



June 2016



Pot Luck Dinner for Washington Seniors is on for Friday evening on June 17, 2016. Thank you to a great group of volunteers for setting up and taking down the equipment for the pot lucks to continue.
Hope to see you all there at the Washington Town Hall.

2nd Becket Washington Community Tag Sale June 11, 2016 9AM - 2PM

We will have maps of street addresses.
Charge of \$5.00 per household to cover ad cost.
Contact Mary Peltier @623-8844 if
interested in participating.

The Washington Cultural Council is generously supporting a program this spring (June) entitled "the Birds of Washington". The format will include an evening audio/visual presentation at the town hall on Wednesday, June 8th from 7-8:30 PM followed by a half day field trip to some of the most productive habitats around the town of Washington on the morning of Saturday, June 11th if the weather is favorable. Both events are free and open to anyone in town. Please contact Ed Neumuth for details at 413-884-4961 or eneumuth@gmail.com



Town Census Mailing

The annual town census forms have been mailed to each household. Please review the information on the form and make corrections if necessary. All forms, whether you make changes or not, must be signed and sent back to the Town Clerk by June 30, 2016. Please note this deadline is different than what is in the mailing.

If you picked up your census form at the March 1st presidential primary and have returned it to the Town Clerk, you can disregard this.

If you did not receive a census form, please contact the Town Clerk: washingtontownclerk@yahoo.com or 413-623-8878.

2016 Dog License Reminder

The 2015 dog licenses expired on March 31, 2016. Please see the Town Clerk on Monday evenings at the Town Hall from 7:00 - 9:00 PM with a current rabies certificate, proof of spay/neutering, and the applicable fee (\$4 or \$10) to renew your dog's license. You may also mail the required paperwork (checks payable to Town of Washington) to 8 Summit Hill Road, Washington, MA.

The dog officer will impose a fine for any dogs he takes into custody that have an expired license.

Contact the Town Clerk with any questions. washingtontownclerk@yahoo.com or 413-623-8878

TOWN OF WASHINGTON ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

OFFICIAL RESULTS

Saturday, May 21, 2016 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M

MODERATOR (3 year term)	
Write-Ins:	
Ed Bond	30
Richard Spencer	5
Ed Neumuth	3
Craig Willis	1
Paul Kieper	1
Blanks	93

PLANNING BOARD (5 year term)	
Marilyn Wiley, Incumbent	102
Write-Ins:	
Patricia Drugmand	3
Phil Clark	1
Eyal Shapira	1
Blanks	15

AUDITOR (2 year unexpired term)	
Write-Ins:	
Lisa Peltier	1
Ed Bond	1
Craig Willis	1
Glenn Grogan	3
Don Gagnon	1
Blanks	116

FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 year term)	
David Weissbrod, Incumbent	111
Write-Ins:	
Sean Connors	1
Blanks	11

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TAX COLLECTOR (3 year term	n)	FINAN (3 year
Sandra L. Cameron	112	Kent Le

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SELECT BOARD (3 year term)	
Patricia Drugmand	90
Shaun Lennon, Incumbent	33
Blanks	0

FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 year term)	
Kent Lew, Incumbent	114
Blanks	9

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS	423
VOTER TURNOUT	29%

Allison Mikaniewicz
Town Clerk
May 21, 2016

A True Copy Attest

We had a strong turnout of 123 voters for the Annual Town Election on May 21. Congratulations to all those who won re-election. Congratulations also to Tricia Drugmand who will succeed Shaun Lennon on the Select Board. Shaun stepped forward to run for Selectman six years ago at a time of rapid turnover and turmoil as the first member of the current Board. We thank Shaun for his service, especially his work to improve the appearance and utility of the Town Hall. Shaun will continue to serve the Town on the Conservation Commission and as Constable. We expect that the atmosphere of civility and consensus we have developed over the past five years will continue.

Over forty citizens turned out for the Annual Town Meeting. The only article not approved was the borrowing authority to restore the Eden Glen Dam and recreational area. The Select Board is exploring funding for the dam's removal. Replacement of the Frost Road culvert and widening of the road itself is unaffected and expected to be complete by fall.

- The voters approved a resolution to be sent to Governor Baker and our legislators reaffirming the Town's commitment to the WiredWest model and the vital importance of broadband for our future economic viability.
- The Governor has made significant changes to the management of MBI, notably naming former Pittsfield Representative Peter Larkin as Chairman of MBI. Peter will be based in western Mass and we expect to be in contact soon.

Thank to all who spruced up the Town Park on May 14. Community in action! We are fortunate in the number and quality of our citizens who volunteer for days like the park clean up and Sons & Daughters.

- During June the Select Board will be making appointments to our various boards and committees. Anyone
 interested in volunteering for the Chapel Commission, Conservation Commission, Council on Aging, Cultural
 Council, Historical Commission, Parks Commission or any other Town function or activity please let Jodi or
 the Select Board know.
- Mass General law allows municipalities to form a Commission on Disability to ensure regulatory compliance
 and provide advocacy for persons with disabilities. The Commission would need at least three members who
 are persons with disabilities. If you are interested in forming and serving on this Commission please let us
 know.
- Mike Case will be stepping down as our representative to the Central Berkshire Regional School District after 8 years of service, including 2 years as Chair. Washington will need a new representative to run for this elective office next fall.

Road & Bridge projects:

- The reconstruction of Washington Mountain Road continues on schedule to be complete by fall; both DOT and the contractor have responded to changes requested by residents.
- We expect to let bids for the rebuilding of Blotz Road and for the construction of a new culvert on Cross Place Road during June.
- We are waiting for the analysis of the existing abutments on the Middlefield Road culvert; before making further plans for its replacement.
- We have heard no further word from DOT about the Summit Hill Road bridge but the project remains on the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for 2016.

It's finally warm enough to get the gardens in! Enjoy.

Jim Huebner Select Board Chair Tricia Drugmand Select Board

Mike Case Select Board





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Email your TRACKS info by the 25th of the month to: mrsabeski@mac.com Please put TRACKS in the subject line.