

TA Report 1.15.10

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SPECIAL SELECTBOARD ELECTION, MARCH 3, 2010, NOON TO 6PM. A Special Election will be held for the position of Selectman in Shutesbury. Nomination papers are available in the Town Clerk's office. If you have any questions please call the Town Clerk at 259-1204. **TUESDAY 1/19 Senate Election at Town Hall**

FLU CLINIC 1/9 /10 Saturday FLU CLINIC 10-2:00pm Clinic was very successful. About 160 people received vaccinations. I have received a number of compliments and thanks to town officials and volunteers who worked so hard to bring this service to our community. Praise and thanks to all the volunteers and to the Board of Health as well as all those who participated. If you are still in need of a H1N1 vaccine please contact our Board of Health at, 259-2122. Please leave a message. They are a volunteer board and do not have regular office hours.

K-6 REGIONALIZATION COMMITTEE (REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE) The committee, made up of representatives from all 4 towns met in Amherst on last Saturday morning. The committee is working on a report to answer the charge of the Amherst regional school committee to examine regionalization of the 4 towns K-6/K-5. The committee is focusing on the issues of cost effectiveness, educational effectiveness, governance, and transition. The report gives an overview of the facilities, budgets, salaries, and transportation for all elementary schools in all 4 towns with a total budget of \$53.5 million.

An update on educational effectiveness was reviewed at this meeting. A group of principles and administrators was asked to consider the educational effectiveness pluses and minuses of expansion of Union 26 (currently Amherst and Pelham only, expanded to include Leverett and Shutesbury), as well as the pluses and minuses of educational effectiveness of regionalizing Amherst, Pelham, Shutesbury and Leverett. A number of transition issues were considered for either an expanded Union 26 or regionalization of Amherst, Pelham, Shutesbury, and Leverett. The committee thanked the chairman, Tom Powers, for the many hours of work and mountains of data he collected to help the communities grapple with these complicated issues. There are more questions to be answered. The committee will meet again in June.

FIRE STATION GASOLINE LEAK On Thursday at 10:00am DEP Springfield and DEP Boston met with us in the town hall in Shutesbury. We familiarized them with our situation and had an opportunity to ask questions about the use of LUST fund for the Shutesbury Fire Station gasoline spill project. LSP Alan Weiss has been working on the immediate response action, IRA, monitoring the current outbreak into the wetland. Fire chief, Walter Tibbetts, continues to monitor the wetland area and keep a log. When necessary he and Selectman Al Springer replace booms and pads in the wetland that serves to absorb the gasoline. Cold weather has limited the flow of water and absorbent material is frozen solid. We toured the site with 3 DEP officials. They recommended we put in a boom gate when the ice thaws.

It was clear from our discussions that a second meeting of all parties needs to be held to determine what the best course of action to take here is.

STRETCH CODE The Stretch Code is a new building code that the town must adopt at Annual Town Meeting to fulfill the 5 criteria to become a Green Community and eligible to receive a portion of the Green Communities Division \$10 million per year pool of money. We need to learn about the STRETCH code. There is a workshop in Greenfield this Thursday, details below:

STRETCH CODE WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

A Green Step Ahead: A Workshop for Municipalities Considering Adopting the Stretch Code

Presenters:

Jim Barry

Regional Coordinator, Department of
Energy Resources (DOER)

Dan Hellyer

Building Inspector, Town of East
Longmeadow

Delbert Smith Jr., PE, CPD

Principal, Consulting Engineering Services,
Inc.

Sean Jeffords

Owner, Beyond Green Construction

Anne Perkins

Director of Home Ownership Programs,
Rural Development Inc. (RDI)

Thursday, January 21, 2010*

Hampton Inn (188 Shelburne Rd, Greenfield, MA)

5:30

Background and Overview of the Stretch Code, *Jim Barry*

6:00

Comparison: Stretch Code vs. new Building Code, *Dan Hellyer*

6:20

Projected Costs Associated with the Stretch Code, *Delbert Smith Jr.*

6:40

HERS Rating System, *Sean Jeffords*

7:00

Advantages of Adopting the Stretch Code, *Sean Jeffords*

7:20

The Stretch Code and Community Development, *Anne Perkins*

7:40

Conclusion

As of January 1, 2010, Massachusetts will adhere to a new Building Code. While all Towns must adhere to the new code, they will have the option of adopting the Appendix (i.e. "Stretch Code"). Towns adopting the Stretch Code will become sustainable leaders in the Commonwealth as well as fulfill the fifth Green Communities Criteria, a critical component of becoming eligible for Green Communities Program funding. This workshop is intended to help educate municipalities considering the adoption of the Stretch Code in their communities.

ENJOY THE WEEKEND! STAY
WARM!

Becky Torres, Town Administrator,
please call at 259-1214 or email at
townadmin@shutesbury.org, if you
have questions

* **ATTENTION:** In case of snow or icy weather, please call (413)774-1194, x105 after 3 P.M. on the day of the meeting for information regarding whether the meeting has been cancelled. In the event of cancellation, a snow date is scheduled for January 28, 2010 at the same location. There is no charge for attending this event, but registration is strongly encouraged. **To register, please send an email to Dan Laroche at dlaroche@frcog.org or call (413)774-1194, x107 if you plan to attend**

**ALSO: Please write to Carter Wall
Executive Director, Renewable Energy Trust
Massachusetts Clean Energy Center
75 North Drive
Westborough, MA 01581
Email at Carter Wall <wall@masstech.org>**

**Ask the Renewable Energy Trust/MTC to
bring back the "Public Building/Addition to
Base" for the Commonwealth Solar Rebate
II. The ink is not yet dry. Refer to 12.31.09
TA Report. Thank you.**

