

## **TA Report 2.12.11**

**TOWN HALL** Finally the lights went back in the hallway. Outlets were restored and added to the Town Clerks office and the light fixture was re-hung. The copier was rolled back into place in the copier room. The small bathroom light was reconnected. The Assessor's, Treasurer's and Town Collector's offices have reopened upstairs in their regular room. Thanks to the Seniors for use of their Lounge during this time. The Town Clerk is back in her own office but made herself readily available to the public throughout this period camped out just up the hall. The contents of the town clerk's office were boxed up and moved to and back from the Old Town Hall.

There has been a tremendous amount of work put into these moves. I want to express my deep appreciation to those most directly impacted, Leslie Bracebridge, Town Clerk, Joan Hanson, Asst. Town Clerk, Ken Holmberg, Administrative Assessor, Linda Grybko, Assessor's Secretary, Ellen McKay, Tax Collector, and Gabe Voelker, Treasurer. They all have spent an extraordinary amount of time moving mountains of documents, equipment and furniture, out and back into their respective areas. All the while they have kept their doors open for business taking care of resident issues, state requirements, and meeting deadlines. We are extremely fortunate to have this knowledgeable, hard working, committed staff working for all of us in Shutesbury. Again, thanks to all of you listed above for your patience and hard work.

The last large piece of furniture was moved back into place this Friday. For much of the heavy lifting I relied on volunteers. These folks all graciously came to our rescue moving boxes and furniture- 2 ton desks, file cabinets, chairs, bubbler, copiers, printers, tables, shelves, a very long bench (that has to be walked around outside), computers, and dividers. Sincere thanks go to Gene Puleo, Brent Allard, Lori Tuominen, Mark Tuominen, Rus Wilson, Art Torres, Mary Anne Antonellis, Virginia Worthington, Dale Houle, Walter Tibbetts, Ken Rotundi, Catherine Hilton, Ben Torres, Sam Torres, David Mosher, Henry Wilson, Tim Anaya, Al Springer, Sgt. Justin Wall, and Chief Tom Harding. This project could not have happened without your helping hands, arms and backs!

The Selectboard has suggested we have a Town Hall Open House, which we will do as soon as we finish cleaning up! Look for that date to be announced shortly.





**BEFORE, DURING AND MOVING BACK IN!**

**REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH RESULTS** We are overjoyed that Interim Superintendent may be our next Superintendent. We congratulate Maria Gyrek on her steady, respectful work, her strong interview and hope Maria Gyrek will accept the position in the coming days. Thanks to our Regional School representative, Kristen Luschen, who has put in countless hours during this process, and communicated to the Region the strong support Shutesbury has for Maria Gyrek. Also I want to thank Elaine Puleo who served on the search committee as a Shutesbury at large member.

**FIRE STATION CLEAN UP** The Selectboard, Finance Committee, Capital Planning and Fire and Police met to talk about the fire station clean up and the discuss pros and cons to replacing the building to allow for soil removal underneath it on Tuesday, February 8, 2011. The Selectboard and Fire Chief will meet with DEP officials on Friday, February 18, 2011, for consideration of this idea in comparison with alternatives.

**CUSTODIAN JOB OPENING! HELP WANTED!**

If you are interested in a 6-10 hour a week position cleaning, scrubbing, shining town hall and the library, and have an interest and hands on approach in the maintenance of composting toilets please call me at 413-259-1214. Setting up interviews this week.

**FARM & FORESTRY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!** Please take a few minutes to email answers to these few questions:

1. Have you heard about the Shutesbury farmers market?
2. Do you know where the Shutesbury farmers market is?
3. Have you been to the Shutesbury farmers market?
4. What produce and products would bring you to the Shutesbury market on a regular basis?
5. What plant starts do you need for your own garden and yard and want to buy at the market?
6. If you currently shop at the market what items do you look for, count on finding?
7. If you currently shop at the market what items do you want to see added?
8. Are you interested in participating in a pie-baking contest?
9. Are you interested in workshops? Such as composting workshop?

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