

**Shutesbury Board of Selectmen  
October 25, 2011 Meeting Minutes  
Shutesbury Elementary School before the Special Town Meeting**

Select Board members present: Chairwoman Elaine Puleo and members Al Springer and April Stein.

Finance Committee members present: Eric Stocker and Lori Tuominen.

Partially Present: Town Administrator Rebecca Torres, and Administrative Secretary Leslie Bracebridge, recording.

Meeting opened at 6:37 P.M. at the Shutesbury Elementary School

Topics

**1. Library need discussion:**

- **Elaine:** The library is too small. You don't close libraries in a recession.
- **April:** My pledge will cover at least one person's share of the tax.
- **Al:** Not against a bigger building but this is too much to ask from some of the people in our town; we may be driving people out of town. We should have stuck with the \$1.5 million plan.
- **Eric:** That the school is underutilized today doesn't mean that it will be under-utilized in the future.
- **Lori:** We didn't know the price. The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners advised: "This is your time to dream for your ideal building." Other towns advised, "We wish our community room was bigger." The absence of city water and sewer adds to the cost.
- **Elaine:** We're always looking for the good to the town. We need Al's voice. What the people want, we will work toward.

**Selectmen unanimously voted to support article 1 on the Special Town Meeting warrant.**

**2. Elaine summarized the options discussed at the October 24 meeting with the Department of Environmental Protection regarding options for treatment of the soil under the fire station:**

- **Soil Vacuum Extraction:** For 3 years will cost \$200,000 and is dependent on a low water table.
- **Remove a portion of the fire station and rebuild it.** This would come to more than \$200,000.
- **Chemical oxidation:** Chemicals are injected into the soil which will combine with and oxidize the gasoline. This will cost approximately \$200,000: Licensed Site Professionals: O'Reilly, Talbot, & Okun's Jim Okun is going to prepare a summary of need for vendors to comment on: Is this feasible? How much will it cost? How long will it go on? What materials will be used? Everyone at the meeting agreed: this is the least invasive, most cost effective method to explore.
- **We could again re-dig the re-contaminated soil:** they (DEP) want us to go to the source.
- **Build a municipal water supply and keep digging - \$2,000,000.**
- They will never give us a clean sign-off.

**The Select Board agreed that this summary needs to be offered even before its asked for at the presentation for the library tonight.**

The Select Board **adjourned at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Bracebridge  
Administrative Secretary