

ASSISTANT TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT

November 9, 2011

- The Board of Selectmen received notification from MassDEP that the Town has been awarded a Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Municipal Grant. The Town will receive up to \$6,000 for a Split-Body Roll-off Container for the collection and recycling of wood and bulky rigid plastics and up to \$500 for Education Materials to publicize the new drop-off collection program.
- The next regularly scheduled Selectmen's Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 22nd instead of Wednesday due to the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Fuel Assistance and other benefits besides cash assistance are available to income qualified residents. For more information call the Ashby Council on Aging at 978-386-2424, ex. 27 or the New England Farm workers at 979-342-4520.
- 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.
- North Central Charter School will continue to hold their New Student Enrollment Lottery on December 23rd. Applications must be received by the school front office no later than the day prior to the lottery by 5:00 p.m.
- The Selectmen have received the following mail, email, memos and faxes:
 - ❖ Copies of the Town Administrator's Response to Lillian Whitney's Open Meeting Law Complaint, Newspaper Article and Complaint
 - ❖ Certified Results of 10/27/11 Special Town Meeting
 - ❖ Ashby Community Calendar sponsored by the American Legion
 - ❖ Conservation Commission October 19th Minutes
 - ❖ Letter from Real Recycling for Massachusetts regarding the Massachusetts Bottle Bill *****Agenda Item Request – also forwarded email*****
 - ❖ NRWA's *watershed*
 - ❖ 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