



# SHUTESBURY

**Incorporated: 1735**

**Franklin County**

The Town of Shutesbury has carried some of its past history forward. Once known as a lumbering town, Shutesbury still retains some lumbering interests. Named for Governor Samuel Shute, the town was established in 1761 and its plentiful mineral springs resulted in a healthy bottling business growing up in the community. Shutesbury is bordered by the Quabbin Reservoir, and the town's proximity to the huge body of water ensures preservation of some of its rural character because of the restrictions placed on development within the watershed of the Quabbin. The reservoir itself also creates opportunities for fishing and hiking. Shutesbury serves as a "getaway" for those that work at the University and in more populated areas. Lake Wyola, at the North end of Shutesbury offers a multitude of recreational outlets.

(Narrative based on information provided by the Massachusetts Historical Commission)

**Population:** 1810 (2000 census)

**Government:** Town Meeting & Board of Selectmen

**Total Area:** 27.18 square miles +/-

**Tax Rate:** \$18.76 (2010)

**School Superintendent:** 659-3337

**Public Schools:** 1 elementary school; Amherst Regional Public District for Middle School & High School

**Colleges and Universities:**

**Private Schools:**

**Shopping:** local convenience store; about 10-15 minutes to Amherst Center

**Libraries:** M.N. Spear Memorial Library  
259-1213

**Recreational Facilities:** Lake Wyola Park; Shutesbury Garden Club; Shutesbury Athletic Club; riding and hiking trails

**Utilities:**

Cable: None available

Electric: Massachusetts Electric 413-582-7200

Gas: No natural gas available

Telephone: Verizon 800-870-9999

**Child Care Providers:** 413-582-4218

Child Care Focus

56 Vernon Street

Northampton, MA 01060

--provides a list of licensed childcare facilities

**For More Information:**

**Town hall:** 259-1204

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