Farrell/ Board Member.

Staff present and Guests: Hayley Bolton: Town Administrator, Brennan Mailloux, Matteo Pangallo, Nettie Harrington-Pangallo.

Makepeace-O'Neil calls the meeting to order at 4:01pm

Agenda Review: As posted.

General Business:

1. NEED FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION IF THE CHAIR SO DECLARES
Entering Executive Session number 2:

The Board entered Executive Session for Reason #2. To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel. Town Administrator Contract Negotiations.

The Board stated that they would be returning to public session.

VOTE: Makepeace-O'Neil makes a motion to enter Executive Session for Reason #2 at 4:05 pm for the sake of Town Administrator Contract Negotiations, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Farrell: aye, Stocker: aye, Makepeace-O'Neil: aye; motion carries.

The Board exited Executive Session at 4:51 pm and resumed public session.

2. Approve Meeting Minutes for 3/31/26:
 - a. No Amendments

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes for 3/31/26 as worded, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Farrell: aye, Stocker: aye, Makepeace-O'Neil: aye; motion carries.

3. Review and vote on May 9th Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles:

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve Warrant Article 1 as written, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Farrell: aye, Stocker: aye, Makepeace-O'Neil: aye; motion carries. in favor. Finance Committee voted

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve Warrant Article 2 as written, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Farrell: aye, Stocker: aye, Makepeace-O'Neil: aye; motion carries. in favor. Finance Committee voted

VOTE: Makepeace-O'Neil makes a motion to approve Warrant Article 17 as written, Farrell seconds. Roll call vote Farrell: aye, Stocker: aye, Makepeace-O'Neil: aye; motion carries. in favor. Finance Committee voted

VOTE: Makepeace-O'Neil makes a motion to approve Warrant Article 18 as written, Farrell seconds. Roll call vote Farrell: aye, Stocker: aye, Makepeace-O'Neil: aye; motion carries. in favor. Finance Committee voted

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve Warrant Article 19 as written, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Farrell: aye, Stocker: aye, Makepeace-O'Neil: aye; motion carries. in favor. Finance Committee voted

VOTE: Makepeace-O'Neil makes a motion to approve Warrant Article 20 as written, Farrell seconds. Roll call vote Farrell: aye, Stocker: aye, Makepeace-O'Neil: aye; motion carries. in favor. Finance Committee voted

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve Warrant Article 21 as written, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Farrell: aye, Stocker: aye, Makepeace-O'Neil: aye; motion carries. in favor. Finance Committee voted

VOTE: Makepeace-O'Neil makes a motion to approve Warrant Article 22 as written, Farrell seconds. Roll call vote Farrell: aye, Stocker: aye, Makepeace-O'Neil: aye; motion carries. in favor. Finance Committee voted

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve Warrant Article 23 as written, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Farrell: aye, Stocker: aye, Makepeace-O'Neil: aye; motion carries. in favor. Finance Committee voted

VOTE: Makepeace-O'Neil makes a motion to approve Warrant Article 24 as written pending another review from the Planning Board and Town Counsel, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Farrell: aye, Stocker: aye, Makepeace-O'Neil: aye; motion carries. in favor. Finance Committee voted

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve Warrant Article 25 as written, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Farrell: aye, Stocker: aye, Makepeace-O'Neil: aye; motion carries. in favor. Finance Committee voted

VOTE: Makepeace-O'Neil makes a motion to approve Warrant Article 26 as written, Farrell seconds. Roll call vote Farrell: aye, Stocker: aye, Makepeace-O'Neil: aye; motion carries. in favor. Finance Committee voted

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve Warrant Article 27 as written, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Farrell: aye, Stocker: aye, Makepeace-O'Neil: aye; motion carries. in favor. Finance Committee voted

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve Warrant Article 28 as written, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Farrell: aye, Stocker: aye, Makepeace-O'Neil: aye; motion carries. in favor. Finance Committee voted

VOTE: Makepeace-O'Neil makes a motion to approve Warrant Article 29 as written, Farrell seconds. Roll call vote Farrell: aye, Stocker: aye, Makepeace-O'Neil: aye; motion carries. in favor. Finance Committee voted

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve Warrant Article 30 as written, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Farrell: aye, Stocker: aye, Makepeace-O'Neil: aye; motion carries. in favor. Finance Committee voted

VOTE: Makepeace-O'Neil makes a motion to approve Warrant Article 31 as written, Farrell seconds. Roll call vote Farrell: aye, Stocker: aye, Makepeace-O'Neil: aye; motion carries. in favor. Finance Committee voted

VOTE: Makepeace-O'Neil makes a motion to approve Warrant Article 32 as written, Farrell seconds. Roll call vote Farrell: aye, Stocker: aye, Makepeace-O'Neil: aye; motion carries. in favor. Finance Committee voted

VOTE: Makepeace-O'Neil makes a motion to approve Warrant Article 33 as written, Farrell seconds. Roll call vote Farrell: aye, Stocker: aye, Makepeace-O'Neil: aye; motion carries. in favor. Finance Committee voted

*No vote was taken by the Select Board to add the Citizen's Petition (Article 34), as it is standard practice for them not to. *

Articles 4 through 8 will be a consent agenda.

Articles 19 and 20 will be grouped together.

Articles 25 through 27 will be a consent agenda.

There was discussion about the need for a Deputy Constable to be appointed to sign and post the Annual Town Meeting Warrant at least 7 days before the meeting.

4. Meeting Adjourned at 5:31 pm

VOTE: Makepeace-O'Neil makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:31 pm, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Farrell: aye, Stocker: aye, Makepeace-O'Neil: aye; motion carries.

Document and Other Items Used at the Meeting:

1. Meeting Minutes for 3/31/26
2. Draft May 9th Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Respectfully submitted,
Brennan Mailloux
Administrative Assistant
Town Administrator/Select Board

** A full version of the 4/8/26 SB meeting will be available to view on the Town of Shutesbury's YouTube page: <https://youtu.be/ISWbh5RZewk>

