



Washington Economic Development Committee  
Tues, March 19, 2019

**Notes:**

> Washington by the Numbers #3 – Housing - Wayne Hileman

Wayne Hileman reviewed housing in Washington over the last two decades including new housing development – number, size, value and location. He observed that the 2014 POCD suggests development in the areas immediately surrounding the villages. This would require a review of the Zoning Regs to allow for smaller lot size and street frontage.

> Adult Services – Update – Dan Sherr

Dan Sherr provided an update on the Adult Services Conversation with the Community initiative. The timeline for the initiative has been reset with surveys – digital and mail – planned for this spring/summer. A fall focus group is planned to finalize a plan for review with the Town in late 2019. See attached.

> Young Working Families – Update - Michael Jackson

Michael Jackson reported that a committee has been formed representing R12, the Housing Trust and the realtors. An initial organizing meeting was held.

> Colors/Discover (CivicLift) Integration – Update

Dan Sherr reported on a meeting to integrate the website/social media of the Town of Washington, the seven towns of the Colors of Litchfield Hills and the NH COG (CivicLift). A plan has been defined. Next step is establishing an automated process to insure the sites are continuously maintained/refreshed.

> Bee Brook Park – Lease

Mark Lyon indicated the Bee Brook Park 2019 – 2020 lease (4/15/19 – 10/15/20) is being prepared for signature by the Booth's.

> Summer A&C – Summer Events

Dan Sherr provided a 2019 Calendar of Arts & Culture Events in Washington. See attached.

> Lisa Stein, President, WBA provided the copy of a letter to the Land Management Director and the Zoning Commission expressing concern about proposed changes to the Zoning Regs that would have the effect of limiting consumer support for the town businesses. The letter requests an open discussion with the Zoning Commission before the revised regs are finalized.

> NH COG CEDS Implementation Consultant – Position/Recruiting

Position description/posting provided to WEDC meeting with request for introductions/recommendations of candidates. No follow up required.

## Washington Adult Services – 3/19/19 Update

- > Steering Committee meeting regularly
  - Maryanne Green
  - Sara Guillemette
  - Heidi Johnson
  - Pam Collins
  - Joan Lodsini
  - Tony Bedini
  - Dan Sherr
- > E-survey reviewed and tested at Washington Senior Center
- > Final version approved
- > CERC proposal for on-line survey (Survey Monkey), cross-tabulation, analysis and presentation to WEDC
- > **Target date for on-line survey, mid-May with results/presentation June WEDC meeting. Decision go/no-go for direct mail.**
- > Survey announced in the Spring (April 2019) Town Newsletter. See below.
- > **If direct mail, distribution in Summer Newsletter with results/presentation September/October WEDC meeting.**
- > Fall focus Group – Conversation with the Community – as needed?
- > **Final presentation to WEDC November/December meeting.**
- > Review/presentations to the Town early 2020

Posting to Spring 2019 Town Newsletter

The Town needs your help

We are all aging. By 2025, one third of us will be 65 years or older. The Town of Washington wants to be ready with all the adult services needed. In late Spring and early Summer, you will receive a survey in the mail or online. Five or ten minutes will tell us all we need to know to begin planning for 2025. Please watch for the surveys.



## Washington Summer 2019 – Arts & Culture Events

<b>Events</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Locations</b>
Chorus Angelicus – pre-lecture, concert, post-concert social	Sun, 4:00PM, Apr 28, 2019	Washington Congregation Church & Parish Hall
Washington Community Day	June ??, 2019	Town Hall Lawn, Washington Depot
Washington Friends of Music – 2019 New Baroque Concert Series	Fridays, 5:30PM, July 26, Aug 2, 9, 16, 2019	Washington Congregation Church & Green
Litchfield Jazz Camp	Four weeks, June 30 – July 27, 2019	The Gunnery
Pilobolus Five Senses Festival	Weekends, July 21, July 26,27,28, Aug 2,3	292 Bee Brook Road, Washington, CT
Litchfield Jazz Festival	Fri – Sun, July 26 – 28, 2019	Judy Black Park and Garden, The Gunnery – Emerson Performing Art Center, Washington Congregational Church and Green, Gunnery – Bourne Courtyard
Shakespeare in the Park	Five evenings, Aug 7 – 11, 2019	Washington River Walk Pavilion
Gilmore Girls – Tour of the Litchfield Hills	Sat, Sept 28, 2019	Tour bus from Kent, New Preston, Washington Depot, Washington Green
Washington Fall Festival	Sat, Oct ??, 2019	Washington River Walk Pavilion

To: Janet Hill (or Land Use Administrator) and the Washington Zoning Commission

From: The Washington Business Association

Re: Proposed Changes to the Washington Zoning Regulations concerning Temporary Events

The proposed changes in zoning regulations for temporary events is a subject of concern for many members of the community, specifically our businesses and non-profits. The proposed changes are not fully understood and there is concern that the impact of the proposed changes may be substantial to the business community.

We would welcome a conversation to explain the thinking behind the new regulations and address the concerns from the business community. While we understand a clarification in regulations is necessary, the new regulations, as proposed, would be detrimental to the growth of our most supportive asset, arts and culture. The arts and culture organizations are major commercial employers in the town, behind food service and retail.

We are faced with many challenges within our community. Working together to strengthen the assets in our community is at the forefront of our efforts. We welcome the opportunity to work together to support the needs of our community.

An open discussion would provide us with the opportunity for shared thinking on future philosophies for the town, as outlined in the Plan of Conservation and Development.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Signed,

Lisa Stein  
President  
Washington Business Association