

**TA Report 12.19.11**

**ROADTOWN REVIW**

**A performance at the elementary school celebrating Shutesbury-250 years of dance, parades, poetry, animals, insects, 4 seasons, history and fireworks!**

**MATINEE SHOW at 1:30pm**

**EVENING SHOW at 7:00pm**

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 20, 2011**

**LICENSED SITE PROFESSIONAL HIRED TO FOLLOW UP ON QUESTIONS REGARDING PROPOSED LIBRARY SITE**

Alan Weiss, LSP, walked the site on Monday, 12.12.11, to evaluate the site and the best plan of action to fulfill the request from the Selectboard for an assessment. He put together a scope of work last Tuesday. Tuesday night the Library Board of Trustees voted to spend the remaining new library planning grant money on the assessment of the site, as requested by the Selectboard.

On Wednesday Ron Picard, from Oil Recovery, came out to take a sample from a drum on the site. The sample was sent to a lab and will take 7 days to process the results. On Thursday Shutesbury Highway Superintendent, Tim Hunting, drove the backhoe to the site. Alan Weiss directed exploration of a pipe leading from the floor drain in the old garage. The pipe was an old Orangeburg pipe. The crew followed the pipe out to the property line where it ended in a pile of rocks under the ground. Alan took soil samples and a water sample. Alan Weiss stated our work is ongoing and nothing obvious has been observed at this point. All samples were sent to the lab for testing. Results will be ready in a week or two.

Monitoring wells were installed on Friday at 4 locations on the site, behind the garage, to the west of the garage, to the east of the garage and at the location of the #2 fuel oil tank near the old house that was removed. Water samples will be taken this week and sent to the lab for testing. Again, during the drilling of the 11' monitoring wells with a Geoprobe unit, a remotely controlled drill, Alan Weiss noted nothing obvious, visual or olfactory nor based on my screening meter results has been found so far.



**WEST PELHAM SCHOOL HOUSE SILL REPAIR** bids went to the Selectboard for review with a recommendation. Two bids were received. First bid failed to bid on the full scope of the project. The second bid was responsive but was for more than the funds that are currently available. Because of this Selectboard supported the recommendation that the bids be thrown out and we start over. The project will be rebid in January.



**WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE** Mike Ross appointed as a new member.

**Volunteers Needed:**

On the Personnel Board, Conservation Commission and Recreation Committee

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**BACKGROUND ON PROPOSED LIBRARY SITE ASSESSMENT:**

**QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROPOSED SITE FOR THE NEW LIBRARY WERE RAISED**

during the public comment portion of a Selectboard's Tuesday night meeting. Michael Hootstein filed a letter with the Selectboard after he read it aloud. The Selectboard is having the allegations made in the letter reviewed by experts, and the Water Resources Committee. Our local Water Resources committee reviewed reports on lot O-32 and walked the property. Michael Hootstein based his complaints on, an environmental transaction screen report prepared in the summer of 2010, as part of the site review of the proposed library site. This public document was reviewed in the MBLC grant application and is on file at the library and the town hall. An environmental transaction screen is a review of possible environmental conditions that might exist at a site.

Last Tuesday the Water Resources Committee met. Jim Okun, a licensed site professional, joined the meeting to answer questions regarding the fire station site, technical reports and DEP regulations and practices. At the end of the meeting the Water Resources Committee made a list of recommendations that were agreed to by the Selectboard. The recommendations were to check for contamination at the drain from the garage, under a drum, and in a swale where a WRC member noted a sheen. Other members noted sheens are often organic. The Library Director noted that the new library planning grant balance could be used as a source for the assessment work that was recommended. The Selectboard followed up voting to hire an LSP and request the Library Trustee fund the work.

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**BOARD OF HEALTH** responded to a Health & Homeland Alert Network EDS call Down Drill yesterday in 20 minutes, very good time. We are grateful to the Board of Health and our emergency staff for being on the ready. The flu clinic in October was a great success and a sample of the hard work and experience the Board of Health has developed. We have a well trained crew to set up an EDS is an Emergency Dispensing Site, if it is ever necessary in the future, thanks to the Board of Health.

**OCCUPANCY SENSOR IN TOWN HALL MEN'S ROOM REPLACED** This is good news for everyone. Sensors save electricity but when they don't work, if and when they are stuck on, they cost extra electricity and dollars. Outdoor motion sensor lights trigger when there is a power surge or a power outage. We have lights that come on automatically when it gets dark. All of these are triggered by sensors and are subject to tripping on accidentally. To correct the problem we have shut breakers on and off and at times replace the sensors.