

TA Report 4.9.10

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING IS MAY 1, 2010 starting at 9:00AM

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING IS MAY 1, 2010 starting at 8:00AM

FREE MOVIE EVENT “In Transition” A short film showing how citizens can organize themselves and cooperatively begin the transition from fossil-fuel dependence, climate change and economic instability to community resilience. **April 19, Monday – Shutesbury Town Hall Downstairs - 7-9 pm. Group discussion following the movie**

FIRE STATION GASOLINE LEAK – On Thursday April 8, 2010 two DEP officials, our Licensed Site Professional spent the day testing theories and tracking the trail of our old leaky gasoline tank. Our Fire Chief, Selectman, and Town Administrator spent the day assisting where they could, taking photos, moving vehicles, sharing knowledge and history, and answering questions. Our Highway Superintendent manned the backhoe digging 5 trenches, the longest at about 65’. The first trench was along the southern edge of the parking lot. It was presumed we would intersect a north south plume of contaminated soil. The hole was clean and then bingo! We cut right through the old waterline. Water blasted from the line. It was quickly turned off. The hometown crew scrambled with parts assistance from a finance committee member. In no time the problem was solved.

The second trench along the west parking area had high readings of gasoline at lower and lower depths. The smell of gas was strong, emitting from battle ship gray soil. Our Licensed Site Professional took sample after sample all day long, recording the position, depth and reading of each sample. He used an instrument called a PID, a photo ionization detector, used in field screening soils on sites contaminated with petroleum hydrocarbons. The PID detects vapors in the soil. Dozens of these tests were performed. Three more trenches were dug between the building and the western trench. High readings appeared near the building. The good news is the air quality, and soil gas tests in the fire station have tested at levels of no concern.

All through the day new observations lead to more questions. Early assumptions were proven wrong and I heard from DEP officials with extensive “brownfields” experience that what they saw did not lead to simple conclusions. They will review the data and meet with our LSP to piece this puzzle together and come up with the best solution.

At the southern edge of the parking lot we hit ledge at about 7 feet, massive slabs of



granite. Here are some photos of the day's work.



LIBRARY FACILITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE (LFNAC)

PRESENTATION was very informative. The Committee will bring a warrant article to town meeting to approve the project and grant application. The architects presented their history of the project. The committee worked through many floor plans and concepts to arrive at the design they are bringing to town meeting. On **April 26, at 7:00pm at town hall LFNAC** and their architects will have an informational meeting for the public.

SHUTESBURY/FARMERS MARKET will begin May 22, 2010. The hours are, **Saturdays, 8:30am until noon.** If you would like to participate in the market as a craft person or farmer/grower, please contact market manager, Becky Torres, 259-1214. The market welcomes musicians and entertainers who would like to get public exposure, without compensation. Please let me if you are interested. **EGGS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MARKET THIS SEASON!!**

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