

To our fellow Washington residents:

June 2015

Thank you to the 172 people who voted on May 16 and to the majority who maintained the stability of our Select Board by reelecting Chairman Jim Huebner. We will continue to work in the best interests of all of Washington's citizens. We will continue to make sure that we manage by consensus and foster an atmosphere of civility. Everyone is welcome to our meetings and we will always make time to listen. We want to hear from you!

- Congratulations to the others reelected: Town Clerk Allison Mikaniewicz, Planning Board member Don Gagnon and Finance Committee member Mike Burke.
- Special congratulations and welcome to our new Tax Collector, Sandra Cameron!

We had well over a hundred attendees at the Annual Town Meeting on May 6, most in anyone's memory. Democracy in action! After some spirited debate our voters overwhelmingly supported bonding for WiredWest's fiber optic network, a by-law clarifying home-based businesses, and notional support to honor all of the Town's veterans from the Revolutionary War to the present.

- The intent is to fund any construction of an expanded veterans' memorial through donations and grants. We thank Eyal Shapira who offered \$1000 to offset the Town's proposed seed money for design.
- The question on the future of the Eden Glen Dam was tabled to allow gathering more information. We will be doing an assessment of its condition, determining the boundaries of the Town's ownership, and cleaning out at least some of the accumulated debris.
- Thanks to everyone who put the warrant and the supporting documentation together. Special thanks to Moderator Ed Bond who made the meeting go so smoothly.

Thanks to Michelle Lampro for getting a grant to partially fund a new paper recycling bin for the Transfer Station and to Craig Willis for supplying a rigid plastics container.

Thanks to our Parks Commission for repainting the Park's bridges, Gazebo, tables and benches in time for the summer season.

Thanks to Selectman Lennon the Town will have help from the Sheriff's Department to fix up the Old Town Hall and other maintenance projects under Ed Bond's direction

As we come to the end of the Fiscal Year the Select Board will be making annual reappointments. We have one volunteer for the Conservation Commission but more are welcome and the Parks Commission can always use help. The Town always has things to be done, so please step forward if you can and let Jodi Hostetter know of your interest.

Work is proceeding on schedule for both the replacement of the Cross Place/Depot Brook culvert this summer and the Frost Road/Depot Brook bridge for summer of 2016.

Despite our appeal to the Secretary of Transportation to expedite the replacement of the Summit Hill Road/CSX bridge we still have no firm commitment from DOT, other than that a design is in the works. We will keep after them.

All of the Annual Town Reports through FY2013 are now available at the Town Hall. FY2014 should be ready shortly and FY2015 later this fall.

We plan to have a Special Town Meeting on June 29 to adjust our accounts before year end. We hope many of our voters will attend.

Jim Huebner  
Select Board Chair

Shaun Lennon  
Select Board Clerk

Mike Case  
Select Board