

TA Report 12.10.10

DCR FOREST FUTURES VISIONING PROCESS (FFVP) “The agency’s efforts are guided by Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Ian Bowles’ endorsement of specific FFVP recommendations and articulation of a new direction for DCR forest policy (http://www.mass.gov/dcr/news/publicmeetings/tsc_final_recommendations.htm) . DCR has been working on the implementation of the core recommendations provided by the FFVP Technical Steering Committee.” DCR has added a public workshop in Franklin County. It will be held Monday December 13, 2010, at 6:30pm-8:30pm at 270 Main St., Greenfield, downtown campus of GCC. Please read through the policy and come and give your input.

TOWN HALL I am working on plans to paint parts of the upstairs town hall in January. Furniture will have to be moved to the ground floor and stored there for about a week. There will be limited meeting space during the month. I will work with the school to move some meetings there. Committee chairs please touch base with me about your meeting schedule especially if it is out of the regular schedule. Thanks so much.

250th Anniversary is around the corner! The first event is a kickoff bonfire at the Fire Station, with music, and refreshments. Representative Steve Kulick will join us on **Saturday, January 8, 4-6pm**. The Selectboard is planning a 250th Ball! Many events are planned. Look for details in your next mailing. “Shutesbury, Always Cooler,” glassware, hats and t-shirts are available at town hall. A great deal of work has gone into planning and organizing. Thanks to the 250th Anniversary Committee.

EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE has its next meeting December 20, at 7pm. Leverett has created its own study committee, The Leverett Education Study Group, which is jointly appointed by the Leverett Select Board and the Leverett School Committee, as was Shutesbury’s. The charge is as follows:

Following the recommendation of the June 29th 2010 Report of the 4-town Regionalization Study Committee, the Leverett Education Study Committee is hereby formed to study the past, current and future educational experience of Leverett's K-12th grade students. This study is being conducted to develop a plan for preserving the excellence of educational opportunities in the face of increasing fiscal constraints, changing demographics, technological innovation, and possible external pressures for governance changes in the near future. With community input, the committee will develop a document that will be used to guide future decisions with respect to organizational configuration with a clear mechanism for ongoing reflection and evaluation.

NEW SHUTESBURY LIBRARY FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE is meeting on Monday, December 13. They will be interviewing fundraisers.

LFNAC is working on draft nine of the Shutesbury library MBLC application. This Committee has been meeting every other week and working everyday in between. I want to thank them for their careful and thorough work. The application needs to be submitted in January 2011.

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