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**COUNCIL ON AGING POT LUCK LUNCHEON AT TOWN HALL**, noon, Tuesday October 9, 2012. Call Marilyn Tibbetts at, 259-1976 by Friday October 5, to let her know you are coming and what you are bringing. See you there. The food is excellent!

**ALL BOARDS MEETING OCTOBER 2, 2012, 7pm at Town Hall**

**WIREDWEST Update** The next step is for you and your neighbors to fill out SUPPORT CARDS for WIRED WEST. The support card was included in the newsletter sent out Wednesday, September 19, 2012. The information will be used in the business plan to solicit support for a bond, the financial king pin for the future of the new fiber network. The survey is also be available online at Shutesbury.org or here <https://hugo.jf-olm.com/~wiretnet/card.php>. Show your interest and support for affordable, state of the art, fiber optic cable to the home to bring you internet, telephone and television service. If you have questions please call.

Here is Shutesbury's tally to date. Our goal is 80% response. Please help, tell your neighbors.

Town	HousingUnits	Pledges	Internet	Phone	TV/Video
Shutesbury	807	104 12.89%	104	82	82

**COMPOSTERS AVAILABLE AT TOWN HALL**

The Town Recycling Committee provides composters to town residents at a subsidized price of \$20. They are black magic! Watch your compost grow.

**BULKY WASTE DAY, OCTOBER 6, 2012 from 10am to 2pm.**

Every year the Shutesbury Recycling Committee holds Bulky Waste Day to help us clean out our attics, garages and yards. Items are brought to the Highway Barn for disposal. This year **VOLUNTEERS needed!** Please call Meryl Mandell at 259-1282 to volunteer and participate in bringing a valuable service to your fellow residents.

**Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) Update**

The attached two websites explain what MBI, the Massachusetts Broadband Institute is doing. They are progressing quickly building a 1300 mile fiber optic network in western and north central Massachusetts.

This network is going through 123 communities and will greatly affect schools, libraries, town halls, medical facilities, public safety, private businesses and residents alike. MBI is building the middle mile, creating backbone for WiredWest to string fiber to your home. All information regarding the build and the status can be found on [www.axiamassbroadband123.com](http://www.axiamassbroadband123.com) <<http://www.axiamassbroadband123.com>> .

MBI has also recently launched a website that will benefit your Veteran Community is [www.massvetsadvisor.org](http://www.massvetsadvisor.org) <<http://www.massvetsadvisor.org>>. This website enables Veterans and their families to search all the benefits that they are entitled to in an easy one stop fashion. Thank you to all the Veterans in our communities.

**SHUTESBURY FARMERS MARKET this SATURDAY, September 29,**

In front of town hall from **8:30am to noon**

**TOMATOES**, raspberries, squash, potatoes, herbs, flowers, eggs, lettuce, peppers, pac choy, **eggplant**, cabbage

Shiitake mushrooms, dahlia bouquets

Cherry tomatoes, Apples, squash, kale, basil, lettuce, and string beans

**NEW POLE MOUNTED SOLAR ARRAY GOING UP BEHIND THE FIRE STATION**

Our Green Communities Grant dollars will be hard at work for us soon. Each ray of sun will offset the town's electrical consumption. The new system is larger than the one at town hall. Town hall is a 10 kW system and the new one in the field behind the fire station is 15 kW. For much of the year it is expected to cover the electricity needs of both the fire department and the highway department. We hit ledge digging the test pits. Holes had to be 8 feet deep to secure the 21' galvanized steel poles. Rodney Bemis from Vermont sent his drill crew down to solve the problem. The drill bit was 17.5 inches. This hole, hole number 3 had the densist rock formation. When they were done the hole was ringed with white sand, rock pulverized by the drill. The poles were fit into the holes and jigs held them straight. The highway department moved them into place and aligned them. This coming week the panels will be mounted. Most of the electrical work is already done.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Recycling Committee looking for a new members

Recreation Committee looking for all new members

If you have items to sell at the market please email me at [townadmin@shutesbury.org](mailto:townadmin@shutesbury.org) or call 259-1214.

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