



JUNE 2018

TOWN of WASHINGTON SENIORS
POT LUCK DINNER
At the Town Hall
8 Summit Hill Road
June 15, 2018
Time 5:30PM

Please come and enjoy the pot luck dinner with the COA and enjoy hot dogs and hamburgers as we get ready for summer weather.

Have a wonderful evening in the company of your fellow Senior Town residents.

The Washington Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that Laiken Cornwell-L'Hote is the recipient of this year's scholarship. Laiken is planning to major in psychology at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts this fall. Congratulations and best wishes to all members of the class of 2018. A special thanks to the generous members of our community who have made this scholarship possible over the past 47 years!

Linda Levernoch, Washington Scholarship Committee

Washington Broadband - Update and Info Session

Saturday, June 16, 10-noon at Town Hall

We are finally making real progress toward our goal of bringing true high-speed fiber-optic broadband service to Washington. We are nearing the end of the design and planning phase of the project before actual construction of the network begins.

So please join us for a community update and learn:

- The current status of the project
- Next steps and what lies ahead
- How your house will get connected
- What you can do to help
- Getting internet and phone service from WiredWest

We will be on hand to explain what you can expect as we move closer to having broadband in Washington. We look forward to answering your questions and addressing your concerns on the 16th at Town Hall. We encourage you to attend.

Steve Nelson
Kent Lew

A Note from the Transfer Station:

The Transfer Station will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th.

"Transfer Station attendants would like to remind residents not to put black or any other type of Styrofoam in the recycle bin and absolutely no plastic bags or house hold items. Thank you."

ANNUAL PARK CLEAN-UP DAY
is scheduled for
Saturday, June 9th
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

The Wahconah Building Committee is holding Q&A sessions throughout the District and the Town of Washington meeting is being held on June 21 at the Becket Washington Elementary School 5:00 p.m. Please attend your input is important. Thanks you.

Tuesday, June 19

5:00 p.m. - Windsor Town Hall

7:00 p.m. - Wahconah High School

Thursday, June 21

5:00 p.m. - Becket

Washington Elementary School

7:00 p.m. - Kittredge Elementary School

Child care will be available.

SATURDAY JULY 14, 2018

WASHINGTON TOWN PARK

Proceeds benefit the Becket Washington School PTO,
which supports the children of Becket Washington School



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hilltown brouhaha

Becket Washington Community Fair

9 am - 4 pm

Washington Town Park

Daytime fun for all with Treasure in the Trunk tag sale, vendors, book sale, PTO carnival, Jacob's Pillow, fairy garden, live music, food, and so much more!

6 pm - 11 pm

North Becket Firemen's Pavilion

Family-friendly evening with food sale by Becket Volunteer Firemen and live music by *Whiskey City* plus a beer garden hosted by *Wandering Star Brewery*.

This project is supported by a grant from the Central Berkshire Fund of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation and also in part by funding from the Becket and Washington Cultural Councils.

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On December 6, 2017 the town of Becket Board of Selectmen approved a new Beach Permit Policy. The Town of Washington section is printed below. New Beach Stickers can be purchased from the Town Clerk or Administrative Assistants Mondays between 7:00PM and 9:00PM.

Becket to Supply Beach Permits to the Town of Washington

Town of Washington

1. The Town of Washington will be charged \$5 per permit (in addition to any other fee for beach maintenance or summer camp).
2. At the beginning of the beach season, the Town of Washington will sign out a set number of permits (100 or 200), and no later than September 15th, it must return to the Town of Becket the ones that it does not sell. By September 30th the Tax Collector will invoice (with a due date of November 1st) the Town of Washington for permits not returned.
3. The Town of Washington must maintain records of its residents who purchase the permits. The Town of Washington will maintain a database that includes the Town of Washington address, name of the property owner, and license plate number assigned to the permit. The vehicle registration should match the property owner. The Town of Washington shall provide an electronic spreadsheet to the Town of Becket Police Dept. for the Washington residents who received beach permits.
4. The Town of Washington is not permitted to distribute the permits to non-Washington residents.
5. The Town of Washington will continue to pay a separate beach maintenance fee (During FY2017 the Town of Washington paid \$2,500) to help defray costs of the summer camp.
6. Each house may have up to two beach permits. There is not room in the parking lot for unlimited cars per family.
7. Regardless of the number of owners assigned to a parcel, the town will issue up to two permits per home.

To our Washington neighbors:

June 2018

Over 100 of our citizens turned out to vote in our Annual Town Election.

- Dave Drugmand was newly elected to the Finance Committee.
- The question of making our Tax Collector an appointed position passed easily, so we will be re-appointing Gina Campbell who has done a great job for us. Participation is the key to democracy!

We also had a great turnout for the Annual Town Meeting on May 9 – almost 50 voters! There were some lively discussions but all of the warrant items passed easily. Highlights:

- Washington will become a Green Community, joining 216 other Commonwealth municipalities and all of our neighboring communities. As a first benefit we expect a grant of roughly \$130,000 to go towards a repaired Town Hall roof covered with solar panels and a near-zero electric bill for all Town buildings in the future.
- The marijuana moratorium (article 2) means that the Town has until the end of 2018 to formalize policy; the Planning Board is working with Berkshire Regional Planning to develop recommendations.
- The Town can now move forward with selling all of the small lots in the old Berkshire Mountain Lakes development which have been donated or taken for taxes.
- Thanks to our Highway Superintendent, Tom Johnson, our highway budget actually decreased a bit over the last fiscal year!

Thanks to Senator Hinds, the latest Cherry Sheet shows the Senate version of the budget with full restoration of our PILOT funds. We hope this makes it through conference and the governor's signature. Senator Hinds is also pushing for reform of the PILOT process based on policy recommendations from Finance Chair Kent Lew.

Kent is also chairing a committee of the Historical Society and Parks Commission and our Maintenance Coordinator, Matt Thomas, to see how best to preserve the Town Common.

The owner of Woody's Road House has not responded to the demolition order jointly issued by our Building Inspector and Fire Chief. This most likely means protracted litigation

We have secured two separate grants for assistance in our Town Planning effort. Anyone interested in participating please contact Jodi.

We have appointed Becket Officer Nicole Miller to serve as our interim Police Chief and she is doing an excellent job. Longer term, Sean Connors is chairing a committee to determine the Town's need for policing. Please contact Sean if you have any thoughts or concerns.

We are still waiting for designs for the Middlefield Road bridge over Coles Brook and the deep culvert on upper Frost Road. We have grant funding for the designs and for the construction of the bridge but we are still seeking grant funding for the culvert.

We hope to see everyone on June 9th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Town Park for our annual clean-up. We also hope you will be able to attend the presentation of our progress towards having high-speed internet on Saturday June 16 at 10:00 AM at the Town Hall.

Jim Huebner
Select Board Chair

Tricia Drugmand
Select Board Clerk

Dick Grillon
Select Board

ELECTION RESULTS

TOWN OF WASHINGTON ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018

Regarding the ballot question and the tax collector position...the results of the ballot question super-cedes the results of the vote on the tax collector position and the Board has reappointed Gina Campbell as the Tax Collector. Gina was appointed last year when the elected Tax Collector resigned.

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

TOWN CLERK (3 year term)

98	Allison Mikaniewicz, Incumbent
0	Write-Ins
7	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

TREE WARDEN (3 year term)

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


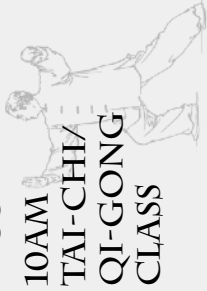



QUESTION 1

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%

TOWN OF WASHINGTON JUNE 2018 COUNCIL ON AGING

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 COA 10AM TAI-CHI/ QI-GONG CLASS 	2
3	4	5	6	7 COA 10AM YOGA CLASS	8 COA 10AM TAI-CHI/ QI-GONG CLASS 	9 PARK CLEAN UP 9-1:00
10	11	12	13	14 COA 10AM OSTEOPOROSIS CLASS	15 COA 10AM TAI-CHI/ QI-GONG CLASS 5:30PM POT LUCK DINNER 	16
17	18	19	20	21 COA 10AM OSTEOPOROSIS CLASS	22 COA 10AM TAI-CHI/ QI-GONG CLASS 	23
FATHERS DAY						
24	25	26	27	28 COA 10AM OSTEOPOROSIS CLASS	29 COA 10AM TAI-CHI/ QI-GONG CLASS 	30



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