

Shutesbury Selectboard Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2025 In-Person Meeting Format

Selectboard members present: Melissa Makepeace-O'Neil/Co-Chair, Eric Stocker/ Co-Chair, Rita Farrell/ Co-Chair

Staff present and Guests: Hayley Bolton: Town Administrator, Brennan Mailloux, Grace Bannasch

Farrell calls the meeting to order at 5:01pm

Agenda Review: As posted.

General Business:

- I. Discuss and Review of Annual Town Meeting Warrant:
 - a. Farrell mentioned scheduling a Select Board meeting for the morning of Annual Town Meeting on May 31st, for 8:30 AM. This allows for any last-minute edits and votes before the meeting starts.
 - b. Bolton shared if the Town wishes to move forward with providing childcare at the Town Meeting, it will have to be held outside of the school on the playground.
 - c. Article 11 was deleted as it was decided that we no longer should rescind prior authorization to borrow \$150,000 for PFAS mitigation activities.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 1 as worded, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 2 as worded, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 3 as worded, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 4 as worded, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to amend article 5 to insert the word "year" between Fiscal and 2026, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 5 as amended, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 6 as worded, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 7 as worded, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 8 as worded, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 9 as worded, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 10 as worded, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 11 as worded, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 12 as worded, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 13 as worded, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 14 as worded, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 15 as worded, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 16 as worded, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 17 as worded, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 18 as worded, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 19 as worded, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 20 as worded, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to amend article 21 so that it reads the finalized bylaw instead of the changes, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 21 as amended, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Makepeace-O'Neil makes a motion to amend article 22 and remove the special clause notations, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Farrell: aye, Stocker: aye, Makepeace-O'Neil: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 22 as amended, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve articles 23, 24, and 25 as worded, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve articles 26 and 27 as worded, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve articles 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33 as worded, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 34 as worded, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Makepeace-O'Neil makes a motion to amend article 35 and add "political affiliation," to the list of protections in Section 1 of the Bylaw, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 35 as amended, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 36 as worded, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 37 as worded, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 38 as worded, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 39 as worded, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 40 as worded, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to amend article 41 to say “rescind,” instead of “delete,” Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 41 as amended, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 42 as worded, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to amend article 43 by omitting “number 730619” from the Bylaw, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to approve article 43 as amended, Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell: aye; motion carries.

II. Meeting adjourned at 6:13pm

VOTE: Farrell makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 pm, and enter Executive Meeting for reason #2, To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, Police Chief. The board will **not** return to public session.

Stocker seconds. Roll call vote Makepeace-O'Neil: aye, Stocker: aye, Farrell aye; motion carries.

Administrative Actions:

1. Send Warrant draft to Donna MacNichol for review.
2. Send Warrant draft to Town Moderator for review.
3. Bolton to find a key for access to the Elementary School, to open it up for the Town Meeting.
4. Bolton to reach out to the school custodian to gather microphones and other necessary items for the Town Meeting.

5. Bolton to send Article 35 to Chief Burgess for review regarding Shutesbury Safe Community Bylaw.
6. Mailloux to send a copy of Article 35 to Stocker.
7. Mailloux to add Finalization of Warrant to the agenda of the Select Board Meeting on 5/20/25.
8. Mailloux to add Town Meeting childcare discussion to the agenda of the Select Board Meeting on 5/20/25.
9. Mailloux to request Committees to submit handouts they need printed for Town Meeting.

Document and Other Items Used at the Meeting:

1. Draft of Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Respectfully submitted,
Brennan Mailloux
Administrative Assistant
Town Administrator/Select Board

