

TA Report 10.15.10

COYOTE ALERT

There were 2 reports this week that are very worrisome on Pelham Hill Road. The first of a small dog that was snatched from its backyard while the owner was with it. The owner managed to free the dog but the dog was in poor condition and had to be taken to an emergency vet with multiple deep bites. The second incident was a jogger that found refuge from a driver in a passing vehicle when a large coyote held its ground on the road, intimidating the jogger. The change of season heightens the stakes between people and wild animals in our woods. I am arranging for a biologist to give a community talk about the creatures that we share the town with. Look for a date and time coming up. Please be protective of small children and do not let them wander off.

RON BERGER SPEAKING at the Education Study Committee meeting 10/19/10, 7pm, in the elementary school library. A jointly appointed committee by the School Committee and the Select Board, the Study Committee is charged with investigating the current and future educational goals for the town, and recommending a plan to best achieve those goals with sustainable financing and governance of education for our school age children.

As part of this process, the Committee has invited Ron Berger, former Shutesbury Elementary School teacher, nationally recognized educational leader in expeditionary learning, and author of [An Ethic of Excellence](#), to share his thoughts about education at the meeting on the 19th. Members of the Shutesbury community are invited to attend the meeting and participate in the discussion.

SHUTESBURY FARMERS MARKET

Behind Town Hall

Saturday, 8:30am- noon

- Potatoes, garlic, kale, syrup, Swiss chard, pumpkins, winter squash, romaine lettuce- Pat & Gary
- We will be there with organic olive oil, onions, kale, garlic, tomatoes, potatoes, vegetables, and herbal tea from Birch Moon Farm! - Sarah and Keith
- Wooden and painted wooden baskets –unique sizes for pies, 8 quarts of berries size, or casserole size - Rus
- The 250th Celebration Committee is selling “Always Cooler in Shutesbury” ice tea pint glasses, black “Always Cooler” T-Shirts (photo above) and hats.

STRETCH CODE FORUM October 20, 2010 at 7:30pm at the Town Hall The Stretch Code is included on the Special Town Meeting warrant for October 26 at 7pm. Adoption of the Stretch building code is the fifth criteria for the town to be classified as a “Green Community” and become eligible for a new pot of alternative energy grant money. This Stretch building code has many similarities to the new 2009 Building code that came into effect 7/1/10. “The purpose of 780 CMR 120.11 is to provide a more energy efficient alternative to the base energy code for new and existing buildings. A municipality seeking to ensure that construction within its boundaries is designed and built above the energy efficiency requirements of 780 CMR may mandate adherence to this appendix,” from DOER Stretch Code Adoption process.

As of September 21, 2010, 47 Mass. Communities have adopted the Stretch code. The Stretch Code is a performance-based approach compared to a prescriptive based approach. Blow door test will be used to achieve a HERS (house energy rating system) score of 65 for a house greater than 3000 square feet and 70 for a house less than 3000 square feet. A 65 HERS rating means that the home will achieve 35% greater energy efficiency than a home built to the 2006 Building Code standards. Please come to the forum and learn more about

this. A helpful website is:

http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=eoeaterminal&L=4&L0=Home&L1=Energy%2C+Utilities+%26+Clean+Technologies&L2=Energy+Efficiency&L3=Policies+and+Regulations+for+Energy+Efficiency&sid=Eoeea&b=terminalcontent&f=doer_Energy_Efficiency_Building_energy_Codes&csid=Eoeea Or go to the Mass.gov DOER website and search for STRETCH CODE. Please call with questions.

Questions raised about adoption or the Stretch Code are what will it add to construction costs, what will it save in energy costs over time, how much does it cost to hire a HERS rater? Are there any available? I have attached a Q & A sheet to address some questions. Please come to the meeting to discuss this new initiative.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING October 26, 2010 at 7pm in Town Hall The Special Town Meeting Warrant Article should be in your mailbox Saturday morning. Review the 9 Article warrant and gather your questions. Feel free to call me ahead of the meeting.

RECREATION COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR A NEW START-5 NEW MEMBERS!

People interested in Volley ball, biking, swimming, softball, hiking, & horseshoes.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR ONE NEW MEMBER

To tromp in the woods around wetlands, botanical identification, reporting

LIBRARY TRUSTEES ARE LOOKING FOR ONE NEW MEMBER

Champion New York Times crossword puzzle solver and tight space specialist

SOLAR REPORT 3920 kWh produced in 1386 Hrs (of SUN light), 10/15/10 at 4:00pm

October 15, 2010	eKW/1 DAY	CUM SUN HRS/1 DAY	CUM KW/h	CUM SUN HRS/
POLE # 1	1.6	7.6	761	860
POLE # 4	1.5	7.6	715.3	857
Start date 8/5				
2 & 3				
start date 6/28	3.5	8.2	2443.7	1386
total	=6.6		3920	1386

TODAY is rain 6.6 Oct 14 ss 62kWh Sun makes all the difference

(ss stands for sunshine)

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