

Shutesbury Select Board Meeting Minutes  
May 23, 2022 Virtual Meeting Platform

Select Board members present: Rita Farrell/Chair, Melissa Makepeace-O'Neil, and Eric Stocker  
Staff present: Becky Torres/Town Administrator; Linda Avis Scott/Administrative Secretary  
Guests: Brad Foster and Tim Logan/Library Board of Trustees; Mike Vinskey, Penny Kim, and Mary Anne Antonellis/Library Director

Farrell calls the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Agenda Review: No changes to the agenda as posted.

Public Comment: Tim Logan congratulates Melissa Makepeace-O'Neil on being re-elected to the Select Board.

**Discussion Topic:**

1. Special Election: Torres screenshares and explains that the warrant, with language per Town Counsel Donna MacNicol, calls for a special election on 6.28.22 from 7 am to 8pm for the purpose of a Proposition 21/2 debt excluded override to construct and equip a new library building. Per Torres, the warrant will be posted at specific locations around town and in Town Hall; the 5.21.22 vote specified the amount of the debt; Town Clerk Grace Bannasch is working with a State election official to determine how broad absentee voting can be for this special election. Penny Kim: per Bannasch, State legislators can be contacted and encouraged to pass the Votes Act as emergency legislation because Shutesbury needs early in-person voting for the June special election; it is anticipated the Votes Act will be ready for the September 2022 primary. Mike Vinskey asks when the voting process will be established. Torres: at this point, we need to assume there will be absentee voting as it is now; the legislators may not vote in time for our June election. Mary Anne Antonellis/Library Director: everyone who is able to, can vote in person on 6.28.22 from 7am-8pm; if folks will out of town, absentee balloting can be used.
  - Makepeace-O'Neil moves and Stocker seconds a motion to approve the warrant for the 6.28.22 special election. Roll call vote: Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, and Farrell: aye; the motion carries.

At 6:14pm, Makepeace-O'Neil moves and Stocker seconds a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, and Farrell: aye; the motion carries.

Documents and Other Items Used at the Meeting:

1. 6.28.22 Special Election Warrant

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Avis Scott  
Administrative Secretary