**Shutesbury Water Resources Committee**

**Minutes of May 19, 2014 Meeting**

Members Present:

Paul Lyons (Acting Chair)

April Stein

Al Werner

Mark Rivers (recorder)

Bob Thompson (Guest)

1. Minutes of the April 24, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved by unanimous vote.
2. Bill Elliott Memorial Gathering – April has volunteered to comment on Bill role on the WRC.
3. Updates from members:
4. Meeting with the Planning Board - Al and Paul met with the Planning Board to solicit feedback on the installation of the town’s monitoring wells. The board is particularly interested in the Town Center area, and would like one well to be located at site O-32; the potential site for a town library or other buildings.
5. Committee Member Terms – April met with Leslie Bracebridge to obtaining a better understanding of the rules for committee member term limits. A summary will be provided at the next meeting.
6. Wastewater as part of WRC Charge? April will discuss with the Select Board to determine if wastewater falls under the purview of the Water Resources Committee. Several committee members recalled that wastewater was within our original scope.
7. As nitrate contamination is a potential threat to private wells, the committee should advocate for periodic well testing. While we have no immediate plans to develop a private well testing program, options discussed included: 1) Town funding for voluntary periodic testing similar to the town’s trash bag program and 2) Organizing a privately funded, voluntary program.
8. Road Salt Usage update – Paul circulated a brochure from the Baystate Roads Program, which described a workshop they offer on the use of alternatives to road salt for winter road maintenance. It is hoped that interested town staff and residents may be able to attend.

1. Monitoring Wells – Funding of $30,000 was approved at the Town Meeting. The Committee’s immediate goals are to establish the well locations and assist in the preparation of the well drilling RFQ. Four locations are being considered including:
   * Town Hall – in the field behind the town hall
   * Lot O-32 - the potential location of a future library
   * North end of the town ridge - in the general vicinity of the Athletic Club
   * South end of the town ridge - in the general vicinity of the Shutesbury /Pelham town line, on Pelham Hill Road.

Pending financial constraints, we are hoping to drill two wells at each site; one that is bedrock depth and an adjacent shallow well.

1. Future Meetings – The next meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2014.
2. Agenda items –
   * Update on member terms
   * Planning for well drilling