



February 2013

Friday Night February 15 following
the potluck dinner



A drama with fairy tale elements, where an orphaned musical prodigy uses his gift as a clue to finding his birth parents. Rated PG

To our fellow Washington residents: February 2013

The installation of the new windows and doors at the Town Hall is almost complete. Although we had asked for – and the voters gave - borrowing authority to pay for this work, we do not need to borrow since we have ample free cash. This will save us thousands in bank fees and interest. We will hold a Special Town Meeting (STM) in the near future to ask you to authorize the transfer of funds.

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During the window installation we discovered that the wall of the gymnasium was in very poor shape and needs to be fixed. We have a quote but need voter approval for the expenditure, again from free cash. This will also be on the STM agenda.

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We have received a quote from a solar power company, E2Sol, who will set up solar panels on Town property, maintain them and provide all of the Town's electrical needs at \$0.132 per kWh, well below what we are paying now. They guarantee this price for 20 years under a lease arrangement that requires zero outlay from the Town – we just pay a smaller electric bill!

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Shaun Lennon has gotten Williams College to donate a large amount of surplus furniture to the Town which is gradually being placed in service within the Town Hall.

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Dick Spencer is donating hardwood for a new conference table to be made by the volunteers at the Sheriffs Department who are also working on our wooden chairs.

We have applied for Federal Grant funding for a new bridge/culvert on Frost Road at Depot Brook. The deadline was extended so we will probably not hear anything until July 1.

If you have an outdoor wood boiler (“outdoor hydronic heater”) that is giving you problems or not DEP approved, the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) and Department of Energy Resources (DOER) have dedicated \$150,000 to a pilot replacement program. Website: <http://masscec.com/index.cfm/page/Commonwealth-Outdoor-Hydronic-Heater-Change-Out-Pilot-Program/cdid/14443/pid/11159> or email biomassthermal@masscec.com or call 617-315-9379 with questions.

Legal counsel is now telling the Board that the only way the Town can transfer the Maplevue property is to auction it off. Once we have the full details we will be setting a date for a public auction. The Town will have an unpublished reserve price.

We have not yet heard whether we have received the Community Innovation Challenge Grant to develop municipal accounting software which would benefit not only the Town but virtually every town in the Commonwealth.

The Town, Dalton and Hinsdale have agreed to place a weight limit along Kirchener/Blotz/Pittsfield Road. The Select Board will notify local truckers and work with our neighboring towns to enforce the limit. We expect reduced maintenance costs, a smoother roadbed and, above all, safer travel for passenger cars.

Phil Clark has provided an engineering estimate for the damage done by CSX's flooding of Upper Valley Road and we will submit a claim.

Almost halfway through Winter! Start planning your gardens.

Jim Huebner
Select Board Chair

Shaun Lennon
Select Board Clerk

Mike Case
Select Board

Washington Town Hall will have free WiFi available during regular business hours

Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.



Internet will also be available Tuesdays from 9:00 to 12:00 AM.



Please contact Frank Kennedy at 623-5180 for more information.

The COA needs volunteers and board members to keep things going and offer more activities.

Board members meet once a month to share ideas and plan activities.

Volunteers are needed to help set up for the monthly pot luck dinners, run the projector, and clean up.

Please e-mail or call if you are interested in helping.

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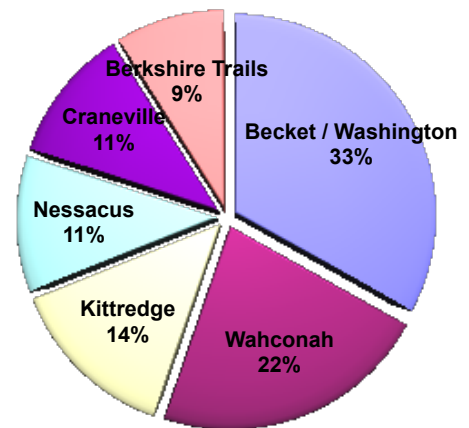
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Rose Borgnis Washington COA Chairperson

Our 2012 Hilltown Hoot results...

EVENT SUMMARY

		Balance	
ATTENDANCE	600	TOTAL INCOME	\$7,256.21
GOAL	2000	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,235.00
%	30%	NET SALES	\$6,021.21
		Reserve left in bank	\$0.00
		Proceeds to split	\$6,021.21
		Voted Income	\$5,045.00
		Remainder	\$976.21

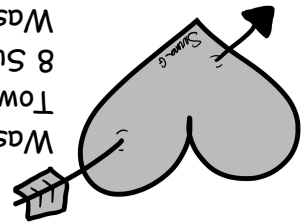


	Voted Income	Equal Split of remainder	School Total
Becket / Washington	\$1,670.09	\$162.70	\$1,832.79
Wahconah	\$1,119.53	\$162.70	\$1,282.23
Kittredge	\$690.09	\$162.70	\$852.79
Nessacus	\$557.59	\$162.70	\$720.29
Craneville	\$555.09	\$162.70	\$717.79
Berkshire Trails	\$452.61	\$162.70	\$615.31
	\$5,045.00	\$976.21	\$ 6,021.21

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