



February 2016

February 19, 2016

COA Potluck Dinner

Dinner 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Attendees select Movie, 6:30 pm til ?

Bring what you can, you guys and gals are great!

Happy Valentines Day WASHINGTON SENIORS INVITED.



Presidential Primary: March 1, 2016

Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2016
Voting Hours: 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Polling Location: Town Hall
8 Summit Hill Road
Washington, MA

Actions required if you would like to vote in this election:

- Town residents 18 years or older that are new residents in town or have never been registered to vote in Washington need to register by Wednesday, February 10, 2016
- As this is a primary election, there will be separate ballots for each of the political parties – Republican and Democrat.
 - If you are registered in one of these parties, you will have to vote in that party. If you would like to vote in a party other than the party you are registered in you will need to change your registration by Wednesday, February 10, 2016
 - If you are an Unenrolled voter, no action is required. On election day you will be asked at check-in which party's ballot you would like to vote and you will be given that ballot. Your voter registration does not change; you will still be an Unenrolled voter.
- If you will not be able to vote at the above polling location during the voting hours, you can apply for an [absentee ballot](#) and mail the completed application to the Town Clerk at 8 Summit Hill Road, Washington, MA 01223.
 - An absentee ballot cannot be mailed to you without a completed application.
 - The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot is Monday, February 29, 2016 at 12:00 noon.

Any questions, please contact the Town Clerk at allison8788@gmail.com or 413-623-8788 x 105 or 413-623-2185.

♥ Valentine's Day Word Puzzle ♥

H	E	A	R	T	S	W	E	E	T	O
K	T	K	A	F	L	O	W	E	R	S
K	I	S	S	Z	C	D	G	X	L	I
C	H	H	L	Z	U	L	I	E	O	K
W	A	M	A	R	P	O	V	G	V	L
R	P	N	J	W	I	N	E	E	E	R
E	P	K	D	M	D	R	O	S	E	S
D	Y	T	Y	Y	H	U	G	Y	D	C

CANDY	FLOWERS	HEART	RED
CUPID	GIVE	HUG	ROSES
KISS	HAPPY	LOVE	SWEET

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To our Washington neighbors:

February 2016

Congratulations to Mike Case who has been appointed to two positions: Western Regional Director of MA Department of Conservation and Recreation and to the Board of Trustees of the Holyoke Soldiers' Home. The good news is that Mike will continue to serve the Town on the Select Board and as our representative to the Central Berkshire School Committee.

Members of the Becket-Washington Community Partnership (BWCP) presented to the Select Board on January 11th. Their mission is to promote our local economies of Becket and Washington and foster a joint community spirit through a strong collaboration of local organizations and community members. Participating community organizations include The Becket Washington School PTO, The Becket Firemen's Association, the Federated Church, The Washington Cultural Council, The Becket Athenaeum, The Becket Arts Center, and the Mullen House.

- The group is planning a Becket Washington Fair for July 9th which will include children's activities, cooking contests, book sales, a silent auction, as well as an evening beer garden.
- Local businesses and artists/craftspeople will be encouraged to promote their products, services and artwork for a modest table fee.
- The group hopes that the event – all proceeds of which will go to the collaborating organizations – will be held annually and take its place among our other wonderful Hilltown events like the Hoot and the Pumpkin Walk.
- The group is looking for volunteers. Contact Michelle Raymer at mraymer71@yahoo.com to reserve a table or volunteer.

Select Board Chair Jim Huebner signed onto the Community Compact organized by our State Representative, Smitty Pignatelli, at a gathering of all of the municipalities involved. The Compact was signed by Lieutenant Governor Polito and is organized around how best to share services and reduce costs among ourselves. Governor Baker also attended and spoke to the group about his proposed municipal modernization legislation which, among other provisions, would allow the Town more flexibility in the use of reserve funds, allow greater use of electronic media, reduce the frequency of local property assessments, and, of greatest interest to us, change the PILOT evaluation model.

The Board sent a letter to MBI objecting both to some provisions of and the short time frame for response to a proposed RFP for the construction of the fiber optic network in Town. It seems that MBI may finally be listening – at least to the extent that they extended the response time.

We have gotten no response to our letter to DOT demanding the resolution of issues with their proposed schedule and alternate routing during the reconstruction of the Summit Hill bridge over the CSX tracks. We will keep after them.

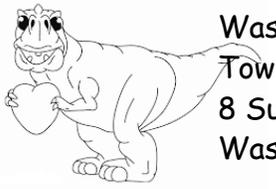
Thanks to the efforts of the Finance Committee and Brian Domina of BRPC, the Town has a "Financial Sustainability Report" that will guide us towards better financial planning and serve as the basis for the long-term planning for the Town. The report is posted on the website.

Seems like winter finally got here. Stay warm, stay safe and read those seed catalogs filling up your mailbox. It won't be long.

Jim Huebner
Select Board Chair

Shaun Lennon
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Mike Case
Select Board



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