

## **ASSISTANT TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT**

**September 28, 2011**

- The Board of Selectmen received notification from the Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurer Association that Kate Stacy has earned the designation of Certified Massachusetts Municipal Treasurer and Beth Ann Scheid has earned the designation of Certified Massachusetts Municipal Collector. Congratulations to both!
- The Selectmen wish to thank Highway employee David Hill for a job well done creating and completing a safe walk way for posting notices on the Town Hall Bulletin Board.
- There will be a flu clinic at the American Legion on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m.
- The Board of Selectmen received a letter from the Friends of the Ashby Free Public Library requesting the Selectmen's' permission and support for the Annual Pumpkin Festival. The Friends are holding the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Ashby Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the Town Common. Rain date will be Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help with the Pumpkin Festival in any capacity please call Jessica Johnson at 978-855-4572 or email the Friends at [ashbypumpkinfest@gmail.com](mailto:ashbypumpkinfest@gmail.com)
- The Ashby Board of Health has changed their meeting schedule to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays each month. The meetings will still begin at 8:00 p.m.
- Volunteers needed for the Council on Aging Chore Program. Help your community by volunteering a few hours to clean up a senior's yard. Make it a family outing and teach your kids the value of being a volunteer. Call the COA office at 978-386-2424 ext. 27 to sign up.
- The Board of Selectmen received a notification letter from the U.S. Postal Service regarding an Area Mail Processing study. Information on the AMP study process and the facilities that will be studied is available on [www.USPS.com](http://www.USPS.com) (Please read letter on camera).
- Representative Bastien has started his fall session of office hours in Ashby tonight and will continue to hold office hours in conjunction with the second Board of Selectmen's meeting each month. Office hours will be from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Finance Committee Meeting Room at Town Hall. Ashby residents are encouraged to schedule time during these open hours by calling 978-630-1776 or emailing [Richard.Bastien@MAHouse.gov](mailto:Richard.Bastien@MAHouse.gov)
- North Central Charter School will continue to hold their New Student Enrollment Lottery on November 4<sup>th</sup> and December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Applications must be received by the school front office no later than the day prior to the lottery by 5:00 p.m.

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- The Selectmen have received the following mail, email, memos and faxes:
  - ❖ Conservation Commission September 7<sup>th</sup> Minutes
  - ❖ Invitation to Montachusett Home Care Corporation's 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Breakfast Meeting
  - ❖ Invitation to MRPC Solar Workshop (Tomorrow on 9/29/11)
  - ❖ Proposed Agenda for MART Advisory Board Meeting
  - ❖ Invitation to Montachusett Region Energy Plan Presentation
  - ❖ Invitation to Association of Town Finance Committees' Annual Meeting
  - ❖ Invitation to Middlesex Retirement Board Meeting
  - ❖ Invitation to Moving Together 2011, MassDOT's Annual Statewide Walking and Bicycling Conference
  - ❖ Invitation to MMA's Fall 2011 Legislative Breakfast Meetings
  - ❖ MMA's *The Beacon*
  
- Public Service Announcements:
  - + All eligible individuals (seniors and ADA qualified) wishing to participate in the Meals on Wheels Program should contact Kathryn Becker at 386-6880. Meals are only \$2.00 and are now delivered Monday through Friday around noon.
  
  - + MART Shuttle Service is available to all eligible (60 years or older, ADA qualified) individuals. Ashby residents may use the van Monday through Friday for medical appointments, social day care and shopping. Interested residents should call Jennifer Collins Monday through Thursday at 386-2501, ext. 11 to apply and schedule use.
  
  - + Current Board, Committee, and Department Vacancies: Cemetery Commissioner, Cultural Council, Historical Commission, Senior Tax Work-off Program, and ZBA