

Shutesbury Select Board Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2021 Virtual Meeting Platform

Select Board members present: Melissa Makepeace-O'Neil/Chair, April Stein, and Rita Farrell
Staff present: Becky Torres/Town Administrator; Linda Avis Scott/Administrative Secretary

Makepeace O'Neil calls the meeting to order at 12:01pm.

Discussion Topics:

1. Addition of Finance Committee Votes to the Annual Town Meeting Warrant:
Torres: the FinCom did vote to approve Article #27; the Town Meeting Warrant has been itemized with the exact Finance Committee votes for the relevant articles.
 - Farrell moves the Finance Committee votes be added to the Annual Town Meeting Warrant; Stein seconds the motion. Roll call vote: Farrell: aye, Stein: aye, and Makepeace-O'Neil: aye; the motion carries. Torres: Paul Lyons/Town Moderator recommends the inclusion of FinCom votes as a way for the Moderator to allow questions about a minority position rather than a minority report.

2. Additional Articles for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant:
Article #29: Torres: this article is for an easement taking of a property right on the dam; the property was previously owned by Raymond Moriarty and is now owned by Sheldon Destromp however is not listed on the Destromp deed; Town Counsel Donna MacNicol conducted a title search and prepared the taking documents. Torres explains that Destromp's main focus is to see the culvert replacement project completed; he has been given a copy of the title search in order to resolve his deed problem. Farrell moves that Article #29, for the easement taking of land on Locks Pond Road "Parcel E-1 Raymond R. Moriarty" on a plan titled "Plan of Land in the Town of Shutesbury..." be approved and placed on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Stein seconds the motion. Roll call vote: Farrell: aye, Stein: aye, and Makepeace-O'Neil: aye; the motion carries.
Article #28: Stein moves that Article #28 to acquire a permanent easement on a portion of land on Locks Pond Road known as "Parcel E-2, Crawford Moore, LLC" on a plan entitled "Plan of Land of the Town of Shutesbury..." be approved and added to the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Farrell seconds the motion. Roll call vote: Farrell: aye, Stein: aye, and Makepeace-O'Neil: aye; the motion carries.
Article #27: Farrell moves to approve Article #27 to move \$200,000 to stabilization for the Elementary School HVAC control project contingent on grant funding not being available for the project. Stein seconds the motion. Roll call vote: Farrell: aye, Stein: aye, and Makepeace-O'Neil: aye; the motion carries. Torres: Federal funding for this project remains pending; the Department of Local Services in providing guidance on the utilization of fiscal recovery funds.
Torres: Constable Christine Robinson will repost the updated Warrant this afternoon. Torres will mail the changes to those who received mailed annual town meeting documents; the updated Warrant will be posted on the website with a note stating that the changes were approved during a legally posted Select Board meeting.

The 6.8.21 agenda is reviewed.

At 12:20pm, Farrell moves and Stein seconds a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Farrell: aye, Stein: aye, and Makepeace-O'Neil: aye; the motion carries.

Documents and Other Items Used at the Meeting:

1. Text for Articles #28 and #29 provided by Town Counsel Donna MacNicol

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Avis Scott
Administrative Secretary