**Shutesbury Water Resources Committee**

**Minutes from March 14, 2016**

**Members Present:**

Paul Lyons, Acting Chair

Mark Rivers (recording)

Al Werner

April Stein

Tim Cook

Meeting opened at 7:09 pm

1. Minutes from the October 19, 2015 and December, 14, 2015 meetings were approved as written.
2. Member update

* Paul volunteered to continue serving as Acting Chair through the May meeting. To date, we do not have a volunteer to replace him.
* Mike Ross has offered his resignation due to conflicts with the Monday evening meeting schedule. Paul will contact him to discuss the option of moving the meeting to another night.

1. Monitoring well project update

* Steve Mabee (State Geologist) expressed interest in outfitting the town hall monitoring well with a USGS depth monitor and weather station. Al forwarded the request to Becky who has contacted Steve requesting additional information.
* On Saturday, March 19, 2016 committee members will be downloading the water depth data from the four monitoring wells that has been collected over the winter months.

1. O32 Well

* Town officials expressed interest in converting the O32 monitoring well into a drinking water supply. The committee discussed the pros and cons of losing the monitoring site verses repurposing it for public usage. 2015 quality tests revealed higher levels of iron and turbidity but that could be related to the static nature of a monitoring well. Confidentially requirements prevented discussions of the eventual well usage so additional discussions are postponed until more details are available.

1. WRC website update.

* Paul and Al will meet with Jamie Brown, (member of Shutesbury Web Committee) who has volunteered to implement a redesign of the existing WRC site. Additional functionality that is proposed includes links to:
  + Monitoring well test data (tabular and graphical) and well drilling records
  + Town center USGS well and weather data
  + Overview of Shutesbury water resources
  + Lake Wyola surface water data
  + Road salt conductivity study

Additional features will be reviewed at the April meeting.

1. AT&T long lines

An abandoned, direct-buried, lead-shielded communication cable runs through Shutesbury. The committee is performing research to determine if other communities have taken action to evaluate the long-term effects and remediation options for these abandoned cables

1. Next Meeting – April 11, 2015

Potential topics:

* + - Committee Chairman
    - Meeting schedule discussion (continued)
    - Well Project Update

ADJOURNED 9:05 pm