



Happy
Valentines
Day!

Sincerely,
Jan Paxton

Thanks to the dozens of you who have contributed to the Kent Lew Appreciation Fund. The fund will remain open through April and will be used to honor Kent at the Annual Town Meeting. If you still wish to contribute, please send your donation to the Town Treasurer at the Town Hall.

2021 Dog Licenses Available

Dog licenses for 2021 are now available. As the Town Hall is still closed, please send the following to the Town Clerk:

- Current rabies certificate
- Proof that your dog is spayed or neutered, if applicable
- Appropriate fee. \$4 if dog is spayed or neutered, \$10 if not
- Mail the above to the Town Clerk, 8 Summit Hill Road, Washington, MA 01223 and a license and tag will be mailed to you.

The current dog licenses will expire on March 31, 2021. Any questions please contact the Town Clerk 413-207-7526 or washington.ma.townclerk@gmail.com.

Town Nomination Papers Available

Nomination papers are available for the following town positions that are up for election this year:

- Auditor (3 year position)
- Finance Committee (3 year position)
- Moderator (3 year position)
- Planning Board (5 year position)
- Select Board (3 year position)
- Town Clerk (3 year position)



If you would like to take out nomination papers, please contact me via email and I will send them to you either electronically or by mail. You will need to collect 25 signatures from town residents that are registered to vote and the completed nomination papers must be returned to me by Thursday, March 25, 2021. Any questions please contact the Town Clerk 413-207-7526 or washington.ma.townclerk@gmail.com.



Well, it's Groundhog Day...again.

The number of infections and deaths due to COVID-19 continues to rise throughout the Commonwealth. The rates in the Berkshires are lower but also rising. We have lost over 190 lives. Please - please - continue to stay home, wear a mask if you do go out and avoid any gatherings. Wash your hands. Stay safe.

- Thanks to the coordinated efforts of Berkshire Health Systems, Fairview Hospital, Northern Berkshire EMS, the Berkshire Public Health Alliance and the Pittsfield Health Department 2,162 medical and emergency personnel have been vaccinated at seven clinics. The infrastructure to get everyone in the County vaccinated is in place.
- Pittsfield has posted a recorded message on the status of the vaccination efforts: the Berkshire County Vaccination Hotline can be reached at 413-449-5575. The state-wide information website remains <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/when-can-i-get-the-covid-19-vaccine>
- Town Hall security has been upgraded to make sure we know who is coming and going in case contact tracing is needed. Everyone is being asked to only use the front door where a new "Ring" doorbell with video has been installed.
- If you know someone who is isolated or quarantined and needs help for food security, please contact Chief Miller for access to a new assistance program.

The December TRACKS finally arrived, so everyone should now be able to fill out and return a Town Planning Survey. Special thanks to all who managed to fill out a survey even before getting TRACKS! Remember that each member of your household should submit a separate survey.

- Your responses mean better planning for our Town's future!

Replacement of the Middlefield Road bridge over Coles Brook should be complete this month. We are submitting a TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) request to rehabilitate the road itself and Becket will join us in the application to include High Street. We have also reached out to Middlefield to see if they also want to join.

We have received an ADA grant for \$116,600 - everything we asked for - to improve access at the Town Hall and Town Park.

- The grant includes funding to restructure the Town Hall parking lot with better handicap parking. The work will be coordinated with the installation of our new server - paid for by an IT Grant from the Commonwealth - in our adjacent electronics building.

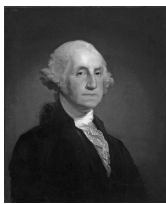
In December the Court appointed a Receiver for Bucksteep to secure the property and estimate the cost to repair the property's water and septic systems. In a January hearing the judge approved over \$28,000 for the initial work. A review is planned for the end of February when we will renew our petition for the Receiver to pay the back taxes on the property.

Stay warm, stay home and get vaccinated as soon as you possibly can. COVID has made drastic changes to our lives but these are not permanent changes!.

Jim Huebner
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