

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Town of Shutesbury**

**Annual Town Meeting Minutes  
May 5, 2018**

On a beautiful, cool spring day, at a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Shutesbury qualified to vote in elections and town affairs held in the Shutesbury Elementary School at 23 West Pelham Road the fifth day of May 2018 in the presence of a quorum, the following business was conducted.

Moderator Penelope Kim opened the meeting at 9:02 AM. She introduced the public officials, identified the emergency exits, read a Civic Invocation and identified Town Meeting Time as the procedural guide for the meeting. Town Meeting attendees were invited to enjoy food and drink for sale at the Friends of the Library Café. The moderator asked who was attending their first town meeting and these people were welcomed and applauded.

A motion was made by Moderator Kim for permission to call for voice votes on articles requiring 2/3 votes. If the voice vote is not clear, she will ask for a vote by counting hands. The motion was seconded.

**Motion passed with majority vote.**

**Article 1.** A motion was made and seconded that the Town of Shutesbury vote to act on the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee on the fiscal 2018 budget to transfer the following sums of money from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues: \$5,100 to Open space; \$5,100 to Historic Resources; \$5,100 to Community Housing; and \$32,000 to the FY 19 Community Preservation Fund budgeted reserve.

**Discussion:** There were some questions regarding a vision for Community Housing and private/public partnerships. Rita Farrell, Co-Chair of the Community Preservation Committee responded that the Community Preservation webpage has information with guidelines and guidance for projects initiated by interested townspeople.

**Motion passed with majority vote.**

**Article 2.** A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate \$2,500 from fiscal year 2019 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for necessary and proper administrative and operation expenses of the Shutesbury Community Preservation Committee.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Article 3.** A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from the Community Preservation Fund to develop a comprehensive plan for the removal of accumulated silt in the North Cove of Lake Wyola and the restoration of the cove to its historical depths. The plan will be developed by an accredited engineering firm with aquatic experience, with oversight of the project by the Lake Wyola Association.

**Discussion:** This funding will be a reimbursement to the Lake Wyola Association for some of the costs associated with hiring an engineering firm. In the future, a multi-step, multi-year project may come forward that will hopefully involve state and federal funds to improve Lake Wyola by reducing and preventing siltation.

**Motion passed with majority vote.**

**Article 4.** A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to approve the appointment pursuant to MGL Chapter 268A, Section 21A of Catherine Hilton as a Board of Health Administrative Consultant while also serving as an elected official on the Board of Health.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Article 5.** A motion was made and seconded that the Town of Shutesbury vote to ask its State Senator and State Representative to request that in all instances when the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is seeking or requiring individuals to identify their gender that it provide 1) a non-binary/transgender or equivalent option and 2) an option not to disclose such information, in addition to options for identifying as male and female.

**Discussion:** Michael DeChiara, sponsor, pointed out that frequently used forms of identification, such as a driver's license, can be modified to include options that do not discriminate or negate people's identities by requiring only binary, female or male categorization.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Article 6.** A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend Section VI of the Amherst Pelham Regional School District Agreement by adding subsection i) as follows: For Fiscal Year 2019 only, the alternative operating budget assessment shall be calculated as 20% of the minimum contribution with the remainder of the assessment allocated to the member towns in accordance with the per-pupil method found in Section VI e) of the Amherst Pelham Regional School District Agreement.

**Discussion:** Steve Sullivan, the town's School Committee representative to the Amherst Pelham Regional school board said this year's regional budget increases caused cuts to the budget that really affected many areas of the school programming more severely than in the past. This weighed on the discussion for the assessment formula. The Assessment Study Committee recommends changing the current per-pupil assessment agreement so that it considers the income levels of the four towns and makes the change to the state's statutory formula gradual enough to prevent more severe cuts in the school budget and not cause sudden increases in the assessments to any of the four towns in the region. Sean Mangano, Business Manager for the school district, explained that this amendment is the first part of a proposed 5-year phase in shift to the state's statutory formula of assessment. All four towns in our school district will need to approve this plan to use 20% of the Statutory method this year and in the next four years to come.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Article 7.** A motion was made and seconded that the Town of Shutesbury vote to hear, and receive reports of town officers, committees, and boards.

## **Presentations**

**Amherst Pelham Regional School District Superintendent, Mike Morris:** The regional school program is very robust. It is ranked 11<sup>th</sup> best in the state. The program actively addresses diversity and gender identity concerns in the school community. This year there have been presentations and discussions held in all four towns in the region, improving dialogue and communication.

**Erving Union 28 Superintendent, Jen Haggerty:** Professional development has focused on Universal Design Learning. She has also been working with other superintendents to develop an awareness and support for the specific needs of rural schools.

**Shutesbury Elementary School, Principal Jackie Mendonsa:** The public is invited to view the many wonderful activities going on at the elementary school posted on the school website. The school uses the website and a weekly newsletter to keep the townspeople informed about the school's activities. An Artist in Residence program, Moose on the Move, Drama Club, PTO events and leadership training all add to the education of our children. She thanked the town for funding the track, the preschool playground and the new floors that replaced 25 year-old carpets. Town support has been wonderful.

**Personnel Board Chair, April Stein:** Thanks were given to the members on this board who work well together. They reviewed and improved the Town's personnel policies. This year a land use clerk position was created to co-ordinate and support the Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board. The Personnel Board, following Fair Labor Standards recommended paying fire fighters an hourly wage instead of stipends for training.

**M. N. Spear Memorial Library Director, Mary Anne Antonellis:** Thanks to the many people who use and support the library. The Friends of the Library have volunteered many hours for fundraising efforts that support the general funds and the New Library Project. The New Library Fund increased to \$331,000 from volunteers raking, baking and serving dinners. The Valley Gives effort raised \$15,000 this year, an all-time record for our library. The circulation increases of 75% over the last 5 years are being maintained at this level, remarkable for such a small town. There were 157 programs presented with over 2,000 participants. Our library is a busy community hub for people of all ages in Shutesbury.

**Recycling and Solid Waste Committee Chair, Meryl Mandell:** Orson Jones was thanked for his contributions to this committee. He suggested making an agreement with the Leverett Transfer Station. The cost of the program with Leverett was paid by the more than \$3,000 collected in sticker fees. This program has greatly reduced the amount of material our town has to manage on Bulky Waste collection days. Shutesbury citizens appreciate the convenient arrangement with Leverett. The recycling committee will now run one collection day in Shutesbury on the first Saturday in June.

Our new hauler, Alternative Recycling Systems, is working well. The Town sent 191 tons of materials into the recycling stream, increasing our recycling rate to 39%. This saved \$12,000 in disposal fees. Thanks to all those who recycle! For more information on what can be recycled, the Recycling Almanac has been updated and is available on the recycling committee's webpage.

**Planning Board member, Jeff Lacy:** Linda Avis Scott was thanked for her assistance to the Planning Board. She is now the Land Use Secretary a position that merges with clerk for the Zoning Board and

Conservation Commission. This appointment will help coordinate and increase the efficiency of their work. The Planning board worked on projects for Approval not Required, Open Space, Shared Driveway and the Solar Farm. The Master Plan Working Group that Meryl Mandell chaired produced a vision document and the group worked toward its implementation. The Planning board has some bylaw revisions that will be presented as articles on this Town Meeting warrant.

**Capital Planning Committee member, Elaine Puleo:** The committee has printed a recommended schedule of capital improvement. This planning is done in an effort to anticipate costs and smooth out the yearly amount and expectations for capital expenditures.

**Thanks and Recognition by Town Administrator Becky Torres, Fire Chief Walter Tibbetts and Select Board member Melissa Makepeace-O'Neil:** After thirteen years of service to the Town of Shutesbury, Police Chief Tom Harding is retiring. Although he could not attend this town meeting, he has been a wonderful presence and community contact for the citizens of Shutesbury. He especially enjoyed developing good community relations with the children and staff at the elementary school. Walter Tibbetts said Tom's work has always been cooperative and he improved the town's public safety by his positive attitudes. The citizens at Town Meeting gave a standing ovation to this well respected public official in absentia.

Becky Torres also recognized the effort and thoughtfulness of Tim Logan. Elected to the Select Board in May 2017, Tim worked hard to become familiar with the workings of small town government. He served until December when he left for health reasons.

Melissa Makepeace-O'Neil thanked Michael DeChiara for serving his three-year term on the Select Board. Michael worked with members of many committees and town boards, helping to clarify procedures and processes to improve town government. The citizens at Town Meeting gave a standing ovation to him for his service.

**Motion to accept reports passed unanimously.**

**Article 8.** A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide a sum of money to meet the town expenses including operations, capital, salaries and school expenses of \$6,425,422. by raising the sum of \$6,347,907., transferring \$20,425. from the Septic Betterment Fund, and transferring \$57,090. from free cash, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Discussion:** George Arvanitis from the Finance Committee gave a report, going over the information sheet the Finance Committee prepared. For revenues, not all the 2.5 % levy capacity was used, Free Cash and Capital Stabilization reserves were used to fund some capital costs. The committee projects a Special Town meeting later in the fiscal year to meet some pending capital projects such as replacing the school roof, paving at the School and Highway garage and help with construction costs for the Broadband project if needed. Concerns for the future include what will towns all over Massachusetts do when they reach a \$25. tax rate, the maintenance of our aging buildings, record storage solution, possible investment in cost reducing projects, school funding, given state and federal education funding cuts, rising health care costs and the regional assessment agreement stalemate.

The high amount of free cash and stabilization was attributed to underspent budgets and our high tax rate by one citizen. He advocated using free cash to offset Broadband costs. Becky Torres, the Town Administrator, said when that project is farther along and ready to go out for bonding, the town will consider all its funding options. After all of the budget lines were reviewed and many questions were asked and answered, the vote was taken.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Article 9.** A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to adopt MGL c. 40, sec. 5E to establish an Unemployment Compensation Fund, text as follows: To provide for the anticipated costs of funding reimbursements to the commonwealth for unemployment compensation benefits under the provision of c. 151A, any city, town or district may appropriate in any year an amount not exceeding one-tenth of one per cent of such city's or town's equalized valuation as defined in sec 1 of 44, to establish and maintain a special fund to be known as the unemployment compensation fund; provided, however, that no such appropriation may be made at any time when the aggregate amount in such fund equals or exceeds one per cent of such equalized valuation. Any interest shall be added to and become a part of such special fund. The treasurer of the city, town or district shall be the custodian and administrator of such special fund, and may deposit or invest the fund in such manner as may be legal for other city, town or district funds under the laws of the commonwealth including, without limitation, the Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust.

The treasurer shall pay from such special fund, including the income thereof, such amounts as the selectmen or other officers authorized to expend money determine to be necessary from time to time to satisfy the liability of the city, town or district, or any instrumentality thereof, in accordance with the unemployment security law of the commonwealth.

**Motion passed with majority vote.**

**Article 10.** A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to set the salary compensation of all elected officials of the town (Select Board, Town Clerk, Moderator and Constable) as provided by MGL Chapter 41, Section 108, to be made effective from July 1, 2018 as contained in the budget.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Article 11.** A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer \$105,550 from free cash to the Shutesbury Broadband MLP, for operation costs in FY 19.

**Discussion:** Gayle Huntress explained that the Broadband project is underway. The budget projections look good so far, but as with all big projects, there may be unanticipated costs. This transfer will help cover the operating costs of the new network until the subscriber fees begin to fill the revenue stream. Any unused portion of the transfer will return to the town's free cash.

**Motion passed with majority vote.**

**Article 12.** A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$40,000. for a new well.

**Discussion:** This is money to put in a well to replace a private well damaged by the town's sand/salt storage. The well is on newly acquired town land and will require considerable piping to bring the water to the homeowners.

**Motion passed with majority vote.**

**Article 13.** A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$38,000. for a new police cruiser.

**Discussion:** Becky Torres, Town Administrator answered questions about police department vehicles: the current number of patrol cars (3), mileage on the vehicle being retired (120,000), if there would be any trade in value (no; will be sold at auction), and its repair history (\$1,200 - \$1,500 in the last year). There will be a new police chief appointed before July 1, 2018. S(he) will be able to select the model. Given the terrain in Shutesbury the new car is likely to be a SUV.

**Motion passed with majority vote.**

**Article 14.** A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to approve transfer from Capital Stabilization the sum of \$75,000. for a used tractor boom mower for the highway dept.

**Discussion:** Tim Hunting, Highway Department Superintendent, went over the recent history of the mowing the roadsides in Shutesbury. He has weighed the options of contracting the job out, problems and appropriate use of the current boom mower, renting or purchasing a used tractor boom mower with a low number of hours. The proposed purchase will have a safety cab, a longer reach and the mowing attachment is positioned so the operator will have less back and neck stress. The current mowing equipment that does not have these features can be used on smaller spaces and with blower and York rake attachments. Both the Capital Planning and Finance Committees approved this purchase.

**Motion to move the question was passed by 2/3 vote (80 Yes; 5 No)**

**Article 14 motion passed with a majority vote greater than 2/3.**

**Article 15.** A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to approve to borrow, or transfer from Capital Stabilization the sum of \$17,000 for new flooring in the elementary school for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms, office and music room.

**Discussion:** The primary classrooms' rugs were replaced with new flooring last year and are a great improvement. This is the rest of the old rug that needs replacing.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Article 16.** A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to approve to borrow or transfer from Capital Stabilization the sum of \$73,565 for a new playground at the elementary school.

**Discussion:** The current playground structures built by volunteers are now old and produce a lot of splinters. The proposed playground is state approved for safety and will be professionally installed as required. The preschool playground was replaced two years ago using a CPA grant. The question was raised, why not use CPA money again? The process for applying and receiving a CPA grant would take a full year and takes considerable effort in the application process. The current play structures are unsafe and underutilized as a result. The school playground is a social hub for after school and weekends so many people in town would benefit from this project. The motion to call the question failed. Discussion continued briefly.

**Motion passed with majority vote of greater than 2/3.**

**Article 17.** A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from Capital Stabilization the sum of \$34,000 for a new Town Hall roof.

**Discussion:** This project was recommended by Finance Committee, Select Board and Capital Planning Committee.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Article 18.** A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend the Town of Shutesbury's Zoning Bylaw by adding to Article VIII a new section 8.11 Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments, that would provide as follows, or take any other action relative thereto:

## **SECTION 8.11 TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS**

### **8.11-1 Purposes**

On November 8, 2016, the voters of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts approved a law regulating the cultivation, processing, distribution and use of marijuana for recreational purposes (new G.L. c. 94G, Regulation of the Use and Distribution of Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed). The law, which allows certain personal use and possession of marijuana, took effect on December 15, 2016 and was amended on December 30, 2016 by Chapter 351 of the Acts of 2016 and thereafter, on July 28, 2017 by Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017. The law requires the Cannabis Control Commission ("CCC") to issue regulations regarding the licensing of commercial activities by March 15, 2018 and to begin accepting applications for licenses no later than April 1, 2018. Currently the Town's zoning bylaw does not specifically marijuana establishments as that term is defined in G.L. c. 94G, §1. The final CCC regulations may provide guidance on certain aspects of local regulations of marijuana establishments. The regulation of non-medical marijuana raises novel legal, planning, and public safety issues, and the Town needs time study and consider these issues, as well as to address the potential impact of the CCC regulations on local zoning and, in connection therewith, to undertake a planning process to consider amending the zoning bylaw regarding regulation of marijuana establishments. The Town intends to adopt a temporary moratorium on the use of land and structures for marijuana establishments so as to allow sufficient time to address the effects of such structures and uses in the Town and to enact bylaws in a consistent manner.

### **8.11-2 Definition**

"Marijuana Establishment" shall mean a marijuana cultivator, independent testing laboratory, marijuana product manufacturer, marijuana retailer, or any other type of licensed marijuana-related business, all as defined for the purposes of G.L. c. 94G, §1.

### **8.11-3 Temporary Moratorium**

For the reasons set forth above and notwithstanding any other provisions of the zoning bylaw to the contrary, the town hereby adopts a temporary moratorium of the use of land or structures for a marijuana establishment and 5 other uses related to non-medical marijuana. The moratorium shall be in effect through December 31, 2018. During the moratorium period, the Town shall undertake a planning process to address the potential impacts of marijuana establishments, and shall consider adopting new zoning bylaws in response to these new issues.

**Discussion:** Steve Bressler, member of the Shutesbury Planning Board, said that the board needed time to consider the possible impact large operations might have in Shutesbury. They are not taking a position against establishment but want to consider concerns about nutrient run-off and security measures. This proposed moratorium would give the Planning Board time to take public input and

make any proposals in a Special Town meeting in the fall. Citizens spoke up in terms of wanting to start some operations sooner. It was clarified that all activities related to marijuana cultivation, processing, distribution and use must comply with current state regulation.

An amendment was offered by Sanford Lewis for Article 18 to insert in Section 8.11-3 (bolded below)  
**8.11-3 Temporary Moratorium**

For the reasons set forth above and notwithstanding any other provisions of the zoning bylaw to the contrary, the town hereby adopts a temporary moratorium of the use of land or structures for a marijuana establishment and 5 other uses related to non-medical marijuana **other than tier 1 or 2 cultivation, craft co-ops, micro-businesses and home-based production of marijuana products**. The moratorium shall be in effect through December 31, 2018. During the moratorium period, the Town shall undertake a planning process to address the potential impacts of marijuana **establishments with advice from a new town cannabis business development committee**, and shall consider adopting new zoning bylaws in response to these new issues.

**Discussion:** This amendment was proposed to allow very small businesses to look into developing marijuana related business without delay. There was clarification about the square-foot size of tier one and two. Some of our current Zoning Bylaws would apply to any development of business. Some citizens sought clarification about the proposed cannabis business development committee – who appoints, how many members.

**Amendment passed with a majority vote.**

**Article 18 motion passed as amended with majority vote of greater than 2/3.**

**Article 19.** A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend Article VIII, Section 8.6-2(B)(1) of the Town of Shutesbury Zoning Bylaw by adding new text to the first sentence as follows, or take any other action relative thereto: “1. Common Driveways are allowed by Special Permit from the Planning Board”

**Explanation:** Makes clear that shared driveway special permit review is by the Planning Board, as was intended when bylaws were drafted in 2008.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Article 20.** A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend Article VIII, Section 8.6-2(A)(4) of the Town of Shutesbury Zoning Bylaw by substituting the number 10 for the number 12 as follows, or take any other action relative thereto: 4. All driveways shall be designed and constructed in a manner to assure reasonable and safe access to all vehicles, including but not limited to emergency vehicles of all types. The traveled portion of a driveway shall be a minimum of ~~twelve~~ ten (~~12~~10) feet wide in order to insure such access. The maximum grade of a driveway shall be 15% and the maximum length shall be 1,000 feet.

**Explanation:** Reduces driveway width from 12 to 10 feet in order to be more consistent with the existing and adequate width of most driveways in Town.

**Discussion:** Walter Tibbetts, Shutesbury Fire Chief, raised concerns that the fire trucks need the 12’ widths in driveways to safely get the fire trucks in. Driveways with vegetation next to the driveway or bends can limit getting trucks in without damage.

**Motion made and seconded to postpone this article indefinitely passed unanimously.**

**Article 21.** A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to amend Article IX, Section 9.1-3(G) of the Town of Shutesbury Zoning Bylaw by adding a new sentence as follows, or take any other action relative thereto: G. Any Site Plan approved under this bylaw shall lapse within two years if construction has not begun, and is not carried forward to completion as continuously and expeditiously as is reasonable. For Site Plans approved under Article V of this bylaw the period until lapse may be extended beyond two years if so authorized by the Planning Board in the approval document.

**Explanation:** This amendment provides for a longer period before construction (of roads, driveways, or houses) must begin in an Open Space Design project under 6 Article V. There was no public purpose archived by speeding up these projects.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Article 22.** A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to adopt the following bylaw: "The Town Clerk shall be authorized to assign appropriate numbers and letters to section, subsections, paragraphs and sub-paragraphs of Town general bylaws and zoning bylaws, where none are approved by Town Meeting. Where Town Meeting has approved numbering and lettering of sections, subsections, paragraphs and sub-paragraphs of Town general bylaws and zoning bylaws, the Town Clerk, after consultation with the Town Administrator, shall be authorized to make non-substantive editorial revisions to the numbering and lettering to ensure consistent and appropriate sequencing, organization and numbering and lettering of the bylaws."

**Discussion:** This will allow the Town Clerk to correct some sequencing errors that have been made in bylaws.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Article 23.** A motion was made and seconded for the Town to vote to approve to transfer from Free Cash up to \$20,000 for the bandstand gazebo.

**Discussion:** This is one of the proposals that came out of the Small Touches program recommended by the Master Planning Working Group. One citizen suggested this project be funded as a Community Preservation Project, falling under the category of recreation. Such a proposal would have to be initiated and worked on by interested citizens.

**Motion made and seconded to postpone this article indefinitely passed unanimously.**

**Article 24.** A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to approve to transfer from Free Cash \$1500 for the planting of 2500 daffodils on town right of ways.

**Discussion:** This is the second Small Touches proposal.

**Motion passed with majority vote.**

**Article 25.** A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer \$922.48 from free cash to the Swimming Recreation Account. \$922.48 was swept from the Swimming Recreation account in 2014 into free cash.

**Discussion:** This is to correct some bookkeeping from the past.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Article 26.** A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to authorize the following revolving funds for certain town departments under MGL Chapter 44, sec. 53E1/2, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and to further authorize that any surplus in said accounts exceeding the amounts reflected below in the surplus column will be directed to the general fund at the end of the fiscal year, FY19.

Revolving fund	Authorized to spend fund	Revenue source	Use of fund	FY2018 spending limit	Surplus column cap
Dog license and control	Town Clerk and Dog Officer	Licenses, fines and donations	Supplies and animal care	\$1,000	\$1,000
Recycling	Recycling Coordinator and Town Administrator	MIRF, grants, bulky waste garbage bags, recycling containers	Expenses, stipend and equipment	\$25,000	\$6,000
Fire Inspections	Selectboard	Fire inspection fees	Pay Fire Inspector or assistant	\$3,000	\$1,000
Electrical Inspections	Selectboard	Electrical Inspection fees	Pay Electrical Inspector or assistant	\$4,000	\$1,000
Plumbing Inspection	Selectboard	Plumbing Inspection fees	Pay Plumbing Inspector	\$5,000	\$1,000
Swimming Exercise	Selectboard	Swimming Exercise fees	Pay instructor	\$3,000	\$1,000
Library	Library Board of Trustees	Grants, fines, sales, dog Licenses, bequests	Materials & Expenses	\$10,000	\$7,500
Conservation	Commissioners	Local Wetland Protection Permit Fees	Education, outreach, and maintenance of Property	\$3,000	\$3,000
Council on Aging	COA	Foot clinic, programs,	Clinic, entertainment classes	\$3,000	\$3,000
Recreation	Recreation Committee	Reimbursements for Recreation Expenses	Recreation Expenses	\$5000	\$5000
SRECS Solar Renewable Energy Certificates	Selectboard	Contract payments for Solar PV Production	Renewable & Conservation Energy Projects	\$30,000	\$40,000
Total Spending				\$92,000	\$69,500

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Article 27.** A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to accept and expend funds available from the State for Highway reimbursement programs, such as the Chapter 90 program, without further appropriation.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Article 28.** A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenues for the

fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 in accordance with the MGL Chapter 44, Section 4 and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the provisions of the MGL Chapter 44, Section 17.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Article 29.** A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to authorize the Accountant to pay bills from prior year from Free Cash as follows:

Robinson Donovan, P.C., legal expense of \$185.00

Whole Foods Market, building supply expense of \$68.51

A.E.I.O.U., insurance expense of \$300.00

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Article 30.** A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to allow the Select Board to apply for, accept and expend state, federal and other grants, which do not require a town appropriation.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to dissolve the meeting at 2:35 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Mosher

Shutesbury Town Clerk

A true copy. Attest: \_\_\_\_\_