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Shutesbury Town Hall Summer News

Our new elementary principle, Maureen Ryan, is acquainting herself with her new school, staff and come September, her new students. We wish her a warm welcome.

Meanwhile down the road in Erving, Bob Mahler, moved into his new office on Thursday, August 1, as the new Union 28 Interim Superintendent.

Regionalization for pK-6 grades is being rethought. The Regional School District Planning Committee is considering developing alternatives to the pK-6 3 town region that has been the focus of the draft regional agreement and finance work. A meeting 8/7 at the MS professional development room is scheduled for further discussion at 7pm.

The results of the plantings done by the garden club in front of town hall are magnificent. The Shutesbury garden club is also responsible for the berm garden in front of town hall.

The Building Committee is working on a variety of projects. The MN Spear building roof started leaking late spring and we are working on a number of strategies to best repair this roof. Estimates were sought for repairs. The Building Committee suggested we solicit bids the full south side of the roof. Not for the whole roof. We were able to repair the leak at the elementary school gym at minimal cost this May.

And a key project, The Cemetery Hearse House, has gone out to bid. This project is funded through CPA funds as well as help from the Historical Commission. In preparation for this improvement to this historic structure an anonymous donor has given funds to remove 5 pine trees around the building. A tree hearing was held in April where the tree warden cited safety concerns and the potential for damage to gravestones and the Hearse House by falling limbs if the trees were not removed.



The front door to town hall needs repair or replacement of some of the parts because of wood rot. The hole in the door will be secured before snowfall.



The senior lounge is an ongoing project combining volunteers, grant money for a professional tiler, Building Committee assistance and workmanship. The tile floor is done. The walls are in progress. Painting to come. Thank you to all the volunteers.

The analysis of the heating systems in Town Hall, Fire Station and Highway Dept. need to be completed in the next couple of months. We hope to have proposals that the full Building committee can support by the middle of September. Winter will be upon us.

Last Saturday the library hosted a dance party on the Town Commons.



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