

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

**September 11, 2013**

- The Board of Assessors mailed out a letter to approximately 400 residents regarding conducting inspections of parcels in Town. The Massachusetts Bureau of Local Assessment requires that a periodic data inspection program provide for the inspection of each parcel at least once every nine years. This program will help to verify the property data used to estimate property tax assessments (read letter on camera).
- Reminder that the Town of Ashby participates in a regional facility at 9 Cook Street in Devens for disposal of household hazardous waste. Household Hazardous Waste Collection takes place the first Wednesday and the following Saturday each month from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon except for holidays and weather permitting. For more information including fees and what is accepted for disposal go to <http://devenshhw.com/> This link may also be found under "Services" on the Town's website [www.ci.ashby.ma.us](http://www.ci.ashby.ma.us)
- The 23rd Annual Ashby Pumpkin Festival and Craft Fair will take place on the Common, Saturday, October 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The rain date will be Sunday, October 6th. For more information go to [www.ashbypumpkinfest.com](http://www.ashbypumpkinfest.com) The Friends of the Ashby Public Library welcome volunteers interested in helping with: Set Up, Games, Bake Sale, and Clean Up. Please email [ashbypumpkinfest@gmail.com](mailto:ashbypumpkinfest@gmail.com) with your name, phone number and times you are available to help with this event.
- The Selectmen have received the following mail, email, memos and faxes:
  - ❖ Conservation Commission August 7<sup>th</sup> Minutes
  - ❖ Invitation to Sanctuary's Grand Opening
  - ❖ Invitation to Montachusett Home Care's 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Breakfast Meeting
  - ❖ Invitation to massDOT's Moving Together 2013
  - ❖ massDOT's *Mass Interchange*
  - ❖ 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 386-2424, ex. 27. Meals are only \$2.25 and are now delivered Monday through Friday around noon.
  - + MART Shuttle Service is available to all eligible (60 years or older and 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: Board of Health, Cultural Council, Historical Commission, Historic District Commission, Parks Commissioner, Senior Tax Work-off Program, and Zoning Board of Appeals