

NEWSLETTER

TOWN OF LEVERETT

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October 2022

Notes From Around Town

- If you have Leverettnet or internet questions please call OTT at 866-746-3873.
- **Stonewall "Lift"**—It's the perfect time of year to show-off our stately stonewalls. Clearing some overgrowth will accentuate their beauty and contribute to our town's rich heritage embodied in stonewalls, especially as 2024 draws near and we celebrate our 250th!
- Boats currently stored at the Town Boat Launch Area need to be removed by October 10.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINES:

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Send news items and energetic election workers to: Lisa Stratford at P.O. Box 300, Leverett, MA or townclerk@leverett.ma.us or call 548-9150 for guidelines.

The BIG News-

Leverett's electrical costs will double in 2023

The Leverett Energy Committee (LEC) and Select Board (SB) recently met with our electricity consultant, Colonial Power Group (CPG), to sign a new contract. The previous contract, which has been in place for the last three years, will expire on the consumers' meters in December of this year. We have been pleased with CPG's assistance in maintaining a stable price below that of Eversource, offering non-fossil fuel sources, and flexible opt out/opt in provisions to the town's program.

When new prices for the upcoming year were announced we were astounded: they would double from 10.5 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh) to approximately 23.6 cents for a comparable product. This means that for a household that uses 600 kWh/month (average for MA households) will pay \$141 for their electricity per month or \$1,699 per year. Actually, because the average Leverett electricity use is considerably above the MA average many town residents will pay far higher than this.

Realizing the hardship this would pose to many Leverett residents CPG was asked to justify in writing its reasons for a such a rate hike (see below), especially since much of our procured electricity comes from wind and solar. For those dependent on propane, costs will soar considerably beyond electricity.

Given an uncertain future we were asked if the Town should sign a 13-month or 3-year contract. The 13-month contract was suggested by CPG, and the majority of the LEC and Select Board agreed. This was based on the optimistic belief that supply issues (Mass wind) and federal intervention would lower the price. Most other Franklin Co. towns are doing the same.

So that's where we stand at present. We want to prepare Leverett residents for this unfortunate situation that will undoubtedly affect our household budgets. The Town's program has an opt-out and opt-back-in provision which allows a household to leave the town aggregation and then get back in without a penalty. Other providers are available, including Eversource, but please read the contract carefully. We can advise as to what to look for regarding unscrupulous contract language.

On the positive side this increase in electricity cost should promote energy conservation: "Johnny, turn off the lights!" As mentioned, average electricity among Leverett households is considerably above neighboring towns. Also, the LEC has just received a grant from the UMass Clean Energy Extension to provide us with a student to assist in planning for a greater reliance on local solar production. More about this later.

Leverett Energy Committee

Colonial Power Group's Explanation for Rising Electrical Costs

Issues Driving Energy Prices • ISO New England is currently suffering from a myriad of issues effecting electricity prices. • First and foremost is a natural gas capacity issue. As ISO New England has cleaned up the grid in the last decade, it has turned to natural gas removing coal and old oil burning units. This, in turn, means we are relying on natural gas for greater than 60% of our electricity generation needs. • This is further exacerbated during the winter when consumers are heating their homes with natural gas which creates a bigger strain on an already constrained natural gas pipeline. • In the winter months when the pipeline is operating at full capacity and we are unable to meet the demand required, we back-fill the system with liquefied natural gas (LNG).

This is why the current conflict in Ukraine is impacting ISO New England. • ISO New England is unfortunately competing in the world LNG market for shipments of fuel against countries that are willing to pay any price for LNG as Russia is currently shutting off their supply of natural gas through pipelines. European countries including Germany have committed themselves to end their dependence on Russian fuels as quickly as possible, independent of any cessation of the conflict in Ukraine. This has created tremendous demand for LNG from the U.S. • Adding insult to injury is the Jones Act enacted in the 1920's to help the ship building industry protect the U.S. Navy's ability to build ships. The statute, among other things, requires shipping between U.S. ports to be conducted by U.S.-flag ships meaning we can only ship gas from the U.S. to other countries if the ship is built and manned in the U.S. Currently what is the number of U.S. LNG ships being operated in the LNG market? ZERO. The cost to build an LNG ship in the U.S. is three times more expensive than having it built other places around the world. • The next contract was kept short because we expect (a) the market to adjust to the new world realities -- a combination of increased production and reduced demand -- and (b) prices to come down in the next 12 months. Unfortunately, these current high price levels could be here longer than we are currently forecasting if events or circumstances constrain supply or support consumption (e.g., exceptional winter cold). Off-shore wind will be key in reducing dependence on natural gas, but meaningful expansion of U.S. projects is still years away. • One of the unfortunate side effects of the inflation/supply chain issues is the escalating cost of goods and services. This dynamic has raised the cost not only of fossil fuel but renewable energy as well. The price of wind and solar has escalated during this time of inflation creating more of a burden for renewable resources and the implementation and maintenance of these resources going forward.

From the Select Board

As we settle into a beautiful New England Autumn, it's time to review what's been going on in your town's government over the summer—typically a slow period for the Select Board as well as other committees and boards. Even so, important issues continued to be reviewed and decided. One of the major issues in Leverett has been speeding on neighborhood roads and throughways. The

Lead Mine/Two Mile Rd neighborhood received an electronic sign telling drivers to be aware of children and to drive slowly. Plans were made to place another sign on Rt 63 to warn drivers that passing school buses is illegal and will result in a fine; our Police Department has been present for the buses when school started, and officers pulled over those who have passed a stopped school bus. The residents along that road have put up their own signs to ask people to stop for the buses, and the Select Board discussed getting extended "stop arms" for the buses that will be more visible to drivers.

In July, after Town Meeting rejected the selling of the Field Family Museum to the Leverett Historical Society, some residents asked to form an ad hoc committee to work through the facts surrounding the building, its physical space and needs, as well as the best future use of the building. An important aspect of this ad hoc committee is to hear the opinions of town residents and to have an open and democratic process. Check it out and see what you think!

Many in town were genuinely concerned about aerial spraying for mosquitoes that could be required by the state. Leverett chose to 'opt out' of spraying but was turned down. So, in the meantime the Board of Health and the Select Board worked on ways to meet state requirements that would allow us to opt out. Melissa Colbert initiated a consultation and then an initial project with MedZu, the company that does tick testing, in Amherst, to collect mosquitoes and have them analyzed for West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis. At Town Meeting, \$5,000 was approved to address the mosquito issue. A few resident citizen scientists were trained to collect the mosquitoes from special traps and put them for collection in a cooler outside Town Hall. This is a pilot project for both MedZu and Leverett.

Douglas Slaughter, finance director for Amherst-Pelham Regional School District spoke to the Select Board about the need to repair the deteriorating track & field at the Amherst Regional High School. He presented 3 tiered options: repair the track and sports field (lowest cost); re-orient the field so the sun does not shine into players eyes and put the whole track & field in a different place using AstroTurf. Leverett stated willingness to contribute to the repair hesitant to use the most expensive option. The Select Board pointed out that the town has had to reject or postpone projects because of cost. The proposed highest tier price would be around \$4 million.

There was also concern expressed about using a synthetic surface.

The Highway Department has been operating with one fewer worker than needed and in July, Matt Boucher presented a very qualified candidate who was subsequently hired to round out the team. Welcome Hayden Kanash!

Did anyone notice that a major movie was being filmed on Teawaddle Hill Rd this summer? Well, that happened; a feature film named Janet Planet, directed by local Pulitzer Prize winner Annie Baker (The Flick), and producer Debbie DeLisi. If you noticed white vans shuttling people around the Southern end of town, that was them! I can't wait to see

The Select board and the Energy Committee met at the Town Hall with two representatives from Colonial Power (our current electricity supplier for the town aggregation for residential use). The Town's three-year contract with Colonial ends December 31, 2022. The anticipated sharp rise in electricity rates made the decision of length of contract more consequential. The interconnectedness between costs per kilowatt hour, upheaval in world affairs, and laws governing national policy required sustained and detailed attention. A 13-month contract was decided, but not unanimously. More clarification of these proceedings is provided in the page one report of this Newsletter. The Energy Committee will continue to pass on new information.

Other business included the decision to repair the Mill Yard Bridge in North Leverett to accommodate vehicular traffic; this was supported by the Highway Department. Margie brought forward a CPA project to improve the Town Hall gardens, using native and pollinator plants, and including a split rail fence in the back parking lot. The Select Board supported this application. Tim Shores from the Planning Board updated us on the Master Plan and wanted to make sure there was public outreach for community participation and awareness. This process (going into year two if grant funding is approved) will help the residents decide what direction they want the town to take on zoning, affordability, and economic development. Sean Connor was appointed our new Emergency Manager.

A town-use-only Zoom policy was adopted as well as another policy prohibiting private boats from being stored at the Leverett Pond.

After three years, a grant-funded project to replace our streetlights with LED lighting has finally been

completed. Thirty-three lights have been replaced. These things take time!

Recently, various grants received support from the Select Board which involved replacing the heating system at the library, and addressing insulation needed to protect the school sprinkler system as well as getting an evaluation of the sprinkler system so that burst-pipe problems can be eliminated.

As I write this, the Highway Department is preparing for the long-awaited Shutesbury Road Culvert Project to begin. The plan is to get it done over the weekend starting the afternoon of Friday the 7th and finishing by the morning of Tuesday the 11th. After this, Matt and his crew will work on changing the intersection at the base of the Shutesbury Road Hill, creating a 3-way stop, in hopes to decrease speeding and incidents with large trucks.

The Fall Special Town Meeting has been scheduled for November 1st. The meeting was called to discuss the Miller Road Bridge Project, but other items will be added to the warrant.

Have a wonderful fall! And we welcome you to attend Select Board meetings; it's never been easier: you can find the Zoom link on the town website!

Pat Duffy, for the Select Board

Democracy—Affirmed. Votes Counted.

Democracy is not a spectator sport and I'm looking for players. Leverett has a time-honored and newly-respected history of voting using paper ballots. Voters appreciate that their ballots are kept in hard-copy form and not suspect to meddling. However, at evenings end each ballot, each vote, needs to be hand counted and recorded—and the results called in to the Associate Press that night.

A resident told me recently that helping to count on Election Night is the most democracy-affirming activity he does. And couldn't we all use more of that??!!

Please email townclerk@leverett.ma.us or call 548-9150 if you are willing to help. Thank you!

Lisa Stratford, Town Clerk

News from the Council on Aging

The COA welcomes new members Judi Fonsh, John Szczesny, Gene Stamell and Barbara Kline, to join members Sue Nagy, Judy Rafael, and Fay Zipkowitz.

We send many thanks for their service to COA to Sue Swartz, Judy Hobart, Dave Evans and Thom Masterton. We met on September 16 to get acquainted and to consider the reports on the aging population from residents/consultants Tim Shores and Jya Plavin, and from LifePath. We hope to use the study results to plan services, activities and programs for older adults in Leverett, and we are grateful to everyone who participated in the LifePath survey and the interviews with Tim and Jya. Meanwhile, the monthly FootCare by Nurses program continues as well as the Chair Yoga class with Nancy Paglia on Zoom, open to all residents over 60. Stay tuned!

Fay Zipkowitz, Co-Chair, COA

Public Library Updates

The dedication ceremony for the mural, *Past is Present is Future*, was a well-attended event on a beautiful afternoon. If you haven't yet stopped in to see Judith Inglese's mural, please come anytime as it has been installed just outside our front doors. The best way to know about our offerings is to sign up for the monthly email newsletter on our website www.leverettlibrary.org

Resources for Connection

The library continues to fulfill its role as a community center for the town of Leverett. We offer many services, programs, and resources intended to support all segments of our population. Did you know that you can...

Take a free Tai Chi or Qigong class here?

Play boardgames with new friends starting Oct. 26?

Learn to play Mah Jongg on Thursday afternoons?

Join a Baby and Me playgroup?

Pickup a paper copy of this newsletter?

Use our copier, printer, and computers?

Have your items delivered to your home if you are homebound?

Reserve the community room for a meeting or event?

The rumors are true. We invite you to stop in and see how the library can enrich your life.

Meeting Space

The Trustees of the Library have made the Community Room available for limited use by the public. The goal is to ensure that residents have the greatest possible access to educational and cultural opportunities. The room is first reserved for library and library-related uses.

After that, the trustees encourage events that are free and open to the public and those that further the goals

of the library. Therefore, the room is available to town boards or committees, non-profit groups, and individuals or businesses for educational, recreational, and civic purposes.

Find the full policy and room-use application on our website www.leverettlibrary.org

Community Support

We rely on the support and momentum of many members of our community. This includes the Friends of the Leverett Library, the musicians who donated their time and music to the Music on the Patio series, and the volunteers who shelve books and provide weekly library programs free of charge. This year we were able to provide space for the Friends of the Leverett Pond to distribute keys for their boat-loan program. The library is a fun place to be!

Thank you to everyone and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Hannah Paessel, Library Director

Leverett Municipal Light Plant (LMLP)

Internet Service Provider (ISP) Change: The MLP has signed a contract with the South Hadley Electric Light Department (referred to as SHELD) to be LeverettNet subscribers' ISP for the next three years. SHELD is a division of the Town of South Hadley that has full internet and phone management and repair capabilities. For more information about SHELD, here is their website address: www.sheld.org.

We have begun the transition process and expect it to be complete during the end of November. For most LeverettNet subscribers, here's a summary of the changes that you can expect to see:

- New customer service 800 phone number for all billing, outage and service questions;
- 24 hour, 7 days a week staffed technical support number;
- Voice customers will need to establish a new voicemail and will lose messages saved on Otelco's GoNetSpeed's voicemail system if they are not saved on a device in your house;
- Monthly invoice will come from SHELD and they will communicate all methods of payment available to you;
- Emails that are saved on Otelco's GoNetSpeed's server (not on your computer in Outlook or another email program) will be lost if they are not downloaded to your computer;
- Prices for basic services will stay the same;

- Additional details about the new service will be provided prior to conversion.

Hats off to OTT Communications/Otelco/GoNetSpeed for all of their hard work over the past six years and welcome to SHELd.

Information always on line: Look for information about LeverettNet, FAQ and updates as we get closer to the November switchover date on the LMLP page of of the Town of Leverett website
<http://www.leverett.ma.us/>.

Energy Committee News

Important News

On the front page of this newsletter the Energy Committee has provided you with a report on the upcoming changes in our rates for electricity use. Please read carefully. We don't like bringing you this news and you won't like receiving it, but we are all affected and must prepare for the hardship ahead. This development is worldwide and not susceptible to our protestations. Details about our committee's efforts and decisions are in the separate statement in this newsletter.

For people living on low incomes there is actually some available assistance. First, any resident living on an income sufficient to receive help from the federal SNAP (Food Stamp) program; the Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC); the Fuel Assistance program, administered in Greenfield for Franklin County residents; or the Aid to the Elderly, Disabled and Children (EAEDC, also called the Cash Benefits program) automatically receives a significant discount on their monthly electricity bills. You will see this discount listed on your electricity bill near the end of SUPPLY column of charges as well your DELIVERY charges.

Another source of assistance available is the JOE--4--SUN plan. "Joe" is Joe Kennedy of the Massachusetts Kennedy family--once known as the creator of the JOE FOR OIL plan (Joe got himself climate crisis-savvy). All you need to apply for and receive this additional discount is to send JOE--4--SUN a copy of your electric bill with the low-income discount on it. The program issues credits for the amount you owe each month on your bill and automatically pays 50% of the value of those credits, a sum you will see subtracted from your bill. Everything else is unchanged. Apply and learn more here: www.citizensenergy.com/joe4sun.

Other assistance available to everyone is to re-invigorate our efforts to save energy in our own homes. We (members of your Energy Committee) are good (maybe a little annoyingly?) at reminding you about these efforts and also coming up with new strategies and incentives to get you going! Meanwhile, we will send updates about all of this when we have them.

More Important News

The Town has been contacted by a group of UMASS engineering students with climate activist interests to work together on the best way to make maximum use of solar energy within town boundaries. We submitted a statement describing Leverett's distinctive features and an outline of

our plans to build a "micro grid" within town borders to supply power to local households. We just learned that the UMASS group is ready to take us on! Of this news, more later.

Happier News

At the same time our committee learned about electricity rates doubling for all of us, we were informed by our contacts at Colonial Power (brokers for our green energy aggregation) that the Town of Leverett had excelled at recruiting residents to choose the green option (100% wind generated energy from Texas); in percentages, the number of "green" participants was among the highest in the state.

Reassuring News

Some of us will remember from several years ago the names Lynn Benander and Coop Power. Lynn and her group initiated the Franklin County effort to substitute used cooking oil for fossil fuels on a commercial basis. It took years of work on many fronts--including, most prominently--cooperation of all the food/restaurant/hotel services in the area. Finally, on September 27---with fanfare and a press conference at the Greenfield Industrial Park--the launch of Northeast Biodiesel was announced. This amazing long-awaited development means it will be possible--not clear how soon--to drive around Franklin County (and wherever we please) propelling ourselves on cooking oil used first to help make our dinner at...say...Hope and Olive's in Greenfield or lunch at one of the local high schools. Good timing!

More to say, but this column is long enough for now.
 Portia Williams Weiskel for the Leverett Energy Committee
pweiskel@post.harvard.edu 413-548-9737

250th Anniversary Logo Contest!

We are seeking designs for a logo to be used for our 250th Celebration in 2024.

We hope for the logo to capture the spirit of Leverett in this moment - looking back on the span of history to inform us and towards the future to inspire us. This logo will be used on official documents relating to the 250th, in digital and print form for advertising, and on T-shirts and other items for 2024.

Eligibility is anyone who is living or has lived in Leverett. The contest is open to all ages.

Guidelines:

- **We are looking for original drawings that will reproduce well in black and white (though your entry might be in color). A variety of mediums will be accepted, but can't include photography.**
- **One entry per person, please.**

By submitting your design, you acknowledge that the design can be used in official 250th documents, print and digital media, and memorabilia such as T-shirts, and that winners expect no monetary payment. We will make acknowledgements when possible.

Please answer the questions on this google form and submit a pdf of your logo design. If you can only submit your design on paper, please drop it off at collection points: Leverett Library, Leverett Village Co-op, and Town Hall. Please remember to fill out a form provided for you at these points.

Deadline for submissions is December 14th. Logo submissions will be printed and displayed at the library and online on the Celebrate 250 website page with a link to vote on your favorite image. The winning design will be selected by popular vote and will be announced in January 2023.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1qOOQIZfW6pD52PdQ0gvBTatuOkz9YMct4mVU8-OWp0/edit>

Community Announcements

SUPPORT OUTDOOR LEARNING AND NATURE-BASED EDUCATION AT LEVERETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

If you sometimes feel that the marvels of technology have distanced our children from the natural world, you are not alone. Over the past two years, even as the pandemic presented every challenge imaginable to themselves and their students, LES teachers have begun using the woods, fields, and streams around the LES campus in an innovative effort to extend and expand classroom

instruction. Drawing inspiration from forest kindergarten programs in Europe and from Antioch University's nature-based early childhood program, LES teachers are infusing abstract science concepts with hands-on experiences and exploring new contexts, materials, and perspectives for art, writing, even math.

By connecting students to the air, water, plants, and animals that surround them, they are helping Leverett children develop a deeper understanding of the natural world and the environmental challenges we must all navigate in the years to come.

Now, the **Leverett Education Foundation** has launched the **Acorn, Blackberry, Crocus Campaign** to help provide LES administrators and staff with the outdoor classrooms, equipment, materials, and training to build a robust program of nature-based inquiry and reflection. And we are asking for your help.

For more information about the campaign, or to make a donation online, go to **leveretteducationfoundation.org**. Contributions can also be made by mail at **P.O. Box 235, Leverett, MA, 01054**. With your support, we can strengthen the education our teachers offer Leverett's children and make Leverett Elementary School a leader in the national outdoor learning movement.

Friends of the Leverett Library

The Friends of the Leverett Library are excited about the 2022 annual meeting! Dale Monette will present "Picturing the Quabbin: Then and Now." The meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2022 @ 1-3 pm in the library community room with spaced seating for 25-30. Masking is encouraged.

The annual Holiday Basket auction is planned for mid-November to mid-December. Any member of the community who wishes to donate a filled basket to include in the auction is welcome to drop it off at the library during browsing hours prior to or during the annual meeting on October 29. All baskets will be on display at the library. Bidding will be on-line.

Fall marks the beginning of our membership drive for 2023. Membership donations enable us to purchase needed items for the library, support the summer reading program, and provide passes to local attractions and museum. The Emily Dickinson Museum in Amherst has been added to the list of passes. Thank you for supporting your library.

Friends of Leverett Library

c/o Leverett Library
P O Box 250
Leverett, MA 01054

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please complete this and send to the library at: Box 250 Leverett, MA 01054

Circle membership type: Individual \$10 Family \$20 Patron \$50 Lifetime \$200 If your membership is other than "individual" please tell us how many people should be listed in our statistics for your membership (e.g. family of 4): _____

NAME _____

TELEPHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

We ask for your email address so that we can send an acknowledgement of your membership and very occasionally send you information about events and our annual meeting. We are not allowed to access your email address from library patron records and we will not share your email address with anyone.

ALL DUES AND DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Thank you to new members and those who have already renewed their membership

Who Knew?

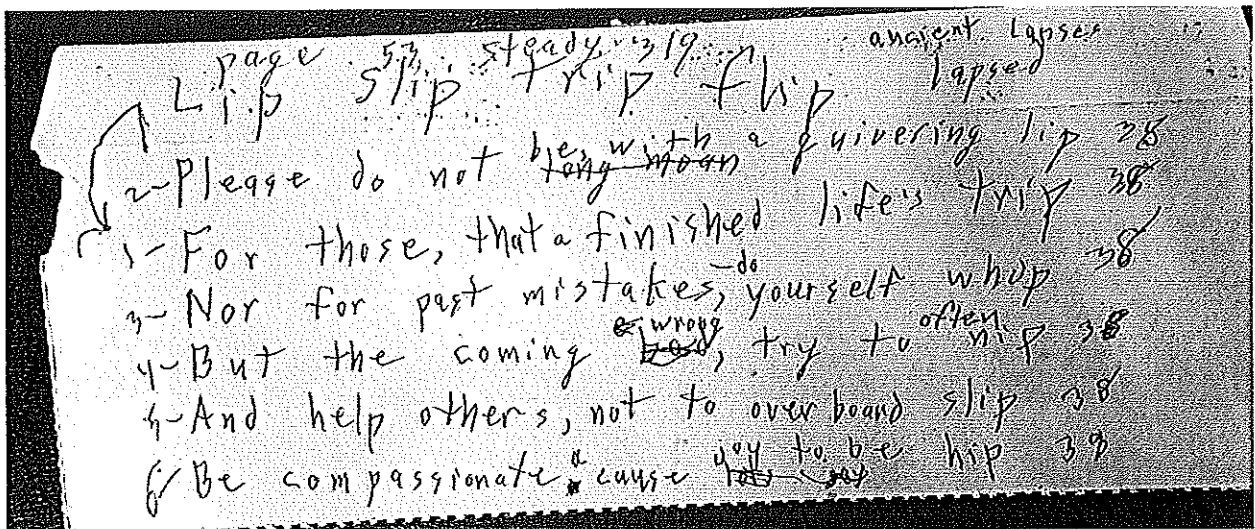
Ever wonder how "Doc" Chapin filled his time between waiting on and philosophizing with customers at Chapin's Store in North Leverett Center? – it was pretty clear that it was not with cleaning up, or even stocking shelves. Finally, it has come to light – he wrote poetry and short stories on the backs of cigarette cartons. Thanks to Court Dorsey, LHS is in possession of this unique archive, so it seems fitting to have a Chapin Night for readings and storytelling. "Doc" Chapin is a legend in our village and it is worth recalling his persona and paying him homage. Court Dorsey is our guest reader, and YOU are our story tellers. Donations okay!

Please Join Us!

Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Leverett Historical Society

Moore's Corner School House, 230 North Leverett Road, Leverett



Leverett-Wendell Advisory Police Services Oversight Committee

This committee has now formed with 3 members from each town.

- Community members: Shannon Gamble, Leverett. Anna Wetherby, Wendell.
- Select Board representatives: Patricia Duffy, Leverett. Daniel Keller, Wendell.
- Finance Committee representatives: Jed Proujansky, Leverett. Thomas Richardson, Wendell.

The purpose of this committee as per the Intermunicipal Agreement between Wendell and Leverett is as follows: *to establish, analyze, and update as needed the terms for the police services provided pursuant to this Agreement. The Police Chief's reports to the Selectboards of each Town will also be presented to and reviewed by the Oversight Committee, however such presentation and review of the Chief's reports may be conducted separately or combined, with presentations to either or both Selectboards.*

The full agreement and purpose of the committee can be found on the Town of Leverett's website under 'Latest News: Read More News' (at the bottom).

Committee meetings are open to the public and you can find the dates and times on the town website calendar or the committee page, as well as the minutes from our meetings.

We are excited to share that there will be two public forums, one in Leverett, and one in Wendell, in the late fall/early winter. We are in the early stages of organizing the committee and its direction which makes this a great time to offer the public the opportunity to ask questions about the shared policing between Leverett and Wendell, as well as to bring up general discussion, thoughts, and concerns about policing in our communities.

We will also be discussing the idea of hiring another full-time officer in 2023, rather than relying on part-time officers. This will be a chance to meet Chief of Police, Scott Minckler, who will be present for a portion of the forums.



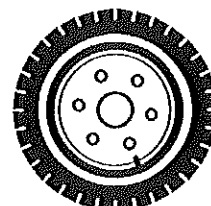
Franklin County
Solid Waste Management District

"CLEAN SWEEP"

BULKY WASTE RECYCLING DAY



Saturday, October 22, 2022
9 a.m. to noon



Locations:

- Mohawk Trail Regional High School, 26 Ashfield Rd, Shelburne Falls (Rt. 112 S.)
 - Northfield Highway Garage, 49 Caldwell Rd. (off Rt. 142)
 - Whately Transfer Station, 73 Christian Lane (off Rt. 5/10)
- No pre-registration necessary.
 - Items will be recycled whenever possible.
 - There is a disposal charge on most items; cash only.

What To Bring:

- Tires
- Televisions
- Computers
- Scrap Metal



- Electronics
- Microwaves
- BBQ Grill Tanks
- Construction & Demolition Debris

- Furniture
- Mattresses
- Carpeting



- Appliances: remove doors from refrigerators & freezers
- FREE: Bring **clean, dry** bagged textiles and books for reuse or recycling!

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

Yard Waste, Brush, Tree Stumps, Asbestos, Paint, Auto Batteries,
Oil Tanks, Hazardous Materials, Fluorescent Light Bulbs, Trash

For residents and businesses of the following towns:

Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill,
Hawley, Heath, Leverett, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Rowe,
Shelburne, Sunderland, Warwick, Wendell, Whately

**For more info and pricing: franklincountywastedistrict.org,
413-772-2438, or info@franklincountywastedistrict.org
or see the back of this sheet.**

MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD)
The District is an equal opportunity provider.

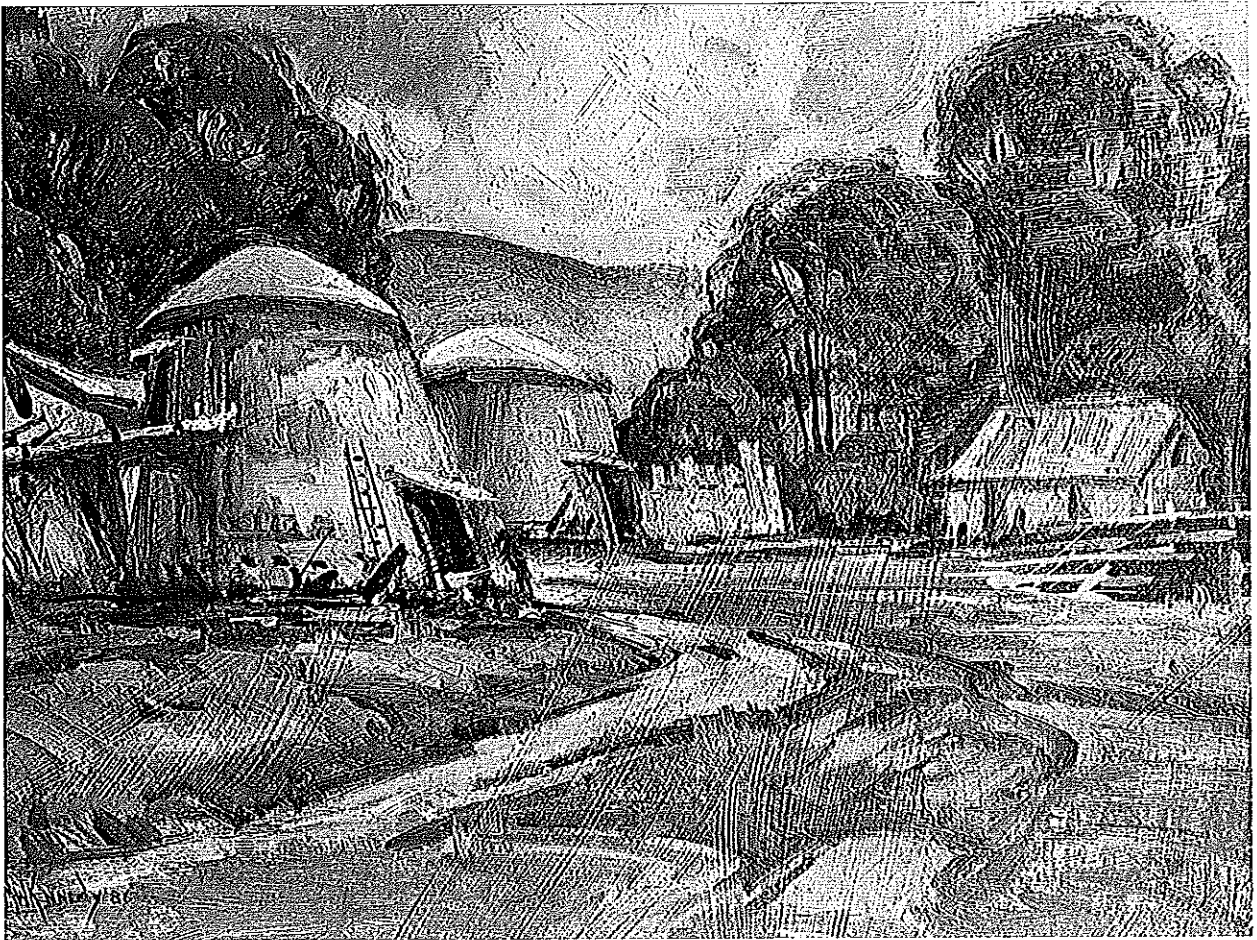
REMODELING? Used building materials can be donated to EcoBuilding Bargains in Springfield.
Call first to confirm that they can accept your item: 413-788-6900, ecobuildingbargains.org.

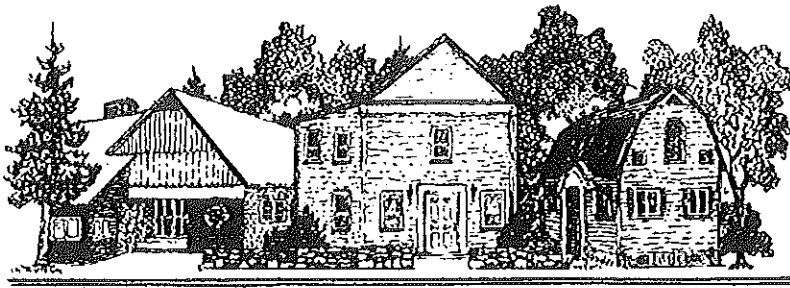
Historical Commission

SAVE THE DATE
Thursday, December 1, 2022
7pm

"A Sense of Where You Are"
will present a program on

"LEVERETT'S CHARCOAL INDUSTRY"





TOWN OF LEVERETT
Massachusetts 01054

Shutesbury Road Culvert Enhancement Project Update **October 3, 2022**

The culvert enhancement project on Shutesbury Road between the Number Six and Old Mountain Road intersections is scheduled for the long weekend of October 7 through 10th, 2022. The road will be closed beginning on Friday afternoon, October 7th and reopened for the Tuesday morning commute on October 11th. Equipment and materials will be stored at the site beginning September 30th and prep work will begin at the site on October 5th.

The purpose of this project is to replace the current corroding and poorly embedded culvert with a buried natural streambed bottom culvert that will open the connection along the stream for fish and wildlife, help ensure the protection of an environmentally sensitive area, and improve the safety of Shutesbury road.

Discussion about the project and public comments about it will be welcomed during the October 11th Selectboard meeting at 7:30 pm. Selectboard meetings take place in person and remotely. A remote link is available off the selectboard calendar of the town website. <https://leverett.ma.us/d/0/?cid=56>

Public comments also are welcome at project work meetings, which will be at the site during the construction period.

The Town redesign of the Shutesbury and Cushman Road intersection at the bottom of the hill will no longer occur at the same time as this project, but at another time.

Anyone interested in contacting the Town for more information about the project can reach out to Margie McGinnis, Administrator at 413-548-9699 or townadministrator@leverett.ma.us or Matt Boucher, Highway Superintendent at 413-548-9400 or highway@leverett.ma.us.

This project is funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Municipal Vulnerability Program (MVP) and by the Town of Leverett.