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250 SHUTESBURY Always cooler

250th February- March: First photo exhibit of Shutesbury scenes then and now, Shutesbury Athletic Club

250th March 28, Monday, 7:00pm The Mayflower, by Nathaniel Philbrick, book discussion with Neal Salisbury, Professor Emeritus at Smith College, at Town Hall

250th ANNIVERSARY STEERING COMMITTEE ACTIVELY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

After a very successful start to Shutesbury's 250th Anniversary year -- beginning with a wonderful turnout at the kickoff bonfire January 8! -- our Anniversary Steering Committee would love to see its membership expand. We're a fun group of folks who generally meet once a month at Town Hall, sometimes at night, sometimes during the day, to accommodate our members' needs.

Our next meeting is this coming Wednesday, March 30 at 9:30 a.m., upstairs at Town Hall. Come see what we're up to, ask questions, and consider joining us! We would be delighted to recommend the names of two or three new people for appointment by the Board of Selectman.

Thanks!

Janis S. Gray, Co-chair, Shutesbury 250th Anniversary Steering Committee

FIRE STATION CLEAN UP

John Henry, remediation specialist from O'Reilly Talbot and Okun was here Friday taking measurements of the inside of the fire station in preparation for the Soil Venting Extraction Pilot Test to be done the beginning of April. Later this morning 2 DCR surveyors parked their trucks at the Quabbin end of the Atherton Brook tributary and our fire station. They walked all the way up, surveying as they went. It was nice to meet them.

SHUTESBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE voted their budget Thursday night. The finance Committee is supporting a \$30,000 increase in the budget to continue funding for FY12 the special education funding request made in FY11 and currently funded by a free cash transfer made at the Special Town Meeting in October 2010. This is the third year of 0% increases not including the special education request. The town has been supporting capital projects at the school, new windows, painting the exterior, a new dishwasher and fire alarm panel. We are all working together to spend money carefully, maintain our facilities and provide the best programs and services for our community as a whole.



Shutesbury 250th Daffodils!

MARCH 31, 7:00pm MEETING of the Union 28 Selectboards and Swift River School Committee at the Leverett Town Hall. Shutesbury Selectboard is working with the other towns regarding assessment of rates charged for healthcare benefits of Union 28 Administrative staff. In the absence of an union agreement the towns are subject to interpretations of MGL 32B to determine how to divvy up the cost between the towns. Chapter 32B has been amended many times in the 60 years it has been a law. The towns are hoping to find a way where each town can pay the Union 28 Administrative staff the same rate of benefit they pay their own employees. Currently with Erving the lead town the 4 other towns are paying the Union 28 Administrative staff the same rate of benefits that Erving pays their own employees, which is higher than all the other towns. We are told the towns as a union cannot simply make an agreement but must seek special legislation from the Legislature. How to enact an equitable solution will be discussed at this meeting.



DR. SEUSS'S BIRTHDAY! Roger Tinknell works his magic. Thanks to the Library for sponsoring the event, Cultural Council for funding it and Aron Goldman for the wonderful photos.

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