

FEBRUARY 2018



TOWN of WASHINGTON SENIORS POT LUCK DINNER At the Town Hall 8 Summit Hill Road February 16, 2018 Time 5:30PM

Please come and enjoy a relaxing evening in the company of your fellow Senior Town residents with a lovely dinner.

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To our Washington neighbors:

Here's something nice to think about during January: Becket Beach! Becket has published a new policy that begins May 1: permits will be numbered, will need to be renewed each calendar year and cost \$5 per vehicle with a limit of two permits per home. We expect that Washington residents will be able to get their permits at our Town Hall as before.

It's the time of the year when bills can get overwhelming. Berkshire Taconic's Neighbor-to-Neighbor fund may be able to provide a grant up to \$500 for an emergency. Please contact Jodi for further information.

The Governor's preliminary budget for FY2019 has the Town losing over \$30,000 of our PILOT funding from state-owned land. We have asked our legislative delegates, Representative Smitty Pignatelli and Senator Adam Hinds for their help and both have responded positively. We will keep the pressure on, but, as always, the more they hear from citizens, the more likely they are to act!

• We encourage everyone to take a look at Senator Hinds "Agenda for Western Mass" https://www.facebook.com/notes/senator-adam-hinds/agenda-for-western-mass/1949351252008808/. Broadband shows up on the top of his list, along with fighting for fairness in PILOT and regional school reimbursements.

We're still waiting for our broadband system design; once that is done we need to work with the utilities before putting bids out for construction!

No response yet from Pittsfield on the five acres on Washington Mountain Road promised to the Town thirty years ago. We will follow up with their City Council which has the final say.

We have received two grants, a DLTA grant and a Community Compact grant, to support our Town Planning effort. This will allow us to be well-supported by Berkshire Regional Planning.

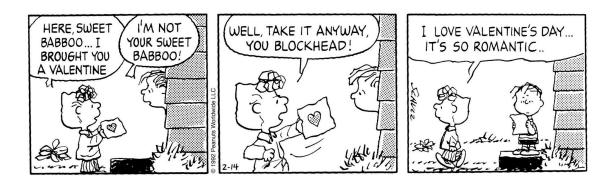
• This means that committee members will have to spend less time and effort of their own, so if you are at all interested in helping shape and guide Washington's future, please contact Jodi.

Road & Bridge:

- We have submitted an application for the reconstruction of Middlefield Road through the Transportation Improvement Process (TIP). Unfortunately neither Becket nor Middlefield was interested in trying for a project through all three towns.
- We are soliciting design bids for the repair of the deep culvert on upper Frost Road. We have grant money to cover the design and will be seeking more grant funding for the construction.
- We are also getting bids to pave the lower part of Frost Road below the new culvert over Depot Brook as soon as the weather permits.
- Thanks to our highway crew for doing a great job on our roads this winter!

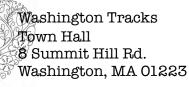
Stay warm, stay safe, and keep in touch.

Jim Huebner Select Board Chair Tricia Drugmand Select Board Clerk Dick Grillon Select Board



TOWN OF WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 2018 COUNCIL ON AGING

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