

Shutesbury Planning Board Minutes

06.21.2022

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Virtual Meeting

The following text has been directly lifted from the Select Board 06.21.2022 Meeting Minutes, written by Linda Scott, as found on Mytowngovernment.com.

“Joint Appointment Planning Board Associate Members: Without a Planning Board quorum, the reappointment of Associate members Ashleigh Pyecroft and Jake Messier is postponed to the 7.5.22 Select Board meeting.

Michael DeChiara: the Attorney General’s office did not accept part of the 2021 Associate Member bylaw; Land Use Attorney Bob Ritchie, Town Council Donna MacNicol and the Planning Board disagree with the Attorney General’s office decision and advise requesting legislators to change statute to allow the expanded function of associate members. DeChiara suggests starting the conversation with State legislators in August/September in order to be ready for the January 2023 legislative session. DeChiara is willing to reach out on behalf of the Select Board and asks for guidance on how to proceed. Select Board members support DeChiara’s proposal to reach out to legislators and request he prepare a written statement for their consideration. DeChiara: planning boards can have associate members under the special permit section of statute; the proposal is to change statute so that associate members have broader powers like those of zoning board of appeals associate members.”