



June 2017

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TOWN of WASHINGTON
SENIORS
POT LUCK DINNER
At the Town Hall
8 Summit Hill Road
June 16, 2017
Time 5:30PM

Please come and enjoy the pot luck dinner with the COA and enjoy hot dogs and hamburg's as we get ready for summer weather. Have a wonderful evening in the company of your fellow Senior Town residents.

Western Massachusetts Master Gardener's Association, Berkshire chapter, will be sponsoring a question and answer session on June 10th at Springside Park, 874 North ST. Pittsfield on Roses and Early bloomers The sessions will run for 1-2 hours. starting at 10 am. at the Demonstration Garden. For more information contact Mary-Ann Emery, 413 743-4284, memery395@gmail.com or Jim McCarthy 413 637-2940 or heljim@msn.com.

The results for the Annual Town Election are as follows:

The positions with write in candidates have been decided as follows:

- Auditor: the write-in candidates have declined the position so it remains a vacant position
- Planning Board: write-in candidate Shaun Lennon has accepted the position
- Tax collector: write-in candidate Melissa Martinetto has accepted the position

Building Maintenance Coordinator position is available in town. We are seeking a Licensed and Insured Contractor. If interested contact Jodi Hostetter at washingtonaas@gmail.com.

ELECTION RESULTS

TOWN OF WASHINGTON ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017

AUDITOR (1 year unexpired term)

3	Michael Case
2	David Drugmand
1	Victor Breen
1	William Cawley
137	Blanks
144	Total

FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 year term)

133	Sean Connors, Incumbent
1	Richard Grillon
1	Michael Case
9	Blanks
144	Total

FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 year term)

128	Richard Spencer, Incumbent
2	Michael Case
1	Richard Grillon
1	All Others
12	Blanks
144	Total

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 407
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST: 144
VOTER TURNOUT: 35%

PLANNING BOARD (5 year term)

11	Shaun Lennon
4	Eyal Shapira
3	Craig Willis
2	Steve Deloye
2	Edward Bond
1	Richard Grillon
1	Corey Cameron
1	Sean Connors
1	Lisa Peltier
1	Michael Case
1	Don Sinopoli
1	Mark Roos
115	Blanks
144	Total

SELECT BOARD (3 year term)

70	Michael Case, Incumbent
72	Richard Grillon
1	Victor Breen
1	Blanks
144	Total

TAX COLLECTOR (3 year term)

53	Melissa Martinetto
18	Rose Borgnis
2	Lisa Peltier
1	Jodi Hostetter
70	Blanks
144	Total

To our Washington neighbors:

June 2017

We had a solid turnout for the Annual Town election. By a two vote margin, the voters recalled Dick Grillon to service on the Select Board after an absence of nine years. We thank Mike Case for his six years of service as a Selectman and look forward to his continued work on behalf of the Town as a member of the Education Task Force and the Wahconah Building Committee. Our appointed Tax Collector, Melissa Martinetto, has now been elected to the position and former Selectman Shaun Lennon has been elected to the Planning Board.

Thanks to all of you who took the time to participate in the Annual Town Meeting on May 10. All of the warrant articles passed by unanimous vote, including the two new by-laws: "Revolving Funds", which formalizes how the Town's various revolving funds and fund-raising activities are managed; and "Right to Farm" now assures that any Town resident can pursue farming but precludes commercial farming.

- The voters also approved changing the position of Tax Collector from elected to an appointed position which has to be ratified at next year's Annual Town Election.
- Next year we are planning to have an informational session a week prior to the ATM to give voters more time to review and understand all aspects of the warrant.

Moderator Ed Bond, who has done so much for the Town, is entering a long-delayed and much deserved retirement. His efforts as Moderator, on the Parks Commission, and on the Zoning Board of Appeals will be missed.

June is when the Select Board makes appointments for our many non-elected positions as well as vacant elected spots. We always need volunteers. We need a Building Maintenance coordinator (paid \$500 per year) to take over from Ed Bond; the Parks Commission, Cultural Commission, Historical Society, Council on Aging, Chapel Commission, Scholarship Funds, and *TRACKS*, can always use more help; and there are open slots on some of our Boards. If you are at all interested please step forward. The more help, the easier the work!

Road & Bridge:

- We have received proposals for the design of a bridge or culvert to replace the Middlefield Road over Coles Brook. We will award the work as soon as possible.
- Work on the Summit Hill Road bridge over the CSX tracks has been delayed due to the lack of a CSX flagman. We are working with DOT, the contractor, the Becket PO, CBRSD and the Town of Hinsdale to make sure that school bus service and mail delivery don't involve excessive hardship and that East Washington Road is suitable as a detour.
- The Eden Glen project has finally gotten started. We expect Frost Road to be interrupted at Eden Glen for at least three months. We will update you as the work proceeds.
- We are planning to contract with Street Scan to assess our road for maintenance planning and help us document problems with Washington Mountain Road for correction.

We are also planning to use County Ambulance for emergency service under a no-cost contract.

Kent Lew and Steve Nelson are putting together our grant request for design and construction funding of our high speed internet system. Once we have that in hand we expect to contract with Westfield Gas & Electric (WG&E) to get the work started.

It stopped raining and summer finally arrived! Now we can start battling the weeds....

Jim Huebner
Select Board Chair

Tricia Drugmand
Select Board Clerk

Dick Grillon
Select Board



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