



OCTOBER 2018

John FX Keator Memorial Pumpkin Walk

Washington Town Park

Friday, October 26th

6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

HAYRIDE

BONFIRE

Hotdogs,
Hamburgers,
Pizza, Hot Cider
plus more
refreshments
served in the
Gazebo



Bake Sale to Benefit Scholarship Fund

A bake sale to benefit the Washington Scholarship Fund will be held at the town hall on election day, November 6, starting at 7am. Donations of baked goods may be brought to the town hall on election day or the night before-- just leave your goodies in the kitchen refrigerator with a note that it's for the bake sale. Volunteers are also needed to "man" the bake sale table. If you are willing to spend an hour or two to help out, please contact Linda Levernoch 623-8309.

FALL YOGA

Yes free YOGA Classes are back, beginning October 23rd at 10AM at the Town Hall 8 Summit Hill Road. Classes will run October 23 - November 20 and then start back up after the holiday. Watch for additional dates in the TRACKS.

TOWN of WASHINGTON SENIORS POT LUCK DINNER

At the Town Hall
8 Summit Hill Road
October 19, 2018 - Time 5:30PM

Please come and enjoy the pot luck dinner with the COA. Have a wonderful evening in the company of your fellow Senior Town residents.

Hold the Date 12/1/18



Washington Town Hall
8 Summit Road/Rte. 8
Washington, Ma. 01223

Vendors, raffles, children's
Room/wrapping, crafts, jams,
Light lunch, Christmas decor, and
Much more!

Early Voting

What is Early Voting?

Early voting allows **ANY** registered voter to cast their ballot prior to election day. Voting can take place by mail or in person.

Early voting is only be allowed in biennial state elections.

Early voting for the upcoming State Election will begin on Monday, October 22nd during the Town Clerk's regular business hours and during additional hours as determined by the Town Clerk and will end on Friday, November 2nd.

For the November 6, 2018 election, the early voting schedule for the town of Washington will be as follows:

Date	Time
Monday 10/22/18	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Friday 10/26/18	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Saturday 10/27/18	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Monday 10/29/18	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Tuesday 10/30/18	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Friday 11/2/18	7:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Early voting in the town of Washington will take place in the Town Clerk's office at the Town Hall, 8 Summit Hill Rd.

How will Early Voting Work?

In Person: Voters who are casting early ballots in person do not need to complete any prior paperwork. Once you arrive at the Town Clerk's office at the Town Hall during any of the above hours, the Town Clerk will check your name off the voter list and give you a ballot and an envelope to seal your completed ballot in. All early ballots will be kept by the Town Clerk until election day. Early ballots will be processed on election day in the same manner as absentee ballots.

By Mail: Voters who want to vote early by mail **MUST** first submit an application (or other written communication evidencing a desire for an early ballot). The deadline to apply for an early ballot is 12:00 PM on November 2, 2018. Upon receipt of the completed application, the town Clerk will mail you an early ballot with instructions for voting and returning it.

State Election Date, Polling Location and Hours

The 2018 State Election is Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Voting will be at the Washington Town Hall, 8 Summit Hill Rd, Washington. The polls will be open from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM.

Registering to Vote

If you are a Washington town resident 18 years or older, but have never registered to vote here, please see the Town Clerk on Monday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 PM so you can register to vote. The deadline to register and be eligible to vote in the State Election is Wednesday, October 17, 2018. The Town Clerk does not normally have Wednesday office hours, but on this date the office will be open from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

You can also mail a completed voter registration form <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/Voter-reg-mail-in.pdf> to the town hall. It must be postmarked by the October 17th deadline.

Absentee Voting

Registered voters can apply to vote by absentee ballot for one of three reasons.

- Voter will be absent from town on election day
- Voter has a physical disability
- Religious belief

In order to apply for an absentee ballot you must request one in writing. You can do this by email or postal mail. If done by postal mail (a signed letter or absentee ballot application) please allow for extra processing time.

Here is a link to the new short form absentee ballot application. <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/2018-Short-Form-Absentee-Ballot-Application.pdf>. Complete and mail to Office of Town Clerk, Washington Town Hall, 8 Summit Hill Road, Washington, MA 01223.

The offices and candidates on the ballot are as follows:

Offices on the 2018 State Election Ballot	Democratic Candidates	Republican Candidates	Other Candidates
Senator in Congress	Elizabeth A. Warren	Geoff Diehl	Shiva Ayyadurai, Independent
Governor and Lieutenant Governor	Jay M. Gonzalez Quentin Palfrey	Charles D. Baker Karyn E. Polito	
Attorney General	Maura Healey	James R. McMahon, III	
Secretary of State	William Francis Galvin	Anthony M. Amore	Juan G. Sanchez, Jr., Green-Rainbow
Treasurer	Deborah B. Goldberg	Keiko M. Orrall	Jamie M. Guerin, Green-Rainbow
Auditor	Suzanne M. Bump	Helen Brady	Daniel Fishman, Libertarian Candidate Edward J. Stamas, Green-Rainbow
Representative in Congress (First District)	Richard E. Neal		
Councillor (Eighth District)	Mary E. Hurley		Mike Franco, Massachusetts Independent
Senator in General Court (Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden District)	Adam G. Hinds		
Representative in General Court (Fourth Berkshire District)	William "Smitty" Pignatelli		
District Attorney (Berkshire District)	Andrea C. Harrington		Paul J. Caccaviello, Write-In Candidate
Clerk of Courts (Berkshire County)	Deborah S. Capeless		
Register of Deeds (Berkshire Middle District)	Patsy Harris		
Central Berkshire Regional School Committee	Candidates for all member towns		
Ballot Question 1	Proposed law to limit how many patients could be assigned to each registered nurse in Massachusetts hospitals and certain other health care facilities. The maximum number of patients per registered nurse would vary by type of unit and level of care.		
Ballot Question 2	Proposed law that would create a citizens commission to consider and recommend potential amendments to the United States Constitution to establish that corporations do not have the same Constitutional rights as human beings and that campaign contributions and expenditures may be regulated.		
Ballot Question 3	Referendum on existing law. This would add gender identity to the list of prohibited grounds for discrimination in places of public accommodation, resort, or amusement.		

ELECTION RESULTS

TOWN OF WASHINGTON STATE PRIMARY SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 410
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST: 162
DEMOCRATIC BALLOTS CAST: 129
REPUBLICAN BALLOTS CAST: 33
LIBERTARIAN BALLOTS CAST: 0
VOTER TURNOUT: 40%

AUDITOR

	Democratic
101	Suzanne Bump
28	Blanks
	Republican
25	Helen Brady
8	Blanks
	Libertarian
0	Daniel Fishman
0	Blanks

GOVERNOR

	Democratic
55	Jay Gonzalez
44	Bob Massie
30	Blanks
	Republican
17	Charles Baker
16	Scott Lively
0	Blanks

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

	Democratic
38	Paul Caccaviello
57	Andrea Harrington
31	Judith Knight
3	Blanks
	Republican
9	Write-ins
24	Blanks

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

	Democratic
115	Elizabeth Warren
14	Blanks
	Republican
11	Goeff Diehl
13	John Kingston
4	Beth Joyce Lindstrom
5	Blanks

TREASURER

	Democratic
101	Deborah Goldberg
28	Blanks
	Republican
25	Keiko Orrall
8	Blanks

REGISTER OF DEEDS

	Democratic
108	Patsy Harris
21	Blanks
	Republican
1	Write-in
32	Blanks

ATTORNEY GENERAL

	Democratic
105	Maura Healey
24	Blanks
	Republican
15	James McMahon, III
13	Daniel Shores
5	Blanks

SECRETARY OF STATE

	Democratic
88	William Francis Galvin
21	Josh Zakim
20	Blanks
	Republican
25	Anthony Amore
8	Blanks

COUNCILLOR

	Democratic
96	Mary Hurley
33	Blanks
	Republican
33	Blanks

CLERK OF COURTS

	Democratic
99	Deborah Capeless
30	Blanks
	Republican
33	Blanks

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

	Democratic
111	William "Smitty" Pignatelli
18	Blanks
	Republican
33	Blanks

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

	Democratic
65	Quentin Palfrey
28	Jimmy Tingle
36	Blanks
	Republican
27	Karyn Polito
6	Blanks

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

	Democratic
110	Adam Hinds
11	Thomas Wickham
8	Blanks
	Republican
33	Blanks

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

	Democratic
97	Richard Neal
27	Tahirah Amatul-Wadud
5	Blanks
	Republican
33	Blanks

To our Washington neighbors:

October 2018

Our Assessors have once again been able to get early approval on our tax rate and, even better, the tax rate will not go up this year. A Washington candidate has applied for the open position.

- We are still looking for someone with clerical skills and experience to back up our Administrative Assistants Jodi Hostetter and Jan Nelson.
- Our Council on Aging will not be the same when Steve Deloye steps down later this year. Not only did he do a great job of organization but he was head chef for the monthly Pot Luck suppers. It's a tough act to follow but our seniors really need someone to step forward!

No word yet on our grant application to replace the Town Hall roof, but our application to become a Green Community is moving forward.

If the owner of Woody's has not provided proof of immediate demolition by October 15, the Town will proceed to do the work. It is important that the structure be torn down before winter sets in. Any expenditure by the Town will become a lien on the property.

The lack of clarity about the tragic shooting in October Mountain State Forest on August 20 is making it more difficult for the Board and Chief Miller to determine what additional security measures are needed. We'll keep you posted.

Highway:

- We should be able to bid the reconstruction of the Middlefield Road bridge over Coles Brook this month, but it is unclear whether the work can be completed this year.
- We have applied for an exemption to the FEMA rule that requires that we have a Disaster Mitigation Plan in order to apply for FEMA/MEMA funding for the deep culvert on upper Frost Road. We applied over a year ago for a planning grant.

Westfield Gas & Electric, who will design and construct our Broadband network, has been able to tap into a federal program called the Connect America Fund (CAF) which means that we will receive \$33,000 a year for the next ten years to construct and maintain the system! This means a significant reduction to the financial demands on the Town.

We met with Senator Hinds to solicit his help on three areas that skew our financial planning: PILOT funding, the high cost of bridge and culvert repair, and Voc-Ed transportation reimbursement. We will be working with him and his staff on all three.

- The Board will also contact Governor Baker directly regarding PILOT funding and policies and will work with both Rural Commonwealth and the Berkshire Selectmen's Association to get their support for PILOT reform.

Berkshire Regional Planning has a survey to help plan future transportation in the County. Please go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/berkshireplan2 and let them know what works for you. There will be an info session Wednesday October 17 at 5 in the Berkshire Athenaeum.

Please come and get your free flu protection! The flu clinic will be held Monday October 15 from 5-7 at the Town Hall.

Jim Huebner
Select Board Chair

Tricia Drugmand
Select Board Clerk

Dick Grillon
Select Board

TOWN OF WASHINGTON OCTOBER 2018 CALENDAR

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
			1 Selectmen Meeting 7 PM Town Hall Offices Open 7 - 9 PM Assessors/Tax Collector 6-8 PM Police Department 6-9 PM		2		3 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM ***** Build Inspector Mid Day	TOWN HALL 4		TOWN HALL 5		6	
7		TOWN HALL 8		TOWN HALL 9		10		TOWN HALL 11		TOWN HALL 12		13	
		COLUMBUS DAY ***** NO MEETING		Planning Board Meeting 7 PM Town Hall				OSTEOPOROSIS CLASS COA 10 AM		TAI-CHI/QI-GONG CLASS 10 AM COA			
14		TOWN HALL 15		TOWN HALL 16		17		TOWN HALL 18		TOWN HALL 19		20	
		Selectmen Meeting 7 PM Town Hall Offices Open 7 - 9 PM Assessors/Tax Collector 6-8 PM Police Department 6-9 PM						OSTEOPOROSIS CLASS COA 10 AM		TAI-CHI/QI-GONG CLASS 10 AM COA ***** COA Pot Luck Dinner 5:30 PM			
21		TOWN HALL 22		TOWN HALL 23		24		TOWN HALL 25		TOWN HALL / PARK 26		27	
		Selectmen Meeting 7 PM Town Hall Offices Open 7 - 9 PM Assessors/Tax Collector 6-8 PM Police Department 6-9 PM		COA YOGA Class 10:00 AM				OSTEOPOROSIS CLASS COA 10 AM		TAI-CHI/QI-GONG CLASS 10 AM COA ***** PUMPKING WALK 6-10, TRICK OR TREAT 6:30 - 7:30			
28		TOWN HALL 29		CHAPEL/TOWN HALL 30		31							
		Selectmen Meeting 7 PM Town Hall Offices Open 7 - 9 PM Assessors/Tax Collector 6-8 PM Police Department 6-9 PM		Chapel Commission Meeting 7PM COA Yoga Class 10:00AM		HALLOWEEN							
Entity	Contact	Number		Entity		Contact		Number		Entity		Contact	
Assessors	Karen Avalle	717-7216		Finance Committee		Kent Lew		623-0202		Parks Commission		Dave Drugmand	
Board of Health	Janice Paxton	655-8668		Parks Commission		Marilyn Wiley		623-6651		Planning Board		Nicole Miller	
Building Inspector	Paul Greene	446-0964		Police Chief		Jim Huebner		623-5859		Selectmen		Gina Campbell	
Chapel Commission	Rose Borgnis	623-2185		Tax Collector		655-8668							
Clerk	Allison Mikaniewicz	623-8333											
Conservation	Michelle Lampro	441-0787											
Council on Aging	Steve Deloye												

Please CALL AHEAD



Wahconah Building Project Update



WBC and School Committee Unanimously Approve Building Project

On August 23rd the WBC and the CBRSD School Committee voted to submit a preferred schematic design to the MSBA as part of the next phase of the feasibility study. Last Spring DRA presented 13 designs that included renovation/addition and new construction options. After comparing multiple evaluation criteria a final new construction option was chosen. This design option will be submitted to the MSBA on September 12th for the next stage of state approval. The following were identified as strengths of the chosen design:

- Best meets the educational plan
- Best long term value (lowest cost of the new construction plans)
- Energy efficient, compact yet flexible floor plan
- Best use of the Wahconah campus and adds green space
- Secure single main entrance
- Driveway design that safely separates cars, buses, and pedestrians
- Short timeline with minimal disruption to the current school

The decision to submit a new construction option versus a renovation/addition option was based upon the following:

- Options did not fully meet the educational
- Long construction timelines (3 years) highly disruptive for students
- Need for temporary classrooms that are not reimbursed by the state
- Some small classrooms and an undersized gymnasium would remain
- Greater chance for unforeseen expenses and change orders
- Cost estimates were within 5% of new construction costs

Updated Timeline

Fall 2018

DRA and the school Building Committee will refine the building design and materials to build a budget

February 2019

The WBC will share the budget with the towns to determine the impact on tax rates

Spring 2019

Towns will vote on the building project

March 2020

If approved and funded by the voters construction would begin

September 2021

New Wahconah would open

Next WBC Meeting Meeting:
Sept. 6th 4:30-5pm WRHS Library

Wahconah Building Committee information booths will be at each school's Open House.

For more information visit:

www.cbrsd.org/msba_building_project

or

www.facebook.com/WahconahBuildingProject





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