

**Library Facility Needs Assessment Committee
(LFNAC)
May 13, 2008
Following LFNAC Forum
Shutesbury Elementary School
Forum**

LFNAC opened the forum at 6:40 with refreshments, slide show and survey results. No people attended, so LFNAC members presented comments we have heard in the community outside of the forum times.

Leslie Field sent her comment that she would like a nice playground attached to the library, so children could play while parents were in the library or sisters and brothers could play there.

A LFNAC member conversed with a town resident April 30th and reported that the concern from the resident is that by accepting state money for the library building project and having to meet their requirements, the town might be responsible for a building that might be too expensive for the town to maintain. The person was concerned about any tax increases. Also, the resident thought that since everyone goes "down the hill" Shutesbury people could go to the Jones Library [in Amherst].

Karen told the resident that that concern has been expressed at other area towns, but the concerns did not come to fruition in Sunderland or Leverett or Wendell which are towns that have built libraries with the state money.

Did any other towns have to make changes due to a state request? Only Warwick but that was due to historical preservation. All the towns were able to build what the towns wanted.

LFNAC should consider the state guidelines. For political reasons, LFNAC does not want to go over the guidelines, may LFNAC should come in 10 to 20% below the requirements. Ultimately it is LFNAC that will make the recommendation to the size of the library building. LFNAC is committed to creating a library that is best for our community.

The new library needs to have community meeting space.

Forum closed at 7:00PM