In an effort to make this year’s unprecedented Annual Town Meeting as safe as possible, we are implementing redundant defenses.

First, the meeting will be held outside in the open air.

Second, social distancing will be observed.

Third, face coverings are required and must be worn throughout the meeting.

Fourth, exposure will be limited by keeping the meeting as short as possible.  You are urged to do your homework and arrive at the meeting well informed about the various articles on the warrant.  All the information you need is available at <https://www.shutesbury.org/select_board>.

You should consider not attending Town Meeting if the answer to any of these questions is yes:

·         Are you feeling sick?

·         Are you having symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell)?

·         Have you been exposed to someone with confirmed or suspected COVID-19?

·         Are you unable to wear a mask for medical reasons?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, you would be wise to remain at home.  No one will be turned away from Annual Town Meeting, but you may be directed to a peripheral area for your own protection and the protection of others.

Please arrive at Town Meeting early.  You are asked to bring your own seating, mask, water, and sun protection; there will limited seating under tents and limited supplies of chairs, water, and masks for those who do not have them.  Please do not bring food.  Bring your own pen or pencil.  Children must be accompanied by a parent at all times.

Two portable toilets will be available.  You are asked to take a disinfecting wipe inside with you and to use it to disinfect the door handles and water faucets.

With your help and cooperation, Annual Town Meeting can take place in a safe and responsible manner.

The Shutesbury Board of Health