

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Town of Shutesbury

### Special Town Meeting Minutes

August 15 2024

The Town of Shutesbury met for a Special Town Meeting in the downstairs room of Town Hall, at 1 Cooleyville Road, on August 15 2024. Thirty-eight Shutesbury residents qualified to vote in elections and town affairs attended the meeting to conduct the town's business, exceeding the minimum quorum requirement of nine by twenty-nine voters. Moderator Paul Lyons called the Special Town Meeting to order promptly at 6pm.

Moderator Lyons introduced the Town Officials at the head table, and explained that this Special Town Meeting was called to conduct a second vote on an article passed at the previous Annual Town Meeting due to the fact that the prior vote had been recorded as a simple majority, when it required a two thirds majority to be accepted. The purpose of this Special Town Meeting is to correct this oversight.

**Article 1 Clean Water Trust PFAS Request:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town of Shutesbury would vote to appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) be and hereby is appropriated to pay costs of PFAS Mitigation construction activities, and the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §§7 and 8, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. All, or any portion, of this borrowing may be obtained through the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (the "Trust") in accordance with Chapter 29c, as amended, of the General Laws. The Town Administrator, the Treasurer and any other appropriate official of the Town are authorized to execute and deliver any and all agreements and other documents that may be required by the Trust, or by The Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Department of Environmental Protection in connection with any financing to be obtained through the Trust. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment

of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Following brief discussion, a vote was held by raising of hands.

**The motion passed by a clear 2/3rds majority, 34 yes to 1 no.**

**A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to dissolve Special Town Meeting at 6:11pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Bannasch, Shutesbury Town Clerk

A True Copy Attest: \_\_\_\_\_