

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Town of Shutesbury

Special Town Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2017

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Shutesbury qualified to vote in elections and town affairs held in the Shutesbury Elementary School at 23 West Pelham Road on March 28, 2017 in the presence of a quorum, the following business was conducted. Moderator Penelope Kim opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. She introduced the public officials, identified the exits, non-voter seating, and describe the order of proceedings.

The motion for Article 1 was read by Mike Vinskey, Chair of the Select Board.

Article 1: A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to set the number of municipal light board members at five citizens of the town, pursuant to the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws c. 164 sec. 55. Of the five-member elected board, initially one shall be chosen for one year, two for two years, and two for three years, and thereafter the terms shall be for three years. The municipal light board shall have the authority to construct, purchase or lease the municipal light plant in accordance with the vote of the town and to maintain and operate the same.

Gayle Huntress, Co-Chair of the Shutesbury Broadband Committee, gave a 50-minute presentation and answered questions concerning the current progress and timeline for getting broadband service in our town.

The Select Board then made a motion that was seconded that the town amend Article 1 by adding:

“And further authorize the Selectboard to appoint said five members until the next annual election and seek special legislation to validate said appointments.”

The amendment passed by voice vote with one No vote and no abstentions.

The amended Article 1 was then passed by paper ballot: 114 Yes, 1 No

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to dissolve the meeting at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Mosher

Shutesbury Town Clerk