

To our fellow Washington residents:

Between the Patriots' Day holiday and the lack of a quorum on 4/11 and 4/25 the Select Board met only once in April. We apologize to any residents who were inconvenienced.

The Board plans to appoint a Building Maintenance Coordinator. A job description for the position, which carries an annual salary of \$500, can be found on the Town's website. This appointment, like other appointments to the Town's various boards, committees and councils will be made in June, so anyone who is interested please let Jan Nelson (our Administrative Assistant while Jodie Hostetter is on maternity leave) know. Jodie and Jan have made this a seamless transition – thanks to both!

Due to increased concern that non-residents have been using our Transfer Station, stickers to identify residents are being printed. Once they are available they will be handed out at the Transfer Station by Michelle Lampro. The stickers are free and will also be available at the Town Hall.

In all likelihood Head Start will be moving to the Becket-Washington School. Among other implications, this will free up considerable space in the Town Hall. The Select Board, Finance Committee and the Planning Board will be considering the overall use of space in the coming months. If anyone has any ideas or concerns, please let us know.

Some updates:

- After the re-bid of the new boiler for the Town Hall we have received a quote that was slightly lower than the first. The boiler itself and a maintenance contract will be paid for by a Federal energy grant while a new on-demand hot water heater will be paid from the building maintenance budget. Energy usage at the Town Hall should be significantly reduced.
- Specifications for the insulation and re-siding of the Town Hall are being prepared by Berkshire Regional Planning. This work is also being funded by a Federal energy grant, and should also have a positive effect on energy usage.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at our Annual Town Meeting (7 pm Saturday May 14 at the Town Hall). Even more importantly, we hope each and every one of our voters exercises his or her most important civic duty during Town Elections on Saturday May 21. See you there.

Jim Huebner,
Select Board Chair

Shaun Lennon,
Select Board Clerk

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