

## TA Report 5.17.13

### PRESCHOOL VOTES AT TOWN HALL & HOLDS A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING



The Shutesbury Preschool came to visit this Wednesday. The preschoolers with their teachers and parents met on the Town Common. They visited the library and Library Director Mary Anne Antenollis read them stories. The children enjoyed juice and watermelon, and toured the post office.

Over at the town hall, Town Clerk Leslie Bracebridge held a primary color election for them. She held up the ballot and carefully explained to the children how to fill them out before they entered the main room. The voting booths were all set up, as well as a ringing ballot box. Parent helper, Fred Steinberg, distributed the ballots to the children, checking off each name on a list. They marked their ballots, (with varying techniques) for their choice of blue, red or yellow. And then placed them in the ballot box where the crank handle pulled them into the box and the bell rang counting each vote.

Police Chief Harding spoke to the assembled group about bicycle safety and the importance of communicating. While his gun was talked about what was stressed was that the police are there to help everyone. One child mentioned that when there is an accident the fire and police both come together to help. They work together to keep people safe.

Next a special town meeting was held where the children weighed the pros and cons of holding summer school. As there were both positive and negative things noted a child recommended 1 week of summer school would be a good thing. The motion for summer school was amended to one week of summer school. The motion carried. The children worked together very well, listening to each other. The acting Selectboard did a nice job and at the end of meeting the gavel was laid down squarely with, "motion to adjourn."

Fire Chief Tibbetts parked a fire truck in the back lawn. He spoke with the children about what the fire department does and then the children got to explore the truck.

We look forward to these preschoolers becoming our volunteers of tomorrow.

Oh yes! The most important thing- the result of the primary color election was RED first, BLUE second and YELLOW came in third.



**SHUTESBURY FARMERS MARKET OPENS this SATURDAY MAY 18**, in front of town hall. Look for specific list of items for 5/18/13 at [http://www.shutesbury.org/farm\\_and\\_forestry](http://www.shutesbury.org/farm_and_forestry).

**POT LUCK LUNCHEON At the Town Hall TUESDAY June 4 at noon**

Call Marilyn Tibbetts, 259-1976, by Monday, 6/3/13. Please give your name and tell her what dish you are bringing to share.

Attention Shutesbury Gardeners

The Shutesbury Garden Club is planning a June 30 Garden Tour in town and we need volunteers for the following:

- \* Gardens in town to visit on the tour (or a great garden in town that you love)
- \* Plant donations to sell at a plant sale on Tour day
- \* Strong gardeners willing to occasionally help maintain town gardens at Town Hall, the Library, and the Highway Department berm.

If you can help with any of the above, or want to find out more, call Meryl Mandell (259-1282) or email ([merylm@crocker.com](mailto:merylm@crocker.com)) soon. Thanks.

- Meryl Mandell, Penny Jaques, Rita Farrell, Gail Fleischaker

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