

Town of Shutesbury

May 2, 2009

Annual Town Meeting

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Shutesbury qualified to vote in elections and town affairs held at the Shutesbury Elementary School at 23 West Pelham Road on the second day of May 2009 in the presence of a quorum, the following business was conducted.

In the absence of a Moderator and with a quorum present, Town Clerk Leslie Bracebridge opened the meeting at 9:10 AM. Nominations were invited from the floor for a temporary Moderator. Penelope Kim was unanimously elected to serve as temporary moderator and was sworn in.

Article 1: A motion was made and seconded that the Town accept the annual report for the year ended June 30, 2008, as written and accept reports from town officers, committees and boards as presented:

Board of Health Chairman William Elliott: Reviewed H1N1 Virus (“Swine Flu”) outbreak details, including school attendance; handouts were provided.

Buildings Committee Chairman Dale Houle: Highway garage has a new roof and a new hazardous materials shed; Energy Audit – Buildings Committee and Energy Committee will review and make concrete recommendations; thanked Town Administrator David Dann for his support.

Library Trustees Chairman Clifton Read: Thanked Library Director Marianne Antonellis for her first full year of leadership, circulation is up 9%, the library is fully converted to the 350 library CWMARS sharing network, there are 9 regular volunteers, the accessibility project complete, recognition and thanks to the Highway Department and to the Friends of the Library.

Library Facility Needs Assessment Committee (LFNAC) Chair Karen Traub and members Weezie and Dale Houle, Lori Tuominen and Michele Regan-Ladd gave a slide presentation of progress toward a new library facility.

250th Celebration Committee member Dina Stander: Welcomes suggestions for a program of activities throughout 2011. Celebrate Shutesbury fair September 26 on Town Common; free books available at Town Hall.

Personnel Board Chairman Margaret Manson: Recognized previous Chairman Penelope Kim, the charge of the Board is to oversee the bylaw & promote employee equity, created emergency sick leave bank, recommendation to Board of Selectmen, no Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA’s) for FY 10.

Planning Board Chairman Deacon Bonnar: Reported that the previous year’s building cap has caused no increased building in neighboring towns.

School Committee Chairman Michael DeChiara: Recognized Marianne Jorgensen stepping down after serving many years on the School Committee and as Regional Representative. Lots of discussion about reconfiguring schools, nothing is solid, in time there will be a community forum on the topic.

Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director Walter Tibbetts: 118 responses in FY 08, already 130 in FY 09, thanks to Fire Department staff, Highway Department, and community volunteers for early and comprehensive assistance during the December 11, 2008 ice storm, invitation to residents to speak with fire fighters about joining the fire department.

Unanimously accepted.

Article 2: A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to approve the appointment pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 268A, Section 21A of Catherine Hilton as a Board of Health Administrative Consultant while also serving as an elected official on the Board of Health.

Unanimously accepted.

Article 3: A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to accept and expend funds available from the State for Highway reimbursement programs, such as the Chapter 90 program, without further appropriation.

Unanimously accepted.

Article 4: A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to set the salary compensation for all elected officials of the town (Select Board, Town Clerk, Moderator and Constable) as provided by MGL Chapter 41, Section 108, to be made effective from July 1, 2009, as contained in the budget.

Unanimously accepted.

Article 5: A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenues for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 4 and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 17.

Unanimously accepted.

Article 6: A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to allow the Select Board to apply for, accept and expend state, federal and other grants, which do not require a town appropriation.

Unanimously accepted.

Article 7: A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to authorize the revolving funds included in the Article 7 chart (below), for certain town departments under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009.

Revolving fund	Authorized to spend	Revenue source	Use of fund	FY2009 spending limit	Surplus column cap
Dog license and control	Town Clerk and Dog Officer	Licenses, fines and donations	Supplies and animal care	\$1,000	\$1,000
Recycling	Recycling Coordinator and Town Administrator	MIRF, grants, bulky waste, garbage bags, recycling containers	Expenses, outreach, educ. stipend and equipment	\$20,000	\$5,000
Fire Inspections	Select Board	Fire inspection fees	Pay Fire Inspector or assistant	\$3,000	\$1,000
Electrical Inspections	Select Board	Electrical Inspection fees	Pay Electrical Inspector or assistant	\$4,000	\$1,000
Plumbing Inspection	Select Board	Plumbing Inspection fees	Pay Plumbing Inspector	\$5,000	\$1,000
Swimming Exercise	Select Board	Swimming Exercise fees	Pay instructor	\$3,000	\$1,000
Library	Library Board of Trustees	Grants, fines, sales, dog licenses, bequests		\$7,500	\$7,500
Conservation	Commissioners	Local Wetland Protection Permit Fees	Education, outreach, and maintenance of property	\$1,000	\$1,000
Total Spending				\$44,500	

Unanimously accepted.

Article 8: A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to approve the existing Amherst-Pelham Regional School District Agreement for allocating the total amount to be contributed by each member town of the District for Fiscal Year 2010 as required by Section VI of the Regional Agreement.

Unanimously accepted.

Article 9: A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer \$1708.65 from the Highway Dump Truck account and to transfer \$8000 from the Highway Used Trailer account to a new Highway Power Broom account.

Unanimously accepted.

Article 10: A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer \$110,000 from the Wyola Dam Repair Project to the Stabilization account.

Unanimously accepted.

Article 11: A motion was made and seconded that the Town adopt MGL 82A, Section 2 sanctioning the Highway Superintendent as the Town's agent to sign permits for the purpose of creating a trench.

Unanimously accepted.

Article 12: A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to adopt a Farm and Forest Commission Bylaw.

Unanimously accepted.

Article 13: . On the advice of Town Accountant Gail Weiss, a motion was made and seconded to pass over Article 13 to appropriate the sum of \$16,640 from Septic Betterments to the General Fund to pay the FY10 WPAT Septic Repair Debt because it is also addressed in Article 14 and would be double-voted id it is voted here also.

Unanimously accepted.

Article 14: A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to fund operating expenses of \$5,414,025 by raising the sum of \$5,397,385 and transferring \$16,640 from the Septic Betterment Fund, and appropriating said sums to meet town expenses including operations, salaries, school, and capital expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 as detailed on the following pages. A motion was made and seconded to amend line 92 upward to \$1,641,915.

Amendment failed: Yes: 25 No: 30.

Main motion unanimously accepted.

The May 2, 2009 Annual Town Meeting **dissolved at 11:37 AM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Town Seal

Leslie Bracebridge
Shutesbury Town Clerk

A true copy. Attest: _____