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**SHUTESBURY SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011
DEBT EXCLUDED OVERRIDE VOTE**

To Vote if the Town of Shutesbury shall be allowed to exempt from prop 2 ½ the amounts required for the bond issued in order to design, construct, originally furnish and equip the new Shutesbury library

**250th SHUTESBURY Always cooler
R.J. Greene, Quabbin Historian, will speak Nov. 9, 7pm at Town Hall**

SENIOR POT LUCK LUNCH is being held first Tuesday of the month at town hall. Next one is **November 1**, at noon, downstairs. Call Marilyn Tibbetts, at 259-1976, by Sunday to let her know you are coming and what you are bringing. I suggest a salad, main dish, or a dessert, a favorite recipe you want to share.

FIRE STATION UPDATE The Selectboard, Fire Chief and Town Administrator met with their OTO consultant and Springfield DEP on Monday morning. The purpose of the meeting was to evaluate if the SVE technique as an effective tool. There was active brainstorming by specialists that helped us develop a ranking of the suggested remediation strategies. The SVE soil venting extraction that we ran as a pilot test declines in effectiveness under wet conditions. That method dropped to the bottom of our list. Our goal is to remove an additional 300 gallons of gas that possibly still remains under the firehouse. We discussed an injection method that our consultant is evaluating for safety and effectiveness for our particular project. The injection method is not restricted by the water table, a positive. But until we learn more about the safety concerns, required applications and cost it we don't know how to evaluate it.

WIRED WEST UPDATE The Wired West Cooperative Board met in Monterey, MA, October 15, 2011. The top priority at this point is the pole count and reconciliation with GIS data. Jim Drawe, WiredWest finance committee chairman, is spear heading the project. If you have expertise with GIS mapping and would like to assist with the project please let me know and I will get you contact information. Sub committees reported on Outreach, Technology, Governance, Marketing, Finance and Fundraising. If you know of people who would like to make donations please I can forward the information to the fundraising committee.

MBI UPDATE MBI, Massachusetts Broadband Institute is knocking at the door. G4S, a contractor, who will be running fiber optic cable into Shutesbury, stopped by my office today to get contact information for requesting details and trench permitting information if needed. He estimated that they would begin running wire in Shutesbury by springtime.

**SHUTESBURY SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2011 Results: attached**

Many people worked to arrange the school for an extremely large crowd. Thanks to school personnel for all the assistance in setting up and breaking down this meeting. Thanks to our Town Clerk and election crew, town counsel, and all the volunteers. The school library was rearranged for an overflow crowd when seating ran out in the gym. The Athletic Club provides 120 additional chairs. People were able to see and listen to the presentations and question and comment periods from afar before all participants lined up for the first paper ballot vote in the gym. Over 400 registered voters placed ballots in the ballot box. The crowds dwindled as the next 3 articles were brought forward, and passed. It was a long night for

everyone. Thanks to all for making this a respectful event where diverse opinions were shared.



Volunteers Needed:

On the Personnel Board and Conservation Commission

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