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250 SHUTESBURY Always cooler

SHUTESBURY 250th MOONLIGHT BALL on the BEACH, 7pm to Midnight, September 10, 2011. Mark your calendars!

TRASH BAGS available at the Shutesbury market behind town hall, Saturday 8:30-noon only.

New Library Hours: M & W 11-1 & 3-7:30, T & Th 3-7:30, Sat. 10-1 and Sunday 3-6pm.

SOIL VAPOR EXTRACTION PILOT TEST BEGINS AT THE FIRE STATION TODAY. The water table has dropped 3 feet since installation of the test equipment back in April. Last week John Henry from O'Reilly Talbot and Okun came out to check water levels and verified that contaminated soils are now exposed. A quick test of their system drew that familiar stench of gasoline from. Today all the monitors are getting hooked up to the test wells and data collection will begin. There are two 1000 pound carbon filter filled barrels that will collect the contamination from the vapors. This test phase will be analyzed to determine if this method is worth pursuing and help us understand the magnitude of the problem under the building.

John Henry will be figuring the "radius of influence" using .1" vacuum or greater as an indicator of sufficient draw. The wells that are in might be sufficient or they may need to input other wells at different locations and or at a smaller radius to the main well they are pulling off of in the Rescue Bay. Matting was used to close off a vent, increase the vacuum near the main test well in the rescue bay. A practice dummy oversees the test area.



REP. KULIK AND SEN. ROSENBERG VISIT SHUTESBURY FOR A 5 TOWN MEETING last Friday. The twenty one folks that gathered included our Union 28 Superintendent, Town Counsel, Selectboard and School Committee members, Treasurers, Town Administrators, and Sen. Rosenberg's staff member, Mark Dailey, who organized the event. The subject of discussion was how the three towns, Shutesbury, Leverett and Erving, and New Salem/Wendell school district could enact an agreement that they have reached regarding the apportionment of costs for healthcare benefits for the Union 28 Administrative staff. The Mass General Law authorizing health insurance, chapter 32B, treats union superintendency unions differently then it treats regional school districts. Union superintendency unions are not a body politic. A regional school district can make its own determination. In a union the "lead town" principle applies. That means whichever community has the largest school population sets the rate of health insurance paid by all the communities. Currently that is Erving. What the governing units want to achieve is payment of Union 28 employees of the same rates that each town pays all their other employees. A local option needs to be added to the chapter 32B legislation regarding "lead town" for this to be allowed. Draft language was

written at the meeting that Sen. Rosenberg and Rep. Kulik are taking back to their respective House and Senate counsels for review. They will then bring the local option to committee and try to get it legislated for us. Until the legislation is achieved, Shutesbury will continue to follow 32B requirements for paying at the lead town rates. Great appreciation goes out to our legislators for pursuing a solution to this problem that has existed for many years.

ENERGY PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC I just want to clarify that the Green Community funds available to Shutesbury are for town building projects. There are some zero percent loan programs and grants available to residents through a program called **Mass Save**. Also, DOER now has rebate money, \$150, available on a first come first served basis for new energy efficient refrigerators. www.MassEnergyRebates.com, You can find information about these programs at www.MassSave.com and [HEAT Loan Program](#).

SHUTESBURY MARKET SATURDAY!

THE LIBRARY WILL BE THERE WITH BOOKS AND BAKED GOODS TO BENEFIT THE NEW BUILDING.

250th COMMITTEE WITH MEMORABILIA



PHOTO OF FARMER PEACHES BEAR COURTESY OF BOB GROVES ON PELHAM HILL RD.

Farm fresh vegetables and organic eggs. Fine woodwork, bonnets, clothes pin bags, photos, baskets, jewelry, maple syrup, berries, kale and more- See you there, Becky

TOWN COMMITTEE AND BOARD OPENINGS:

- Lots of room on the Recreation Committee
- 1 on Personnel Board
- 1 on Conservation Commission. Barry Field was appointed Tuesday to the Conservation Commission. Thank you Barry!
- Lots of room on New Shutesbury Library Fundraising Sub Committees!

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