



## December 2016



### TOWN of WASHINGTON SENIORS POT LUCK DINNER

At the Town Hall 8 Summit Hill Road  
December 16, 2016  
Time 5:30PM

Please come and enjoy a relaxing evening  
in the company of your fellow Senior Town residents  
to enjoy the Holiday Season.



**TREE LIGHTING**  
at the TOWN PARK on  
**December 17, 2016**  
5:00 PM

\* CAROLING \*  
\* HOT COCOA \*  
\* COOKIES \*

Contact Jodi Hostetter at [jlhostetter@gmail.com](mailto:jlhostetter@gmail.com)

### A NOTE OF THANKS

The Washington Scholarship Committee is grateful to everyone who contributed to the overwhelming success of this year's Election Day bake sale. The fundraiser was the most successful ever, realizing \$1,246.30, breaking the old record high by nearly \$300! This is truly amazing and is a testament to the giving spirit of our townspeople.

This new total is especially timely as the committee awarded a record number of scholarships this year—one to each of Washington's eight graduating high school seniors. Thank you all for your continued support of this scholarship and the young people it serves.

Linda Levernoch, Chair  
Washington Scholarship Committee

### WHOSE BAKING SHEET?

During the election day bake sale, someone brought in a tray full of delicious chocolate chip cookies. We sold the cookies but kept the cookie sheet aside with the hopes of reuniting it with its owner. If this tray/cookie sheet belongs to you, please call Linda Levernoch at 623-8309 and we'll make sure it gets back to you.



It is unfortunate that our Tax Collector has resigned. The Town is actively seeking a replacement Tax Collector. If you are interested and qualified please contact Jodi Hostetter at [washingtonaas@gmail.com](mailto:washingtonaas@gmail.com)



**TOWN OF WASHINGTON  
STATE ELECTION  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

**OFFICIAL RESULTS**

| ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT |     | REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS |     | COUNCILLOR       |     | SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT |     | REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT |     |
|--|-----|----------------------------|-----|------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|---------------------------------|-----|
| Clinton and Kaine                        | 217 | Richard E. Neal            | 240 | Mary E. Hurley   | 263 | Christine M. Canning     | 89  | William "Smitty" Pignatelli     | 281 |
| Johnson and Weld                         | 9   | Frederick O. Mayock        | 46  | Blanks           | 64  | Adams G. Hinds           | 227 | Blanks                          | 46  |
| Stein and Baraka                         | 8   | Thomas T. Simmons          | 23  | <b>SHERRIFF</b>  |     | Blanks                   | 11  |                                 |     |
| Trump and Pence                          | 89  |                            |     | Thomas N. Bowler | 280 |                          |     |                                 |     |
| Blanks and Write-Ins                     | 7   | Blanks                     | 18  | Blanks           | 47  |                          |     |                                 |     |

| SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Becket |     | SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Washington |     |
|--------------------------|-----|------------------------------|-----|
| John Les                 | 253 | Michael Case                 | 261 |
| Blanks                   | 74  | Blanks                       | 65  |
|                          |     | Write-ins                    | 1   |

| SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Peru |     | SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Windsor |     |
|------------------------|-----|---------------------------|-----|
| Bonny DiTomasso        | 220 | Richard Wagner            | 54  |
| Blanks                 | 107 | Blanks                    | 110 |

| SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Hinsdale |     | SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Dalton |     |
|----------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| Richard Peters             | 223 | Richard Farley           | 203 |
| Blanks                     | 104 | Richard Lacatell         | 159 |
|                            |     | Nicole Tucker            | 178 |
|                            |     | Blank                    | 439 |

**TOTAL VOTES CAST  
327  
TOTAL REGISTERED  
VOTERS 410  
VOTER TURNOUT  
80%**  
*Allison Mikaniewicz*  
**Allison Mikaniewicz  
Town Clerk  
November 21, 2016  
A True Copy Attest**

| Question 1:<br>Slot Machine Gaming Establishment |     |
|--|-----|
| Yes  | 95  |
| No   | 224 |
| Blanks   | 8   |
| Question 2:<br>Charter School Expansion          |     |
| Yes  | 106 |
| No   | 216 |
| Blanks   | 5   |
| Question 3:<br>Farm Animal Confinement           |     |
| Yes  | 234 |
| No   | 91  |
| Blanks   | 4   |
| Question 4:<br>Recreational Marijuana            |     |
| Yes  | 190 |
| No   | 126 |
| Blanks   | 11  |

To our Washington neighbors:

December 2016

We mourn the passing of our eldest resident, Ralph Simmons, at 93. Ralph, along with his wife, Barbara, served for many years on the Town's Historical Commission.

- The Commission is the custodian of Washington's memorabilia and memories from the past two hundred and thirty-nine years. If you are interested in our Town's past you can get a copy of The History of the Town of Washington by Mrs. Louise Elliot from Jan Nelson.

Central Berkshire is considering replacement or renovation of Wahconah Regional High School which would be partially funded by the state. The first phase requires a vote from the towns next spring to fund a Feasibility Study to develop a long term solution for the school. A tour of Wahconah will be held Nov. 30, 2016 from 6-8 pm; Child Care will be available.

- Congratulations to Selectman and School Committee representative Mike Case on his lifetime appointment to the MA School Board Association.

Thanks to our Road Crew for helping do a clean up and office rearrangement at the Town Hall; our Board of Health has moved into what was the Treasurer's office; our Treasurer, Glen Grogan now occupies what was the Building Inspector's Office and our Building Inspector, Paul Greene will work out of the conference room.

- All of the Town's files are being brought into the newer file cabinets donated to the Town by Williams College; the older, surplus cabinets may be available after all the files are moved.
- The Town Hall locks are also being re-keyed and new ones will be distributed when ready.

#### Road & Bridge:

- Washington Mountain Road has been re-paved. Remaining detail work will be completed by June.
- The new Cross Place culvert should be completed very soon.
- DER has turned down our grant request for funds to remove the Eden Glen dam largely because of our voters' ambiguity towards the project. The Board is working with other agencies to fund a thorough engineering study that will include hard costs for removal.
  - We are still pursuing the possibility of expanding the Eden Glen culvert work scope but in no event will any work be done without voter approval.
- Although we were denied a MassWorks grant for the Middlefield Road bridge we continue to pursue funding under the new Small Bridge program. Thanks to Jodi Lampro for researching pre-fab bridges that cost a small fraction of what custom built ones cost.

MBI continues to be opaque as to its support and intentions for bringing us high-speed internet; nevertheless the first actual work – a pole survey to prepare for the installation - is ongoing.

- MBI seems to be pushing for a private-sector solution in an apparent refusal to recognize many towns' – including Washington's preference for the WiredWest cooperative.
- No word yet on whether Charter Communications, or any other commercial supplier, will present to us; we'll keep you posted.

Syncarpha Solar is constructing solar-photovoltaic installations in Hancock and is soliciting individual homeowners to sign up for solar-generated power at a 10% discount from Eversource rates. Anyone interested will need a credit score of over 680 and sign up for a minimum of 10 years.

- Syncarpha VP Matt Preskenis will be at the Town Hall on Monday December 12 at 7 to present the program and answer any questions so please come by.

We hope everyone had a safe and happy Thanksgiving. Best wishes to all for a happy holiday season and a prosperous and healthy New Year!

Jim Huebner  
Select Board Chair

Tricia Drugmand  
Select Board Clerk

Mike Case  
Select Board





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### Support Our Local Businesses

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