

TA Report 10.29.10

COYOTE TALK

On Wednesday, November 3, downstairs at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Ralph Taylor will present information about coyotes and hold a community discussion. In light of increased coyote activity this year this is an opportunity to gain a better understanding of forest animal behavior. Ralph is a long time town resident but also is a wildlife expert at Mass Fish and Wildlife. Ralph rescues bears from suburban neighborhoods and assists with animal encounters in human habitats. This is good opportunity to ask questions, get serious answers, and learn ways to protect your pets.

JACK-O-LANTERNS took over Town Hall!

Friday was curriculum day at the school. The building committee took advantage and put in the last 4 windows at the school. The library took advantage by hosting a marvelous all age pumpkin-carving event! All 49 pumpkins are now lined up on the edge of the Commons, where you can admire them. On Halloween night they will be lit with glo-sticks creating a bright path for all the princesses, devils and creatures that will run through the night up and down the Leverett Rd. Halloween Alley.



SPECIAL TOWN MEETING October 26, 2010

The meeting lasted over two and half hours. There was good discussion, issues were raised, and articles were voted and passed. The town spent \$120,330.13. \$70,000 on the gasoline clean up at the fire station, \$32,000 on the school SPED program, \$700 on ambulance service, \$7491.13 on retirement and moved \$139 back to the War Memorial line.

SHUTESBURY adopted the Stretch code at the Special Town Meeting. Adoption of the Stretch building code is the fifth criteria for the town to be classified as a “Green Community” and become eligible for a new pot of alternative energy grant money. The STRETCH CODE will come into effect for Shutesbury July 1, 2011. If you have any questions please call the Building Inspector or for literature and reference materials, stop by my office.

MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT article passed. It is the first vote of 2 necessary articles

that the town must pass with a 2/3 majority for the town to create The Municipal Lighting Plant. This is a step towards bringing fiber optic to every home in town. The legislation, Chapter 164, used to create municipal lighting plants such as Holyoke Power and Electric was amended to include telecommunications. Shutesbury in concert with Wired West and 47 other communities hopes to become part of a Wired West Municipal Lighting Cooperative whose purpose is to run fiber optic cable the last mile and bring highest quality broadband available to everyone in Shutesbury and the other 46 communities. The Coop will go out for a bond and the business model is subscriber based. There will be upcoming informational session. The second vote will take place at Annual town meeting.

DAFFODILS TO CELEBRATE THE 250th Penny Jacques and Chris Warren are organizing a planting in front of town hall of 250 daffodils. It would be a nice thing if residents in town added daffodils to their own gardens for the town wide celebration. November is the time to plant for those who would like to spread the theme.

RECREATION COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR A NEW START -5 NEW MEMBERS!

People interested in Volleyball, biking, swimming, softball, hiking, & horseshoes.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR ONE NEW MEMBER

To tromp in the woods around wetlands, botanical identification, reporting

LIBRARY TRUSTEES ARE LOOKING FOR ONE NEW MEMBER

Champion New York Times crossword puzzle solver and tight space specialist

SOLAR REPORT 4169 kWh produced in 1461 Hrs (of SUN light), 10/22/10 at 4:21pm

October 30, 2010	eKW/1 DAY	CUM SUN HRS/1 DAY	CUM KW/h	CUM SUN HRS/
POLE # 1	1.8	2.9	859.5	1005
POLE # 4	2.2	2.9	815.3	1001
Start date 8/5 2 & 3				
start date 6/28	3.8	3.0	2650	1535
Today's Total at 10 am	7.80		4324.8	1535
Clear & ss ss stands for sunshine)	7.80kWh	Oct 14 was	62kWh	Sun makes all the difference
			Best day	

Becky Torres,

Shutesbury Town Administrator townadmin@shutesbury.org

413-259-1214

Start celebrating Shutesbury's 250th birthday early! Come join the **"People from the Past"** group for a family-friendly, festive fall night of pasta and the past! Benefit dinner on Friday, November 5, at the Shutesbury Athletic Club, 282 Wendell Rd, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Cost for pasta, salad and dessert: the usual \$5.00 per person, to help the "People from the Past" group raise funds for the costs of costume materials and other expenses for its events planned for 2011. **Come in costume-- from any era-- if you'd like.**