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

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING IS MAY 1, 2010 starting at 8:30AM

LIBRARY FACILITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE (LFNAC) COMMUNITY FORUM On April 26, at 7:00pm at Shutesbury Elementary School. LFNAC, their architects and their OPM (Owner's Project Manager) will have an informational meeting for the public. Please come and see all the details about the project, floor plans, renderings, and ask your questions. At Town Meeting the Library will be requesting authorization to apply for a state construction grant to help pay for this building.

SOLAR PANELS- Our 5 kilowatt pole mounted system has now turned to a 10 kilowatt pole mounted system behind town hall. The pre-construction meeting is Wednesday, April 27. The second installer to win the second bid is Fall River Electrical. They will work with Waterline Industries to put in our 4 pole mounted PV system. It will be located behind the town hall about 8 feet off the parking area. They will span between 48' and 60' across east to west. The solar gain is estimated to supply 38% of the town hall's electrical needs.

FIRE STATION GASOLINE LEAK – Last Friday, April 16, we met with our LSP (licensed site professional) and DEP (MA Dept. of Environmental Protection) in Springfield. Maps were distributed. Each of the 5 trenches dug 4/8/10 were discussed in detail. Their geology, composition, level of contamination, relationship to road, wetland, and fire station all were explored. The levels of contamination, the fresh smell, the various depths and the wide spread sandy pockets continue to baffle and deflect a clear explanation. The meeting took a twist with a request by DEP that Shutesbury pursue legal counsel to get permission to take test samples in Leverett Rd. The contract with Mass Highway says we cannot dig for 5 years after construction. DEP is making this request as an emergency request to get a better understanding of the extent of the gas spill. They don't want us to dig 1100 tons of soil only for the contamination to seep back in from the road and have to repeat the clean up. I spoke with Mass Highway earlier this week and explained the situation. They have granted permission.

DEP is working on the scope of work to go out to bid. Our firm, OTO is working on setting up soil boring tests. The funds available from the federal government through the LUST (leaking underground storage tank) program have increased to \$130,000. The testing, digging and possible filtrations systems can be done for that I was told.

If feel like, after months of testing, retesting, meeting and meeting again the rubber is finally hitting the road. We will clean up this mess in the most responsible and cost effective way possible. The whole situation is a bit unnerving. The best explanation of our predicament was given by our LSP, Jim Okun, "Knowledge is what you find when you don't get the answers you wanted." The good news is there is a sense of containment of the gas spill. We are closing in on the area of concern. The group's conclusion Friday, 4/16, turned to action with Eva Tor's instructions to her department, "Go Dig." So folks, that is where we are for now. See you at Town Meeting.

2010 Census Participation Rate Hits 72% - Equals 2000 Census Mark April 21, 2010 If you haven't sent in your form please do so today.

SHUTESBURY/FARMERS MARKET will begin May 22, 2010. The hours are, Saturdays, 8:30am until noon.

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