

**Shaftsbury Selectboard Minutes
Special Meeting and Budget Workshop
January 26, 2010
COLE HALL
SHAFTSBURY, VERMONT**

Board Present: Lon McClintock, Bill Pennebaker, Karen Mellinger, Craig Bruder;
Board members absent: Cinda Morse; **Others Present:** Staff: Margy Becker,
Town Administrator.

1. Call to order:

Chairman McClintock called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

2. Announcements:

There were none.

3. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

4. Town Meeting Warning Preparation

The Board met to discuss whether to add to the warning for Town Meeting an article submitted by Jim Therrien of the Bennington Banner concerning excessive use of executive sessions by municipal boards. Craig Bruder said he had not heard that this was a local problem. Bill Pennebaker noted the problem exists across the state. He stated support for placing the article on the warning. Lon McClintock suggested that placing the article on the warning would indicate to the voters a willingness to hear how officials are doing their jobs. Karen Mellinger stated support for placing the article on the warning, noting that perhaps the Board will hear something unexpected from the voters. Lon McClintock stated support for placing the article on the warning.

**Bill Pennebaker made the motion to revised the warning as discussed.
Karen Mellinger seconded. The motion carried 4-0.**

5. Adjournment:

**Craig Bruder made the motion to adjourn at 6:45PM. The motion was
seconded by Bill Pennebaker and carried unanimously.**

Submitted by,
Margy Becker