

## **TA Report 8.27.10**

### **SOLAR CELEBRATION, SEPT. 4, 11am, BEHIND TOWN HALL!**

**FIRE STATION GASOLINE CLEANUP** We have turned a corner on this project. The air at the top of the hill smells much fresher now and there is cleaner feeling under foot when you walk down Leverett Rd. or around the fire station. The ground beneath is now relieved of 3034 tons of contaminated soil. We are very grateful to DEP for authorizing the doubling of the disposal contract from 1500 tons to 3000 tons. We were able to complete the excavation from the road to the southern edge of the parking lot. On the last day of digging, Thursday, 8/19, we dug only clean soil, with no readings over 100 on the PID (photo ionization detector). At one of the worst spots the alarm went off on the PID. We got a reading of over 1800. The soil was truly hot, worthy of removal and disposal. Some compared the site to Hades, because of the smell, the hot soil, and the occasional splash of flames.



We cheered success on the last day. We dug to clean soil in many cells. It was never a situation where we could get to 0 contamination. The experts say we may well have achieved 90% removal. The situation is greatly improved but there is more to do. We will be testing the area that was grassy before the plastic and piles were spread on them. And then we will replant grass seed there. The hay bales will stay at the parameter. We hope to pave the road early next week.

Eva Tor, Deputy Regional Director of the Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup, was out on the last day to view the work. She asked about next steps and Jim Okun showed her the fire station rescue bay and shared some ideas of how we can attack the contaminated soil that lays 5 to 12 feet beneath it. We will meet with DEP again in the coming weeks.

I want to give special thanks to all those involved. The work disrupted schedules, starting at 6am, went a full week beyond the original time line and became a dominant activity for those involved. Thanks to DEP officials, Tony Kurpaska, and Ben Fish, who were pulled out of their Springfield office, to Shutesbury to assist and advise. Between them they were there every day of the project and pitched in a helping hand on some messy tasks as well, thank you. Clark Excavating was gracious to lend us their excavator, but then due to vacation schedules, they also lent us 2 top operators, Dennis Clark and Tom Beckwith. Kevin Carey, delivered load after load of beautiful Shutesbury fill. Thank you Bill Clark, for accommodating the Shutesbury project at the height of your busy season, we truly appreciate it. OTO had planned on spending some time here but instead we needed them here every minute while we were digging. They scrambled and covered, thanks to Val Tillinghast, Joel Harris and Jim Okun.

Our highway crew was asked to do everything! And when they ran short on man power our Fire Chief Walter Tibbetts and Selectman Al Springer, jumped in and did whatever needed done. I feel very fortunate to work in community that knows how to pull together. It took significant planning to make this happen. Tim Hunting, our highway superintendent, arranged for equipment and materials to be on hand, coordinated truckloads of fill and gravel with help from Bill Clark and his staff. The first on site each morning, Bob Spaulding, loaded most of the 3000 tons of contaminated soil into the 30 ton dumpster trucks that rumbled up and over the hill, in and out, unfortunately waking some from vacation sleep. John Field, ran back and forth bringing in truckloads of clean fill and gravel. All 3000 tons that was shipped out had to be brought in as well.



Thank you Tim, Bob and John for all your work and attention to detail. And thanks to our police department for covering details while we were in the road.

**POLE MOUNTED SOLAR PANELS BEHIND TOWN HALL!** The 4 panels are up and making electricity. The SREC market is taking shape. The town may benefit financially.

**SOLAR REPORT 1915.4 kWh produced in 814 Hrs (of day light), 8/27/10 at 7:14 pm**  
(go-live date was 6/28/10 at 4pm).

**SHUTESBURY FARMERS MARKET, Saturday, 8:30am – noon**

- **Trash Bag Distribution. Reusable Grocery Bags on Sale- \$3**
- We will be there with organic olive oil, onions, kale, garlic, berries, tomatoes, potatoes, vegetables, and herbal tea from Birch Moon Farm! - Sarah and Keith
- Live sprouts: Adzuki bean, mung bean, red lentil, green lentil, french green lentil, fenugreek, broccoli, clover. Sprouting Kits – Kiran
- Vegetables, flowers, eggs, hopefully raspberries & pears - Kathy
- Turnips, kale, leaf lettuce, tomatoes, cilantro, corn – Lauren/Nancy
- Shitake mushrooms, flowers! – Deacon and Susan
- Wooden and painted wooden baskets –unique sizes for pies, 8 quarts of berries, casseroles - Rus
- Earth and Botanical Landscape Photography – Miali
- The 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee is selling “Always Cooler in Shutesbury” ice tea pint glasses
- Nature prints - Leanore Alvaniz

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