

Shutesbury Board of Selectmen November 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Members present: Chairwoman Elaine Puleo and members Al Springer and April Stein.

Also Present: Town Administrator Rebecca Torres, Administrative Secretary Leslie Bracebridge recording.

Meeting opened at 7:30 A.M. at the Shutesbury Town Hall

Announcements

Chairman Elaine Puleo: This is a Select Board meeting, not a town meeting: The Select Board will take comments only.

There is an issue due to the posting timing:

It was posted Wednesday at 4 PM. Due to Friday being a holiday, this meeting is out of compliance with Open meeting law. We apologize; we thought we were doing it legally, but therefore we are only taking comments; we will not be making any decisions.

An announcement was made that the number of people in the meeting room was over capacity and the meeting would be postponed to another time and place.

Response comments from the audience included “stone-walling.”

Fire Chief Walter Tibbetts stated that even though he was opposed to the current proposed library, the meeting room was over-capacity and the bigger concern is public safety.

Select Board person Al Springer announced that the Select Board would listen to all comments at a properly posted meeting in a larger space.

Select Board members agreed to meet on Wednesday Nov. 16 at the school at 7 PM.

Outside:

Chairman Elaine Puleo announced:

- The meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 7 PM at the Shutesbury Elementary School.
- If the cafeteria is over-capacity the meeting will be “Skyped” to the school library for additional seating and people in the school library will be welcome to make comments in the cafeteria.
- It is difficult to take comments in the parking lot.
- This is a community.
- You have elected me to lead this town and I will try to do my best for everyone in this town.
- This is a difficult position to be in.
- I do not like that people are taking sides.
- We just went through an anniversary; we had a wonderful year.
- We are still neighbors no matter what happens.
- Please come to the school and express your thoughts.
- We will stay there as long as we need to.
- This is a Select board decision.
- We are going to leave now

The Select Board **adjourned at 7:45 A.M.**

Respectfully submitted,