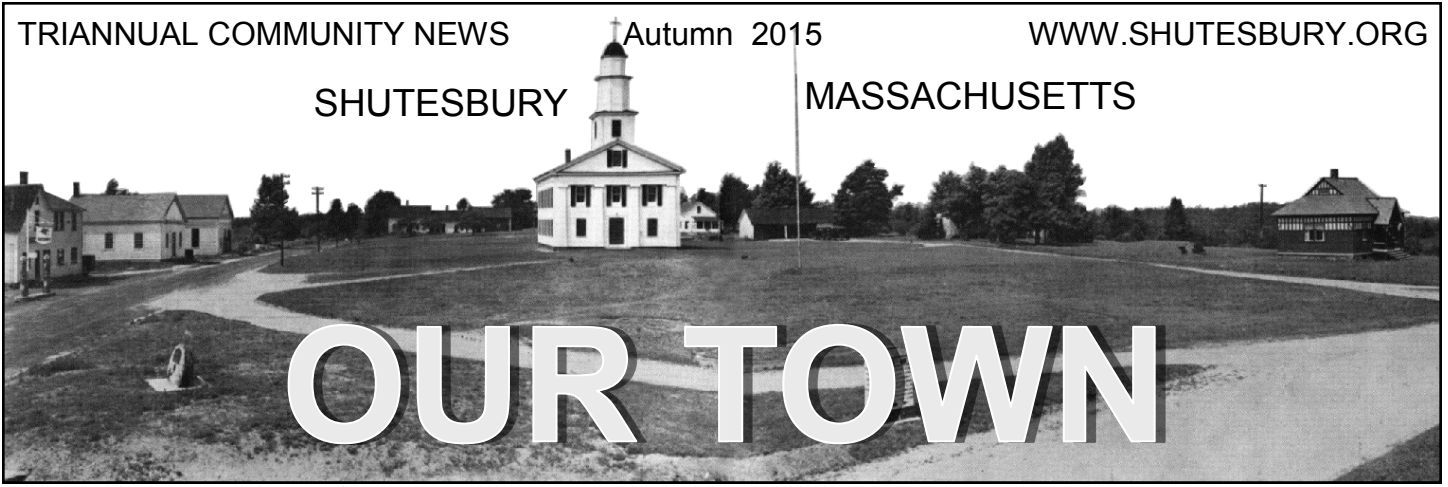


SHUTESBURY

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# OUR TOWN

## Greetings from your Select Board

April Stein, Chair, Mike Vinskey and Michael DeChiara

This summer, following annual town elections, the Select Board changed its membership. We want to thank **Elaine Puleo** for her six years of service on the Select Board, most recently as our Chairperson and for her many previous years of service to the town. We also wish to welcome **Michael DeChiara** to the Select Board; he has served on several town committees, most notably School Committee.

This fall the Select Board will be discussing our priorities for the coming year. We continue to explore ways to make Shutesbury a better place to live and we'd like to hear from you. For those of you using email, feel free to communicate with us either individually ([aprilstein@shutesbury.org](mailto:aprilstein@shutesbury.org), [mikevinskey@shutesbury.org](mailto:mikevinskey@shutesbury.org), [michaeldeschiara@shutesbury.org](mailto:michaeldeschiara@shutesbury.org)) or at [selectboard@shutesbury.org](mailto:selectboard@shutesbury.org). Any email sent to the Select Board email address will be forwarded to all three of us. Of course, you can always send us a letter or drop something off in the mailboxes at Town Hall. And we have recently added 5-10 minutes at the beginning of all our Select Board meetings (every other Tuesday) for open public comment.

We'd also like to encourage residents to get involved in town committees. Our small town depends on extensive volunteer efforts. Did you know we currently have 37 committees with over 175 volunteers, donat-

### Dates to Note

Monday, September 21 at 7:00pm: **Planning Board** continues the September 9 special permit public hearing for the installation of a solar array on Lot ZG2 Pratt Corner Road

Thursday, October 8 at 8:00pm: **Conservation Commission** continues the notice of intent public hearing for installation of a solar array on Lot ZG2 Pratt Corner Road

Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00pm: Select Board's **All Boards Meeting**

For more information, go to [www.shutesbury.org](http://www.shutesbury.org)

ing their time, expertise and passion to Shutesbury? There is probably a committee that is good fit for you. Currently there are still some vacancies on the Zoning Board of Appeals, Finance, Recreation, Board of Assessors, Conservation Commission, Community Preservation, Americans with Disabilities (ADA), and the Cultural Council. If one of these committees is of interest to you, or if you want to explore other ways to contribute to our community, please contact Town Administrator **Becky Torres** at 259-1214. We look forward to watching our volunteer base expand.

We began this year in good financial health. Our town budget for Fiscal Year 2016 is \$6 million dollars. We currently have \$878,293 in Free Cash; the official amount will be certified by the state later this fall after the close of Fiscal Year 2015.

By late September, we expect a report from the Regional Assessment Committee, a temporary,

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## Let's keep Shutesbury in the lead for Broadband!

Gayle Huntress and Asha Strazzero-Wild, *Broadband Committee*

Frustrated by the lack of high-speed Internet availability in Shutesbury? Having trouble selling or renting your home? Tired of paying the high costs of satellite Internet?

We've heard you! The Shutesbury Broadband Committee in cooperation with the Select Board and town voters has made lots of progress this year to bring high-speed fiber Internet to our town.

Shutesbury continues to have the highest percentage of WiredWest Cooperative sign ups. This is important because **towns with the most subscribers are more likely to be built first**. Let's keep Shutesbury in the lead!

Stay tuned for our Sixty to Sixty Campaign this fall, when we'll launch a 60-day campaign to reach our goal of a pre-subscription rate of 60% of town households (currently we're at 51%). Is your household signed up? Are your neighbors signed up? If not, send in your \$49 today and encourage your neighbors to do the same! Want to learn more or sign up? Please visit our website at: [www.shutesbury.org/broadband](http://www.shutesbury.org/broadband).

Here's how we got to where we are: On May 2 at the Annual Town Meeting, the Broadband Committee presented a plan to a standing-room only crowd to bring high-speed fiber Internet to Shutesbury as part of WiredWest. The presentation was followed by a 417 Yes to 13 No vote

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## Messages from the Town Clerk

Susie Mosher, *Town Clerk*

### Office Hours:

Monday 3:00 - 6:00pm

Tuesday - Friday 8:30 - 10:30am

Tuesday evening 6:00 - 8:00pm

And I'm happy to arrange appointments at other times if needed. Call 413-259-1204.

Sending out a warm "Hello" to all old and new residents of Shutesbury. I am the newly elected Town Clerk, Susie Mosher, taking over from semi-retired **Leslie Bracebridge**.

Leslie held down the fort here at Town Hall for more than 20 years in the capacity of two half-time jobs, Administrative Secretary and Town Clerk.

The two roles are now separated and filled respectively by **Linda Avis Scott** and me. Leslie is now the Assessors Clerk, replacing **Linda Grybko**, who has retired. So we haven't lost the institutional memory, but the workload is re-apportioned. We are all busy learning new information and we appreciate your patience during this transition.

Our Town Accountant, **Gail Weiss**, graciously made space to share her office with our Administrative Secretary, Linda Avis Scott. That office redesign is in progress.

The office for Town Clerk has been renovated, with the labor and some items donated by volunteers. Many Thanks to **Pat Wilson**, the Queen of Designing Small Spaces; **Henry Wilson**, the Michelangelo of Wall Patching; **Dave Mosher**, shelving specialist and all-around good guy; and **Susie Mosher**, who executed the 100 steps of change. Stop by for a look.

While I was washing the window in my office, I thought about how all the Town Hall windows could get done on a routine basis. Maybe you could think about that, too.

From the perspective of Town Clerk, I really appreciate how much quality work gets accomplished in our town by part-time staff and volunteers. Although there is some burden to this, I can see how being on a board or committee, developing knowledge and assisting the town

gives a lot of satisfaction to those who join in. The bi-weekly, monthly or as-needed meetings grow a sense of camaraderie and civic connection to Shutesbury. It gives new meaning to the term, "A Night Out On the Town."

Please consider sharing your interest and skills by joining a committee or checking in with us for citizen initiatives such as last spring's Community Clean Up. Not only will Shutesbury benefit, but you, too, can share in the sense of belonging to our Town.

### Official news

Town Clerk services include:

- dog licenses
- voter registration
- birth, marriage and death certificates
- posting meetings
- administrating state bureaucratic nonsense of all kinds

— and I am a Notary Public. I enjoy being helpful and connecting people to information they are seeking.

Voting in the Presidential Primary will take place in Massachusetts on March 1, 2016. At that time, residents of Shutesbury will **elect members to the Town Republican Committee (five members) and Town Democratic Committee (nine members)**.

In order for names of candidates to be on the respective Party ballots, nomination papers have to be in my office no later than November 6, 2015.

You are welcome to read all about it in the handy-dandy pamphlet from the Secretary of the Commonwealth that is displayed outside the Town Clerk's office. Anyone who is already enrolled in either the Democratic or Republican party who would like to have his/her name on the ballot should contact the:

- Democratic Town Committee — **Penny Kim** at 259 -1326 or by email: [pen2noho@msn.com](mailto:pen2noho@msn.com)
- or
- Republican Town Committee — **Melissa Makepeace O'Neil** at 259 -2049 or by email: [mmakepeaceoneil@verizon.net](mailto:mmakepeaceoneil@verizon.net)

## Many Thanks

Linda Avis Scott, *Administrative Secretary*

As the new Administrative Secretary and Town Hall liaison to the Editor of *Our Town*, I have the opportunity to experience the tremendous volunteerism that supports the work needed to run our Town. One of those volunteers is our long-serving, dedicated editor, **Janis Gray**. We benefit greatly from Janis's professional experience and love for serving our town.

The following folks have graciously assisted in collating and folding town-wide mailings in the recent months:

April 2015 newsletter: **Leslie Bracebridge, Pat Dempsey, Mark Foster, Noreen Pease, Marilyn Tibbetts, Walter Tibbetts, and Karen Traub**

April 2015 Town Meeting mailing: **Leslie Bracebridge, Johanna Hall, Joan and Allen Hanson, Penny Kim, Susie Mosher, Elaine Puleo, Marilyn Tibbetts, Becky Torres, and Catherine Youngen**

May 2015 special election mailing: **Bonnie Adams, Mary Anne Antonellis, David Dann, Pat Dempsey, Suzanne Hayden, Penny Kim, Susie Mosher, and Becky Torres.**

## Assessors update

**Board vacancy:** The Board of Assessors has a vacancy following **Amanda Alix's** retirement at the end of June after serving on the board for 19 years. At this point we are still looking for a person who can replace Amanda.

**Lynda Grybko** also retired from  
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Janis S. Gray, *Editor*  
Linda Avis Scott, *Town Hall Liaison*



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**Broadband, cont. from page 1**  
to authorize borrowing to fund the project.

In June we held a special election ballot vote to approve the debt exclusion. We had record voter turnout and the article passed by a wide margin, 525 to 43. The success of both votes sent a clear message to the Select Board that Shutesbury townspeople are ready and waiting for high-speed Internet.

The WiredWest cooperative has more than enough participating towns to proceed. As of the time of this writing 22 towns have joined Shutesbury in passing their funding votes and reaching the 40% minimum pre-subscription rate in order to be eligible to join the cooperative.

This multiple-town participation, along with financial backing, means that design and make-ready work can begin as early as this fall. Make-ready work is one of the first steps to get utility poles ready to accept the installation of a fiber network. In addition, the Shutesbury Broadband Committee continues to work closely with WiredWest to finalize the terms of the cooperative formation of participating towns.

In August the Select Board and the Broadband Committee met with the Director of the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI). The MBI is the governmental organization which is responsible for managing parts of the regional fiber-to-the-home project and for distributing the \$40 million state grant to eligible towns. MBI is working closely with WiredWest to ensure that the project is a success.

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Shutesbury-only committee that spent many hours this summer answering the question, "Is our current regional assessment method the most equitable means of dividing the expense of our regional schools amongst the four towns?"

This has been an issue in recent town meetings and part of discussions with the other towns in the region. We expect the report will initiate discussions in Shutesbury and with our regional partners — Amherst, Pelham, and Leverett.

In other money matters, the state provided towns with a one-time in-

crease in Chapter 90 money to work on road projects. Shutesbury saw a temporary increase of \$65,000.

Regarding other projects in town, the Visioning Process approved at Town Meeting is getting off to a slow start. This is primarily because the Planning Board, along with the Conservation Commission, is spending its time doing research and holding hearings regarding an industrial solar installation proposed this summer. This is a complex project with a variety of financial, environmental, and legal variables and different perspectives regarding approval or not.

A related development is the filing of warrant article requests to consider a solar zoning bylaw and a temporary solar moratorium (pending a solar bylaw) at Annual Town Meeting (2016).

Finally, there have been discussions this summer about roads and the best ways to maintain them — both physically and financially. This is an on-going discussion that benefits from input from both residents and the Highway Department. The Select Board has appreciated the input thus far.

As always, we encourage all residents to follow all town committees and meetings by visiting the town website at [www.shutesbury.org](http://www.shutesbury.org). There is a town calendar that lists all meetings and agendas. It is a good way to stay abreast of events. Enjoy the fall colors.

**Assessors, cont. from page 2**  
from her position of Assessors Clerk in June and has been replaced by former Town Clerk **Leslie Bracebridge**. Thank you to Lynda for your 14 years of service.

**Chapter 61 Applications:** For those persons who have land classified as recreational or agricultural in Chapter 61 B or 61 A, the applications are due to the Assessors by October 1. Property owners with land in Chapter 61 are required to update their Forest Management Plans every ten years. Please contact our office if you have any questions about your status.

**Ongoing Cyclical Inspections:** The Massachusetts Department of Reve-

nue requires that Assessors attempt to verify the interior and exterior information of every dwelling and business within a municipality during every nine year period.

If you would like to schedule an appointment, something which we would encourage and takes about 15 minutes in most cases, please call or contact our office.

Shutesbury Board of Assessors / 413-259-3790

[assessor@shutesbury.org](mailto:assessor@shutesbury.org)

## Note from the Town Collector

Ellen McKay, *Town Collector*

Dear Shutesbury residents:

With the fall approaching, so, too, is the mailing of the next installment of your real estate and personal property taxes. This will occur the end of September with a due date of November 2. If you have paid both the first and second quarter amount with your first quarter payment you will not receive a bill for November. If you do not receive a second quarter bill, please check the middle portion of your first quarter bill as your total bill may be too small to cause the generation of a second quarter bill.

If you pay bills with a banking program, please be aware that there is a paper check generated that can take the bank over a week to mail so please plan ahead. *It is imperative that you verify the bill number identifier you are using as a memo.* Your bill numbers change every year for all types of taxes and your failure to correct the bill number causes difficulty in recording your payment.

You have probably noticed that we now have a new address in Woburn for our lockbox. This change in banks was necessitated by notice from our previous bank that they were about to charge the Town fees for banking services. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ALL CHECKS GENERATED BY YOUR BANKING PROGRAM ARE CORRECTLY ADDRESSED. Our new address is:

Town of Shutesbury  
Department 3520  
PO Box 4110  
Woburn, MA 01888-4110

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## News from the Historical Commission



*Before and after: The Hearse House  
(Photos by Janis S. Gray, top, and  
Leslie Bracebridge, right)*



First and foremost, the Commission wishes to recognize with appreciation and gratitude the combined efforts of the many, many local volunteers and paid professionals for the time and good will invested into bringing the West Cemetery Hearse House (158 Leverett Road) back to its original 1840 glory.

Shutesbury's June 6, 1840 town meeting voted "to paint the hearse house red and have it trimmed with black."

**The Hearse House rehabilitation project** would not have been possible except for the goodwill of Shutesbury's 2014 Annual Town Meeting in support of use of the combined state and local funds of the Community Preservation Act.

We applaud the addition of the rehabilitated Hearse House to the collection of historic sites along the Leverett, Town Center, and Cooleyville Road journey.

The Historical Commission will have completed its first fall hike to the Felton mill site complex in the north-east corner of our current Shutesbury by the time that you read this newsletter.

Our original town extended to a horizontal line running approximately through what is now the center of

Wendell. Everything north of "Locke's Pond," now Lake Wyola, was annexed off in 1781 and combined with the segment of "Ervingshire" south of the Millers River to become what is today known as the Town of Wendell.

So, in a first of a series of Historical Commission and Council on Aging activities throughout 2015, we have been exploring "north Shutesbury."

**The Historical Commission is now turning its attention to the 1920s and 1930s** and how our town was changed with the creation of the Quabbin Reservoir to our east, and Atkins Reservoir to our west!

Please join the Commission on **Thursday, October 1 at 7:00pm** in



*Photo by Rosemary Callahan-Gray*

the Council on Aging Senior Lounge for an **evening of photos, documents and conversation** about the creation of the Quabbin Reservoir.

This will be followed by a **Saturday, October 3 wood-road hike** paralleling Atherton Brook, past the Atherton sawmill site to the shores of the Quabbin Reservoir.

Hikers will meet at the Town Hall parking lot at 10:00am and carpool to the Atherton Brook hiking site.

The hike will last a good three hours. Bring water and insect repellent of your choice.

The Commission welcomes questions about our town's history, donations of photos, documents and artifacts of any kind concerning our town's history, and/or the opportunity to scan in any documents or photos in family collections (to be immediately returned unharmed to the rightful owner).

If you have any information to share, or just wish to be a part of the on-going exploration and sharing of our town's unique history, please join us at our events, or call **Leslie Bracebridge**, Chair (259-1973), or members **Barbara Goodhind, Joanna Hayes, Julie Taylor, Marilyn Tibbetts, Karen Czerwonka**, or **Stephen Puffer** for more information!

## Developmental screening for 3, 4 and 5 year olds

Developmental screening is available through Shutesbury Elementary School as a first step in a process intended to find children in need of special services and to plan for meeting those needs.

The screening focuses on a child's growth in a number of areas, such as large and small muscle control, speech/language development and concept development.

This activity takes about 20

minutes and consists of a number of games that children typically enjoy playing. The screening gives an indication of whether or not a child's skills are developing within the typical range.

If you or anyone you know has children under the age of five, or you have questions or concerns about your child's development, please contact **Grace Griecci**, Pre-k teacher, for more information about the program. She can be reached at 253-1212 ext.140 or email her at [griec-cig@shutesburyschool.org](mailto:griec-cig@shutesburyschool.org)



**This screening is available to all families in town, including those with a child not already enrolled in the school's preschool.**

## Shutesbury's Early Childhood Program

The Shutesbury Elementary School Community (SES) believes that opportunities for early childhood education are essential components of a good education system.

Early experiences in an environment rich in hands-on materials and activities provide children various opportunities to grow emotionally, physically, socially and cognitively.

We believe that a trans-disciplinary team approach, in which all adults working with children are responsible for a child's learning, is the most effective way of teaching and we also believe that parents are the most important teachers of their children and that their involvement in their child's education is essential.

Our Early Childhood Program is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), which is a mark of a high quality program for young children.

**Preschool and Kindergarten enrollment for the Fall of 2015 is complete.**

If your child was 3 years old on or before Sept 1st, 2015 and has not been enrolled in Preschool, or was 5 years old on or before Sept 1st, 2015 and has not been enrolled in Kindergarten, please get in touch with us as soon as possible. Please call

**Jessica Carlson-Belanger** at the Main Office of SES 413-259-1212 x100, [bel-angerj@shutesburyschool.org](mailto:bel-angerj@shutesburyschool.org)

or

**Grace Griecci** 413-259-1212 x140 [griec-cig@shutesburyschool.org](mailto:griec-cig@shutesburyschool.org)

## Union #28 Community Network for Children

The *Community Network for Children (CNC)* program is funded through the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) grant. The CNC supports all families with children from birth through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in our school union.

Some programs for families include: weekly playgroups and story hours; parent/guardian workshops and events; opportunities to meet other families in our community; support in accessing child care and information

regarding assistance paying for child care; information about children's development; new baby gift bags and home visits; and newsletters with current programs and events.

Our local CNC council assists in the oversight of the grant funds.

If you are interested in being on our mailing list to receive the newsletters, please call or email **Gillian Budine**, Coordinator, 978-544-5157 or [Budine@erving.com](mailto:Budine@erving.com).

See our newsletter here: <https://sites.google.com/site/communitynetworkforchildren/newsletters> to get more information.

## Redeem coupon for a Welcome Baby Gift Bag!

The Union #28 Community Network for Children (CNC) would like to extend a welcome to your new baby with a free Welcome Baby Gift Bag. Your bag will contain books, health and safety items and valuable information about local services for you and your new baby.

Please call or email Gillian, CNC Coordinator, to arrange for a drop off at your home or to pick up your gift bag at one of our local story hours or playgroups! 978-544-5157 or [Budine@erving.com](mailto:Budine@erving.com)!

## Nextdoor Shutesbury

You are invited to join "Nextdoor Shutesbury (NDS)", the non-municipal website and email communication system for Shutesbury residents.

This is our virtual town bulletin board, where people exchange info, share recommendations, post lost pets or safety warnings, and give away or sell used belongings. Just "Google" Nextdoor Shutesbury and you'll find the

sign-in or join page. If you have problems signing up, email **Paul Vlach**, am NDS "Lead" at [vlach@admin.umass.edu](mailto:vlach@admin.umass.edu) for help.

You must live in Shutesbury; join as a single person, not a couple or business (but you can mention your hobbies, business, or organizational ties). You can send invites to your friends, neighbors and family residents, so each of you sees the postings at your own convenience. You can get an

email about every posting, or a "digest" format, sent less often.

There's a website where you can search for past info on plumbers, electricians, roofers, doctors, etc.

You will join the 455+ Shutesbury members; you may also opt to include 578+ neighbors in Amherst and Pelham. Your base profile info is limited to full name and road name, but you can show more if you wish.



# The M. N. Spear Memorial Library

10 Cooleyville Road  
413-259-1213; [www.mnspear.org](http://www.mnspear.org)  
Mary Anne Antonellis, *Director*

## Open Seven Days

### Public Service Hours

Monday 11am-1pm and 3-6pm  
Tuesday 3-7:30pm  
Wednesday 11am -1pm and 3-6pm  
Thursday 3-7:30pm  
Friday 3-6pm  
Saturday 10am-1pm  
Sunday 3-6pm

## Kayak Loan Program

Last summer the library was awarded a grant to develop a kayak loan program.

We now have three kayaks available for loan to Shutesbury residents. The kayaks, two singles and one tandem, are kept on a rack at the town beach and boat ramp at Lake Wyola (off Randall Road), are available from the middle of May through Columbus Day weekend.

Our kayak loan program is an unusual service and it is a bit complicated. We appreciate your patience, flexibility and cooperation as we all learn the best way to provide this service in the midst of the everyday activity in our very small, yet busy

library.

Thanks to everyone who has taken the time to call ahead to inquire about the program. Getting all of the details ahead of time helps users be prepared when they are ready to borrow the kayaks.

### How It Works

Shutesbury residents with a valid C/W MARS library card, in good standing, can borrow and use our kayaks. (For Shutesbury residents with an Amherst mailing address, we will cross-check the address with the official town street listing.)

You must be 18 or older to borrow a kayak. Parents and legal guardians may borrow on behalf of their children, ages 5 and up.

### Each time you borrow a kayak, you must read and sign the borrowing policy and release.

Kayaks cannot be used by anyone other than the person(s) who completed the appropriate paperwork and borrowed the kayak(s). Kayaks may be used by children ages 5 and up with a parent or legal guardian. The parent or legal guardian must complete the appropriate paperwork and borrow the

kayak and related equipment on behalf of the child.

Every person must wear a Coast Guard Approved personal floatation device at all times while using a kayak. You may use your own personal floatation device, but it must be Coast Guard Approved.

When you borrow a kayak from the M.N. Spear Memorial Library, the loan includes:

- The kayak
- A paddle (two paddles for the tandem kayak)
- A key to unlock the boat from the rack
- A paddle leash
- A whistle.

(The library's Coast Guard Approved personal floatation devices are loaned on a separate barcode.)

You must return kayaks to the library rack at the boat landing and secure it with the provided lock after use. Use care to ensure that the appropriate lock is attached to the correct kayak, i.e.: Lock #1 for Kayak #1.

Kayaks must only be enjoyed on Lake Wyola. Return the paddle(s), personal floatation device(s), key, and whistle to the library, during open hours, on or before the due date. The loan period is two days.

Kayaks and related equipment cannot be renewed.

The fine for late return is \$10 per day, \$50 maximum.

Kayak loans are first come/first served.

You can call the library during public service hours to reserve a kayak for the same day, but you must pick it up before the start of the last hour of business or the reservation is cancelled. You may not reserve kayaks for future dates.

If items are lost or not returned, you will be billed for their cost:

- Single kayak \$300
- Tandem Kayak \$700
- Key \$25
- Whistle \$5
- Paddle \$95
- Paddle leash \$20
- Personal floatation device \$50.



## New Items added frequently!

We add new items to our collection every week. We have recently subscribed to Wowbrary. It is an online service that delivers a weekly newsletter, listing our newest items, via email or Facebook.

To subscribe to Wowbrary via email, go to <http://www.wowbrary.org/>, enter our zip code, choose M.N. Spear Library and click submit.

To subscribe via Facebook, go to <http://wowbrary.org/facebook2/facebook.aspx>, enter our zip code, choose M.N. Spear Library. Our Wowbrary newsletter comes out on Saturdays and is linked to our online catalog.

## Free EBooks!

Shutesbury residents with a valid library card have access to free ebooks and downloadable audio-books through our C/W MARS membership.

These digital items can be read or listened to on a variety of devices, including computers, iPads, smart phones, and Kindles. To browse the digital collection, click on the **Digital Catalog** tab on [mnspear.org](http://mnspear.org). Instructions for using the digital collection can be found by clicking the help button.



Help

**The Massachusetts Library System** has also developed an online digital catalog with ebooks and other online content. Stay tuned to [mnspear.org](http://mnspear.org) for more information about this additional resource later this fall.

## Save the Dates!

The Friends of the Library will be serving a delicious **Turkey Dinner** at the Shutesbury Athletic Club on **Friday, October 9**. The suggested donation is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and seniors. Volunteers are needed to help with cooking and to



donate supplies and desserts. Contact the library if you can help, 259-1213.

**The Friends of the Library Annual Meeting** will be extra special this year. It is scheduled for Friday, November 6 at the Shutesbury

Athletic Club. We'll begin with a lasagna dinner at 6:00pm, followed by a very brief meeting and then a concert by **Brian Bender and Friends!** Stay tuned to [mnspear.org](http://mnspear.org) for more details.



*An August evening on Lake Wyola, as enjoyed from a library kayak. (Photos on these pages by Janis S. Gray)*



## Great deals on recycling bins, compost containers and tote bags!

The Recycling Committee has obtained grants from the Mass. DPW over the past few years that have allowed us to acquire a stock of recycling bins, compost bins, and kitchen compost buckets that we can sell at less than half price to Shutes-

bury residents.

We also have many "Shutesbury Recycles" tote bags, made out of recycled plastic, that you can use for shopping or to pick up your trash bags during the May-June distribution period.

Compost Bins	\$20.00
Recycling Bins	\$3.00
Kitchen Compost Buckets	\$3.00
Tote Bags	\$2.00

If you're interested in bins, buckets or bags, contact the Recycling Coordinator, **Gary Bernhard**, at [bernhard@uwww.umass.edu](mailto:bernhard@uwww.umass.edu) or 259-1235.



## Shutesbury Bulky Waste Day is Saturday, October 3!

*by the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee*

Saturday, October 3 is Bulky Waste Day at the Highway Department from 10am to 2pm for Shutesbury residents. Bring items that are too large for the trash, such as construction waste, mattresses, electronics, etc. etc. We do charge enough to cover the cost of disposing of these items, so bring some cash or your check book. **DO NOT** bring hazardous waste or florescent bulbs to Bulky Waste Day.

### We Need Bulky Waste Day Volunteers!

Please give the RSWC a hand that day if you can. We could use some strong volunteers to help things run smoothly at BWD. We had several terrific volunteers in June, and their help made a huge difference. Many hands make light work! If you would like to volunteer, contact **Gary Bernhard** at 413-259-1235 or [bernhard@uwww.umass.edu](mailto:bernhard@uwww.umass.edu).

### Changes That Take Effect This Year

- ⇒ All TVs will be \$20.00. Computer monitors will be \$10,00. All other electronics are free.
- ⇒ All clean, white Styrofoam will be collected at no cost!
- ⇒ Bulky rigid plastics (see below) will be collected separately and recycled at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Springfield. We will be charging between \$2 and \$5, depending upon the volume, to help cover the cost of the hauling. **Please note what is acceptable and what is not acceptable for Bulky Rigid Plastic collection.**

#### Acceptable Bulky Rigid Plastics

- Buckets *with* metal handles
- Milk/soda crates
- Laundry baskets
- Lawn furniture
- Landscape & microwave trays
- Totes—any size (*with metal*)
- Toys & Playhouses
- Pet carriers
- Coolers
- Shelving
- Closet organizers

- Dish drainers
- Flower pots (no soil)
- Traffic signs
- Recycling bins
- Garbage cans (any size)
- PVC & PET blister pack
- 5 gallon water bottles
- Plastic Auto Parts
  - ◊ Side-view mirrors
  - ◊ Headlights and taillights
  - ◊ Bumpers
  - ◊ Grills
  - ◊ Hubcaps

#### Not Acceptable Bulky Rigid Plastics

- PVC Pipe/Tubing
- Vinyl Siding
- Plastic film (grocery bags, etc.)
- Flexible Water Hoses
- Flexible flower pots
- Other recyclable plastics
- Oil/gas/chemical containers
- Small plastic pieces of larger plastic toys, games, etc.

### Free by the Side of the Road

The week before each Bulky Waste Day is "Free-By-the-Side-of-the-Road Week." If you have items that you no longer need but might be useful to others, place them on the roadside during the week beginning Saturday, September 26.

**NOTE: Items placed on the roadside that are NOT picked up before Bulky Waste Day must be removed at the end of the week. Put them in trash bags or bring them to Bulky Waste Day. Last year Town Meeting passed a "Littering and Dumping Bylaw" that addresses items left by the side of the road longer than two weeks. The text of the bylaw is on the Town website, here: <http://www.shutesbury.org/bylaws>**



# Help wanted at Highway Department!

## Laborer/Truck Driver/ Equipment Operator – Full time position for the Town of Shutesbury

The Town of Shutesbury wishes to hire a permanent full time laborer/truck driver/equipment operator. Must have a valid B CDL license with air brake endorsement and a 2B hoisting license. A 4G hoisting license is also required within 6 months of hire.

Performs manual labor, operates equipment in the maintenance and

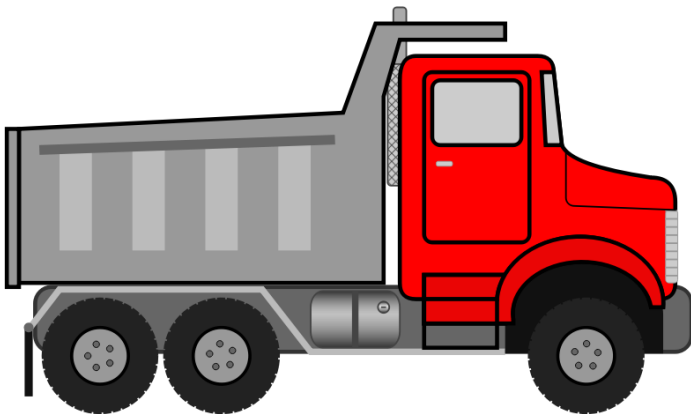
construction of town roads, and plows snow at the direction of the Highway Superintendent. Mechanical and construction knowledge is a plus. Starting pay range is \$16.00 to \$18.35 per hour.

This is a 40 + hour a week benefited position. Applicant must pass a DOT physical and be subject to random drug testing. Job description and applications are available by calling Highway Superintendent **Tim Hunting** at (413) 259-1215. Applications are due to the Highway Superintendent, 59 Leverett Rd., Shutesbury, MA

01072. Position will remain open until filled. EEO/AA.

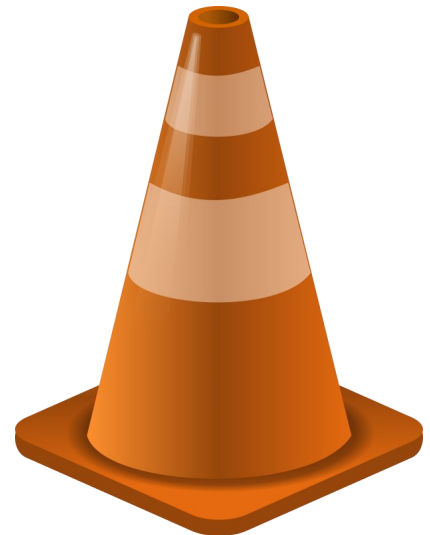
ice removal person. Duties include but are not limited to plowing and sanding public roads. Must be available throughout the winter for all storms. Drivers license (CDL not required) and good driving record essential.

Deadline: Position open until filled. Call **Tim Hunting**, Superintendent if interested at (413) 259-1215. EEO/AA.



## Snow Removal

– Part time position for the Town of Shutesbury  
The Department of Public Works needs a part time snow and



### Collector, cont. from page 3

The previous lockbox has been closed and we cannot receive mail from that facility. Please plan ahead when you mail your payments as it may take as much as a week for mail to arrive as the post office sorts mail in Connecticut. Do NOT postdate your checks! I cannot accept such checks because they cannot be processed until the date on the check. They will be returned to you upon receipt.

“Why is the name of the previous owner still on my real estate tax bill?” is a question we are frequently asked. Under Mass. General Laws, the name of the person who owns property on January 1 of the year in which the fiscal year begins must appear on the bill. In the case of this fiscal year (2015) that date is January 1, 2014. We highlight the “in care of” designation to make certain the bill is delivered to the new owner and not forwarded to the previous owner.

If you will be receiving your mail at a different address during the winter, please notify this office when you will

be leaving so I can redirect your bills and ensure that they will be delivered promptly. Please make sure I have your alternate address.

This is also the time to verify all information on your auto registration, license, and insurance documents. Your insurance company furnishes information to the Registry of Motor Vehicles during the last quarter of the calendar year that provides the database from which your motor vehicle excise tax bills on vehicles registered on January 1 are generated.

It is essential that the place of garaging and both the mailing and residential addresses are absolutely correct to insure proper and prompt delivery of your bills. If you have an Amherst mailing address, that address should appear as the “mailing address” on your registration so it appears on your excise bill. Failure to have the correct mailing address may cause the bill to be returned as undeliverable and delays delivery.

Let me remind you that any tax bill sent from this office should *not* be

ignored, even if it is on property you no longer own. The Town does not get notified if you dispose of an automobile, turn in your license plates, or dispose of personal property. You must notify the Board of Assessors by completing the appropriate abatement application.

If you move from Shutesbury, please leave a forwarding address and make certain you change your license and registration to indicate your new address and place of garaging. Any registration that lists Shutesbury as a place of garaging will result in an excise tax bill being sent from Shutesbury.

Remember, your unpaid excise bills from any municipality *will* follow you through the data base at the Registry of Motor Vehicles and its compact with other states. Unpaid bills can result in your inability to register a vehicle or renew your driver's license and registration.

Have a good autumn.



TOWN OF SHUTESBURY  
P.O. BOX 276  
SHUTESBURY MA 01072

Return Service Requested

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AMHERST MA 01002

**OUR TOWN**

Resident  
Shutesbury MA 01072

## HOW TO CONTACT TOWN OFFICIALS

Go to [www.shutesbury.org](http://www.shutesbury.org) to find email addresses, or call the appropriate number below.

ACCOUNTANT Gail Weiss 259-1108	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Jackie Mendonsa, Principal 259-1212	POLICE DEPARTMENT Chief Thomas E. Harding 259-1279 Dispatch 413-625-8200
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY Linda Avis Scott 259-6550	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR Walter Tibbetts 259-1211	RECYCLING COORDINATOR Gary Bernhard 259-1235
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ANIMAL INSPECTORS Denise Chiminiello 259-1020 Nancy Long 259-1279	FIRE DEPARTMENT Walter Tibbetts, Chief 259-1211 or at home 259-1286	SHUTESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE Sean Woodard-McNiff 978-660-7983
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COUNCIL ON AGING Med-Ride Program 259-3796 Marilyn Tibbetts, Chair 259-1976	OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE Janice Stone 259-1557	TOWN MODERATOR Penelope Kim 259-1326
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