

TA Report 12-31-09 (Please Note attachments are available at town hall or you can call or email me and I will mail you any attachment you would like)

SPECIAL SELECTBOARD ELECTION, MARCH 3, 2010, NOON TO 6PM. A Special Election will be held for the position of Selectman in Shutesbury. Nomination papers are available in the Town Clerk's office. If you have any questions please call the Town Clerk at 259-1204.

FLU CLINIC 1/9 /10 Saturday FLU CLINIC 10-2:00pm H1N1 mist and inoculations will be available at the Shutesbury Elementary School, open to the public.

CHARTER SCHOOL HEARING CLOSES 1/4/10 A new charter school, The Discovery Charter School of Sustainability, is proposed for our neighborhood: Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill-Montague, Greenfield, Hawlemont, Leveret, Mohawk, Orange, Pioneer Valley, Rowe, Shutesbury, Sunderland, and Whately. Charter schools are funded, by taking state education aid from a student's hometown and giving it to the charter school the student enrolls in. When the school is at full enrollment of 264 students local education aid payments of \$3,120,000 will be deducted annually from these communities. To share your thoughts or concerns about charter schools and or charter school funding, DOE is accepting email responses until 1/4/10, Monday. Their email address is charterschools@doe.mass.edu.

COMMONWEALTH SOLAR REBATES II New proposed program was announced December 29, 2009 by Carter Wall the Executive Director of the Renewable Energy Trust. The rebates are similar to the lower level of funding in October 2009, but with one key change for our community. The proposal does not have a "Public Building/Addition to Base." It had been \$1.00, dropped to \$.75 and now is omitted. As this program is currently "proposed," hopefully not final, please send letters to Renewable Energy Trust encouraging them to include a "public building" adder to their rebate. This will make a significant difference to our community and many others. The program will be limited to \$1 million per quarter. It is open to residential projects as well.

Commonwealth Solar II Rebate Matrix (\$/watt dc)	
All Residential PV Projects, and Commercial PV Projects with a Nameplate Capacity of ≤ 5 kW	
Incremental Capacity	1 to 5 kW
Base Incentive	\$1.00
PLUS: Additions to Base	
MA Company Components	\$0.10
Moderate Home Value OR Moderate Household Income	\$1.00

FIRE STATION GASOLINE LEAK DEP Springfield called to let us know that stimulus funds will be used to fund the LUST program for the Shutesbury Fire Station gasoline spill project. They are scheduling a meeting in Worcester in the next couple of weeks. We will have a

chance to ask questions about process and how they will approach the work. LSP Alan Weiss is working on the immediate response action, IRA, monitoring the current outbreak into the wetland. Booms and pads continue to absorb the gasoline. Cold weather has limited the flow.

ENJOY THE WEEKEND! STAY WARM!

Becky Torres, Town Administrator, please call or email if you have questions.