

TA Report 12.17.10

DCR FOREST FUTURES VISIONING PROCESS (FFVP) MEETING WAS HELD MONDAY

12/13 AT GCC “The agency’s efforts are guided by Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Ian Bowles’ endorsement of specific FFVP recommendations and articulation of a new direction for DCR forest policy

(http://www.mass.gov/dcr/news/publicmeetings/tsc_final_recommendations.htm). DCR has been working on the implementation of the core recommendations provided by the FFVP Technical Steering Committee.” I understand they may still be accepting comment for a limited time. If you would like to submit a comment or suggestion for consideration, please email to MODRDCRFFVP@umb.edu.

TOWN HALL Plans for redoing the ceilings at town hall upstairs hallway, Assessors /Collectors/Treasurers offices and the Town Clerk office and copy room are continuing. The target date for round one is January 6, 2011. I am arranging for many night meetings to be moved to the Shutesbury Elementary School conference room. Committee Chairmen please touch base with me regarding your schedule for the month. There will be limited availability in town hall. It will be necessary for some meetings to remain in town hall. We are using low-VOC paint but still want to be sure any one entering the building is aware of its condition.

THE SELECTBOARD IS PLANNING 250TH BALL FOR 9/10/11! Put it on your calendar and get ready to dance! The date has just been approved. The first event is a kickoff bonfire at the Fire Station, with music, and refreshments. Representative Steve Kulick will join us on **Saturday, January 8, 4-6pm**. Many events are planned. Look for details in your next mailing. “Shutesbury, Always Cooler,” glassware, hats and t-shirts are available at town hall. A great deal of work has gone into planning and organizing. Thanks to the 250th Anniversary Committee.

EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE next meeting is **Monday, December 20, at 5 to 7pm**, at the Shutesbury Elementary School with Amherst Regional Superintendent Maria Gyrek.

NEW SHUTESBURY LIBRARY FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE voted on Monday to hire a fundraising consultant, Financial Development Agency, FDA, for \$7000. The costs for the consultant are being shared between the Friends of the Library and Trustees of the Library.

FIRE STATION CLEAN UP We have received more estimated numbers for the remediation underneath the rescue bay. This set calls for \$65,000 for installation of SVE, soil vapor extraction system that pulls the vapors from the ground and incinerates them. The waste is deposited in containers and removed. The estimate for one year of maintenance is \$35,000. These are all guest-i-mates. We need to commit to the project and set it up putting in a pilot system. Adjustments will be made as they determine the actual quantities of contamination and flow through the system. The Fire Chief, Selectboard, Building Committee and Finance Committee are evaluating at all possible options.

LFNAC members are entering edits made by their Editor/Proofreader, Jen Davies. Draft 10 will be handed off to 3 highly qualified volunteers who will be reading the grant for content and will make recommendation. This Committee is razor sharp and continues with one goal in mind, obtaining \$1.9 million in grant funds from the state, MBLC, to make this project a possible for Shutesbury. The application will be submitted in January 2011.

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