



SERVICES TO SHUTESBURY IN 2023

CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND LAND USE

- Continued development of a Lake Wyola Watershed-Based Plan that will make the watershed area eligible for water quality grants.
- Worked with town staff to plan a pollinator habitat workshop for Shutesbury residents that will inform a Shutesbury Pollinator Action Plan, to be completed in the summer of 2024.
- Prepared a memo summarizing known short-term rental numbers in Franklin County towns and revenues for towns that have opted in to the lodging tax, and a summary of existing bylaws across the state, related to short-term rentals. Towns can use that info to develop policies and bylaws, if desired.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

- Supported town officials with information and technical assistance on spending opioid settlement funds.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Assisted the Shutesbury Municipal Light Plant upon request for local digital equity planning services from the MA Broadband Institute.

SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES

- Shutesbury contracted with the FRCOG to receive collective bid pricing for highway products and services, including rental equipment.
- The Franklin County Cooperative Inspections program issued 151 building permits for Shutesbury in 2023 and 3 Certificates of Inspection.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

The following list represents the FRCOG workshops, roundtables and training sessions that Shutesbury public officials, staff, and residents attended, and the number in attendance.

Emergency Preparedness & Homeland Security

Assault and Battery Response – 1

Public Health & Community Awareness

Age- and Dementia-Friendly Community Talk – 2

Health Workforce Performance Standards – 1

Municipal Officials' Continuing Education

One-Stop Municipal Grants Information Session – 1

TRANSPORTATION

- Met with highway department staff to discuss experience with culvert improvements and gravel road maintenance.
- Evaluated a sample of the municipally-maintained gravel roads for stormwater and drainage issues to assist the FRCOG in creating an Unpaved Road Field Assessment Form.
- Engaged in contract to install Franklin County Bikeway wayfinding signs in spring 2024.
- Participated in the National Park Service's development of a foundation document for the New England National Scenic Trail.