



*Town of Washington*  
*2019 Annual Report*





# Town of Washington, Massachusetts

## ANNUAL REPORT

### of the

### Town Officials

# 2019

Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

Jim Huebner

Selectmen

Tricia Drugmand

Selectmen

Richard Grillon

Selectmen

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## Town Officers

<u>Elected Officials</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Elected Officials</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<b>Board of Selectmen</b>		<b>Planning Board</b>	
James Huebner, Chairman	2021	Craig Willis	2024
Patricia Drugmand, Clerk	2022	Lisa Peltier	2023
Richard Grillon	2020	Shaun Lennon	2022
		Marilyn Wiley	2021
		Donald Gagnon	2020
<b>CBRSD School Committee</b>			
Michael Case	2022		
<b>Fence Drivers</b>		<b>Sexton</b>	
Patricia Drugmand	2020	Richard Grillon	2020
Kermit Pruyne	2020		
<b>Field Drivers</b>		<b>Sexton Assistant</b>	
Edwin Neumuth	2020	Roseann Poillucci	2020
Dominic Sinopoli	2020		
<b>Finance Committee</b>		<b>Surveyor of Lumber</b>	
Richard Spencer	2020	Sean Connors	2020
Sean Connors	2020		
David Drugmand	2021	<b>Town Clerk</b>	
Kent Lew	2022	Allison Mikaniewicz	2021
Debra Megas	2022		
<b>Measurer of Wood &amp; Bark</b>		<b>Tree Warden</b>	
Sean Connors	2020	Craig Willis	2022
<b>Moderator</b>			
Edwin Neumuth	2021		

# Town Officers

<u>Appointed Officials</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Appointed Officials</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<b>Accounting Officer</b>		<b>Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Delegate</b>	
Dan Parnell – Retired	2019	Marilyn Wiley - Retired	2019
Lynne Lemanski	2020	Donald Gagnon	2020
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>		<b>Board of Appeals</b>	
Jodi Hostetter	2020	Mark Levernoch	2020
Jan Nelson	2020	Janice Paxton	2020
<b>Animal Control Officer</b>		Will Beemer	2021
Nicole Miller	2020	<b>Board of Health</b>	
<b>Assessors</b>		James Huebner	2020
Mary Jarvie	2022	Janice Paxton	2021
Laura LaFreniere	2022	Vacant	
<b>Assessors Consultant</b>		<b>BRTA Advisory Board</b>	
Karen Avalor	2021	Richard Grillon	2020
<b>Ballot Box Constable</b>		<b>Building Inspector</b>	
Barbara Keyes	2020	Paul Greene	2020
<b>Berkshire Public Health Alliance Governing Board</b>		<b>Chapel Commission</b>	
James Huebner	2020	Rose Borgnis	2020
Jan Paxton	2020	Kinzer Davis	2020
<b>Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Alternate</b>		Tricia Drugmand	2020
Lisa Peltier	2021	Cynthia Taylor	2020
		Patricia Thornton	2020
		<b>Computer Consultant</b>	
		John Les	2020

## Town Officers

Appointed Officials                      Term  
Expires

### **Conservation Commission**

Michelle Lampro	2020
Shaun Lennon	2020
Lisa Peltier	2021
Eyal Shapira	2021
Patricia Drugmand	2022

### **Constables**

Shaun Lennon	2020
Paul Mikaniewicz	2020
Nicole Miller	2020

### **Council on Aging**

Rose Borgnis	2020
Barbara Keyes	2020
Janice Paxton	2020
Jeffery Sawtelle	2020

### **Cultural Council**

Jodi Hostetter	11/04/19
Debra Connors	08/19/20
Sean Connors	08/19/20
Stephanie Case	11/17/21
Eyal Shapira	11/17/21

### **Custodian**

Cynthia Taylor	2020
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### **Emergency Managers**

Robert Healy	2020
Shaun Lennon	2020
Paul Mikaniewicz	2020

Appointed Officials                      Term  
Expires

### **Emma C. Bailey Trust Fund Committee**

Patricia Drugmand	2020
Jodi Hostetter	2020
Kim Sinopoli	2020
Richard Spencer	2020

### **Fire Chief**

Paul Mikaniewicz	2020
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### **Gas Inspector**

Mark Levernoch	2020
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### **Gas Inspector Assistant**

Bill Zeiter	2020
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### **Health Agent**

Charlie Kaniecki, BPHA	2020
Jane Smith, BHPA	2020

### **Highland Footpath Representative**

Ed Neumuth	2020
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### **Highway Superintendent**

Tom Johnson	2020
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### **Highway Crew**

David Fish - Retired	2019
Adam Southard	2020
David Waldron	2020

## Town Officers

<u>Appointed Officials</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Appointed Officials</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<b>Historical Commission</b>		Mark Roos	2020
Janice Paxton	2020	Dominic Sinopoli	2020
David Weisbrod	2020	<b>Pest Control</b>	
Gail Ellis	2021	David Fish	2018
Barbara Simmons	2022	<b>Plumbing Inspector</b>	
<b>Legal Counsel</b>		Mark Levernoch	2020
Jeremia Pollard	2020	<b>Plumbing Inspector Assistant</b>	
<b>Local Emergency Management Director</b>		Bill Zietler	2020
Gene Goebel	2020	<b>Police Chief</b>	
<b>Maintenance Coordinator</b>		Nicole Miller	2020
Mark Roos	2020	<b>Procurement Officer</b>	
<b>Metropolitan Planning Organization</b>		Vacant	2020
James Huebner	2020	<b>Public Health Nurse</b>	
<b>MRF Advisory Board</b>		Mary Agoglia RN, BPHA	2020
Michelle Lampro	2020	Brenda Hitchcock RN, BPHA	2020
<b>Municipal Liaison to the Ethics Commission</b>		<b>Regional Housing Authority</b>	
Allison Mikaniewicz	2020	Richard Grillon	2020
<b>Municipal Light Plant Manager</b>		<b>Registrar of Voters/Board of Registrars</b>	
Kent Lew	2020	Michele Beemer	2022
<b>Parks Commission</b>		Patricia Drugmand	2022
David Drugmand	2020	Barbara Simmons	2022
Jodi Hostetter	2020		
Edwin Neumuth	2020		



## Town Officers

<u>Appointed Officials</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Appointed Officials</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<b>Right to Know Municipal Coordinator</b>		<b>Veterans Agent</b>	
Paul Mikaniewicz	2020	John Herrera	2020
<b>Solid Waste Coordinator</b>		<b>Web Editor</b>	
Michelle Lampro	2020	Jodi Hostetter	2020
<b>Tax Collector</b>		<b>Westfield River Wild &amp; Scenic Advisory Committee</b>	
Gina Campbell	2020	Edwin Neumuth	2020
<b>Transfer Station Attendants</b>		<b>Wired West Delegate</b>	
Michelle Lampro	2020	Steve Nelson	2020
Jane Pytco	2020		
Andre Sala	2020	<b>Wired West Alternate Delegate</b>	
<b>Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)(BRPC)</b>		Kent Lew	2020
Tom Johnson	2020	<b>Wiring Inspector</b>	
<b>Treasurer</b>		Dana Spring	2020
Glenn Grogan – Retired	2020	<b>Wiring Inspector Alternate</b>	
Diana Sturtevant	2020	John Savery	2020
<b>Veterans Grave Officer</b>			
Michael Case	2020		

# Town Volunteer Organizations

## **Washington Tracks**

Lisa Guthrie  
Michele Beemer

## **John FX Keator Memorial Pumpkin Walk**

Edward E. Bond  
David Drugmand  
Cynthia Grippaldi  
Glenn Grogan  
Ernie Lampron  
Jane Pytko  
Mark Roos  
Dominic Sinopoli  
Richard Spencer  
Raylene Spencer  
Heather Anello-Spencer  
Mike Spencer  
Phebe Wenier  
Tom Wenier  
Craig Willis

## **Sons and Daughters**

Ellen Bond  
Dick Grillon

## **Washington Scholarship**

### **Privately Managed Scholarship**

Linda Levernoch  
Marianne Clark

## Town Meetings and Office Hours

Accounting Officer	Mondays 7:00-9:00 PM	Town Hall
Assessors	Mondays 7:00-9:00 PM	Town Hall
Board of Health	Mondays 6:00-8:00 PM*	Town Hall
Building Inspector	Wednesday 1:30-2:30 PM	Town Hall
Conservation Commission	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday 7:00-9:00 PM*	Town Hall
Council on Aging	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 5:00-9:00 PM	Town Hall
Finance Committee	2nd Monday 7:00-9:00 PM	Town Hall
Parks Committee	As needed	Town Hall
Planning Board	2nd Tuesday 7:00-9:00 PM	Town Hall
Police Chief	Mondays 7:00-9:00 PM*	Town Hall
Selectmen	Mondays 7:00-9:00 PM	Town Hall
Administrative Assistant	Mondays 9:30-12:30 PM	Town Hall
	Mondays 7:00-9:00 PM	Town Hall
	Wednesdays 9:30-12:30 PM*	Town Hall
St. Andrews Chapel	4th Tuesday 6:00-8:00 PM	Town Hall
Tax Collector	Mondays 6:00-8:00 PM	Town Hall
Town Clerk	Mondays 7:00-9:00 PM	Town Hall
Treasurer	Mondays 7:00-9:00 PM	Town Hall

- Also available by appointment.

# Telephone Directory of Town Services

All Emergencies	911
Becket Fire Department	623-6480
Police Department Office	623-8345
Police Chief Cell	446-4294
Police Department Dispatch	623-5111

## Town Hall Offices - (413) 623-8878

<u>Department</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Extention</u>
Accounting Officer	<a href="mailto:Washington.ma.acc@gmail.com">Washington.ma.acc@gmail.com</a>	6
Administrative Assistant	<a href="mailto:washingtonaas@gmail.com">washingtonaas@gmail.com</a>	1
Assessors	<a href="mailto:washingtonboa@gmail.com">washingtonboa@gmail.com</a>	3
Board of Health	<a href="mailto:bohjanpax@gmail.com">bohjanpax@gmail.com</a>	7
Board of Selectmen	<a href="mailto:washingtonboardofselectmen@gmail.com">washingtonboardofselectmen@gmail.com</a>	1
Building Inspector	<a href="mailto:paulgreenesec@gmail.com">paulgreenesec@gmail.com</a>	1
Town Clerk	<a href="mailto:washington.ma.townclerk@gmail.com">washington.ma.townclerk@gmail.com</a>	2
Tax Collector	<a href="mailto:washintgontaxcollector@gmail.com">washintgontaxcollector@gmail.com</a>	4
Treasurer	<a href="mailto:washingtontreasurer@gmail.com">washingtontreasurer@gmail.com</a>	5
Animal Control Officer	<a href="mailto:washingtonpdchief@gmail.com">washingtonpdchief@gmail.com</a>	(413) 446-4294
Assessors Consultant	<a href="mailto:kavalle@msn.com">kavalle@msn.com</a>	(413) 717-7216
Chapel Commission	<a href="mailto:standrewschapelchairman@gmail.com">standrewschapelchairman@gmail.com</a>	(413) 623-2118
Conservation Commission	<a href="mailto:mlizotte60@aol.com">mlizotte60@aol.com</a>	(413) 623-8333
Council on Aging	<a href="mailto:rborgnis@gmail.com">rborgnis@gmail.com</a>	(413) 623-6401
Cultural Council	<a href="mailto:washingtonaas@gmail.com">washingtonaas@gmail.com</a>	
Dog Officer	<a href="mailto:washingtonpdchief@gmail.com">washingtonpdchief@gmail.com</a>	(413) 446-4294
Fire Chief	<a href="mailto:devbo5@yahoo.com">devbo5@yahoo.com</a>	(413) 623-2185
Highway Department	<a href="mailto:washingtondpw@gmail.com">washingtondpw@gmail.com</a>	(413) 623-8383
Historical Commission	<a href="mailto:gdellis2@verizon.net">gdellis2@verizon.net</a>	(413) 623-0033
Parks Commission	<a href="mailto:dominic.sinopoli@gmail.com">dominic.sinopoli@gmail.com</a>	(413) 528-1710
Planning Board	<a href="mailto:djgagnon99@gmail.com">djgagnon99@gmail.com</a>	(413) 623-5648
Plumbing and Gas Inspector	<a href="mailto:levernochplumbing@verizon.net">levernochplumbing@verizon.net</a>	(413) 623-5881
Transfer Station	<a href="mailto:mlizotte60@aol.com">mlizotte60@aol.com</a>	(413) 623-8333
Veterans Agent	<a href="mailto:jherrera@pittsfieldch.com">jherrera@pittsfieldch.com</a>	(413) 499-9433
Washington Tracks	<a href="mailto:mrsabeski@mac.com">mrsabeski@mac.com</a>	
Washington Scholarship		(413) 623-8309
Webmaster	<a href="mailto:jlhstetter@gmail.com">jlhstetter@gmail.com</a>	(413) 464-6656
Wiring Inspector	<a href="mailto:dspring69@gmail.com">dspring69@gmail.com</a>	(413) 441-5135
Wiring Inspector Alternate	<a href="mailto:saveryelectric@aol.com">saveryelectric@aol.com</a>	(413) 623-8365

## **Important Information for use in 2020**

### **Governor**

Charlie Baker  
Massachusetts State House  
24 Beacon Street, Room 280  
Boston MA 02133  
Phone (617) 725-4005

### **Lieutenant Governor**

Karyn Polito

### **United States Senators**

Elizabeth Warren	Edward Markey
317 Hart Senate Office Building	304 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510	Washington DC 20510
Phone (202) 224-4543	Phone (202) 224-2742
<a href="http://www.warren.senate.gov">www.warren.senate.gov</a>	<a href="http://www.markey.senate.gov">www.markey.senate.gov</a>

### **Congressman**

Richard Neal  
Federal Building, 78 Center Street  
Pittsfield MA 01201  
Phone (413) 442-0946  
[www.neal.house.gov](http://www.neal.house.gov)

### **State Senator**

Adam G. Hinds  
100 State House, Room 309  
Boston, MA 02113-1053  
Phone (617) 722-1625  
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### **Massachusetts House of Representatives Berkshire District**

William Smitty Pignatelli  
Fourth Berkshire Representative District  
Lenox Town Hall  
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Lenox, MA 01240  
(413) 637-0631  
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### **Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts William Francis Galvin**

Toll Free: 1-800-392-6090 (within Massachusetts only)  
Telephone: 617-727-7030  
TTY: 617-878-3889 - Fax: 617-742-4528  
E-mail: [cis@sec.state.ma.us](mailto:cis@sec.state.ma.us)

## **Town Facts**

Incorporated in 1777

Annual Town Meeting 2nd Wednesday in May

Annual Town Election 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May

Town Web Site:<http://www.washington-ma.com/>

County: Berkshire

Area: 38.78 Square Miles

Elevation: 1,440 at Town Center

Miles of State Highway 4.42 Miles of Town  
Roads 44.81

Transfer Station Hours:      Wednesday 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
   Saturday    8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Tax Rate FY 2019: \$14.83

Residential Taxable Value: \$56,396.000.

Single Family Residences: 244

Average Single-Family Home Value: \$231,131.

Average Single-Family Tax Bill:    \$3,427.67

Land Managed By Division of Forests and Parks 11,698 Acres.

### **School District**

Central Berkshire Regional School District  
254 Hinsdale Rd  
Dalton MA 01227  
(413)684-0320  
<http://www.cbrsd.org/>

### **Registry of Deeds**

Middle District  
44 Bank Row  
Pittsfield MA 01201  
(413)443-7438  
<http://www.masslandrecords.com/maleindex.htm>



## Report of the Board of Selectmen

To our neighbors in Washington:

Changes to the Town's Administration were minimal this year:

- Laura Lafreniere has replaced Greg Viner as Assistant Tax Assessor.
- Steve Deloye resigned his positions after years of service to the Town, including a turn as a Selectman. Rose Borgnis has replaced him as head of the Council on Aging and Paul Mikaniewicz has taken over as our Emergency Manager.
- Dave Fish retired after many years of service to the Town as a member of the Select Board, Board of Health, our highway crew and Highway Superintendent. He has been replaced by Dave Waldron.
- Mark Roos has taken over as our Maintenance Coordinator from Matt Thomas.
- Debra Megas was elected to the Finance Committee.

Dan Parnell, our Town Accountant, and Glen Grogan, our Treasurer, have announced that they will retire at the end of 2019. Both have served the Town ably and reliably for many years and we thank them.

The construction of our Broadband network continues on schedule. With the help of volunteers Kent Lew and Dick Spencer our Highway Crew was able to place conduit all along Lower Valley Road saving the Town the cost of an outside contractor. Utility make-ready is nearly complete. The control hut for the system is in place next to the Town Hall; the electronics will be installed this coming year, as will the actual fiber cables. Late in calendar 2019 the first home connection should start.

- We have applied for a \$100,000 Housing Choice Small Town Capital Grant to cover a possible shortfall in funding.
- Thanks to Steve Nelson and Kent Lew whose continuing efforts have gone above and beyond any reasonable expectations to make this a reality!

Highway Projects:

- Lower Valley had all of its culverts replaced and was resurfaced while it was closed for the installation of fiber optic conduit.
- It turns out that \$500,000 in Small Bridge grant funds is not enough to replace the Middlefield Road culvert over Coles Brook. We have written to DOT and our legislators that requiring even the smallest span be engineered as if there were no commonalities among stream crossings is ridiculous. The way things are now supports engineering and construction firms at the expense of municipalities. The "temporary"

## Report of the Board of Selectmen (continued)

bridge has been there for the past five years and will suffice unless and until we can replace it within the grant funding.

- The Commonwealth has also given us a \$500,000 grant for three bridges along Lenox-Whitney Road in October Mountain State Forest, but DOT has provided no help in approving any methods or designs that would repair them within the available funding.
- We have a design for a new culvert on upper Frost Road and have applied for two separate grants for its construction.
- Our highway equipment remains in excellent shape; the only capital addition this year was replacing the truck bed on the International 4800 heavy-duty plow truck.

Our first application for MEMA (Massachusetts Emergency Management) funding for the upper Frost Road culvert was denied because the Town lacked a Hazard Mitigation plan. Thanks to a dedicated group of residents and the help of Caroline Massa of BRPC we were able to complete the plan in record time for the next round of grant funding.

Our application to become a Green Community was also denied because our bylaw covering large-scale solar installations was insufficient and our proposed list of improvements inadequate.

- We are expecting to correct both issues and to re-apply this Fall.

A Special Town Meeting was held on December 10 to adopt three by-laws:

- A zoning by-law governing how marijuana may be grown, tested and sold.
- A 3% sales tax to the Town on any marijuana sales.
- A zoning by-law regulating outdoor illumination was also adopted after being amended from the floor to allay concerns that it could be used punitively.

At the May ATM the voters approved articles to:

- Impose a 6% tax on lodging including B&Bs and Air B&B's.
- Accept the donation of another lot in Virginia Lakes; the Board is considering the sale of the lots owned by the Town to Nature Conservancy.
- Appropriate \$40,000 to repair the auditorium portion of the Town Hall roof. An RFP has been issued.
- Appropriate \$2,200 to install a gate to restrict access to Ashley Reservoir from Washington Mountain Road. There was a near-fatal shooting at this "party spot" that we do not want to see repeated.

## Report of the Board of Selectmen (continued)

The preparation of our children to be successful citizens is most important issue for our future as a community. A better educational environment for our students moved closer to reality when the Town voted to approve the construction of a new Wahconah High School.

- The Wahconah Building Committee is working diligently to work through the final details with the architects; construction should begin this coming Fall.

Our finances continue to be strong thanks to the hard work of our Finance Committee. They are preparing us well for the capital costs of our Broadband network and the new Wahconah that will soon be upon us.

- Our Highway Superintendent, Tom Johnson, continues to very ably manage his budget.
- We only have a single Voc-Ed tuition to pay this year and we are continuing a transportation arrangement with Becket that pays all our variable costs for transporting their McCann students.
- We have entered into a five year agreement with Becket for Fire protection.

PILOT funding remains a major issue for the Town:

- We have again had over \$30,000 slashed from our allocation for the second year in a row but unlike last year our legislative delegation was able to restore it.
- To add insult to injury the state continues to buy up parcels of land and remove them from our tax rolls, then provides lower amounts in PILOT funds.
- Even more insulting the state somehow neglected to calculate the addition of these parcels for our FY2020 PILOT allocation, doubly shorting our revenues.
- Our repeated requests to reform this unfair and capricious system have fallen on deaf ears in the Baker Administration, but fortunately our legislators have been listening and have managed to include funding for a study of the PILOT process in the Commonwealth's FY2020 budget, so we have some hope for long term relief.
- As a minimal remedy we have asked our legislators for the statutory power to collect PILOT funds from conservation lands and other tax-exempt entities.

## Report of the Board of Selectmen (continued)

Although an investor has proposed refurbishing Woody's Roadhouse and creating a venue for ticketed musical events, there was insufficient follow-through. The Board has moved to fence the collapsed building, determine what hazardous materials may be present and will issue an RFP for its demolition.

- We are still hoping the investor will come forward to the Planning Board with a concrete proposal before the demolition is awarded, but the Board can no longer ignore the danger and the ugliness of the partially collapsed building.

We have taken Family Unity, the owners of Bucksteep, to court to force a Board of Health inspection of their septic systems - which should have taken place five years ago when the property changed hands. Our Assessors have also placed Bucksteep back on the tax rolls since Family Unity has not fulfilled the requirements for a non-profit.

Work on a Capital Investment Plan has moved forward now that we have Matt Dovell from BRPC. Many grant applications require us to have such a plan, which also should help mitigate large swings in our tax rate, better plan large purchases and build up our reserves.

- Matt will also work with us to develop inter-municipal and regional opportunities for shared Town services.

Later this year we hope to expand our Capital Investment Plan into an overall plan for the Town's future; other issues we will be working on:

- Whether to utilize the five acres on Washington Mountain Road we finally received from Pittsfield as additional cemetery space.
- Making our Town Hall fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This effort will be grant-funded.
- We would really appreciate more residents to step forward to help with Capital/Town Planning and to form a Commission on Disability as part of our ADA compliance effort.
- Despite the best efforts of Anne-Marie Desautels to do a clean-up along Washington Mountain Road we had few volunteers; likewise the clean-up at the Town Park was sparsely attended. Without more engagement from community members it becomes increasingly difficult to maintain our services while keeping our costs down.

Please let us know if you can volunteer some small portion of your time to help maintain and strengthen our community. Democracy works best with participation. We welcome your ideas or concerns at any time.

Jim Huebner,  
Select Board Chair

Tricia Drugmand,  
Select Board Clerk

Dick Grillon,  
Select Board

## Report of the Town Clerk

### ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019

TOWN POPULATION	560
REGISTERED VOTERS	
CONSERVATIVE	1
DEMOCRAT	122
GREEN PARTY USA	0
REPUBLICAN	35
UNENROLLED	264
WORKING FAMILIES	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>423</b>
REGISTERED VOTERS AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: MAY 9, 2018	43
VOTES CAST AT THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION: MAY 19, 2018	105
VOTES CAST AT THE STATE PRIMARY: SEPTEMBER 4, 2018	162
VOTES CAST AT THE STATE ELECTION: NOVEMBER 6, 2018	299
REGISTERED VOTERS AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING: DECEMBER 10, 2018	28
VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION*: APRIL 6, 2019	166

\*Wahconah Regional High School Building Vote

Respectfully submitted,



Allison Mikaniewicz  
Town Clerk

Report of the Town Clerk  
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**VITAL STATISTICS**

JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019

<b><u>BIRTHS</u></b>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
October 21, 2018	Ryland James Picard-Lenski	Laurel Marie Picard-Lenski Eric Isadore Lenski
November 23, 2018	Harvey Ryan Pratt	Anne Elizabeth Pratt Mitchell Gerard Pratt

<b><u>DEATHS</u></b>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Residence</u>
August 15, 2018	Robert Benson Hansen	90	755 Summit Hill Road Washington, Massachusetts
December 12, 2018	Lawrence B. Wells	80	490 Frost Road Washington, Massachusetts
April 20, 2019	Roy J. Wiley	88	47 Washington Mountain Road Washington, Massachusetts

<b><u>MARRIAGES</u></b>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>Residence</u>
None		

Respectfully submitted,



Allison Mikaniewicz  
Town Clerk



Report of the Town Clerk  
(continued)

**DOG LICENSES ISSUED**

July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Neutered Male</u>	<u>Spayed Female</u>	<u>Kennel</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>2018</b>						
July			4	1		5
August					1	1
September						0
October				3		3
November						0
December				1		1
<b>2019</b>						
January			3			3
February			1	1	1	3
March			8	9		17
April			11	14		25
May				2		2
June			2	2		4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$116.00</b>	<b>\$132.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$448.00</b>
<b>Clerk Fee</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$21.75</b>	<b>\$24.75</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>	<b>\$48.00</b>

Prices for individual dog licenses: \$4.00 for a neutered/spayed dog; \$10.00 for unaltered dog

Price for kennel licenses sold \$50.00 (10 dogs or less) and \$100.00 (10 dogs or more)

Town Clerk fee: \$0.75 for each dog license

Respectfully Submitted,



Allison Mikaniewicz  
Town Clerk

## Report of the Assessor

The assessors are currently working on their new Tyler software system which is expected to be up and running for the FY 2021 bills which will come out in October 2020. We are doing double entry in case of a problem. We are keeping our current CAMA system fully updated. We spend 8 full days for three months summer of 2019 in training. Smaller groups in our area formed for hands on help. The covid-19 put an end to our groups. The Tyler values look like they are close to the CAMA values. Dept of Revenue/Bureau of Local Assessment will be here by the middle of June 2020 to review all data.

Washington's residential value is \$ 56,396,000. The average single family (101) residential value is **\$ 231,131**. That number is dividing the total value of residences by 244 homes.

Washington's total value of the whole town is **\$ 82, 057,793**. New construction contributed **\$ 1,380,698** in assessed value to the tax base and this contributed to an additional **\$20,476** in tax monies.

Fiscal Year tax levy is **\$ 1,216,917.07**. This is the total amount to be raised through taxation.

The current tax rate for **FY 2019 is \$ 14.83** per \$1,000 of valuation for all classes of property. This is the same tax rate as last year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Jarvie, Chairman  
Laura LaFreniere, Assessor  
Karen Avasle, Assessor/Consultant

# Report of the Finance Committee

## **FY19 Budget Summary**

The total expenditures in the Town's upcoming FY19 budget come to \$1,652,613. This is a net increase in the town's budget of \$23,396 (1.44%) over FY18.

The largest driver in next year's budget increase is our CBRSD school assessment. We are among the four towns in the district that are seeing an increase in operating budget assessments. Washington's increase for FY19 is \$25,576. That is offset slightly by a decline of -\$8,852 in the capital assessment. With slight increases in costs for Vocational Ed., our total Education costs will see a net increase of \$21,311 for next year.

The FY19 budget includes a 2.0% cost-of-living-allowance increase to most wages, with the exception of the Select Board (who have again opted not to receive any increase) and a few minor positions. The net increase in wages is \$7,768, a portion of which is also due to the change to an appointed, professional Tax Collector.

Our Highway Dept. Supervisor has agreed to hold the Highway operating budget at level- funding for next year. The salary COLA increases will be offset by decreases in the Unemployment fund and Equipment Insurance. The result is a net decrease of -\$3,702 in the overall department budget, for the first time in many years.

The biggest financial news occurs on the other side of the equation, where we are facing a loss of non-tax revenue next year due to a decrease in our State Aid. Those who read the Berkshire Eagle may have seen the articles related to our loss of \$33,000 in PILOT reimbursement for state-owned land. Our legislators are seeking some measure of relief, but we cannot count on anything at this point. The loss of revenue may be offset to some extent by modest new growth in the tax base. But currently we are anticipating a total net increase in the Tax Levy of about \$40,500 or 3.37%.

The Finance Committee is currently projecting 1.25% growth in the Town's assessed value, based on preliminary information from the Assessors. If this holds true, along with current estimates for state aid and local revenue, then we project a tax rate of approximately \$15.14, an increase of \$0.31 (2.10%) over FY18. This would equate to an estimated increase in the Average Single Family Home annual tax bill of about \$70.

Kent Lew, Finance Committee Chair

## Report of the Finance Committee (continued)

### **FY19 Budget, Supplementary Notes**

#### ***Line-item Notes & Basis***

**12 d) Administrative Assistants** An average of 23 hrs per week at \$18.22/hr.

**12 j & k) Assessors' Computer Services & Tax Map Maintenance** A required transition to new software has come with an additional mandate from the state to implement an online GIS-based tax map. Although the core software transition is being covered by state grant, there is a one-time data conversion for the tax map that the town must cover. This has been added to the Tax Map Maintenance account. In addition, there may be an increase in the annual software costs of up to \$2400 for hosting the map data. Finance Committee will be working with the Assessors this summer to see if a more cost-effective solution can be found to meet the mandate.

**12 r) Auditing Expenses** The Town has not had a financial audit since 2007. But the Finance Committee has found it difficult to justify the \$15–18K for a full audit, given our current fiscal situation. We have asked our Accountant and Treasurer to help come up with a strategy for an incremental approach. The objective this year is to bring in a consultant to audit the internal controls and procedures of the Tax Collector, Accountant, and Treasurer, to prepare for a future financial audit.

**12 v & w) Appointed Tax Collector Salary & Assistant Tax Collector Salary** The move to an appointed, professional Tax Collector warranted an elevation in salary, commensurate with skills and training. This increase is partly offset by a reduction in salary for the Assistant Tax Collector, whose role is now mostly supplemental during busiest times. The net change between the two positions is \$3,387.

**12 y) Tax Collector's Tax Title Expenses** Now that we have an experienced Tax Collector in place, she will begin focusing next year on pursuing some of our outstanding tax delinquencies. Although we all hope these accounts can be resolved without resorting to tax-taking, this appropriation will provide some funding for any requisite notices and filings.

## Report of the Finance Committee (continued)

**15 ) CBRSD Operating Expenses** The increase is driven largely by our Net Minimum Contribution, which is determined by the State Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education. Our overall town assessment for the CBRSD operating expenses increased by 4.1%, while the District budget only increased 0.44%.

**16 a) Vocational Ed. Tuition** Two students, one to McCann and one to Smith, at \$17,266 each.

**16 b) Vocational Ed. Transportation** The increase includes \$3120 to cover additional costs for transportation to Smith and the COLA increase in bus driver wages to \$18.22/hr. (approx. 32.5 hrs/wk for 40 weeks/yr.)

**17 n) Unemployment Account** The Finance Committee has determined that the current accumulated balance of \$25,649 is sufficient to cover any reasonable potential liability for unemployment compensation, so we will discontinue annual appropriations until that situation changes.

**18 a) Becket Fire Department** Becket originally requested an increase to \$15,000. The Finance Committee and the Select Board felt that a 50% increase was not reasonable and that our town could not afford that much, given the difficult year ahead with the significant loss of state aid. Fin Comm suggested a compromise of 20% increase for next fiscal year.

**18 i) Animal Control Officer Reimbursement** This role (formerly Dog Officer) has been combined with that of Animal Inspector and both reimbursements combined into one. There is no actual increase to the overall budget.

**18 o) Building Inspector Salary** This compensation is receiving the same COLA increase to the rate, but this appropriation has been reduced to reflect the fewer number of hours that the inspector has spent in recent years. This amount covers approximately 120 hrs total at \$37.51/hr.

**20 b) Attendant Labor Expenses** 12 hrs/wk @ \$14.21/hr for 50 weeks/yr.

**21 b) Culverts debt service** The finalized long-term debt obligation on these projects is \$362,500 (\$597K was originally authorized). This is expected to be amortized over another 17 years. The Cross Place Rd culvert was over budget; but the Eden Glen/Frost Rd culvert came in under budget. The remainder of the Middlefield Rd culvert project will now be covered by a State small-bridge grant.

## Report of the Finance Committee (continued)

**21 c) 5500 Plow & Sander debt service** The final cost on the new plow truck came in under budget. Half of the original estimate was paid from Stabilization; the remaining principal to be borrowed was therefore only \$36,000 (\$53K originally authorized). This will be amortized over five years.

**22 c) Custodian Reimbursement** 5 hrs/wk @ \$14.21/hr for 50 weeks/yr.

**22 h) St. Andrew's Chapel windows** The accumulated balance is currently \$7500. With the FY19 appropriation, the Chapel committee will have enough to have six more windows repaired. (There is a discount on six or more.) Following this, there will be only another six windows remaining to be fixed.

**22 j) Cemetery Headstone Repairs** The accumulated balance in this account is currently \$9100. The Finance Committee recommended suspending our annual appropriation until a plan for the use of the current money is identified and the future needs can be reevaluated.

**Free Cash and Stabilization Fund** The certified Free Cash for FY18 was \$91,780. Our current Stabilization Fund balance is \$112,500. A comfortable target for our Stabilization Fund balance would be \$268K, or two months of the town's total budget. The proposed FY19 transfer will bring us to 57% of that target.

Kent Lew, Finance Committee chair



# Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2019

Updated on: 4/27/18						
	Account Description	FY 2016 Actuals	FY 2017 Actuals	FY 2018 Budget	FY 2019 Proposed	\$ change over FY18
<b>10 &amp; 11</b>	<b>Elected Officer's Salaries (itemized below)</b>	<b>\$25,743</b>	<b>\$26,049</b>	<b>\$26,860</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>	<b>-\$3,860</b>
a	Town Clerk	\$7,650	\$7,841	\$8,037	\$8,198	\$161
b	Tax Collector	\$3,963	\$3,724	\$4,164	\$0	-\$4,164
c	Assessors - Chairperson	\$3,570	\$3,659	\$3,750	\$3,825	\$75
d	Assessors - Clerk	\$3,213	\$3,293	\$3,375	\$3,443	\$68
e	Assessors - 3rd Member	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
f	Selectmen - Chairperson	\$2,426	\$2,487	\$2,487	\$2,487	\$0
g	Selectmen - Clerk	\$2,426	\$2,487	\$2,487	\$2,487	\$0
h	Selectmen - 3rd Member	\$2,426	\$2,487	\$2,487	\$2,487	\$0
i	Moderator	\$69	\$71	\$73	\$73	\$0
<b>12</b>	<b>General Government (itemized below)</b>	<b>\$120,225</b>	<b>\$95,956</b>	<b>\$129,671</b>	<b>\$146,524</b>	<b>\$16,853</b>
a	Reserve Account			\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
b	Town Counsel Retainer	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
c	Town Counsel Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$150	\$150	\$0
d	Administrative Assistant	\$18,186	\$18,564	\$20,802	\$21,219	\$417
e	Selectmen's Expenses	\$976	\$1,734	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
f	Planning Board Expenses	\$38	\$0	\$300	\$300	\$0
g	Berkshire Regional Planning Commission	\$388	\$398	\$408	\$419	\$11
h	Assessors' Consulting Services	\$12,000	\$12,300	\$12,608	\$12,861	\$253
i	Assessors' Expenses	\$2,012	\$1,234	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
j	Assessors' Computer Services	\$2,025	\$2,563	\$2,663	\$5,063	\$2,400
k	Tax Map Maintenance	\$675	\$1,125	\$900	\$3,400	\$2,500
l	Appointed Treas. Salary	\$13,000	\$13,325	\$13,658	\$13,932	\$274
m	Treasurer's Expenses	\$2,234	\$2,562	\$3,500	\$3,000	-\$500
n	Treasurer's Tax Title Expenses	\$115	\$0	\$200	\$300	\$100
o	Interest on Short-Term Notes	\$3,397	\$4,992	\$6,900	\$2,000	-\$4,900
p	Insurance (Wkmm's Comp. & general property)	\$26,715	\$7,181	\$6,371	\$8,257	\$1,886
q	Medicare Taxes for Town Employees	\$3,843	\$3,782	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
r	Auditing Expenses				\$6,000	\$6,000
s	Accounting Officer Salary	\$12,852	\$13,173	\$13,502	\$13,773	\$271
t	Accounting Officer Expenses	\$91	\$0	\$200	\$200	\$0
u	Accounting Software (Vadar)	\$2,990	\$2,090	\$2,500	\$2,090	-\$410
v	Appointed Tax Collector Salary				\$10,200	\$10,200
w	Assistant Tax Collector's Salary	\$4,425	\$1,512	\$4,649	\$2,000	-\$2,649
x	Tax Collector's Expenses	\$3,277	\$2,612	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0
y	Tax Collector's Tax Title Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$1,500	\$1,000
z	Town Clerk's Expenses	\$998	\$2,601	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
aa	Clerk of Brd. of Registrars	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0
bb	Computer support - Accessable Voting	\$1,174	\$91	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
cc	Records Preservation Account	\$4,957	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
dd	Town Reports	\$480	\$662	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
ee	Finance Committee Expenses	\$129	\$129	\$200	\$200	\$0
ff	Moderator's Expenses	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$0
gg	Conservation Commission Expenses	\$128	\$206	\$300	\$300	\$0

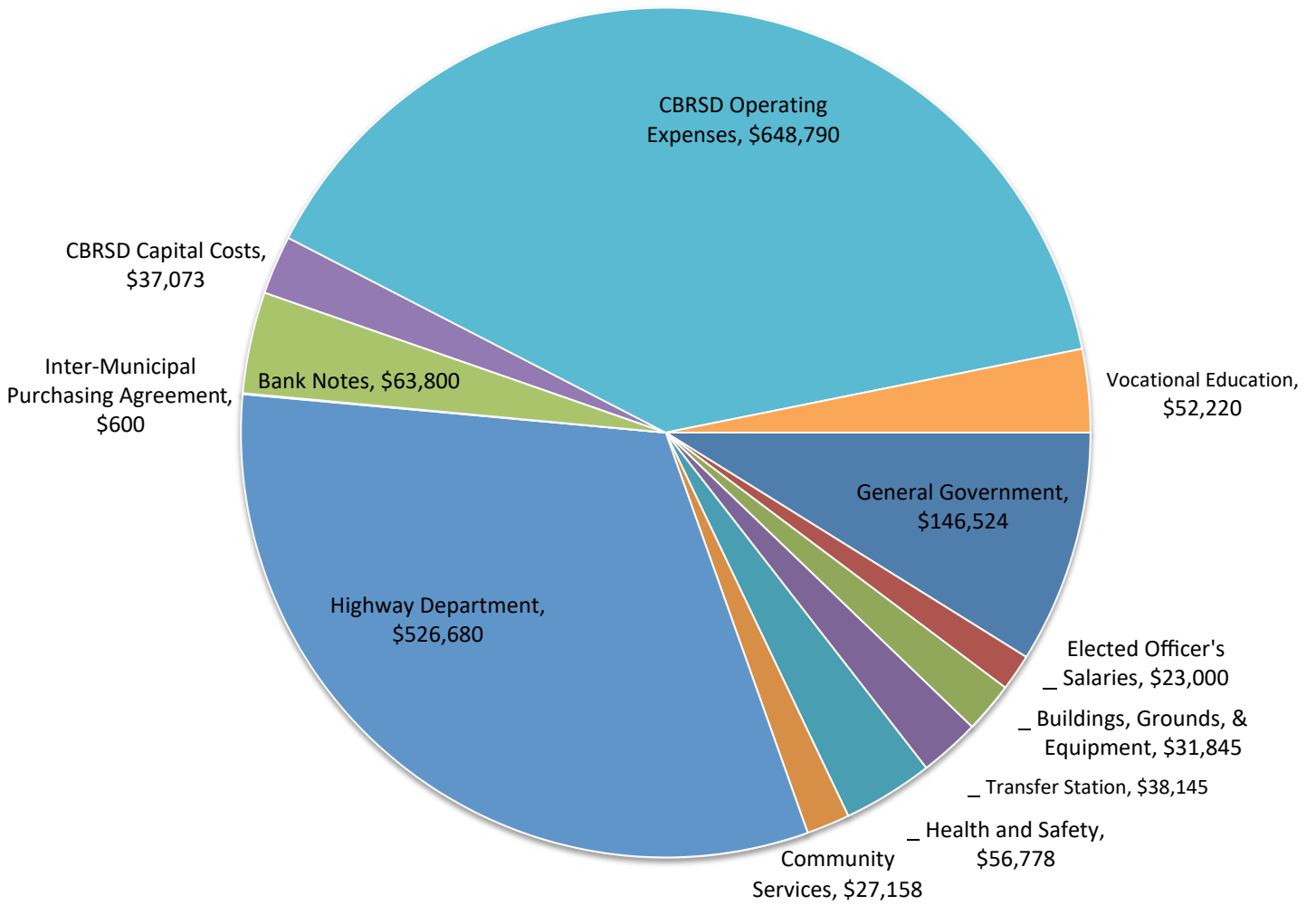
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hh	Zoning Enforcement Officer Account	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
ii	Zoning Board Of Appeals Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$240	\$240	\$0
13	Inter-Municipal Purchasing Agreement	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$0
14	CBRSD Capital Costs (itemized below)	\$59,332	\$51,464	\$45,925	\$37,073	-\$8,852
a	Becket-Washington School (Debt Exclusion) FY25	\$51,206	\$45,449	\$42,140	\$34,148	-\$7,992
	Nessacus (Debt Exclusion) FY18	\$3,515	\$2,669	\$1,074	\$0	-\$1,074
b	Wahconah - renovation, FY29	\$2,497	\$2,239	\$1,490	\$1,723	\$233
c	Craneville Roof, FY23	\$344	\$167	\$165	\$161	-\$4
d	Kittridge Windows, FY22	\$365	\$359	\$321	\$456	\$135
e	Craneville HVAC, FY22	\$88	\$42	\$42	\$40	-\$2
f	Security Updates FY22	\$977	\$414	\$362	\$362	\$0
g	Wahconah sidewalks FY25		\$253	\$170	\$183	\$13
	WRHS Feasibility Study, FY22			\$161	\$0	-\$161
15	CBRSD Operating Expenses (itemized below)	\$618,255	\$634,387	\$623,214	\$648,790	\$25,576
a	Minimum Contribution	\$460,235	\$473,030	\$441,236	\$459,957	\$18,721
b	Transportation Assessment	\$31,415	\$29,088	\$22,564	\$19,899	-\$2,665
c	Basic Budget Balance	\$126,605	\$132,269	\$159,414	\$168,934	\$9,520
16	Vocational Education (itemized below)	\$30,502	\$43,180	\$47,633	\$52,220	\$4,587
a	Vocational Ed. Tuition	\$17,556	\$26,238	\$34,000	\$35,000	\$1,000
b	Vocational Ed. Transportation	\$12,946	\$16,343	\$13,000	\$16,463	\$3,463
c	School Bus Insurance		\$599	\$633	\$757	\$124
17	Highway Department (itemized below)	\$428,883	\$493,925	\$530,382	\$526,680	-\$3,702
a	Salaries	\$115,291	\$124,928	\$135,200	\$137,904	\$2,704
b	Winter Road Overtime	\$6,077	\$13,715	\$12,787	\$13,043	\$256
c	Non-Winter Overtime		\$4,652	\$5,328	\$5,435	\$107
d	Road & Bridge Maintenance	\$20,785	\$55,040	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$0
e	Winter Snow & Ice Removal	\$102,364	\$117,052	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$0
f	Engineering Consultation			\$10,000	\$8,100	-\$1,900
g	Tree Work	\$3,700	\$5,960	\$8,100	\$10,000	\$1,900
h	Fuel	\$16,709	\$17,972	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
i	Machinery Repair	\$33,520	\$25,277	\$30,000	\$25,000	-\$5,000
j	Gen. Maintenance, Tools & Supplies	\$16,233	\$20,425	\$22,000	\$27,000	\$5,000
k	Hwy. Dept. Operating Expenses	\$12,892	\$15,164	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$0
l	Highway Equip. Insurance		\$14,277	\$15,240	\$13,113	-\$2,127
m	Health, Dental, Life Insurance (town share)	\$31,872	\$53,127	\$53,130	\$53,130	\$0
n	Unemployment Account	\$181	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	-\$5,000
o	Berkshire County Retirement	\$24,297	\$26,336	\$27,597	\$27,955	\$358
18	Health and Safety (itemized below)	\$43,943	\$47,837	\$63,236	\$56,778	-\$6,458
a	Becket Fire Department - fire protection	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$2,000
b	Becket Fireman's Assoc.	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$0
	Becket Ambulance Service			\$8,215	\$0	-\$8,215
c	Police Chief Salary	\$10,800	\$10,660	\$10,927	\$11,146	\$219
d	Police Department Expenses	\$5,503	\$789	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
e	Police Dept Telecomm		\$2,591	\$4,044	\$4,044	\$0
f	Police Coverage - pumpkin walk	\$280	\$320	\$320	\$320	\$0
g	Police/Fire Insurance		\$5,866	\$6,655	\$6,850	\$195
h	Enhanced 911	\$8,536	\$8,792	\$9,056	\$9,328	\$272
i	Animal Control Officer Reimbursement	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$800	\$400

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j	Animal Control Officer Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$200	\$0
	<i>Animal Inspector</i>	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$0	-\$400
k	Board Of Health Expenses	\$70	\$305	\$400	\$400	\$0
l	Health Agent (Berkshire Public Health Alliance)	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,200	\$2,700	\$500
m	Public Health Nurse	\$1,124	\$1,152	\$1,152	\$1,240	\$88
n	Building Inspector Salary	\$4,480	\$4,212	\$5,517	\$4,500	-\$1,017
o	Building Inspector Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$500	-\$500
19	Community Services (itemized below)	\$17,822	\$20,553	\$26,800	\$27,158	\$358
a	Son's & Daughter's Reunion	\$407	\$510	\$500	\$500	\$0
b	Historical Commission	\$76	\$0	\$400	\$400	\$0
c	Veterans' Aid	\$5,400	\$5,757	\$6,350	\$6,500	\$150
d	Veterans' Services Inter-Municipal Agreement		\$500	\$2,250	\$2,250	\$0
e	Council on Aging	\$402	\$1,228	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
f	Becket Athenaeum	\$7,900	\$8,098	\$8,300	\$8,508	\$208
g	Becket Athenaeum Capital	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
h	Washington TRACKS	\$1,637	\$1,960	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
i	Use of Becket Beach	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
j	Wired West dues		\$500	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
20	Transfer Station (itemized below)	\$37,511	\$43,607	\$37,842	\$38,145	\$303
a	Operating Expenses	\$27,254	\$24,434	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$0
b	Attendant Labor Expenses	\$8,321	\$8,049	\$8,405	\$8,574	\$169
c	Southern Berk. Solid Waste	\$1,937	\$1,937	\$1,937	\$2,071	\$134
d	Facility Maintenance	\$0	\$9,187	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
21	Bank Notes (itemized below)	\$45,803	\$30,102	\$64,540	\$63,800	-\$740
	School Bus, FY18	\$8,666	\$8,502	\$8,340	\$0	-\$8,340
a	Plow Truck, FY20	\$22,372	\$21,600	\$21,200	\$20,800	-\$400
b	Culverts			\$35,000	\$35,000	\$0
c	5500 Plow & Sander, FY23				\$8,000	\$8,000
	Last-Mile Fiber Network (debt exclusion)					\$0
22	Buildings, Grounds, & Equipment (itemized below)	\$43,931	\$25,794	\$32,514	\$31,845	-\$669
a	Town Building Operating Expenses	\$14,518	\$11,966	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$0
b	Town Hall Repair & Maintenance		\$4,409	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$0
c	Custodian reimbursement	\$3,336	\$3,270	\$3,488	\$3,558	\$70
d	Maintenance Coordinator Reimbursement	\$500	\$500	\$526	\$537	\$11
e	Town Office Equip & Support	\$0	\$2,508	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
f	Town Office Supplies & Services	\$1,034	\$532	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
g	Historical Properties Repair & Maintenance	\$23,755	\$336	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
h	St. Andrew's Chapel windows	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
i	Town Park	\$789	\$2,273	\$2,500	\$2,250	-\$250
j	Cemetery headstone repairs	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$0	-\$500
23	Transfer from Free Cash to Stabilization	\$50,000	\$20,000		\$40,000	\$40,000
24	Transfer from Free Cash to reduce tax rate	\$50,000	\$55,000	\$45,000	\$40,000	-\$5,000
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$1,522,549	\$1,533,454	\$1,629,217	\$1,692,613	\$63,396
	CBRSD CAP. ASSESSMENT	\$59,332	\$51,464	\$45,925	\$37,073	
	CBRSD OP. ASSESSMENT	\$618,255	\$634,387	\$623,214	\$648,790	
	VOCATIONAL ED.	\$30,502	\$42,581	\$47,000	\$51,463	
	TOWN OPERATING BUDGET	\$814,460	\$805,022	\$913,078	\$955,287	\$42,209

# Town of Washington, FY19 Budget



General Government	\$146,524	8.87%
Elected Officer's Salaries	\$23,000	1.39%
Buildings, Grounds, & Equipment	\$31,845	1.93%
Transfer Station	\$38,145	2.31%
Health and Safety	\$56,778	3.44%
Community Services	\$27,158	1.64%
Highway Department	\$526,680	31.87%
Inter-Municipal Purchasing Agreement	\$600	0.04%
Bank Notes	\$63,800	3.86%
CBRSD Capital Costs	\$37,073	2.24%
CBRSD Operating Expenses	\$648,790	39.26%
Vocational Education	\$52,220	3.16%
	<b>\$1,652,613</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

# Budget Revenue Projections for Fiscal Year 2019

Updated on: 4/27/18

	Enacted FY17	Enacted FY18	Proposed FY19	\$ change over FY18	
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$1,603,577</b>	<b>\$1,629,217</b>	<b>\$1,692,613</b>	<b>\$63,396</b>	<b>3.89%</b>
<b>Receipts</b>					
<i>Internal Income</i>					
From Free Cash	\$75,000	\$45,000	<b>\$80,000</b>		
From Stab. Fund					
From Previous Year Operating Accts.					
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>		
<b>Total Raise and Appropriate</b>	<b>\$1,528,577</b>	<b>\$1,584,217</b>	<b>\$1,612,613</b>	<b>\$28,396</b>	<b>1.79%</b>
<i>Cherry Sheet Income</i>			<i>House W&amp;M</i>		
Chap. 70	\$3,051	\$4,390	<b>\$5,513</b>	<b>\$1,123</b>	
Add'l. Assist.					
Highway Chap. 81					
Lottery					
Lottery - Casino Income					
Supplemental Local Aid					
Munic. Stab.					
In Lieu Taxes (State Forest land)	\$102,390	\$102,292	<b>\$69,196</b>	<b>-\$33,096</b>	
Elderly Exemp.					
School Transportation					
Vet, Blind, Surv. Spouse Exemptions (2)					
Veteran's Benefits	\$4,201	\$4,597	<b>\$4,574</b>	<b>-\$23</b>	
(Overestimates)					
Public Libraries	\$1,848	\$1,885	<b>\$1,879</b>	<b>-\$6</b>	
General Municipal Aid	\$90,816	\$94,358	<b>\$97,661</b>	<b>\$3,303</b>	
From Meals Tax Increase					
From Rooms Tax Increase					
Exemption Reimbursements	\$7,361	\$8,289	<b>\$8,247</b>	<b>-\$42</b>	
Supplemental (midyr \$5776)) Aid					
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$209,667</b>	<b>\$215,811</b>	<b>\$187,070</b>	<b>-\$28,741</b>	<b>-13.32%</b>
<i>Local Income</i>					
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$85,000	\$80,000	<b>\$80,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
Penalties & Interest	\$8,500	\$8,500	<b>\$8,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
Pynt. In Lieu taxes (Pittsfield watershed)	\$99,808	\$104,000	<b>\$106,600</b>	<b>\$2,600</b>	
Charges for Services - Trash	\$1,300	\$1,500	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
Charges for Services - Other	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
Head Start Rent	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
Other Department Revenue	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
Licenses & Permits	\$5,000	\$6,000	<b>\$6,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	

## Budget Revenue Projections for Fiscal Year 2019

Fines & Forfeits	\$1,500	\$1,200	<b>\$1,200</b>	\$0	
Interest Income	\$500	\$1,000	<b>\$1,000</b>	\$0	
General Government	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>		
Classf. Forest Land	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>		
Misc. Non-Recurring	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>		
Misc. Recurring (Hinsdale Plowing)	\$4,500	\$9,000	<b>\$4,500</b>	-\$4,500	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$206,108</b>	<b>\$211,200</b>	<b>\$209,300</b>	<b>-\$1,900</b>	<b>-0.90%</b>
<b>Debits</b>					
State Air Polution District Assessment	\$178	\$173	<b>\$177</b>	\$4	
State Regional Transit Assessment	\$4	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0	
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	\$700	\$780	<b>\$780</b>	\$0	
School Choice Sending Tuition	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0	
Abatement Allowance	\$25,995	\$44,460	<b>\$26,000</b>	-\$18,460	
Carry Over Deficit	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0	
Other				\$0	
Expected	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0	
Total Overlay Deficits of Prior Years	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0	
Previous Year Winter Roads Overrun	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0	
Offset for Public Libraries	\$1,848	\$1,885	<b>\$1,879</b>	-\$6	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$28,725</b>	<b>\$47,298</b>	<b>\$28,836</b>	<b>-\$18,462</b>	<b>-39.03%</b>
<i>Subtotal</i>	<b>\$387,050</b>	<b>\$379,713</b>	<b>\$367,534</b>	<b>-\$12,179</b>	<b>-3.21%</b>
<b>Total Raised from Taxes</b>	<b>\$1,141,526</b>	<b>\$1,204,504</b>	<b>\$1,245,079</b>	<b>\$40,575</b>	<b>3.37%</b>



# Budget Revenue Projections for Fiscal Year 2019

## Levy Limit Summary

	<u>FY17</u>	<u>FY18</u>	<u>FY19</u>
<b>II. LEVY LIMIT</b>			
Previous FY Levy Limit	\$1,074,402	\$1,119,228	<b>\$1,171,706</b>
Amended Prev. Yr. Growth	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Growth	\$17,966	\$24,497	<b>\$15,000</b>
2.5% Increase	\$26,860	\$27,981	<b>\$29,293</b>
Previous FY Override	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Levy Limit	\$1,119,228	\$1,171,706	<b>\$1,215,998</b>

## III. MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE LEVY LIMIT

Levy Limit	\$1,119,228	\$1,171,706	<b>\$1,215,998</b>
Debt Exclusion(s)	\$48,118	\$43,214	<b>\$34,148</b>
Capital Expenditure Exclusion(s)	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Other Adjustment	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Water/Sewer	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Maximum Allowable Levy Limit	\$1,167,346	\$1,214,920	<b>\$1,250,146</b>

Maximum Levy	\$1,167,346	\$1,214,920	<b>\$1,250,146</b>
Budget Raised From Taxes	\$1,141,526	\$1,204,504	<b>\$1,245,079</b>
Difference - Under/(Over)	\$ 25,820	\$ 10,416	<b>\$ 5,067</b>

99.6% of levy limit

## Tax Rate Estimates

Assessed Valuation	\$81,311,784	\$81,220,762	<b>\$82,232,225</b>
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1.25% increase

<b>Tax Rates</b>	<b>FY17</b>	<b>FY18</b>	<b>FY19 est.</b>
Estimated =	\$14.04	\$14.83	<b>\$15.14</b>
	2.25%	5.64%	<b>2.10%</b>

\$0.31 difference

Average Single Family Home value	\$232,792	\$228,277	<b>\$228,277</b>
Average Single Family Home assessment	\$3,268	\$3,385	<b>\$3,456</b>

\$71.00 difference

# Report of the Planning Board

ANNUAL REPORT JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2020

The Planning Board met throughout this two-year period.

**Subdivision ANRs** – (Approval Not Required) reviewed and approved as bona fide ANRs:

- Division of Williams property on Beach Road to create a building lot., Patrick McColgan – Darlene Brunell.

## **Marijuana Establishments Zoning Bylaws – Review, Development and Implementation:**

- On November 8, 2016 the Town of Washington voted to in favor of the Massachusetts Marijuana Legalization initiative, the initiative was passed and accepted. All towns that voted in favor of this initiative must now allow the cultivation, sale and distribution of Marijuana in their municipality.
- In January of 2018 the Town engaged the assistance of Christopher Gruba of the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission to assist in the development of set of Washington specific Zoning Bylaws governing this program. The Planning Board and Mr. Gruba began the process leading to the following events:
  - April 2018 – Public Hearing to delay voting on a Bylaw to 12/31/18 in order to finalize a Washington specific set of bylaws and guidelines. – Approved.
  - Monthly development meetings with Chris Gruba
  - October 2018 – Joint meeting with Select-board to review draft bylaw.
    - Request to develop an Illumination bylaw to be voted on at Special Town meeting in December.
  - November 2018 Illumination Bylaw development.
  - November 27, 2018, Public hearing on Marijuana and Illumination Bylaws
- Special Town Meeting December 10, 2018 – Marijuana and Illumination Bylaws passed.

## **Lew's Variance Request:**

- May 2019 – Kent and Carol Lew's Application for Variance of lot setback – Washington Mountain Road, received.
- June 2019 – Public Hearing on Lew's request – Variance approved.

## **Matthew White – TentRR Special Permit Application:**

- June – September 2019 General Discussion with Mr. White, his Attorney and representatives from TentRR. – Special Permit Application Filed.
- Special Permit Public Hearings in October, November and December.
- December 2019, Planning Board Decision to Deny Application.
- February 2020, meeting to review Denial.

## **Respectfully Submitted**

Donald Gagnon – Chair – Planning Board.



# WASHINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Washington, Massachusetts 01223

NICOLE M. MILLER  
CHIEF OF POLICE

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## **Report of the Police Department for Fiscal Year 2019**

The Police Department has seen some change this year in the hiring of 2 part time detail officers. Kenneth Pettibone and Stephen Parkington. Both Officers are a welcomed change and a step in the right direction for the future of the Police Department. The police department often assists in other areas and happenings in the town such as, The Hilltown Brouhaha, The Pumpkin Walk and the Car show and both Officers have been a huge support and help with organizing, attending and assisting with the successful outcome of these community events.

Throughout the school year I have developed a great relationship with the parents, teachers, support staff and students at the Becket/Washington School. I attend monthly meetings and am a member of the School Emergency Planning Committee. This is where local and state public safety agencies work with school officials in planning and organizing trainings and drills at our local schools in the case of any emergency.

I would like to thank the residents of the Town of Washington, the Selectboard, The Becket/Washington Fire department, the Highway Department and the Becket and Hinsdale Police Department's for their continued support.

Thank You.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Nicole Miller  
*Chief of Police*

## Police Department Calls

Washington Police Department	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept.	Oct.	Nov	Dec	Total	<div>108 Calls received from Berkshire County Dispatch.</div> <div>Massachusetts State Police (Cheshire Barracks) received/responded to 280 calls to Washington.</div>
<b>Calls</b> Fiscal 7/1/18 - 6/30/19														
Abandoned Motor Vehicle	1						2						3	
Alarm	2	1	1	1	3	1	2	1	3	1	3	5	24	
Ambulance/Medical	1	3	2	2	3	3	1	3	1	3	3	1	26	
Animal				1	3	3		1	1		2		11	
Assist other Department		2			1							1	4	
BOLO								1					1	
Calls for Service	7	8	13	5	14	13	2	6	6	3	3	3	83	
Detail					1								1	
Disabled Motor Vehicle	1	3	1	1	1		2	1	2		3	1	16	
Disturbance									1	1	1	3	6	
Erratic Operator					1						1		2	
Explosion						1							1	
Fire Call	2					1	2			2			7	
Fraud												1	1	
Gun Shots						1		1	1				3	
Investigation	8	16	3	7		7	11	5	10	3	7	11	88	
Littering										1			1	
Missing Person											1		1	
Motor Vehicle Accident	2	1	2	1	2		3		1	1	3	4	20	
Noise Complaint					1	1			1				3	
Other					1	3							4	
Phone 911 Hang Up		2	3		2	1	2		2	2		2	16	
Reckless Driving														
Road Complaints	5	6	1	3	5	2	1	1	3	2	6	6	41	
Section 12								1				1	2	
Sensitive Call R					1	1	1						3	
Serve paperwork								1					1	
Suspicious Activity	3	2	1			1	2		1				10	
Threat to Commit										1			1	
Unattended death														
Vandalism		1						1					2	
Vehicle Stop					1								1	
Welfare Check		1									1		2	
Wires Down		1			2								3	
<b>Total Calls Monthly for 2018</b>	32	47	27	21	42	39	31	23	33	20	34	39	388	

## Report of the Building Inspector

A total of sixteen (16) permits were issued in Fiscal Year 2019.

- 3 Wood Stove Permits
- 1 Solar Roof Permit
- 1 Barn Addition Permit
- 3 Window Install Permits
- 1 New Home Permit
- 4 Roofing Permits
- 1 Insulation Permit
- 2 Residential Addition Permits

Total amount collected for the Fiscal Year 2019 is \$5450.00.

Respectively Submitted,

Paul Greene, Building Inspector

## Report of the Plumbing & Gas Inspector

### **Plumbing Permits & Inspections**

July 1, 2018 to May 5, 2019

- 10/26/18 – water connection for new boiler
  - o permit by Pioneer Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
- 10/31/18 – water connection for new boiler
  - o permit by Brian Korte
- 12/7/18 – whole house renovation
  - o permit by Zeitler Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
- 1/30/19 – new water heater
  - o permit by Artisan Plumbing & Heating

### **Gas Permits & Inspections**

July 1, 2018 to May 5, 2019

- 10/5/18 – gas line: tank to garage
  - o permit by Clifford Propane LLC
- 10/12/18 – gas line: tank to house
  - o permit by HL Propane
- 10/26/18 – gas piping for new boiler
  - o permit by Pioneer Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
- 10/31/18 – gas piping for new boiler
  - o permit by Brian Korte

Submitted by Mark A. Levernoch

## Report of the Board of Health

Fees for the following permits and inspections were collected Fiscal Year 2019.

2	Operate a Campground Permits	\$ 300.00
2	Operate a Semi-Public Swimming Pool Permit	\$ 300.00
2	Operate a Store Permits	\$ 200.00
6	Special Event Permits	\$ 25.00
4	Septic Haulers Permits	\$ 400.00
3	Septic Installations	\$1,000.00
4	Well Permits	\$ 350.00
3	Perc Tests	\$ 775.00
2	Title V Inspections	\$ 800.00

Total amount collected for the Fiscal Year 2019 is \$4,300.00.

Respectively Submitted,

Janice Paxton

# Report of the Conservation Commission

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

## Members:

Michelle Lampro - Chair  
Shaun Lennon  
Eyal Shapiro  
Trish Drugmand  
Lisa Peltier

Our Commission has grown to five members which is a good thing. More minds, more opinions, more input and more likely to gather a quorum when needed. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the select board. There is an abundance of resources for support.

The Commission continues to meet on an 'as needed' basis.

The following is a list of the bigger projects that came before the Commission.

- **Notice of Intent submitted by Foresight Land Services, Inc on behalf of the Town of Washington for Proposed Bridge Replacement & Related Work for the Middlefield Road Bridge in Washington, MA**
- **Notice of Intent submitted by MassDOT Highway Division on behalf of MassDOT. Project description as follows: To perform culvert repairs in addition to removal of accumulated sediments and debris from the unnamed intermittent stream on Route 8 near mile marker 31.65.**
- **Request for Determination submitted by Hill-Engineers, Architects, Planners, Inc. on behalf prospective buyers for a property on Washington Mountain Rd. The proposed work is for upgrading an existing access/logging rd to a gravel driveway on Washington Mountain Rd. between 1710 and 1796 Washington Mtn Rd- Assessors map # 313 - plat # 414.0-0000-0022.0.**
- **Notice of Intent submitted by Tighe & Bond on behalf of the Town of Washington for replacement of the existing 3 ft diameter corrugated metal pipe culver on Savery Brook at the Westerly end of Frost Rd.**
- **Request for Determination submitted by White Engineering, Inc on behalf of Paul and Megan Tesoniero. The proposed work is for building a house on Lovers Lane Rd. Map # 207, Lot # 410:**

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Lampro, Chairman



# Report of the Highway Department

It was a busy year with normal road maintenance. Sweeping, culvert cleaning, grading, ditch work, asphalt patching, drain work, crack sealing, tree work, and snow and ice removal.

With above average rain fall the mud season was hard on some of the gravel roads. We were able to put stone out to keep traffic moving.

We have not done a lot with chapter 90 funds due to the culvert failing on the upper part of Frost Road. If it fails completely, we will need that money to fix it. We have filled out a couple of grant applications and are waiting on approval to replace it.

Washington Mountain Road is complete. There was a lot of work done to make sure the town received the road and property in the best shape we could.

There were 2 culvert pipes replaced on Cross Place Road. The grade of the last hill was changed to increase visibility and safety. We designed and built a heavy-duty beaver deceiver for West Branch preventing beavers from plugging up the culvert.

Frost Road and Summit Hill bridges replacements are complete.

The Town purchased a 2018 Tundra for general use and a 2018 Dodge plow truck to replace the Ford that was costing a lot to keep in service.

I would like to thank the highway workers Adam Southard and Dave Fish for their dedication to the highway department.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Johnson

Highway Superintendent

## Report of the Transfer Station

- This year, Matthew Thomas replaced our frail deck at the bottles and cans bin with one that sits on BIG cement blocks - making it less likely to move if it gets bumped by the moving roll-off container.
- Early on one fall Saturday morning, the electric pole outside the shed had fallen. The electric company responded within the hour and cut the service so we could let folks in. By noon, they had come to remove the old pole, drill a hole for the new one, set the new pole and restore limited service for our compactor. Kudos to the electric company! In the meantime, we had room in our construction container for the trash.
- As you can see below - we are hanging steady with our recycling. As I watch the bags go into the compactor, I can see that we could do much better. Please keep in mind that the town does save by recycling. The cost to bring the combined recycled tons to Covanta would have been \$ 2,800. The extra trucking cost to go to Springfield is \$ 630 for a net savings of \$ 2,170. Add to that the reimbursement we received for recycles ( \$ 370.) and we saved \$2,540. We could do better if everyone participated.
- White Wolf continues to be a great partner in keeping things moving. They are always right there when we need them.

AS OF JUNE 30TH		2016	2017	2018	2019
TRASH	TON	140.46	155.05	142.47	144.63
CONSTRUCTION	TON	27.68	18.03	16.17	19.37
PAPER	TON	20.26	21.46	19.73	20.62
BOTTLES	TON	15.03	16.05	12.72	13.37
ELECTRONICS	TON	3.33	1.74	1.00	0.75
WASTE OIL	GALS	400	300	400	400
METAL	TON	17.91	11.03	12.33	9.23

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Lampro, Transfer Station Manager

# Report of the Washington Cultural Council

## Activity Report for July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

The Washington Cultural Council held its Annual Voting Meeting for FY2019 on November 17, 2018. Of the below-listed members, those in attendance were: Sean Connor, Deborah Connor and Stephanie Case.

### Cultural Council Members

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Stephanie Case	Clerk	11/17/2018	11/17/2021
Deborah Connor	Member	08/19/2017	08/19/2020
Sean Connor	President	08/19/2017	08/19/2020
Jodi Hostetter	Treasurer	08/19/2019	08/19/2022
Eyal Shapira	Member	10/20/2018	10/20/2021

The Washington Cultural Council gives priority to:

- 1) Applicants that have secured a local venue
- 2) Projects that serve youth or the elderly
- 3) Projects that focus on community-oriented arts, humanities and science projects in and for the Washington community

In addition to the state criteria, applications are evaluated using the following review criteria:

- 1) How well the program meets our local priorities
- 2) Community support and involvement
- 3) Evidence of track record and dedication of the applicant
- 4) Financial need
- 5) Demonstrated planning

The Council received nineteen (19) applications totaling \$7,913.00. Of the nineteen (19) applications, seventeen (17) were partially or fully funded with the \$6,462.00 available for granting.

# Report of the Washington Cultural Council

## FY2019 Grant Awards

Nutshell Playhouse	Community Tour	\$ 100.00
Hilltown Families, Inc.	Berkshire Family Fun	\$ 150.00
Hilltown Families, Inc.	11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Handmade Valentine Swap	\$ 50.00
Central Berkshire RSD	Colonial Theater	\$ 200.00
Chesterwood	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration	\$ 250.00
Becket Athenaeum	Museum Passes	\$ 250.00
WAM Theatre	Season of Events – Year 10	\$ 250.00
IS183 Art School of the Berkshire	Learning Through Arts Program at BWS	\$ 400.00
Becket Volunteer Firemans Assoc.	Entertainment of the Hilltown Brouhaha	\$ 400.00
Carolyn Adams	Yoga Afterschool for Students	\$ 478.00
Berkshire Lyric Theatre	Educational Programs and Concerts	\$ 249.00
Music in Common	MIC Community MeetUps	\$ 400.00
Berkshire Music School	Music Enrichment Programs at BWS	\$ 500.00
Becket Arts Center	Explorations: Tuesday Evenings	\$ 520.00
Becket Washington School	Field Trip to Mahaiwe Theater	\$ 548.00
Becket Washington PTO	Becket Washington PTO Carnival	\$ 600.00
Becket Washington School	Field Trip to Connecticut Science Center	\$ 1,117.00

# Report of the Emma Bailey Scholarship Committee

## Brief History

In 1986, the Town was notified that a gift was left to the Town in trust under the will of Emma A. Bailey. The amount at the time was \$12,507.18 with final distribution of trust was \$13,369.72 including interest earned. Subsequently the Emma Bailey Scholarship Committee was formed. For the past 30 years granting scholarships to support Washington seniors in their academic endeavors.

Once a year the Emma Bailey Scholarship Committee reviews applications from the graduating seniors living in the town who are preparing to continue their education. Even though the scholarships granted aren't that large, the Town is proud to know they've been able to acknowledge the seniors, who are certainly appreciative of the support.

## Class of 2019 Recipient

**Hannah Mikaniewicz**

Central Berkshire Regional School District Representative Michael Case presented Hannah with her award at the Wahconah High School Awards Night Ceremony.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tricia Drugmand

Richard Spencer

Kimberly Sinopoli

Jodi Hostetter

## Report of the Washington Historical Commission

We are the heirs and temporary inheritors of this wonderful hill town named Washington. From the earliest settlers and through the ensuing generation, we walk in their footprints and rediscover what is and what has been. The members of the Washington Historical Commission endeavor to shine a light on the past, identifying and preserving the town's artifacts and bringing them to your attention for rediscovery and wonder.

After much effort we have now submitted 575 items to Digital Commonwealth and the Boston Public Library who will process our town's old photos and ephemera. We hope to soon have digitized materials on line at the Digital Commonwealth site for all to enjoy. Plus, we hope to display different groups of these items on-line and at the town hall. Importantly, we will end up with these files and original photos and ephemera preserved, filed, and readily accessible in the Washington Historical Room. The Historical Commission has been joined in this effort by others in our town. Carol Lew, in particular, has done a tremendous job helping us research, scan, and document photos and ephemera for submittal to the Boston Library - Digital Commonwealth site. Jan Paxton has also helped with this the project, contributing with photos of town sites and artifacts. Also, inclusion of photos loaned to the commission by town residents has provided additional depth to this project.

Speaking of preserving artifacts, we recently looked at our options regarding viewing an interesting video film of the town's bicentennial, which was unreadable in its present format. Finding a site that could convert the video film by the late noted photographer Clemens Kalischer proved daunting. Once again, thanks to Carol Lew who helped us track down an Illinois company that could convert the film into a readable CD format. We will offer viewings of the 30-minute bicentennial celebration to the town starting during the coming year.

Prior to the commencement of the annual Sons and Daughters celebration the Historical Commission opened the old South Center School for tours. Later the same day, at the old town hall in the history room, members of the committee displayed historical artifacts and offered items available for procurement. This year the historical committee, with the help of many volunteers, raised \$112.50 by sale of town histories, commemorative plates, and postcards.

During the past year we received many inquiries regarding past residents, houses, and sites. The more we know the more we can help! We have also received several town photos and memorabilia from Barbara Simmons.

Thanks to all!

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Washington Historical Commission,  
David Weissbrod - Chair

## **Report of The Wild & Scenic Westfield River Committee**

The Wild & Scenic Westfield River Committee works to preserve, protect, and enhance the special qualities and outstanding natural resources of the Westfield River Watershed in concert with local communities. Appointed representatives from Becket, Chester, Chesterfield, Cummington, Huntington, Middlefield, Savoy, Washington, Windsor, and Worthington meet monthly with representatives from the National Park Service, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and others. Project funding is provided through the National Park Service's Partnership Wild & Scenic Rivers Program.

2019 was a year of change as the Commonwealth withdrew its administrative support for the Committee; project funding from the National Park Service continues. The committee is working with our elected state representatives to restore this small amount of funding which helps leverages the Park Service funding.

The committee's outreach and education efforts continue to be a strong component of our efforts.

**Wild & Scenic Saturdays and workdays**, took place in and around the West & East Branch of the Westfield River. Highlights included:

- **Showing of the Wild and Scenic Film Festival at four locations in the watershed**
- **Continued with the Center Pond Weed Project in Becket**
- **Vernal Pools Plunge, a three-day intensive training in collaboration with Hilltown Land Trust. In 2019 nine pools were certified due to this program. All 16 towns have a trained Vernal Pool Rep.**
- **Four Highlands Footpath Workdays carried out in the Chester/ Blandford State Forest (on the Newman Marsh trail).**
- **Hikes in collaboration with the Highlands Footpath along the Highlands Footpath route in Lee, Becket, Washington, and Chester.**
- **Two Native Bee Identification trainings were offered**
- **Began outreach to Silvio Conte Wildlife Refuge for a possible 2020 project clean up and restoration plan of the Bisbee Mill site in Chesterfield MA.**
- **Tidying the East Branch Trail (Yearly clean up on the EBT Chesterfield)**

Meredyth Babcock, the committee's outreach coordinator, coordinated two short segment videos that were shared on WGBY's connecting point.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BEGmaQNT5D8> Vernal Pool WGBY

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xjOe\\_cl0GWE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xjOe_cl0GWE) Tidying the East Branch Trail

The Committee continues to support the work of the Highlands Footpath Collaborative. We are excited by the development of a long-distance footpath through the towns and along segments of the river with a Wild & Scenic designation. This is a unique opportunity to incorporate many trails along designated river segments and highlight the dynamic Westfield River in outreach and planning.

## **Report of The Wild & Scenic Westfield River Committee**

(continued)

The sixth annual Watershed Blitz was held on September 28<sup>th</sup>. The Town of Cummington partnered with us, donating their park, community center and amenities. Eight specialists from various organizations and area universities offered a full day's exploration to over 57 community members who collectively spent 342 hours in one day marveling at and collecting data on the East Branch of the Westfield River.

The committee provided financial assistance to Mass Audubon and The Nature Conservancy for land conservation projects in Plainfield and Middlefield. Money was awarded to the Town of Windsor to help finish their final culvert design study along River Road.

The committee is supporting a number of communities within the watershed as they work to complete their Municipal Vulnerability Program (MVP) plans. To date half of the Wild and Scenic Communities are working on a MVP plan. They are Becket, Cummington, Chesterfield, Windsor, and Worthington. We expect the other towns to shortly follow.

The committee has begun planning to create a new master plan to guide our work into the future.

Our committee meets once a month and all meetings are open to the public. We encourage you to take part in any of our sponsored activities, including stream teams, river clean-ups, land protection, and workshops. To learn more about what is happening in the watershed, visit our newly updated website at [www.wildscenicwestfieldriver.org](http://www.wildscenicwestfieldriver.org).

For more information contact your local representative, Edwin Neumuth at (413) 884-4961

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin Neumuth,  
Wild and Scenic Westfield River Representative



# Report of the Parks Commission

In March the Commission held "Color in the Park" contest in the Tracks, awarding a prize to the first person who reported spotting a bloom on any of the 150 Gritty Southern Daffodil or Purple Sensation Allium Bulbs planted last fall.

In July, for the second year the park was host to the Becket Washington Community Partnership Hilltown Brouhaha. The Commission again sponsored the fairy house building craft station. Some very creative structures of shells, bark, rocks, sticks, moss, etc. filled the fairy garden. The Commission held a 50/50 raffle and sponsored a community vendor table where photo albums of past park activities were viewed by many, town shirts along with Historical Commission merchandise was sold.

In September Police Chief Nicole Miller held another highly successfully Cops & Rodders Car Show fundraiser earning funds to hold a very festive holiday party for the children of both the Becket and Washington community.

A community of volunteers came together to hold the John FX Keator Memorial Pumpkin Walk. Families enjoyed walking a spookily lit path of jack-o'-lanterns and stopping for candy at the trick or treat stations. Enjoying hotdogs, pizza, hot cider and plenty of snacks from the gazebo. Ending the night getting warmth from the bonfire after a hay ride through the field. To the community of volunteers, Thank You! We are all certainly grateful for everything you do.

The Tree Lighting ceremony was held on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Residents gathered to celebrate, shaking handmade jingle bell sticks while singing carols. Enjoying hot cocoa and cookies. Thank you to Donna Stimpson for donating the tree and delivering it too.

The annual cleanup was held on Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you: LP Adams for donating wood used to repair the gazebo and benches. Amy Johnson for cleaning the gazebo floor. Mark Roos for repairing the benches. Dave Drugmand for replacing rotten gazebo step boards. Selectmen Jim Huebner and Tricia Drugmand, residents Jodi Hostetter, Sara Cobb, Carlos Slutzki and future resident Chet Thomas for de-weeding, raking and mulching. Tom Johnson, Dave Waldon for helping install foundation pipes for the new grills. Unfortunately, the volunteer turnout has continued to dwindle over the years making it more difficult to complete all the tasks necessary to maintain the safety and ascetics of the park. Contact the Parks Commission to volunteer.

The fiscal year in the park ended with a Girl Scout camp out. Those resilient girls persevered a night of pouring rain to wake to a soggy morning of activities all while having loads of fun earning badges. Thank you to local troop leader Allison Mikaniewicz for providing this opportunity and for choosing the park to hold her event.

The Parks Commission would like to recognize local businesses and residents for their support of our Town Park. Craig and Paul Willis of White Wolf Excavation have been maintaining the gravel bike path for a number of years. Ernie Lampron of Always Growing donates year after year the mulch surrounding the trees, filling in the fairy garden and other landscaped areas. Mark Levernoch Plumbing & Heating for weatherizing the bathroom in the fall and re-opening the facilities in spring. It is the contribution of these generous folks that keep the park the jewel of Washington. We are grateful.

We hope to see you enjoying the park.

Sincerely,

David Drugmand  
Mark Roos  
Dominic Sinopoli  
Jodi Hostetter

## **Becket Athenaeum 2019 Report to the Becket/Washington Community**

At the Becket Athenaeum, our commitment to serving the communities of Becket and Washington remains strong. During 2019, we continued to provide outstanding library services and high-quality after-school programming as a result of appropriations received from the towns of Becket and Washington toward both operating and capital expenses, as well as the Fairfield County Community Trust, which continues to support our after-school programs. Our local LCCs (Local Cultural Council) from both Becket and Washington have provided support for the museum passes to local attractions we provide to our patrons all year long. The Central Berkshire Fund of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation continued to fund our evening workshops, as well as contributing towards our after-school programs.

In 2019, our after-school programming continued to offer academic support to elementary and middle school students. The ACE (Academic, Collaboration, and Enrichment) program serves the needs of students from the local elementary and middle school with nutritious snacks, help with homework, extra math and reading practice tailored to each student, and other educational enrichment activities. This fully-funded, (and free to families) program is filled by applicants with a demonstrated academic need along with teacher recommendations. Jodi Shafiroff, our after-school program coordinator, managed this academic support program to serve up to 12 students on a single day with the help of a mix of 6 adult volunteers, 7 staff, and several high school interns. We have continued our ongoing line of communication with the BWS teachers and administration to ensure our program is meeting each child's needs as they change throughout the school year. The families of our program participants help support our program by donating time at the library or making a donation to our annual appeal. We also offer grant-funded, paid internships for high school students to work in either the after-school program or in the library, helping with various tasks. Mentoring these teens is a vital piece of our community outreach.

The Athenaeum continued their partnership with the Dalton CRA as well as the Becket Washington School in 2019 to provide an affordable after-school program to help working families in our community with after-school care. This is the third State-accredited Kids' Club program managed by the Dalton CRA. This program offers affordable childcare five days per week during the school year. BWS Kids Club is held at the Becket Washington School and is partially funded by a generous grant through the Fairfield County Community Fund. Families have a low \$5/day/child contribution fee.

Our Friday Enrichment (FE) program continued through June 2019 with a focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) under the direction of Dr. Sarah Reedy. Dr. Reedy stepped away from the program in June, due to increased teaching hours at her primary university job, and Jodi Shafiroff became the FE coordinator in August, in time for the new school year. The FE program's focus became Geography Through Food and Culture, to include geographical map work, cooking, music, dance, and language from each country of focus. We continued to work with the Berkshire Outdoor Center as part of the Friday Enrichment program as well as our summer camp scholarship offering to local school children. We would again like to acknowledge the YMCA Berkshire Outdoor Center for their continued support and partnership in 2019.

Our Story Craft program for the pre-school age group continued as a STEAM exploration program. This program meets for an hour on the second, third and fourth Tuesdays each month and is managed by Wendy Provencher, the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement coordinator for the Central Berkshire Regional School District. Wendy's position is funded through a grant by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

The Athenaeum is now hosting BWS class field trips to help foster a love of reading, a familiarity with the library as a source of community (as well as books), and to support the BWS teachers in their needs for their classrooms and students. This will be an ongoing community outreach throughout 2020 and beyond.

The Athenaeum, along with the Becket Arts Center, Becket Washington School PTO, Congregational Church, Fire Department, and members of the Washington Community continue to work together as the BWCP (Becket Washington Community Partnership). These organizations have worked together to make the Hilltown Brouhaha a community event with something for everyone! We received a grant from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation-Central Berkshire Fund in December 2018 to support this event for the fourth year in 2019. The Hilltown Brouhaha for 2020 will be held at the Washington Town Park on Saturday, July 11, 2020.

We have a dynamic book club group that meets on the first Tuesday of each month. This group is open to all interested in discussing literature new and old with the hot or cold beverage of your choice. We are open to suggestions for group activities of interest to our patrons.

In 2019, we continued to work on the septic system assessment project. Hill Engineering was contracted to perform the necessary technical aspects of this project. Working with Athenaeum trustee, Cathy DeFoe, Hill completed the plans for the Athenaeum system to be connected to the town's repaired system, coordinated the permitting review with the Board of Health, the legal agreement with the town, and will assist in soliciting contractors and scheduling the work, come Spring 2020.

The Athenaeum partnered with the Becket Arts Center as grant recipients from the Central Berkshire Fund of the Berkshire Taconic Foundation for a series of nine workshops that were held at the Athenaeum on evenings during the winter, spring, and fall of 2019. These workshops were led by local experts in wildlife corridors, Hospice care, integrative health and nutrition, salsa dancing, couples' communication skills, Zentangle meditative drawing, as well as food and farming as climate change solutions. The workshops were well attended and provided a wide range of interesting topics for our community. We have also added a monthly game night, family-friendly movie afternoons, and movie evenings for adults. We applied for, and have now received, a monetary increase in our grant to continue all these programs in 2020, and look forward to seeing more of our friends and neighbors at these sessions throughout the months ahead.

Cathy DeFoe, Athenaeum Director since 2013, re-joined the Board of Trustees in 2019 following her 12/31/2018 retirement, and will continue to support the Athenaeum in this capacity. Jodi Shafiroff, Assistant Director since February 2018, became the new Director, effective 1/1/2019. The staffing transition went smoothly, with Cathy acting as staff advisor, as needed throughout the year.

As an independent non-profit organization, we rely on and so appreciate the many supportive groups that help us deliver the services and programs our community deserves from its library.

Our patrons, volunteers, donors, grantors, and the Towns of Becket and Washington all come together as our partners to make the organization a success and we sincerely thank you.

We look forward to seeing you at the Athenaeum!

#### 2019 Staff

Jodi Shafiroff, Director and After School Program Coordinator, ACE and FE  
Cathy DeFoe, staff advisor  
Ellen Manley, Librarian and Tutor  
Dawn Greene, Catalogue Specialist  
Maria Massaro, Assistant Librarian  
Jerry Greene, Assistant Librarian  
Sarah Reedy, Friday Enrichment Coordinator (through June 2019)

#### 2019 Becket Athenaeum Board of Trustees

Purr McEwen, Chair (Becket Resident)  
Aaron Beatty, Vice-Chair (Becket Resident)  
Robert Gross, Treasurer (Becket Resident)  
Jan Nelson (Washington Resident)  
Elizabeth Oakes (Washington Resident)  
Allison Mikaniewicz (Washington Resident)  
Katherine Hoak (Becket Resident)  
Denise Johns (Washington Resident)  
Jeff Piemont (Becket Resident)

Year End Cash Report - Fiscal Year 2019

<b>PART I</b>	
<b>A. Cash and Checks in Office</b>	127,111.15
<b>B. Non-Interest Bearing Checking Account</b>	17,479.32
<b>C. Interest Bearing Checking Account</b>	782,103.00
<b>D. Liquid Investments</b>	314,546.60
<b>E. Term Investments</b>	0.00
<b>F. Trust Funds</b>	168,459.92
<b>Total: Cash and Investments</b>	<b>1,409,699.99</b>

**PART II**

I hereby certify that the foregoing schedule, setting forth the total cash in the custody of the Treasurer, is in agreement with the general ledger controls

**Signatures**

**Treasurer**

I hereby certify that the bank statements have been reconciled through the date of this report, that the cash on hand and other items were verified by actual count, and that I have transmitted this form to the accounting officer for certification of Part II.

**Glenn Grogan, Asst Treasurer , Washington 413-623-5018 | 2/13/2020 10:45 AM**

**Accountant/Auditor**

I hereby certify that the foregoing schedule, setting forth the total cash in the custody of the Treasurer, is either in agreement with the general ledger controls or efforts are being made to reconcile differences as noted in Part II above.

**Dan Parnell, Town Accountant , Washington , dp7997@aol.com 413-623-8878 | 2/8/2020 4:44 PM**

**Documents**

Documents have been uploaded.

**Cash Reconciliation for June 30 - Fiscal Year 2019**

<b>Total Treasurer's Cash and Investments (6/30 year-end report)</b>	<b>1,409,699.99</b>
<b>Other trust funds not in custody of Treasurer</b>	0.00
<b>Total Cash and Investments</b>	<b>1,409,699.99</b>
<b>Accountant's/Auditor's Cash and Investments (PER BALANCE SHEET)</b>	
General Fund	351,260.00
Special Revenue Funds	37,604.00
Capital Projects Funds	798,431.00
Enterprise Funds	0.00
Trust and Agency Funds	171,437.00
<b>Total per general ledger</b>	<b>1,358,732.00</b>
<b>Reconciling Items (specify)</b>	
Warrants Payable	50,968.00
Petty Cash	0.00
	0.00
	0.00
	0.00
	0.00
	0.00
<b>Total Adjusted Accountant's/Auditor's Cash and Investments</b>	<b>1,409,700.00</b>
<b>Variance</b>	-0.01

**Signatures**

**Treasurer**

I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge that this information is complete and accurate as of this date.

**Glenn Grogan, Asst Treasurer , Washington 413-623-5018 | 2/13/2020 10:45 AM**

**Accountant/Auditor**

I hereby certify that the foregoing schedule, setting forth the total cash and investments in the general ledger, is either in agreement with the total cash in the custody of the Treasurer or efforts are being made to reconcile any variances.

**Dan Parnell, Town Accountant , Washington , dp7997@aol.com 413-623-8878 | 2/8/2020 4:45 PM**

**Documents**

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**Automated Statement of Indebtedness (Summary) - Fiscal Year 2019**

Long Term Debt - Inside Debt Limit	382,980.00
Long Term Debt - Outside Debt Limit	770,000.00
Total Long Term Debt	<b>1,152,980.00</b>
Total Short Term Debt	0.00
Total Long Term and Short Term Debt	<b>1,152,980.00</b>
Total Authorized and Unissued Debt	251,788.00

**Signatures**

**Treasurer**

I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge that this information is complete and accurate as of this date.

**Glenn Grogan, Asst Treasurer , Washington 413-623-5018 | 2/13/2020 10:46 AM**

**Accountant/Auditor**

I certify that long and short term debt as identified in this Statement of Indebtedness is in agreement with the general ledger controls in my department and are also reflected on the balance sheet.

**Dan Parnell, Town Accountant , Washington , dp7997@aol.com 413-623-8878 | 2/8/2020 4:48 PM**

**Documents**

Documents have been uploaded.

**Town of Washington  
Balance Sheet  
General Fund  
(Unaudited)**

<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Fiscal Years End June 30 2019</b>
Cash	351,260
Interfund Payable	(13,704)
Net Cash	<u>337,556</u>
Personal Property Tax Receivables	3,363
Real Estate Tax Receivables	178,872
Gross Receivable	182,235
Allow for Abts & Exemptions	(33,250)
Deferred Rev - Real & P. Prop.	(148,985)
Net	-
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivables	16,301
Deferred Rev - Motor Vehicle	(16,301)
Net	-
Tax Title	125,435
Tax Possessions	68,952
Total	194,387
Deferred Rev - Tax Liens	(194,387)
Net	-
Total Assets	<u><u>337,556</u></u>
Fund Bal. Reserved for Encumb.	(1,516)
Fund Balance Designated for Expenditures	(102,000)
Fund Balance - Designated for Tax Rate Decrease	(25,000)
Fund Bal. Designated for Appropriation Carryovers	(56,738)
Restricted Fund Balance	-
Undesignated Fund Balance	(152,302)
Total Fund Balance	<u><u>(337,556)</u></u>

**Town of Washington  
Balance Sheet  
Special Revenue Accounts  
(Unaudited)**

<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Fiscal Years End June 30 2019</b>
<b>Capital Projects</b>	
<b>Culvert Replacements:</b>	
Capital Projects Cash	13,637
Capital Projects Undesignated Project Balance	(13,637)
<b>Broadband Project:</b>	
Broadband Project Cash	784,794
Broadband Projects Undesignated Project Balance	(784,794)
<b>Net Capital Projects:</b>	-



Special Revenue Cash	37,604
Interfund Payable	4,500
Net Cash	<u><u>42,104</u></u>

**Federal Grants**

Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant	(1,736)
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**State Grants**

Public Safety Grants	(164)
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State Aid Chapter 90	581,115
Deferred Revenue - Chapter 90 Apportionment	(581,115)

Arts Lottery Undesignated Fund	(8,526)
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COA Grant Balance	(3,354)
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Library State Grant - Fund Balance	(1,962)
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MA Recycling Incentive	(473)
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Community Compact Grant	(15,000)
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**Receipts Reserved for Appropriation**

Cons Comm RCTS Reserved	(553)
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Cemetary Plot Purchases	(800)
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Parks Undesignated Fund Balance	(3,488)
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Historical Undesignated Fund Balance	(537)
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**Revolving Funds**

Historical Revolving	(1,046)
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Fire Inspection Revolving	-
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Electrical Inspector Revolving	(40)
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Plumb/Heat/Gas Revolving	(25)
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COA Revolving	(142)
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Town Park Revolving	(10)
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St. Andrews Revolving	(4,248)
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(42,104)

**Town of Washington  
Balance Sheet  
(Unaudited)**

<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Fiscal Years End June 30 2019</b>
<b><u>Non-Expendable Trust Funds</u></b>	
Trust Fund Cash	168,460
Interfund Payable	9,204
Net Cash	<u>177,664</u>
Stabilization Undesignated Fund Balance	(158,654)
Stabilization Restricted Fund Balance	(3,696)
Emma Bailey Undesignated Fund	(15,314)
	<u>(177,664)</u>
<b><u>Agency Funds</u></b>	
Agency Cash	2,977
Pistol Permit Revolving	(2,750)
Becket beach Stickers	30
Tax collector fees	30
Tax Collector Deputy Charges	(287)
	<u>(2,977)</u>
<b><u>Long-Term Debt</u></b>	
Highway Truck	20,000
Highway Truck & Plow	28,528
Culverts	334,452
Broadband Debt	770,000
Total LT Debt	<u>(1,152,980)</u>
Loans Authorized	
Highway Truck	17,118
Culverts	234,670
Loans Authorized but Unissued	(251,788)
Bonds Authorized	-
Bonds Authorized but Unissued	-

**Income Statement  
(Unaudited)**

**Fiscal Year End June 30, 2019**

**General Fund**

**Revenues**

**Taxes**

Personal Property Taxes	30,805
Real Estate Taxes	1,160,319
Excise Taxes	102,039
Penalties and Interest	22,494
In Lieu of Taxes	108,150
<b>TOTAL TAXES (NET OF REFUNDS)</b>	<b>1,423,807</b>

**Charges for Services/Other Departmental Revenues**

Other Charges	
Trash Collection Charges	1,684
Other Departmental Revenues	260
<b>TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES/OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>1,944</b>

<b>TOTAL LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES</b>	<b>8,598</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES FROM STATE</b>	<b>220,486</b>

**Revenues From Other Governments**

Court Fines	852
Received From the County for Services Performed	
Received From Other Municipalities for Services Performed	4,500
<b>TOTAL REVENUES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS</b>	<b>5,352</b>

**Miscellaneous Revenues**

Miscellaneous Revenues	6,830
Earnings on Investments	1,463
<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>	<b>8,293</b>

<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES</b>	<b>1,668,480</b>
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**Income Statement  
(Unaudited)**

**Fiscal Year End June 30**

**Expenditures by Department**

**General Government**

Select Board and Legislative	26,327
Accounting	16,009
Tax Collecting	15,885
Treasury	16,700
Legal	4,472
Town Property Building & Maintenance	30,220
Tax Assessing	27,327
Operational Support	3,775
License & Registration	12,366
Conservation Commision	130
Other	1,671
Total General Government	<u>154,882</u>

**Public Safety**

Police	25,330
Fire	22,078
Inspection	3,790
Other	1,973
Total Public Safety	<u>53,171</u>

**Education**

Regional School Assessment	685,668
Vocational Education & Transportation	49,897
Total Education	<u>735,565</u>

**Public Works**

Highway - Winter Roads	104,514
Highway -Other	322,201
Transfer Station	35,014
Other	
Total Public Works	<u>461,729</u>

**Income Statement  
(Unaudited)**

**Fiscal Year End June 30, 2019**

**Expenditures by Department (continued)**

Human Services	
Health Services	3,320
Clinical Services	1,240
Veteran's Services	6,162
Special Programs	1,678
Total Human Services	<u>12,400</u>
Cultural & Recreation	
Library	7,052
Parks	4,727
Historial	152
Total Cultural & Recreation	<u>11,931</u>
Debt Service	
Retirement of Principal	55,232
Interest on LT Debt	1,446
Interest on ST Debt	6,522
Other Interest	550
Total Debt Service	<u>63,750</u>
Other	
Unemployment Expense	730
Health Insurance	50,873
Other Insurance	11,215
Retirement	27,955
State Government Charges	957
Other	2,252
Total Other Expenditures	<u>93,982</u>
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>1,587,410</b>
Excess (Deficit) Revenues over Expenditures	81,070
Debt Financing for Capital Purchases	-
Net Transfers In from Other Funds	(9,204)
Net Increase to General Fund Balance	<u><u>71,866</u></u>

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**  
**Annual Town Meeting Results**  
**May 9, 2018**

**Article 1 Amended:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Regulations and Standards (BBRS) Stretch Code (780 CMR 115.AA), an appendix to the MA State Building Code as created by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards meeting one of the five criteria for Green Communities.

The Stretch Energy Code, if adopted affects the design and construction of: (a) new residential buildings of 3 stories or less; ~~(b) portions of existing residential buildings undergoing renovation or addition;~~ ~~(c)~~ **(b)** certain new commercial buildings.

**Article 1 passed by majority vote as amended**

**Article 2 Amended:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Washington Zoning By-Law by adding a new Section 11 Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments, that would provide as follows:

Section 11 Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments

11.1 Purpose

On November 8, 2016, the voters of the Commonwealth approved a law regulating the cultivation, processing, distribution, possession and use of marijuana for recreational purposes (new G.L. c. 94G, Regulation of the Use and Distribution of Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed). The law, which allows certain personal use and possession of marijuana, took effect on December 15, 2016. This law requires a Cannabis Control Commission to issue regulations regarding the licensing of commercial activities by March 15, 2018 and to begin accepting applications for licenses no later than April 1, 2018. Currently under the Zoning Bylaw, a non-medical Marijuana Establishment (hereinafter, a "Recreational Marijuana Establishment"), as defined in G.L. c. 94G, §1, is not specifically addressed. Regulations to be promulgated by the Cannabis Control Commission may provide guidance on certain aspects of local regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments. The regulation of recreational marijuana raises novel legal, planning, and public safety issues, and the Town needs time to study and consider the regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments and address such issues, as well as to address the potential impact of the State regulations on local zoning and to undertake a planning process to consider amending the Zoning Bylaw regarding regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments. The Town intends to adopt a temporary moratorium on the use of land and structures in the Town for Recreational Marijuana Establishments to allow sufficient time to address the effects of such structures and uses in the Town and to enact bylaws in a consistent manner.

11.2 Definition "Recreational"

Marijuana Establishment" shall mean a "marijuana cultivator, independent testing laboratory, marijuana product manufacturer, marijuana retailer or any other type of licensed marijuana-related business, **not to include any facilities relating to medical marijuana.**"

11.3 Temporary Moratorium.

For the reasons set forth above and notwithstanding any other provision of the Zoning Bylaw to the contrary, the Town hereby adopts a temporary moratorium on the use of land or structures for recreational marijuana establishments and other uses related to recreational marijuana. The moratorium shall be in effect through December 31, 2018 or until such time as the Town adopts Zoning Bylaw amendments that regulate Recreational Marijuana Establishments, whichever occurs earlier. During the moratorium period, the Town shall undertake a planning process to address the potential impacts of recreational marijuana in the Town, and to consider the Cannabis Control Commission regulations regarding Recreational Marijuana Establishments, and shall consider adopting new Zoning Bylaws in response to these new issues.

#### **11.4 Severability.**

The provisions of this bylaw are severable. If any provision, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person, establishment, or circumstances shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or application of this bylaw. Or take any action relative thereto.

#### **Article 2 approved by majority vote as amended**

**Article 3:** To see if the town will, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 59, Section 8A of Massachusetts General Laws, vote to not impose the excise tax on farm machinery and equipment and farm animals established in said section of MGL, Chapter 59.

#### **Article 3 approved by hand-counted vote; 28 for, 5 against**

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the town Treasurer, with approval of the Selectboard, to offer for sale and to complete the sale of any or all town-owned property in The Berkshire Mountain Lakes Development, Unit 1 and Unit 2, subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General laws Chapter 30B section 16(d).

#### **Article 4 passed unanimously**

**Article 5:** To see if the town will vote to accept donations of the following properties, to wit,

Berkshire Mountain Lakes Development, Unit 1

Lot No. 9 in Block No. 5 as described in The Middle District of Berkshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 1350, Page 274.

Berkshire Mountain Lakes Development, Unit 2:

Lot No. 14 in Block No. 8 as described in The Middle District of Berkshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 2473, Page 234.

#### **Article 5 passed unanimously**

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$611.48 to cover a prior year expense for Accessible Voting Computer Support.

#### **Article 6 passed unanimously**

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to rescind the encumbrance of a remaining sum of \$15,050 in the Stabilization Account, originally authorized at the December 15, 2014, Special Town Meeting for the purpose of contracting with Berkshire Regional Planning for legal and technical services and related matters to represent the Town of Washington's interests along

with a group of other Berkshire towns in matters relating to the proposed Northeast Energy Direct natural gas pipeline.

**Article 7 passed unanimously**

**Article 8:** To see if the Selectmen shall be an agent for the Town in defense of any suits for, and on behalf of the Town, and to adjust all claims for damage against the Town, and to choose an agent, or pass any vote thereon.

**Article 8 passed unanimously**

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019, and to issue a note or notes therefore payable within one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws, also temporary loans under Provision 6A, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

**Article 9 passed unanimously**

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to fix the annual salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town as provided by Section 108, Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended, all salaries to be effective as of July 1, 2018:

a. Town Clerk .....	\$8,198.00
b. Tax Collector .....	\$ 0.00
c. Assessors - Chairperson-----	\$3,825.00
d. Assessors - Clerk .....	\$3,443.00
e. Assessors – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Member-----	\$ 0.00
f. Selectmen - Chairperson-----	\$2,487.00
g. Selectmen - Clerk .....	\$2,487.00
h. Selectmen – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Member-----	\$2,487.00
i. Moderator .....	\$ 73.00

**Article 10 passed unanimously**

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,000.00 for Elected Officers' salaries.

**Article 11 passed unanimously**

**Article 12 Amended:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$146,524.00 for general government accounts to be appropriated as follows:

a. Reserve Account .....	\$15,000.00
b. Town Counsel Yearly Retainer .....	\$ 3,000.00
c. Town Counsel's Expenses .....	\$ 150.00
d. Administrative Assistant Salary .....	\$21,219.00
e. Selectmen's Expenses .....	\$ 3,000.00
f. Planning Board Expenses .....	\$ 300.00
g. Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission-----	\$ 419.00
h. Assessors' Consulting Services-----	\$12,861.00
i. Assessors' Expenses-----	\$ 2,000.00
j. Assessors' Computer Services .....	\$ 5,063.00



k. Tax Map Maintenance-----	\$ 3,400.00
l. Appointed Treasurer Salary-----	\$13,932.00
m. Treasurer's Expenses -----	\$ 3,000.00
n. Treasurer's Tax Title Expense -----	\$ 300.00
o. Interest on Short-Term Notes-----	\$ 2,000.00
p. Insurance (Workman's Comp. & general property)-----	\$ 8,257.00
q. Medicare Taxes for Town Employees-----	\$ 4,000.00
r. Auditing Expenses-----	\$ 6,000.00
s. Accounting Officer <del>Software</del> Salary-----	\$13,773.00
t. Accounting Officer Expenses-----	\$ 200.00
u. Accounting Software (Vadar)-----	\$ 2,090.00
v. Appointed Tax Collector Salary-----	\$10,200.00
w. Assistant Tax Collector's Salary -----	\$ 2,000.00
x. Tax Collector's Expenses -----	\$ 3,500.00
y. Tax Collector's Tax Title Expenses -----	\$ 1,500.00
z. Town Clerk's Expenses -----	\$ 3,000.00
aa. Clerk of Board of Registrars-----	\$ 100.00
bb. Computer Support – Accessible Voting-----	\$ 1,000.00
cc. Records Preservation Account -----	\$ 2,500.00
dd. Town Reports and Postage -----	\$ 1,000.00
ee. Finance Committee Expenses -----	\$ 200.00
ff. Moderator's Expenses -----	\$ 20.00
gg. Conservation Commission-----	\$ 300.00
hh. Zoning Enforcement Officer's Expense Account-----	\$ 1,000.00
ii. Zoning Board of Appeals Expenses-----	\$ 240.00

**Article 12 passed unanimously as amended**

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of Section 4A of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with other cities, towns, and political subdivisions for the group purchasing of supplies, commodities, and services that the town is authorized by law to purchase, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 as the town's share of the expenses for the administration of the Berkshire Region Group Purchasing program for Fiscal Year 2019.

**Article 13 passed unanimously**

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,073.00 for Capital Costs of the Central Berkshire Regional School District to be appropriated as follows:

a. Becket-Washington School -----	\$34,148.00
b. Wahconah Regional High School – Renovation -----	\$ 1,723.00
c. Craneville Roof.....	\$ 161.00
d. Kittridge Windows -----	\$ 456.00
e. Craneville HVACC-----	\$ 40.00
f. Security Updates.....	\$ 362.00
g. Wahconah Regional High School -Sidewalk-----	\$ 183.00

**Article 14 passed unanimously**

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to approve the Central Berkshire Regional School District budget for the 2019 fiscal year, as adopted on March 8, 2018, by two thirds vote of the Regional School Committee, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$648,790.00 for the operation of the Central Berkshire Regional School District to be appropriated as follows:

- a. Minimum Contribution ----- \$459,957.00
- b. Transportation Assessment-----\$ 19,899.00
- c. Basic Budget Balance----- \$168,934.00

**Article 15 passed unanimously**

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,220.00 for Vocational Education Tuition to be appropriated as follows:

- a. Vocational Education Tuition----- \$ 35,000.00
- b. Vocational Education Transportation----- \$ 16,463.00
- c. Vocational Education Vehicle Insurance----- \$ 757.00

**Article 16 passed unanimously**

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 526,680.00 for the Highway Department to be appropriated as follows:

- a. Salaries ..... \$137,904.00
- b. Winter Road Overtime----- \$ 13,043.00
- c. Non-Winter Overtime----- \$ 5,435.00
- d. Road & Bridge Maintenance----- \$ 65,000.00
- e. Winter Snow & Ice Removal----- \$105,000.00
- f. Engineering Consultation----- \$ 8,100.00
- g. Tree Work..... \$ 10,000.00
- h. Fuel..... \$ 20,000.00
- i. Machinery Repair----- \$ 25,000.00
- j. General Maintenance, Tools & Supplies----- \$ 27,000.00
- k. Highway Department Operating Expenses----- \$ 16,000.00
- l. Highway Equipment Insurance----- \$ 13,113.00
- m. Health Dental, Life Insurance (town share)----- \$ 53,130.00
- n. Unemployment Account----- \$ 0.00
- o. Berkshire County Retirement----- \$ 27,955.00

**Article 17 passed unanimously**

**Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$56,778.00 for health and safety accounts to be appropriated as follows:

- a. Becket Fire Department – fire protection ----- \$ 12,000.00
- b. Becket Firemen’s Association ----- \$ 250.00
- c. Police Salaries.....\$ 11,146.00
- d. Police Department Expenses ----- \$ 2,500.00
- e. Police Department Telecommunication ----- \$ 4,044.00
- f. Police Coverage for Pumpkin Walk ----- \$ 320.00
- g. Police and Fire Department Insurance ----- \$ 6,850.00

h. Enhanced 911.....	\$ 9,328.00
i. Animal Control Officer Reimbursements -----	\$ 800.00
j. Animal Control Officer Expenses -----	\$ 200.00
k. Board of Health Expenses -----	\$ 400.00
l. Health Agent (Berkshire Public Health Alliance)-----	\$ 2,700.00
m. Public Health Nurse-----	\$ 1,240.00
n. Building Inspector Salary -----	\$ 4,500.00
o. Building Inspector Expenses -----	\$ 500.00

**Article 18 passed unanimously**

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,158.00 for services to the Washington community to be appropriated as follows:

a. Sons and Daughters Reunion -----	\$ 500.00
b. Historical Commission -----	\$ 400.00
c. Veteran's Aid.....	\$ 6,500.00
d. Veteran's Services Inter-Municipal Agreement-----	\$ 2,250.00
a. Council on Aging.....	\$ 1,500.00
b. Donation to the Becket Athenaeum -----	\$ 8,508.00
c. Becket Athenaeum Capital-----	\$ 2,000.00
d. Washington TRACKS -----	\$ 2,000.00
e. Becket Beach.....	\$ 2,500.00
f. Wired West Dues -----	\$ 1,000.00

**Article 19 passed unanimously**

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,145.00 for operation of the Solid Waste Transfer Station to be appropriated as follows:

a. Operating Expenses-----	\$26,000.00
b. Attendant Labor.....	\$ 8,574.00
c. Southern Berkshire Solid Waste Municipal District---	\$ 2,071.00
d. Facility Maintenance-----	\$ 1,500.00

**Article 20 passed unanimously**

**Article 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 63,800.00 to pay notes and interest due on the following:

a. Plow Truck .....	\$20,800.00
b. Culverts.....	\$35,000.00
c. 5500 Plow & Sander -----	\$ 8,000.00

**Article 21 passed unanimously**

**Article 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 31,845.00 for the following buildings, grounds, and equipment accounts:

a. Town Buildings Operating Expenses-----	\$13,000.00
b. Town Hall Repair and Maintenance-----	\$ 5,500.00
c. Custodian Reimbursement-----	\$ 3,558.00
d. Maintenance Coordinator Reimbursement-----	\$ 537.00

- e. Town Office Equipment and Support-----\$ 2,500.00
- f. Town Offices Supplies and Services----- \$ 1,000.00
- g. Historical Properties Repairs and Maintenance-----\$ 2,000.00
- h. Stained Glass Restoration – St. Andrew’s Chapel-----\$ 1,500.00
- i. Town Park.....\$ 2,250.00
- j. Cemetery Headstone Repairs----- \$ 0.00

**Article 22 passed unanimously**

**Article 23:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$40,000.00 from Free Cash into the Stabilization Account.

**Article 23 passed unanimously**

**Article 24:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$40,000.00 from Free Cash in order to reduce the Fiscal Year 2019 tax rate.

**Article 24 passed unanimously**

**Article 25:** To see if the Town will vote to set the limit on the total amount that can be expended from each of the town’s established revolving funds, in accordance with General Laws Chapter 44 Section 53E½, as follows:

- a. Electrical Inspector: Expenditures not to exceed \$2,500.00
- b. Gas & Plumbing Inspector: Expenditures not to exceed \$2,000.00
- c. Fire Inspector: Expenditures not to exceed \$2,000.00
- d. St. Andrew’s Chapel Rentals and Maintenance: Expenditures not to exceed \$4,000.00
- e. Washington Town Park: Expenditures not to exceed \$6,000.00
- f. Washington Council on Aging Donations: Expenditures not to exceed \$2,000.00
- g. Washington Historical Commission: Expenditures not to exceed \$2,000.00

**Article 25 passed unanimously**

**Article 26 Amended:** To see if the Town will choose all other Town Officers not required by law to be chosen by ballot: 2 Field Drivers, ~~1 Pound Keeper~~, 2 Fence Viewers, 1 Surveyor of Lumber, 1 Measurer of Wood and Bark, 1 Sexton, and 1 Assistant Sexton. All nominations for the above mentioned officers to be made from the floor.

**Slate of officers nominated from the floor:**

Field Drivers: Edwin Neumuth and Dominique Sinopoli

Fence Viewers: Patricia Drugmand and Mark Newton

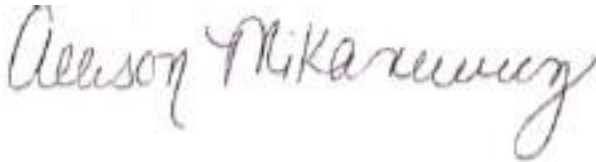
Surveyor of Lumber: Sean Connors

Measurer of Wood and Bark: Sean Connors

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Allison Mikanewicz

Town Clerk

May 9, 2018

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**  
**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS**  
**DECEMBER 10, 2018**

**Article 1:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the proposed new section to the Town of Washington's Zoning Bylaws with respect to Marijuana Establishments proposed by the Planning Board, as more particularly described below, or to take any other action relating thereto:

**12 Marijuana Establishments**

12.1 Purpose. The purpose of this section is to provide for the placement of Marijuana Establishments (MEs) and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers in suitable locations in the Town of Washington (the "Town") in recognition of and in accordance with "The Regulation of the Use and Distribution of Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed," M.G.L. c. 94G and "Medical Use of Marijuana", M.G.L. c. 941. The specific purpose of this section is to safeguard the built environment by permitting compliance with state law in a manner consistent with community and neighborhood concerns, while also ensuring that those entities permitted to operate a ME or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center, as defined herein, comply with the relevant provisions of Chapter 334 of the Acts of 2016, Chapter 351 of the Acts of 2016, Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017, and the regulations promulgated by the Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) found at 935 CMR 500.000 and 105 CMR 725.000 et seq.

12.2 Definitions.

CRAFT MARIJUANA COOPERATIVE - a Marijuana Cultivator comprised of residents of the commonwealth organized as a limited liability company or limited liability partnership under the laws of the commonwealth, or an appropriate business structure as determined by the CCC, and that is licensed to cultivate, obtain, manufacture, process, package and brand marijuana and Marijuana Products to deliver marijuana to MEs but not to consumers.

INDEPENDENT TESTING LABORATORY - a laboratory that is licensed by the CCC and is: (i) accredited to the most current International Organization for Standardization 17025 by a third-party accrediting body that is a signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Accrediting Cooperation mutual recognition arrangement or that is otherwise approved by the commission; (ii) independent financially from any medical marijuana treatment center or any licensee or ME for which it conducts a test; and (iii) qualified to test marijuana in compliance with 935 CMR 500.160 and M.G.L. c.94C, § 34.

LICENSE - The certificate issued by the CCC that confirms that a ME has met all applicable requirements pursuant to St. 2012, c. 334, as amended by St. 2017, c. 55 and 935 CMR 500.000. A ME may be eligible for a provisional or final license.

MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT (ME) - a Marijuana Cultivator, Craft Marijuana

Cooperative, Marijuana Product Manufacturer, Marijuana Retailer, Independent Testing Laboratory, Marijuana Research Facility, Marijuana Transporter, or any other type of licensed marijuana-related business, except a medical marijuana treatment center.

**MARIJUANA CULTIVATOR** - an entity licensed to cultivate, process, and package marijuana; to deliver marijuana to MEs; and to transfer marijuana to other MEs but not consumers.

**MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITIES** - facilities that a Marijuana Cultivator may be licensed to operate.

**MARIJUANA PRODUCT MANUFACTURER** - an entity licensed to obtain, manufacture, process, and package marijuana and Marijuana Products; to deliver marijuana and Marijuana Products to other MEs, and to transfer marijuana and Marijuana Products to other MEs but not consumers.

**MARIJUANA PRODUCTS** - products that have been manufactured and contain marijuana or an extract from marijuana, including concentrated forms of marijuana and products composed of marijuana and other ingredients that are intended for use or consumption, including edible products, beverages, topical products, ointments, oils and tinctures.

**MARIJUANA RETAILER** - an entity licensed to purchase and deliver marijuana and Marijuana Products from MEs and to deliver, sell, or otherwise transfer marijuana and Marijuana Products to other MEs and to consumers.

**MARIJUANA TRANSPORTER** - an entity, not otherwise licensed by the CCC, that is licensed to purchase, obtain, and possess cannabis or marijuana product solely for the purpose of transporting, temporary storage, sale and distribution to MEs, but not to consumers.

**MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER** - a not-for-profit entity that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as food, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to qualifying patients or their personal caregivers.

**MICRO-BUSINESS** - a ME that is licensed to act as a: licensed Marijuana Cultivator in an area less than 5,000 square feet; licensed Marijuana Product Manufacturer, and licensed marijuana delivery service in compliance with the operating procedures for each such license.

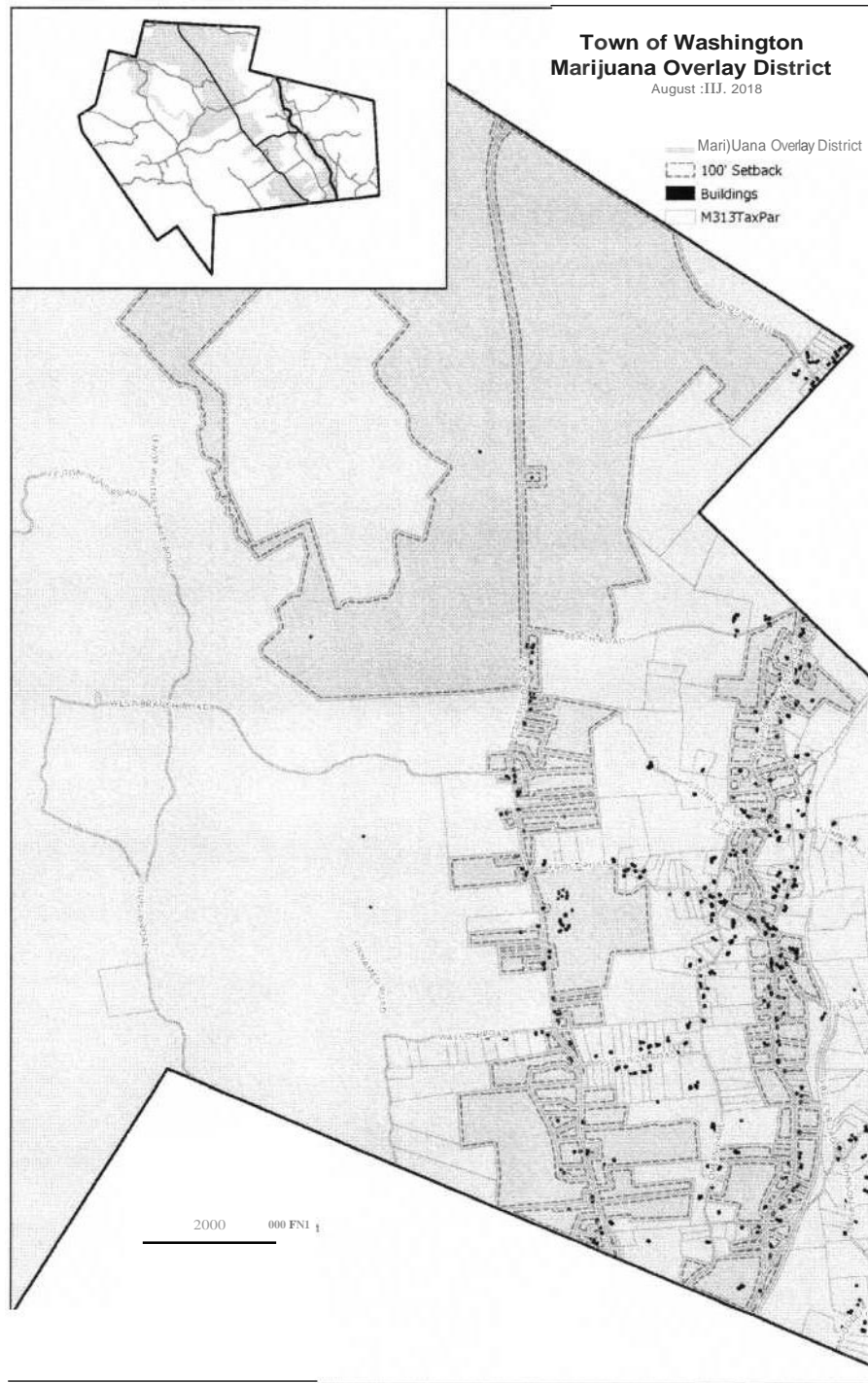
**RESEARCH FACILITY** - an entity licensed to engage in research projects by the CCC.

### 12.3 Designated Locations for MEs and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers.

- 12.3.1 Any ME that engages only in open-air, outdoor cultivation uses, or enclosed cultivation buildings under 5,000 square feet of canopy area, may operate on

any property within the Town.

- 12.32 All types of MEs, Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, and all other marijuana-related uses may be situated in the Marijuana Overlay District, as per Figure 1, below.



**Figure 1**

12.3.3 No ME or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center shall be located within 500' of a pre- existing public or private school providing education in kindergarten or any of grades 1 through 12. This distance shall be measured from the nearest school building to the nearest building used for marijuana purposes. The Special Permit Granting Authority may modify or waive this requirement.

12.3.4 MEs and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers shall be set back at least 100' from any property line.

12.4 Designated Number of MEs and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers.

~~12.4.1~~ The total number of MEs operated by a Marijuana Retailer shall not be greater than one (1), except that in no instance shall the number of retailers be fewer than twenty percent (20%), of the number of licenses issued within the Town for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises, as set forth in G.L. c. 94G Section 3(a)(ii). Fractions shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number.

~~12.4.2~~ The total number of Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers shall not exceed one (1).

~~12.4.3~~ There shall be no limit on the number of MEs permitted in the Town, except as per subsection 12.4.1.

12.5 Special Permit Required. No ME or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center shall be operated or expanded without first obtaining a Special Permit from the Town Special Permit Granting Authority in accordance with Section 6.2 of the Zoning Bylaw.

12.5.1 The Special Permit Granting Authority for any ME or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center shall be the Planning Board.

12.5.2 A Special Permit shall only be valid for use by the Applicant and will become null and void upon the sale or transfer of the license of an ME or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center or change in the location of the business.

12.5.3 In the event that the Commonwealth's licensing authority suspends the license or registration of a ME or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center, the Special Permit shall be so suspended by the Town until the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of said licensing authority.

12.6 Site Plan Review. Applications to operate or expand a ME or Medical



Marijuana Treatment Center shall be subject to a site plan review during the Special Permit review process. The site plan shall be submitted in conjunction with the Special Permit application and joined to the final approval for the Special Permit.

12.7 General Requirements for MEs and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers.

- 12.7.1 Outside storage. No outside storage of marijuana, Marijuana Products, related supplies, or educational materials is permitted, except at open-air, outdoor cultivation facilities.
- 12.7.2 Visibility of activities. All activities shall be conducted indoors, except for open-air, outdoor cultivation facilities or Marijuana Transporters.
- 12.7.3 Paraphernalia. Devices, containers, instruments and paraphernalia for inhaling or otherwise consuming marijuana, including, but not limited to, rolling papers and related tools, water pipes, and vaporizers may be lawfully sold at a Marijuana Retailer. No retail marijuana, Marijuana Products, or paraphernalia shall be displayed or kept by a Marijuana Retailer so as to be visible from outside of the licensed premises.
- 12.7.4 Hours of operation. A Marijuana Retailer may not open earlier than 8:00 AM and shall close no later than 8:00 PM the same day. There shall be no hourly restrictions on any other type of ME or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center, unless imposed by the Special Permit Granting Authority as part of site plan approval.
- 12.7.5 On-site consumption of marijuana. On-site consumption is prohibited on or within the premises of any ME, except for Research Facilities.
- 12.7.6 Sale of alcohol. MEs are prohibited from selling alcoholic beverages.

12.8 Design Requirements for MEs and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers.

- 12.8.1 Permanent location. All marijuana uses, except for Marijuana Transporters and open-air Cultivation Facilities, shall be operated from a fixed location within a fully enclosed building.
- 12.8.2 Signage. All signage must comply with the regulations set forth in Section 6.4.
- 12.8.3 Lighting. Outdoor light levels shall not exceed one (1) foot-candle along property lines, nor ten (10) foot-candles for any location on the property. Any light poles, new or existing, may not exceed eighteen (18) feet in overall height. All outdoor light

fixtures must be shielded and aimed down in order to prevent light trespass onto adjacent properties. Cultivation Facilities or Marijuana Treatment Centers may not illuminate growing operations between dusk and dawn, unless within a fully - enclosed, opaque building. The Special Permit Granting Authority may modify this requirement for adequate security or other reasons specified.

12.8.4 Parking. Off-street parking must be provided for as follows. For buildings or sites that contain more than one type of marijuana use, each use shall be calculated separately and parking provided for each on-site, based on gross floor area of the individual uses. These requirements may be modified or waived by the Special Permit Granting Authority.

12.8.4.1 Retail uses: 1 parking space for every 250 square feet of gross floor area of the building(s).

12.8.4.2 Cultivation, processing, packaging, manufacturing or storage uses: 1 parking space for every 1,000 square feet of gross floor area of the building(s).

12.8.4.3 Testing or research uses: 1 parking space for every 350 square feet of gross floor area of the building(s).

12.8.5 Drive through facilities. On-site drive through facilities shall be prohibited for any marijuana use.

12.8.6 Fencing. Fencing may be required if determined necessary by the Special Permit Granting Authority. In no instance shall barbed-wire fencing be permitted.

12.9 Site Plan Requirements. Applications to permit a ME or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center shall include site plans, submitted to the Special Permit Granting Authority. The site plans shall include the following, unless waived by the Special Permit Granting Authority:

12.9.1 The names, mailing addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and signatures for the applicant, owner and operator.

12.9.2 Physical address (if one exists) and the map, lot and block number of the proposed site.

12.9.3 Property lines of the proposed site and all those within two hundred feet (200') of the property.

12.9.4 Elevation contour lines at two-foot vertical intervals.

12.9.5 Outlines of all existing and proposed buildings and structures on

the proposed site and those within two hundred feet (200') of the proposed site.

- 12.9.6 Existing and proposed access roads, driveways, public ways, private ways, and recreational trails on the proposed site.
- 12.9.7 Fencing type and height.
- 12.9.8 Delineation of all wetland resources and associated buffer areas, in accordance with the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) guidelines and regulations.
- 12.9.9 Locations of rare, threatened or endangered species existing on the site, in accordance with the Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program (NHESP) guidelines and regulations.
- 12.9.10 Proposed changes to the site, including grading, cut and fill, landscaping, native vegetation for screening and vegetation to be removed or altered.
- 12.9.11 Engineering controls at the site and on the access road to control erosion and sedimentation both during construction and after construction as a permanent measure. Such engineering controls shall conform to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's Stormwater Policy.
- 12.10 Other Filing Requirements. Applications to permit a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center shall be submitted to the Special Permit Granting Authority and shall include the following:
  - 12.10.1 Security Plan. A security plan shall be submitted, to ensure the safety of employees, patrons, and the public to protect the premises from theft or other criminal activity. The security plan shall be reviewed and approved by the local Police Chief, or their designee. The Security Plan shall include the following:
    - 12.10.2 An interior floorplan (including secured areas, windows, doors, etc.)
    - 12.10.3 Exterior lighting
    - 12.10.4 Fencing (if any)
    - 12.10.5 Gates (if any)
    - 12.10.6 Alarms
    - 12.10.7 Any other security measures as requested by the Police Chief.
  - 12.10.8 Traffic Study. The Special Permit Granting Authority may

require a traffic study that includes an analysis of traffic generation, circulation, and off-street parking demand to determine sufficient parking and optimum configuration for site ingress and egress.

- 12.10.9 Photometric Plan. A photometric plan may be required by the Special Permit Granting Authority, or their designee, before or after the marijuana use is in operation, to determine compliance with subsection 12.8.3.
- 12.10.10 State License. A copy of the license or registration as a ME from the CCC or documentation that demonstrates that said facility and its owner/operators qualify and are eligible to receive a Certification of Registration and meet all of the requirements of an ME in accordance with the regulations adopted by the CCC, as amended. Proof of license may also be accepted from the State Department of Health under certain circumstances for Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers.
- 12.10.11 Proof of Site Control. Evidence that the Applicant has site control and the right to use the site for a marijuana use in the form of a deed, valid lease, or purchase & sale agreement or a notarized statement from the property owner certifying the Applicant has firm site control.
- 12.11 Discontinuance of Use. Any marijuana use under this Section shall be required to remove all material, plants, equipment, and other paraphernalia in compliance with regulations established by the CCC within thirty (30) days after the expiration or voiding of its license.
- 12.12 No Town liability; indemnification.
- 12121 The Applicant and all licensees waive and release the Town, its elected officials, employees, and agents from any liability for injuries, damages, or liabilities of any kind that result from any arrest or prosecution of the ME or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center owners, operators, employees, clients, or customers for a violation of state or federal laws, rules, or regulations.
- 12122 The Applicant, in receiving approvals issued pursuant to this chapter, and all licensees, jointly and severally, if more than one, agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Town, its elected officials, employees, attorneys, agents, insurers and self-insurance pool against all liability, claims and demands on account of any injury, loss or damage, including, without

limitation, claims arising from bodily injury, personal injury, sickness, disease, death, property loss or damage or any other loss of any kind whatsoever, arising out of or in any manner connected with the operation of any ME or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center that is subject of the approval/license.

12.13 Annual Inspections for MEs and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers.

12.13.1 Any operating ME or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center within the Town shall be inspected annually by the Building Inspector, or their designee(s), to ensure compliance with this section and with any conditions imposed by the Special Permit Granting Authority as a condition of the Special Permit approval.

12.13.2 The first annual inspection shall be more than one(1) year after beginning operation, but not more two (2) years after beginning operation.

12.14 Other laws remain applicable.

12141 License Required. At all times while a permit is in effect the licensee shall possess a valid License.

12142 To the extent that the state has adopted or adopts in the future any additional or stricter law or regulation governing the cultivation, manufacturing , testing, research or retail of marijuana or Marijuana Products, the additional or stricter regulation shall control the ME or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center in the Town. Compliance with any applicable state law or regulation shall be deemed an additional requirement for issuance or denial of any license under this chapter, and noncompliance with any applicable state law or regulation shall be grounds for revocation or suspension of any license issued hereunder.

12143 Any ME may be required to demonstrate, upon demand by law enforcement officers of the Town of Washington, the source and quantity of any marijuana found upon the licensed premises are in full compliance with any applicable state law or regulation.

12144 The issuance of any license pursuant to this chapter shall not be deemed to create an exception, defense or immunity to any person in regard to any potential criminal liability the person may have for the cultivation, possession, sale, distribution, or use of marijuana .

12145 Prior to the issuance of a Special Permit, the ME or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center must have entered into a Host Community Agreement (HCA) with the Town. If, upon review by the Special Permit Granting Authority, the ME or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center is found to not be fully in compliance with the HCA, the Special Permit and/ or the local license may be suspended or rescinded. The HCA shall, at a minimum, include or reference the following:

12.14.5.1 A Community Impact Fee, not to exceed 3% of gross sales, may be applied to any Marijuana Retailer, in compliance with G.L. c. 94G, § 3(d).

12.14.5.2 A description of the activities that will occur on site.

12.14.5.3 Hours of operation.

12.15 Independent Consultants.

12.15.1 Due to the complex technical character of the information to be provided by an applicant pursuant to these regulations and the monitoring, testing and inspection of facilities and operations, the Special Permit Granting Authority may hire such consultants as it deems reasonably necessary to assist said authority in making determinations under this Bylaw.

12.15.2 In connection with any application for a Special Permit under this Bylaw, the applicant shall be required to pay fees to the Town to cover the reasonable costs of outside consultant review of such application as provided in the rules promulgated by the Board pursuant to Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L.) Chapter 44, Section 53G. Such costs may include consultant fees at reasonable market rates, covering professional and technical services required beyond the Special Permit Granting Authority's capabilities for a proper and thorough review of the application. No Special Permit or building permit shall be issued until all such costs have been paid. Such fees shall be deposited into a segregated account, and unexpended funds shall be returned to the applicant as provided in M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53G and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Board.

12.15.3 The Special Permit Granting Authority's regulations regarding consultants shall provide for an administrative appeal from the selection of the outside consultant to the Board of Selectmen. The grounds for such an appeal shall be limited to claims that the consultant selected has a conflict of interest or does not

possess the minimum required qualifications. The minimum qualifications shall consist either of an educational degree in or related to the field at issue or three or more years of practice in the field at issue or a related field. The required time limits for action upon an application by the Special Permit Granting Authority shall be extended by the duration of the administrative appeal. In the event that no decision is made by the Board of Selectmen within one month following the filing of the appeal, the selection made by the Special Permit Granting Authority shall stand. Such an administrative appeal shall not preclude further judicial review if otherwise permitted by law, on the grounds provided for in this section.

12.15.4 The consultants shall work under the direction of the Special Permit Granting Authority. Copies of the consultant's findings and reports shall be made available to the applicant not less than seven (7) days prior to any meeting of said authority where the consultant's report will be considered. The applicant shall be given opportunity to respond to the report in writing and at the next meeting.

Add the following to the Zoning Bylaws Table of Contents.

Section 12                      Marijuana Establishments

Amend Section 4, Use Regulations

4.2.2 Commercial greenhouse, *marijuana establishments or medical marijuana establishments*, nursery, sawmill, dog kennel, or veterinary hospital.

**Article 1 passed by hand-counted 2/3 vote: 24 votes for; 4 votes against**

**Article 2:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the proposed addition to the Town of Washington's General Bylaws with respect to Recreational Marijuana Excise Tax proposed by the Planning Board, as more particularly described below, or to take any other action relating thereto:

In accordance with Mass Acts 2017, Chapter 55, Section 13, and pursuant to MGL Chapter 64N, Section 3, the Town of Washington hereby adopts a 3% gross sales tax applicable to marijuana retailers. The marijuana retailer shall pay the local sales tax imposed under this bylaw to the commissioner at the same time and in the same manner as the sales tax due to the commonwealth.

**Article 2 passed unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the proposed addition to Section 6 of the Town of Washington's Zoning Bylaws with respect to Outdoor Illumination proposed by the Planning Board, as more particularly described below, or to take any other action relating thereto:

## **6.6 Outdoor Illumination**

6.6.1 An application for building permit for any use, whether permitted by right, as a special permit, or otherwise, shall comply with the outdoor illumination regulations of this section.

6.6.2 Definitions. For the purposes of this Section, the following terms shall be defined as indicated below.

6.6.2.1.1 LUMEN A measure of light energy generated by a light source. One foot candle is one lumen per square foot. For purposes of this Bylaw, the lumen output shall be the initial lumen output of a lamp, as rated by the manufacturer.

6.6.2.1.2 LUMINAIRE A complete lighting system, including a lamp or lamps and a fixture.

6.6.3 APPLICABILITY Outdoor illumination by flood or spot luminaires rated at nine hundred (900) lumens or more (which is approximately equal to one 60-watt incandescent light bulb) or by any other luminaires rated at one thousand eight hundred (1800) lumens or more (which is approximately equal to one 120-watt incandescent light bulb) shall be subject to the provisions of this Section, with the following exceptions: emergency lighting; hazard warning; temporary decorative or holiday lighting; public roadway illumination or other lighting required by or installed by governmental agencies. It shall also not apply to any luminaire intended solely to illuminate any freestanding sign, flag or the walls of any building but such luminaire shall be shielded so that its direct light is confined to the surface of such sign, flag or building.

6.6.3.1 The replacement of existing fixtures shall be subject to the provisions of this Section, however, the replacement of existing nonconforming lamps or fixtures with the same or lower output nonconforming lamps or fixtures is exempted.

### **6.6.4 Outdoor Illumination Requirements**

A. Overspill. Parking lot lighting, building lot lighting, building floodlighting, or other exterior lighting shall be so designed and arranged so that the collective result does not:



- I. cause light to overspill onto adjacent premises, or
  - II. cause light to be directed at the night sky.
- B. Fixtures. Exterior fixtures shall not be mounted more than (18) feet high.

- I. No outdoor lighting shall be so placed or directed upon a public way or adjacent premises as to cause glare or reflection that may constitute a traffic hazard or nuisance.
- II. All outside lighting shall be turned off between the hours of 12 (midnight) and 5 a.m. or be equipped with motion detectors.
- III. No flashing, moving or revolving lights shall be allowed

6.6.5 Any outdoor lighting fixture already installed on the effective date of this section, shall be brought into compliance with these provisions within one (1) year of the effective date.

### **AMENDMENTS**

**First amendment to Article 3:** Amend Section 6.6.3 APPLICABILITY: in the last sentence the word "fight" should be "light ." **First amendment passed unanimously**

**Second amendment to Article 3:** Amend Section 6.6.3.1: Strike all text starting with the comma after the word "Section " through the word "exempted." **Second amendment passed unanimously.**

**Third amendment to Article 3:** Amend Section 6.6.4 B. Fixtures: Strike all of sub-section II of Section 6.6.4 B. Fixtures. Sub-section III of Section 6.6.4 B. Fixtures becomes the new sub-section II. **Third amendment passed unanimously .**

**Fourth amendment to Article 4:** Amend Section 6.6.4 B. Fixtures: Strike all starting with "Exterior fixtures shall not be mounted more than (18) feet high." **Fourth amendment passed unanimously.**

**Amended Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the proposed addition to Section 6 of the Town of Washington's Zoning Bylaws with respect to Outdoor Illumination proposed by the Planning Board, as more particularly described below, or to take any other action relating thereto:

### **6.6 Outdoor Illumination**

6.6.1 An application for building permit for any use, whether permitted by right, as a special permit, or otherwise, shall comply with the outdoor illumination regulations of this section.

6.6.2 Definitions. For the purposes of this Section, the following terms shall be defined as indicated below.

6.6.2.1.1 LUMEN A measure of light energy generated by a light source . One foot candle is one lumen per square foot. For purposes of this Bylaw, the lumen output shall be the initial lumen output of a lamp, as rated by the manufacturer.

6.6.2.1.2 LUMINAIRE A complete lighting system, including a lamp or lamps and a fixture.

6.6.3 3 APPLICABILITY Outdoor illumination by flood or spot luminaires rated at nine hundred (900) lumens or more (which is approximately equal to one 60-watt incandescent light bulb) or by any other luminaires rated at one thousand eight hundred (1800) lumens or more (which is approximately equal to one 120-watt incandescent light bulb) shall be subject to the provisions of this Section, with the following exceptions: emergency lighting; hazard warning; temporary decorative or holiday lighting; public roadway illumination or other lighting required by or installed by governmental agencies. It shall also not apply to any luminaire intended solely to illuminate any freestanding sign, flag or the walls of any building but such luminaire shall be shielded so that its direct light is confined to the surface of such sign, flag or building.

6.6.3.1 The replacement of existing fixtures shall be subject to the provisions of this Section.

#### 6.6.4 Outdoor Illumination Requirements

A. Overspill. Parking lot lighting, building lot lighting, building floodlighting, or other exterior lighting shall be so designed and arranged so that the collective result does not:

- I. cause light to overspill onto adjacent premises, or
- II. cause light to be directed at the night sky.

#### B. Fixtures

- I. No outdoor lighting shall be so placed or directed upon a public way or adjacent premises as to cause glare or reflection that may constitute a traffic hazard or nuisance.
- 11. No flashing, moving or revolving lights shall be allowed

6.6.5 Any outdoor lighting fixture already installed on the effective date of this section, shall be brought into compliance with these provisions within one (1) year of the effective date.

**Amended Article 3 passed by hand-counted 2/3 vote: 25 votes for; 7 votes against**

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$5,000 from the Stabilization Fund for a survey of a plot of land on the east side of Washington Mountain Road, just north of Beach Road, recently acquired from the City of Pittsfield, which survey is required for filing with the Registry of Deeds.

**Article 4 passed by hand-counted 2/3 vote: 26 votes for; 0 votes against**



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Allison Mikaniewicz  
Town Clerk  
Washington, Massachusetts  
December 17, 2018



# ELECTION RESULTS

## TOWN OF WASHINGTON ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

SATURDAY,  
MAY 19, 2018

### AUDITOR (3 year term)

	Write-Ins
1	Sean Connors
1	Allison Mikaniewicz
103	Blanks

### FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 year term)

30	Michael Burke, Incumbent
70	David Drugmand
0	Write-Ins
5	Blanks

### MODERATOR (1 year unexpired term)

99	Edwin J. Neumuth
1	Craig Willis
0	Write-Ins
5	Blanks

### PLANNING BOARD (5 year term)

	Write-Ins
10	Lisa Peltier
2	Craig Willis
1	Ed Bond
1	Rose Borgnis
91	Blanks

### SELECT BOARD (3 year term)

84	James A. Huebner, Incumbent
7	Write-Ins
14	Blanks

### TAX COLLECTOR (2 yr unexpired term)

52	Rose A. Borgnis
1	Write-Ins
52	Blanks

### TOWN CLERK (3 year term)

98	Allison Mikaniewicz, Incumbent
0	Write-Ins
7	Blanks

### TREE WARDEN (3 year term)

	Write-Ins
9	Craig Willis
1	Michael Case
1	Sean Connors
1	Ed Bond
93	Blanks

### QUESTION 1

Shall the Town vote to have its elected Tax Collector become an appointed Tax Collector of the Town?

85	Yes
19	No
1	Blanks

**TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS:** 414

**TOTAL BALLOTS CAST:** 105

**VOTER TURNOUT:** 25%

# ELECTION RESULTS

TOWN OF WASHINGTON

STATE PRIMARY

SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

## SENATOR IN CONGRESS

	<b>Democratic</b>
115	Elizabeth Warren
14	Blanks
	<b>Republican</b>
11	Goeff Diehl
13	John Kingston
4	Beth Joyce Lindstrom
5	Blanks

## GOVERNOR

	<b>Democratic</b>
55	Jay Gonzalez
44	Bob Massie
30	Blanks
	<b>Republican</b>
17	Charles Baker
16	Scott Lively
0	Blanks

## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

	<b>Democratic</b>
65	Quentin Palfrey
28	Jimmy Tingle
36	Blanks
	<b>Republican</b>
27	Karyn Polito
6	Blanks

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

	<b>Democratic</b>
105	Maura Healey
24	Blanks
	<b>Republican</b>
15	James McMahon, III

13	Daniel Shores
5	Blanks

## SECRETARY OF STATE

	<b>Democratic</b>
88	William Francis Galvin
21	Josh Zakim
20	Blanks
	<b>Republican</b>
25	Anthony Amore
8	Blanks

## TREASURER

	<b>Democratic</b>
101	Deborah Goldberg
28	Blanks
	<b>Republican</b>
25	Keiko Orrall
8	Blanks

## AUDITOR

	<b>Democratic</b>
101	Suzanne Bump
28	Blanks
	<b>Republican</b>
25	Helen Brady
8	Blanks
	<b>Libertarian</b>
0	Daniel Fishman
0	Blanks

## REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

	<b>Democratic</b>
97	Richard Neal

27	Tahirah Amatul-Wadud
5	Blanks
	<b>Republican</b>
33	Blanks

#### **COUNCILLOR**

	<b>Democratic</b>
96	Mary Hurley
33	Blanks
	<b>Republican</b>
33	Blanks

#### **SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT**

	<b>Democratic</b>
110	Adam Hinds
11	Thomas Wickham
8	Blanks
	<b>Republican</b>
33	Blanks

#### **REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT**

	<b>Democratic</b>
111	William "Smitty" Pignatelli
18	Blanks
	<b>Republican</b>
33	Blanks

#### **DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

	<b>Democratic</b>
38	Paul Caccaviello
57	Andrea Harrington
31	Judith Knight
3	Blanks
	<b>Republican</b>
9	Write-ins
24	Blanks

#### **CLERK OF COURTS**

	<b>Democratic</b>
99	Deborah Capeless
30	Blanks
	<b>Republican</b>

33	Blanks
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#### **REGISTER OF DEEDS**

	<b>Democratic</b>
108	Patsy Harris
21	Blanks
	<b>Republican</b>
1	Write-in
32	Blanks

**TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 410**  
**TOTAL BALLOTS CAST: 162**  
**DEMOCRATIC BALLOTS CAST: 129**  
**REPUBLICAN BALLOTS CAST: 33**  
**LIBERTARIAN BALLOTS CAST: 0**  
**VOTER TURNOUT: 40%**

# ELECTION RESULTS

## TOWN OF WASHINGTON STATE ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2018

### SENATOR IN CONGRESS

206	Elizabeth Warren, Democratic
84	Geoff Diehl, Republican
7	Shiva Ayyadurai, Independent
2	Blanks

### GOVERNOR and LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

158	Baker and Polito, Republican
133	Gonzalez and Palfrey, Democratic
	Write In:
1	Scott Lively
7	Blanks

### ATTORNEY GENERAL

215	Maura Healey, Democratic
79	James McMahon, III, Republican
	Write In:
1	Paul Caccaviello
4	Blanks

### SECRETARY OF STATE

214	William Francis Galvin, Democratic
72	Anthony M. Amore, Republican
6	Juan G. Sanchez, Jr., Green-Rainbow
7	Blanks

### TREASURER

208	Deborah Goldberg, Democratic
74	Keiko Orrall, Republican
9	Jamie Guerin, Green-Rainbow
8	Blanks

### AUDITOR

210	Suzanne Bump, Democratic
73	Helen Brady, Republican
2	Daniel Fishman, Libertarian
5	Edward Stamas, Green-Rainbow
9	Blanks

### REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

240	Richard Neal, Democratic
	Write In:
2	William Pignatelli
57	Blanks

### COUNCILLOR

215	Mary Hurley, Democratic
62	Mike Franco, Massachusetts Independent
22	Blanks

**SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT**

250	Adam Hinds, Democratic
49	Blanks

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT**

252	William "Smitty" Pignatelli, Democratic
	Write In:
1	Paul Caccaviello
46	Blanks

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

181	Andrea Harrington, Democratic
	Write In:
93	Paul Caccaviello
25	Blanks

**CLERK OF COURTS**

239	Deborah Capeless, Democratic
	Write In:
2	Paul Caccaviello
58	Blanks

**REGISTER OF DEEDS**

254	Patsy Harris, Democratic
45	Blanks

**REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE:****Becket** (Vote for not more than 1)

231	Barbara Craft-Reiss
68	Blanks

**REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE:****Cummington** (Vote for not more than 1)

	Write Ins:
1	Richard Spencer
1	Edward Bond
1	Todd Emerson
1	David Drugmand
295	Blanks

**REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE:****Dalton** (Vote for not more than 4)

166	Michael Hagmaier
166	Ellen Lattizzori
	Write Ins:
1	Michael Hinckley
1	Robert DiFazio
862	Blanks

**REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE:****Hinsdale** (Vote for not more than 1)

209	Shawn Armacost
90	Blanks

**QUESTION 1**

113	Yes
184	No
2	Blanks

**QUESTION 2**

233	Yes
61	No
5	Blanks

**QUESTION 3**

205	Yes
90	No
4	Blanks

**TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS:** 415**TOTAL BALLOTS CAST:** 299**VOTER TURNOUT:** 72%



**Animal Control Officer Report**

No Report Submitted

**Board of Appeals Report**

No Report Submitted

**Chapel Commission Report**

No Report Submitted

**Council On Aging Report**

No Report Submitted

**Fire Chief Report**

No Report Submitted

**Tax Collector Report**

No Report Submitted

**Wiring Inspector Report**

No Report Submitted

## Serve your Community

### Town of Washington Committee Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

*Last*

*First*

*Middle*

Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Number/Street*

*P.O. Box*

*City*

*State*

*Zip*

Telephone: *Home* \_\_\_\_\_ *Work* \_\_\_\_\_ *Work Hours* \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously served on a Town Committee/Commission/Board? Yes No

If So, when? \_\_\_\_\_ Which One(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Work Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

What are your community interests? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you available on a year-round basis? Yes No

I would like to serve the Town of Washington and might be interested in serving on the following committees or commissions. If more than one, please indicate preference by 1,2,3, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ Assessor \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Health \_\_\_\_\_ Conservation Commission

\_\_\_\_\_ Council on Aging \_\_\_\_\_ Cultural Council \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Manager

\_\_\_\_\_ Emma C. Bailey Trust Fund Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Historical Commission

\_\_\_\_\_ Parks Commission \_\_\_\_\_ Saint Andrews Chapel Commission

\_\_\_\_\_ Westfield River Wild & Scenic Advisory Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Zoning Board of Appeals

Return to: Board of Selectmen, Town Hall, 8 Summit Hill Road, Washington, MA 01201

**This application will be placed on file for reference when a vacancy occurs**

**If you wish to be reappointed to a position that you currently hold, please complete this section of the form.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Term to be reappointed until \_\_\_\_\_

Position (s) currently held: \_\_\_\_\_