



November 2013

To our fellow Washington residents:

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John F. X. Keator Memorial Pumpkin Walk was a great success. By one estimate over two hundred carloads of people attended! This was all made possible because of an outstanding volunteer effort: from donating and serving the hot cider, hot dogs, pizza, popcorn and sweets; to the hay ride; to the bonfire; and, especially, to the carving, lighting and display of all those intricately done pumpkins! Thanks to all who organized and worked to make it a success. This is the spirit of Washington at its best.

We are still looking for a resident interested in the position of Assessor. The annual salary is \$3150 and the Town will pay for training. Let Jodi Hostetter know!

Some twenty years ago there was a proposal that a five acre parcel of Pittsfield's watershed property abutting Washington Mountain Road near the Appalachian Trail be transferred to the Town for use as a cemetery. To get the ball rolling on this once again the Select Board, along with Sexton Dick Grillon, met with Pittsfield's Mayor Bianchi and Commissioner of Public Works, Bruce Collingwood, who were favorably disposed towards the transfer. There are some legal and procedural hurdles, but we are hopeful that this will happen.

A lot has been going on to improve our roads and bridges:

- DOT presented their plan for the complete rehabilitation of Washington Mountain Road to the Conservation Commission on October 17. The only issues outside of their (and the Town's) control is the replacement of two culverts which requires approval from several other agencies; regardless, the project should be out to bid this year and begun in the spring. DOT hopes that the OK for the culverts fits within the paving schedule, but the work will proceed regardless. An inspection of the culverts by DOT and other agency representatives was done on October 24th, so things are moving along.
- No word yet on the FEMA grant for flood control of Depot Brook and widening Frost Road or the MassWorks grant to repave Blotz Road.
- It appears that further restricting vehicle weight on Blotz Road is still an open issue with the Dalton Select Board. We plan to meet with representatives from both Dalton and Hinsdale in the near future.
- Westfield Wild & Scenic has completed an extensive survey of Depot Brook near Cross Place Road. The original plan was to replace the culvert, but we are negotiating with them to help with the replacement bridge.
- The Board has written to the contractor who chip-sealed our roads last fall to insist that they remedy the problem so that vehicles (and shoes) are no longer getting tar-spotted. In addition we have asked that the Town be reimbursed for the sanding that was done to try to minimize the problem.

Dr. William Cameron, the Superintendent of the Central Berkshire School District will be attending the Select Board meeting on November 4th. Please come out and hear what he has to say and take the opportunity to speak to him about our schools.

As in prior years, the Select Board will have only three meetings in December: 2nd, 9th & 16th. We will resume a regular schedule on Monday the 6th of January.

Have a great Thanksgiving!

Jim Huebner
Select Board Chair

Shaun Lennon
Select Board Clerk

Mike Case
Select Board

Accepting bids on the following: "Used 2002 GMC Yukon XL". Exterior color: Blue. Minimum sealed bid of 200 dollars. Sealed bids deadline is November 25, 2013 at 7:30 PM - Bids open November 25, 2013 at 7:30.

For details on the vehicles as is condition, please call Victor Breen at the Washington PD (413) 446-4294

MONTHLY DINNER & MOVIE

NOVEMBER 21ST

COA POTLUCK DINNER

DINNER 5:30 PM TO 6:30 PM

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