

Warwick Community Newsletter

A D M I N I S T R A T I V E D E T A I L S

VERY IMPORTANT – PLEASE NOTE THESE CHANGES: All articles, ads and correspondence should be emailed if possible to warwicknewsletter01378@gmail.com. If you cannot email, drop off clearly printed articles in the METCALF CHAPEL MAILBOX AT 32 ATHOL ROAD by the **20th of the month before the article will run**. Please note that we do not accept FULL PAGE inserts at all for commercial ads, and are asking every organization in Town to keep their event flyers to 1/2 page or less. If a full page event flyer is desired, the organization may print the flyer themselves for insertion (call Mary Humphries 544-0126 for the number of copies required) if the information cannot be fit to 1/2 page and a waiver is desired. Business card size ads are \$7/month or \$70/year. All material may be edited for length, ink intensiveness, or content and may not be anonymous. Some logs and minutes provided may only be available on the Warwick Website at www.warwickma.org due to space limitations.

Phone Directory

Emergency 911
 Selectboard /Town Coordinator
 978-729-3224
 Warwick Broadband
 413-676-9544
978-544-
 Selectboard voice mail
 6315
 Treasurer/Collector 3845
 Highway 6349
 Library 7866
 Fire Station 3314
 Animal Control 3402 Animal
 Contr.Pager 978-217-2681
 Clerk/Assessors 8304
 Bd of Health 6315
 Community School 6310
 Police Dept Business
 2244
 Building Inspector 2236
 FAX all depts. 6499
 Burn Permits:
www.fcburnpermits.com

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING DONORS AND ADVERTISERS

Brad Compton, Joe & Kelly Farley, and Clare Green
\$100.00

All Donations and Ad Payments should be sent to WCN/Metcalf Chapel,
32 Athol Road, Warwick, MA 01378

If an inordinate amount of time passes and your donation is not listed, the check may have been lost. Please notify us by email at warwicknewsletter01378@gmail.com if that happens. Thank you for your donations and your patience.

Foot Clinic

All clinics are at 8:00 a.m. at Metcalf Chapel.

- ◇ April 14th
- ◇ May 12th
- ◇ June 9th
- ◇ July 14



April is National Poetry Month—See Page Three!

The family of
BRENT WALKER
 wishes to thank everyone for the
 overwhelming amount of support during the difficult time of his passing.
 The numerous cards, flowers, meals, calls, messages and visits
 were so very much appreciated.
 To those who also made a monetary contribution in Brent's name to the
 Warwick Firemen's Association, we thank you.

Sincerely,
 Barbara, Shawn, Scott, Brad and Benjamin Walker

SAVE THE DATE:

NED GREEN SCHOLARSHIP FUND HIKE, SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023

Hike Mt. Grace beginning from Oscar Ohlson Field

10:00 a.m. - Noon

Thank you,

Clare Green



ASSESSOR CLERK OFFICE HOURS and INFO.

It has come to our attention that you may qualify for an exemption for your property taxes. I will be at the Warwick Community School during the Senior Meal on April 4th starting at 11:45 a.m. to assist with information related to this matter.

Office hours: Tues. 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Thurs. 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. or by appointment.

TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS and INFO.

Mondays 1:00-4:00 p.m., April 3rd, 10th & 24th (April 17th is Patriots' Day)

There will be a Special Election on April 3rd from 12:00-4:00 p.m. at Town Hall to elect members to the newly-created School Committee. All three positions on the ballot in April will be on the ballot again at the Annual Town Election on May 15th. There are no other positions on the ballot in April. Vote-by-mail ballots are available to anyone for both the Special Town Election and the Annual Town Election - please provide a written request signed by the voter to the Town Clerk.

Thank you, John Paganetti, Town Clerk

RESTAURANT REVIEW - GARCIA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT & BAR

51 East Pleasant St

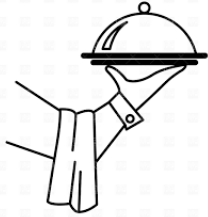
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Amherst, MA 01002

Mon-Sun 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Looking for something different after our senior movie one day, we stumbled upon Garcia's in Amherst. They don't seem to be very busy at lunch time, but I am sure they are hopping in the evenings with the UMASS crowd. The place has a bar and about three large rooms. We are usually seated in a booth near the front during the lunch hour.

The prices are reasonable for lunch, ranging from \$9 to \$12 for Mexican dishes. Everything I have had there has been fresh and good. The dinner menu has higher prices in the \$20's.



The service has been excellent, and the meals are promptly served. I think it's "Garcia" who greets you at the door (at lunch anyway) and seats you. He is very friendly and gets you whatever you want or need.

If you're In the Hadley/Amherst area, I highly recommend it.

Bon Appetit!

Gloria Varno

"Warwick Walkers," A Poem by Clare Green

Dedicated to Ginny Fellows, Betsy Lochhead, and Ann Miner

In any season's turn, come walk with me,
 Feel the crisp air upon your face.
 Later join ladies for coffee and more comraderie!
 Walk and share your stories at your own pace
 While golden jeweled leaves fall
 Beneath the canopy of oak trees,
 Or while tiny fragrant Mayflowers burst into pink blooms
 at telephone pole number ten. Stop. Bend. Smell. Wow.
 Nature delights us with a laughing pileated call,
 turtle tracks and a blue heron lift-off.
 Squirrels scurry in a whispered breeze.
 Peepers and wood frogs stir spring's symphony,
 Silently rejoicing in life.
 We pass Wawbeek Rock
 With echoes to earth's massive geologic shift,
 Ever a mystery to heed or unlock.
 Deep wisdom resides within these majestic stones
 and hearts of Warwick as we
 amble along Hastings Pond Road,
 Release each care and lighten the load.
 2018/2023

PS Anyone is welcome to walk! Monday, Wednesday, Friday.
 Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Fire Station and walk along Hastings Pond
 Road. Walk at your own pace; roughly 45 minutes.

Warwick Scholarship Committee

A. George Day, Jr.

The Warwick Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for the scholarship awards for 2023. Students who have been accepted as full-time students in an accredited post-secondary school and have been residents of Warwick for one year or more are eligible.

- (Article 11 Eligibility)
- a. The applicant must be a resident of Warwick for one year or more preceding application.
 - b. Seniors in the graduating class at Pioneer Valley Regional School, Franklin County Vocational Technical School, and other secondary schools and home-schooled students are eligible.
 - c. Students in Accredited Post-secondary schools are eligible.
 - d. A student is limited to two scholarship awards from the Warwick Community Committee, either from the Warwick Community Scholarship Fund or the Alice, Eric, Oscar Anderson Scholarship Fund.
 - e. The Anita L. Pike Memorial Scholarship is awarded to any graduating senior from a public high school with the highest scholastic average and going on to college.

Application forms and current by-laws are available at the guidance department of Pioneer Valley Regional School or at the Warwick Public Library. Applications must be received prior to April 15th. The application form can be sent to any committee member.

Scholarship Committee Members

A. George Day, Jr.	Warwick Firemen's Association
Joseph Paul	Warwick Firemen's Association
Kathy Connelly	Trinitarian Congregational Church
Linda Gale	Member at large
Arline (Lincoln) Vanderstelt	First Parish and Religious Society
(vacant)	Warwick Historical Society
Carol Foote	Warwick Women's Guild

RECREATION COMMITTEE



YOGA Saturday 9:15-10:30 a.m., Town Hall

This is an all-level Hatha Yoga class designed to meet students' needs with an emphasis on proper alignment, Pranayama breathing technique, deep relaxation and meditation. It's a dynamic yet harmonious approach to cultivate strength, physical awareness and inner balance. Classes are led by Kalliope Kalombrastosos.

ZUMBA Tuesday & Saturday 8:00 a.m., Town Hall

Zumba is a Latin-inspired dance fitness program that any one can do. My class is low-to-no impact and provides an excellent cardio work out. Zumba is adaptable for all ages and fitness levels. It may take a couple of classes to learn the rhythms and some basic moves, but once you do it's JUST PLAIN FUN! Hope you will join us. Classes are led by Susan Krieger.

GYM The gym is open for basketball, ping pong, and pickle ball. Please help us care for the gym floor by bringing sneakers. Saturdays 8:00-11:00 a.m. and Tuesdays 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

AND... Come join in a pick-up game of basketball Thursdays 6:00-8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Thank-you, Leanne, Warwick Recreation Committee

MEMORIES OF THE PAST, PRESENTED BY THE WARWICK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Henderson Ice Company
by Guy Carey, Jr., Warwick, MA

Warwick Historical Society
8 Athol Road
Warwick, MA 01378

history.town.warwick.ma.us

Open Sundays, July & Aug. 2 - 4 p.m.

[or by appointment]

For more info call

President Mike Carey 603 357 3890

Clair Green 978 544 7421

I remember when the Henderson ice trucks used to come around our neighborhood peddling ice for our iceboxes. This was a great treat for us kids if the driver was friendly, or at least in a good mood, when he came.

Some of the houses in the neighborhood had cards with numbers like 25, 35, 45 and 50 on each side of the card. People placed these cards in their windows. The number that was at the top would tell the iceman how many pounds of ice they needed for their ice boxes. The iceman would take an appropriate piece of ice from inside the truck with his ice tongs. Then he would hang it on the scale at the back of his truck and brush the sawdust from the ice. If the cube of ice was a little too large, he would take an ice pack and chop slivers off the ice until it was near the right weight. Putting on a large leather apron that fit over his shoulders and using his ice tongs, he would carry the ice into the house on his shoulder and place it into the icebox. The fun part for us children was when we could grab the pieces of ice they had cut off, and run in and rinse them in the water pail. Back then, that ice was tantamount to the ice cream children get today from ice cream trucks that come around.

This was in the early and middle 30's and, as more and more of our town obtained electricity, people started installing refrigerators, and seeing the iceman became a rare occasion.

Warwick Women's Guild Events

April 4, 2023 Warwick Women's Guild will meet on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Town Hall kitchen area. Clare Green will provide us with a session on demystifying Extra Sensory Perception (ESP).

May 2, 2023 Warwick Women's Guild will meet on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. in the Town Hall kitchen area. Clyde and Jenny Perkins will tell us about the cruise they took this year.

SAVE THE DATE: FREE SEED SWAP AND BAKE SALE SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023

(In Honor of Millard and Joyce Chase)



At the Warwick Library Grounds, hopefully under the blossoming crab apple trees! Ahhhh, Springtime. Come join the fun, 10:00 a.m. to noon. Donations are welcomed to benefit the Library. Bring labelled seeds in envelopes or small plastic bags, and please include any special instructions for growing. For example, I have lots of pink foxglove and morning glory seeds that I harvested, and I might write, "Full sun." The swap can also include packaged seeds from any year that you have, but won't plant for some reason.

This event is sponsored by The Warwick Library Trustees: Andrea Woods, Jesse Lopes, Nadia Marti, Gregg Stone, Cheri Robartes, Clare Green, and Ivan the Librarian.

Town Coordinator David Young for April 2023

Warwick is having a special election to select our School Committee. The Special Election is set for April 3 from noon to 4 pm at Town Hall. You can vote by mail or absentee. There are three open seats and three candidates have taken out nomination papers, so no races are anticipated. Once elected, members will serve until the annual town-wide election which is May 15. At that point, we will begin staggering the terms of SC members. The special election April 3 is being held because we need a School Committee and may not under the law appoint one. Only the School Committee have the authority to make decisions for our new school district, the Warwick School District. April 3 was as soon as a special election was possible.

We want a larger school committee than the three provided for as a default under state law. So, at the May 1 annual town meeting there will be a bylaw proposed to establish a larger School Committee. We envisioned seven or nine members at our startup. The reason for so many is the large initial workload. The question of School Committee number of members will also need to be ok'd by the attorney general. Subject to passage and approval, we expect to hold a special election to elect the rest of our SC in the summer. If you do not see a role for yourself in that capacity, consider joining our school advisory committee.

A few folks may have noticed that I left the Facebook Warwick L-ternative recently. I cannot do town business on social media so email me at coordinator@town.warwick.ma.us or phone 978-729-3224. That action was so liberating I decided to quit Twitter and did.

What is future of Warwick Broadband Service, the town-owned business that Charter/Spectrum is building a fiber system in Warwick on top of that is going to compete with our near-monopoly? The project is at least a year away from completion, as Warwick by agreement follows Royalston in the project timeline, and our neighbors are not installed yet. Fiber is happening. Notice the utility poles in town with an X or XX painted on them. That is progress. It means the pole has been inspected, in this case is deemed substandard and must first be replaced. This is part of the job, making poles ready for the installation. The preparation is so very much of the job it is like painting a house. Charter/Spectrum prices the same as Warwick at the onset, at \$50 but only for the first year. They may be making that initial offer \$60. I have seen both prices advertised as the welcome offer. No matter, after a year the price goes to \$80 a month. Warwick Broadband will probably lose half our customers in Spectrum's first year here, but because we are wireless we can adjust. So far, we continue to grow and just ordered more internet connectivity to Mount Grace to meet the system's demands.

What is happening with property tax bills which are admittedly late? Assessor's Clerk Tracey Styles says the Board of Assessors will have met to approve property values on 3/20 and then will get everything submitted to the state for tax rate approval. The Selectboard will hold the obligatory tax classification hearing where they decide whether to have a different tax rate for businesses. They never do because we don't have any business to assign more tax burden to. We will be printing and sending property tax bills in April.

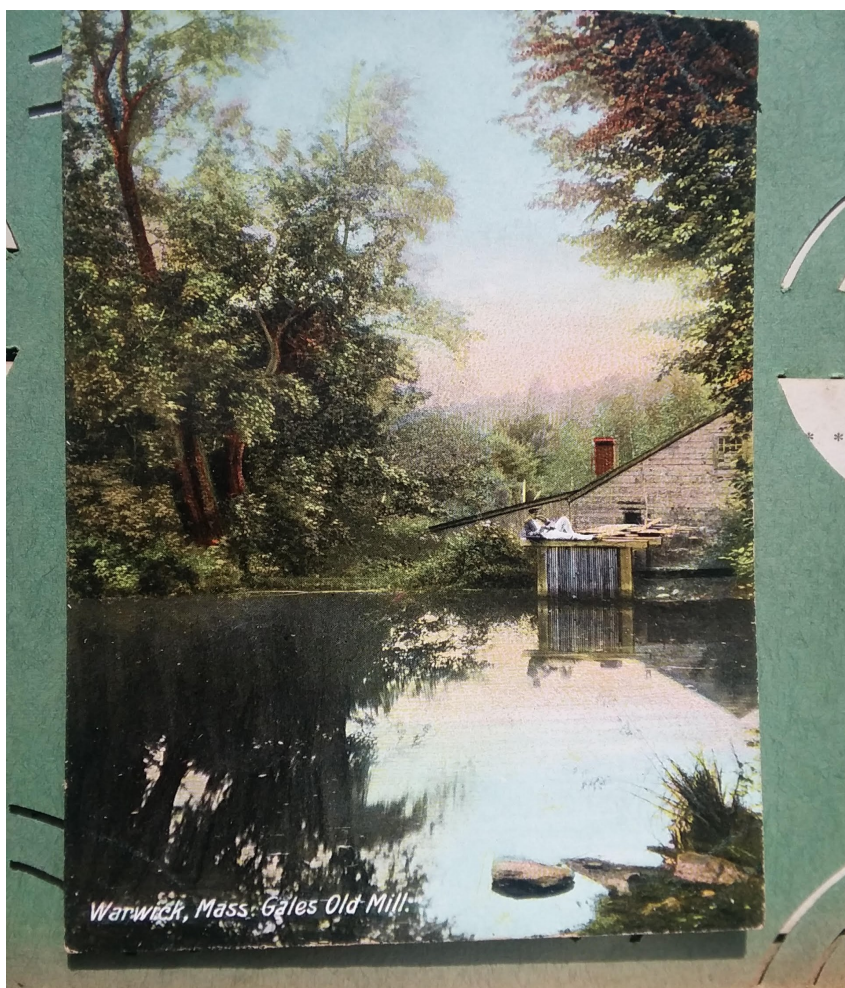
What does leaving the Pioneer Regional School District and starting the new Warwick School District (WSD) mean to you? What changes and what stays the same? One change is that with our exit from Pioneer Regional we get more state school aid than we used to. When we add more of our kids to our district, we get more state aid with each one. The formula is based on wealth. Now that Warwick is apart from the regional school district and formed its own, Warwick qualifies for foundation school aid. Pioneer does not. This means that for additional resident kids who enroll in our District we will get about \$6000 per child per year additional in state aid.

Town Coordinator David Young for April 2023 (cont'd.)

Leaving the regional district we lost subsidized school bussing, and this will help. We have become a kindergarten thru 12th grade single-town municipal school district. We are operating our elementary school next year. We are not operating a high school, so the Jr. and Sr. high students continue to go to Pioneer under a contract, or they can elect to choose to apply to charter school or attend FCTS the same as ever. Warwick remains a member of FC Tech School and six of our kids are going there next year.

*** Annual Town Meeting is Monday 5/1 and Annual Elections are Monday 5/15. The special election for Warwick School Committee is Monday 4/3 from noon to 4 pm.

PLEASE NOTE: The electronic version of the newsletter will now be including the minutes from the Selectboard meetings. If you're interested in receiving the Warwick Community Newsletter online, please let us know by emailing: warwicknewsletter01378@gmail.com or calling 544-0126 and leaving a message.



The Warwick Trails Group is making a path to this once-cherished mill site. Enjoy viewing a nostalgic postcard from yonder years. Warwick Historical Society collection.

~ Clare Green

Green Corner: “Talking Trash”

The Senior Meals and Saturday Brunches at our Community School have been a great way to get “out” and recover from a couple of years of hiding from each other. It has also given the school kitchen a dry run for our next school year. Gail, Tracey, the volunteer dishwashers, and many others have surely got the hang of it. Where there is still room for improvement is in what’s left behind.

Did you know that compost is collected during and after each meal? Food scraps are put in a pail which various angels then bring to the compost bin at the transfer station. Then Rick Innis or one of his staff at Clearview Composting picks it up, brings it to their facility in Orange, and turns it into rich dark compost for our gardening pleasure. *Voila!*

Did you also know that white and brown paper napkins, paper cups and plates (not plastic lined), paper towels, meat and bones, egg cartons, etc. can also go into this compost, even from your own house? Ricks’ operation manages his compost piles at a much higher temperature than your typical backyard composter, so all those cups and packaging you now see that say “compostable” really means it needs to go to an operation like Clearview to be turned back into earth. Clearview already collects such mixed refuse from several schools in the area.

If we as adults can practice good trash hygiene and model what and how we dispose of the things we use, then the kids who will be watching us may follow. Or, maybe they’ll show us the right way?

Until the recycling industry shows improvement in the handling of recyclables, and until the plastics industry stops kidding us about that recyclable symbol they use so freely, there is a lot we can do on our own right here in Warwick, napkin by napkin.

VERNAL POOL DAY

Join members of the Conservation Commission on **Saturday, April 22nd at 2:00 pm** on a walk in the Warwick woods to a vernal pool. Spring is the best time to observe all the “action” taking place in vernal pools and to learn about the creatures that depend on them. We will be collecting information to protect this important habitat. Meet in front of the Town Hall to carpool to the site (TBD). Wear sturdy waterproof shoes or boots. Some hiking on and off trail may be required. Questions, contact Chris at cduerring@hotmail.com

Monthly meditation sittings will occur on the fourth Wednesday of each month, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., at the Metcalf Chapel in the side parlor room. All are welcome. Drop in for one sit or become a regular. Refresh, renew or catalyze your own practice of mindfulness. This is facilitated by Clyde Perkins, Sr. and Clare Green.

LIBRARY NEWS - APRIL 2023

Library hours: Monday 10-4, Tuesday 1-8, Thursday 5-8, and Saturdays 10-12:30 (during school year).
Contact: warwick@cwmares.org; 978-544-7866; Ivan Ussach, director

Covid operations update: Masks are not currently required for entry; however, they are still encouraged. Thanks, and stay healthy!

Museum Passes: The Library has free admission passes to the Magic Wings Butterfly Museum, Massachusetts State Parks (DCR), the Brattleboro Museum of Arts & Culture, Historic Deerfield, the Clark Museum, MassMOCA and the Eric Carle Museum.

Attention kids and other young people!: What books, movies, music, programs or other resources would you like to see at the Library? Please contact the librarian.

2023 Oral History Panel Presentation #3 - The Warwick Prison Camp: Saturday, April 15th - 2 pm: Located at what is now Warwick State Forest on Richmond Road, the Warwick Prison Camp opened in the early 1960s and closed in the early 1990s. The camp housed up to 100 inmates at one time, mostly low security.

Following the usual format, we'll have a panel of knowledgeable local presenters and plenty of input from audience members. Come to listen, learn and be entertained! Come to share your own prison camp stories! The oral history programs are being videotaped for viewing on the Library's Youtube channel: To view programs, click digital link [here](#) or go to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrQ4IGskmq5EOtMiKYYyYw>.

Monthly Short Story Hour - Tales in Tribute to Ursula K. Le Guin, Thursday, April 20th - 7:30 pm: This month we'll read selections from *Dispatches From Anarres*, the 2021 collection of stories by writers inspired by Le Guin (fans of Le Guin's sci-fi classic *The Dispossessed* will recognize the reference to Anarres). Come to read or just to listen.

Coming Wednesday, May 10th @ 10:30 am: Book Club discussion of the annual Community Read - *The Last White Man* (2022, 192 pages), by Mohsin Hamid; sponsored by The Libraries In the Woods. Print copies will be available for borrowing in April; you can also get an e-book or e-audio copy by using your Warwick Library account to access the *Libby* digital platform at cwmares.org. One morning, a man wakes up to find himself transformed. Overnight, Anders's skin has turned dark, and the reflection in the mirror seems a stranger to him. Soon, reports of similar events begin to surface. Hamid's "lyrical and urgent" prose (*O Magazine*), powerfully uplifts our capacity for empathy and the transcendence over bigotry, fear, and anger it can achieve.



DOG AND CAT RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC

This clinic will be for a rabies vaccination only.
No other veterinarian services will be offered at this time.

Cost: **\$20.00 (CASH)** per vaccination.
Payment Terms: Cash only

About the Clinic

- 🐾 All dogs **MUST** be on a leash.
Flexi or extendable leashes are not allowed.
- 🐾 All cats need to be in a carrier.
No exceptions.
- 🐾 Both 1 year and 3 year rabies shots will be available.
To be eligible for a 3 year vaccine you will need to provide proof of a previous 1 year vaccine at the time of vaccination.
- 🐾 We are hoping to have dog licensing available at these clinics as well.

Clinic Locations

🐾 GREENFIELD

Saturday, April 1st 2023 10am-1230pm

Franklin County Fairgrounds
89 Wisdom Way, Greenfield, Ma 01301

🐾 HEATH

Saturday, April 22rd 2023 10am-12pm

Former Heath Elementary School
18 Jacobs Road, Heath, Ma 01346



Hosted by:
The Franklin County Sheriff's Office
Regional Dog Shelter
Regional Animal Control
www.fcrdogkennel.org



TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK

APRIL 2023

Dear Friends,

Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸ Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"...After he had said this, he went out ... again and told them, "I find no case against him."

From the gospel of John 18: 37-38

How do we know what to believe? Peer reviewed articles in scientific journals used to be accepted sources of reliable scientific and medical knowledge; now we can quickly find someone who will dispute any findings that do not support our preferred view of the world. We no longer need peer review; we simply "know the truth when we hear it". With that confirmation, any form of derision or even violence against those "others" becomes acceptable. But it's not that such cynical manipulation is new, it's just easier and quicker now to find alternative "facts". Even in Jesus' day, Pilate felt the backlash of the crowds that had been riled up by their religious leaders and he washed his hands of further involvement.

The Oxford dictionary defines cynicism as the inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest. Being a product of Roman politics, Pilate himself was understandably quite cynical of the situation, so removing himself from further involvement was a rational choice; he wasn't going to be able to change the mentality of the crowd so carefully crafted by their leaders. Some of those leaders were sincere in their feelings that Jesus was a threat to their deeply held religious beliefs and some were aware that the changes Jesus was expressing and exemplifying, threatened their positions of power and privilege. In either case, the specter of change was not a pleasant option.

Change is a threat, especially to those who are comfortable. But change is inevitable. Author Octavia Butler writes that, *"All that you touch you Change. All that you change changes you. The only lasting truth is Change. God Is Change-/Seed to tree,/ tree to forest;/ Rain to river, /river to sea; /Grubs to bees, / bees to swarm. / From one, many; / from many, one; / Forever uniting, growing, dissolving-/ forever changing. / The universe/ is God's self-portrait. "*

If change is inevitable, how do we make the best of Change? Butler suggests that, *"Kindness eases change. Love quiets fear."* Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius, (121-180 CE) said that *"the key to kindness is keeping the purity, lucidity, moderation and justice of your mind from being sullied ...to behave throughout your life toward the liars and crooks around you with kindness, honesty and justice."*

Leo Tolstoy did not live an easy life and yet he came to understand the importance of kindness. *"The kinder and more thoughtful a person is, the more kindness he can find in other people. Kindness enriches our life...You should respond with kindness toward evil done to you , and you will destroy in an evil person that pleasure which he derives from evil...Kindness is for your soul as health is for your body; you do not notice it when you have it."*

Psychoanalyst Adam Phillips and historian Barbara Taylor observe that although kindness is central to all of our major spiritual traditions, it has somehow become "our forbidden pleasure." They write: *People are leading secretly kind lives all the time but without a language in which to express this, or cultural support for it... In one sense kindness is always hazardous because it is based on a susceptibility to others... kindness ... (is) inherently perilous, nonetheless the most satisfying (attribute) we possess."*

Jesus said, *I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.* Is there a greater truth than true, deep love?

In hope and faith, Dan

UP-COMING EVENTS

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Good Friday April 7, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. A simple service of shadows and silence.

Easter Sunrise Service April 9, 2023 at 6:00 a.m. Michael Humphries & Leigh Youngblood's on Royalston Rd. Come greet the sun as it rises above the hills overlooking Clubhouse Pond. Welcome the light.

Easter Sunday Worship April 9th at 10:00 a.m. in the chapel. Reflect and rejoice in the promise of abundant and meaningful life.

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ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP April 22, 2023 is **Earth Day**. Help us pick up the trash that's popping out of the snow banks. We'll head out in the morning from the Chapel at **10 AM** and gather again at the Chapel for hot dogs, hamburgers and stories at **12 PM**.



MOVIES IN THE CHAPEL We will be screening the documentary "The Ants and the Grasshopper" on Wed, Apr 26 at 7:00 p.m. This film tells the story of the life of climate activist Anita Chitaya from Malawi and her struggle to bring awareness of the impact of climate change in her part of the world. A fitting follow-up to Earth Day.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AT THE METCALF CHAPEL

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS *Nonperishable food, personal hygiene items and household cleaning supplies are collected in the front hall of the Chapel. Personal & household cleaning items are especially needed as they cannot be purchased with "food stamps."*

BLANKETS/SHEETS/PILLOW CASES/ ETC. *Bring clean, useful sheets (the shelters only have twin beds and mattresses) blankets, pillowcases, towels and washcloths to the Chapel, and we will get them to the shelters.*

MEDICAL SUPPLY LIBRARY *We have crutches, wheelchairs, walkers and many other medical supplies for free loan at the Chapel. Check us out before buying new.*

FREE FOOD FRIDAYS 9 AM @ the Chapel *Thanks to Clyde Perkins Sr., Zac Marti and many others, we have free food to give to those in the surrounding community who could use help stretching their food budget. Come check us out.*

April Warwick Community School & District Updates

Happy April!

I hope you are enjoying the first signs of spring! My son, Silas, and I spied some skunk cabbage appearing from beneath the snow on our hike the other day and we cheered with excitement. There are signs of spring all over the Warwick Community School campus as well. Come visit us!

School Committee Updates: On Monday, April 3rd, via a special town election, our first three permanent school committee members will be elected allowing us to move forward with important policy, governance and hiring decisions.

Kindergarten Screening, First - Sixth Grade Enrollment & Family Engagement: If you have a rising kindergarten through sixth grade student, please make an appointment on Friday, April 7th or Saturday, April 8th. Please come with a favorite book to share and have a tour of our beautiful school. To sign up or ask any questions please contact Administrative Assistant, Jess Marshall, at jmarshall@warwick-k12.us. Thank you!

Communication Updates - Web Site & Weekly Newsletter: We are regularly updating our new website, which can be reached via [this link](#) or <https://warwickcommunityschool.org/>. If there is additional information you would like to see there, please email me. We are now also publishing a weekly newsletter with school and district updates. Thank you to parent and Pro-Tem member, Mel Shillemat for producing it for us. You can view all of our newsletters [here](https://www.smore.com/u/warwickschooldistrict): <https://www.smore.com/u/warwickschooldistrict>. If you would like to be added to our distribution list, please add your name [here](#) or https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfIRjBLRaWxFicfY7iJVZ8bEECyv4vHJf1k-KfCvevQueGEYQ/viewform?usp=pp_url.

Nature Summer Camp at Warwick Community School 2023: We will offer a free, three-week, K-6 nature summer camp this summer starting on June 26th. If you would like to learn more or sign up, please email Administrative Assistant, Jess Marshall, at jmarshall@warwick-k12.us. Thank you!

Warmly,

Carole

Carole Learned-Miller, EdLD

Founding Superintendent

superintendent@warwick-k12.us



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1 April Fools Day Zumba & Yoga; Brunch at WCS 8-11 am; Transfer Station 8-3 pm; Library 10:00-12:30 pm; Climate Vigil 11:30-12:30 pm.
2 Palm Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am	3 Library 10:00-4:00 pm	4 Zumba Sr. Meal WCS at noon Women's Guild 1:00 pm T. Hall	5 Passover begins	6 Library 5:00-8:00 pm	7 Free Food Friday 9:00 am Good Friday Svc. 5:30 p.m.	8 Zumba & Yoga; ***WCS café closed Transfer Station 8:00-3:00 pm; Library 10:00-12:30 pm; Climate Vigil 11:30-12:30
9 Sunrise Svc 6 am. 155 Royalston Rd. Easter Worship Service 10:00 am Easter Sunday	10 Library 10:00-4:00 pm	11 Zumba Sr. Meal WCS at noon Library 1:00-8:00 pm	12 Book Club meeting Library 10:00 am	13 Library 5:00-8:00 p.m.	14 Foot Clinic 8:00 am Metcalf Chapel Free Food Friday 9:00 am	15 Zumba & Yoga; Brunch at WCS 8-11am Transfer Station 8:00--3:00 pm; Library 10:00-12:30 p.m.; Climate Vigil 11:30-12:30 pm Oral Hist. Presentation #3 Library 2 p.m.
16 Worship Svc. 10:00 a.m.	17 Library 10:00-4:00 pm Patriots' Day	18 Zumba Sr. Meal WCS at noon Library 1:00-8:00 p.m.	19	20 Library 5:00-8:00 pm Short Story Hour 7:30 p.m.at Library	21 Free Food Friday 9:00 am	22 Zumba & Yoga Brunch at WCS 8-11 am; Transfer Station 8:00-3:00 pm; Library 10-12:30 pm Climate Vigil 11:30-12:30 pm EARTH DAY: Roadside Cleanup 10am-12pm; Vernal Pool 2:00 p.m.
23 Worship Svc. 10 :00 a.m.	24 Library 10:00-4:00 pm	25 Zumba Sr. Meal WCS at noon; Library 1:00-8:00 p.m.	26 Meditation at Chapel 5:30-6:30 p.m.	27	28	29 Zumba & Yoga; Brunch at WCS 8-11 am; Transfer Station 8:00-3:00 pm; Library 10:00 -12:30 pm; Climate Vigil 11:30-12:30 pm
30 Worship Svc 10:00 a.m.						

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

RABIES CLINIC: April 1st, Greenfield FC Fairgrounds
WARWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE ELECTION: April 3rd
EASTER SUNDAY: April 9th
FOOT CLINIC: April 14th
ORAL HISTORY PRESENTATION: April 15th, Library
EARTH DAY/ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP: April 22nd
VERNAL POOL: April 22nd

Happy Spring!



TOWN OF WARWICK
In Person & Virtual Meeting of the Warwick Selectboard
Warwick Community School
February 13, 2023
6:00 p.m.
MEETING MINUTES

Selectboard Members Present: Brian Snell, Chairman; Alan Genovese, Vice-Chairman; Keith Ross, Clerk

Others Present: David Young, Town Coordinator; Amanda Carey, Selectboard Secretary; Bruce Kilhart

Present via Zoom: Carole Learned-Miller, Founding Superintendent; Jess Marshall, WCS Administrative Assistant; Diana Noble, Finance Committee Chair; Susan Hollins, Education Consultant

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brian Snell called the meeting to order at 6:05p.m.

II. APPEARANCES

a. Carole Learned-Miller – report from Founding Superintendent

At the previous Selectboard meeting Genovese requested an update on all consultants that have been hired for the school. Miller created a chart and provided it to the Board. There are a few consultant positions that have been posted and still need to be filled. They are a Special Education Administrator Consultant and a Health Consultant. Miller reports that the Librarian Consultant, Sarah Novogrodsky, recently visited the library. She will probably be putting together a book order. She is working on obtaining additional book shelves and updating the library's database. The Northfield library uses a database that costs about \$5,000 per year. With a lot of research, Novogrodsky has found us a different database, named Library World, that is about \$500 per year. Upcoming meetings include a Library Committee meeting on Friday, February 17th from 4:00-5:00p.m. and an Emergency Planning meeting on Wednesday, February 15th from 1:00-2:00p.m.

b. Susan Hollins – Senior Education Consultant report on new district planning

Hollins reports that her main focus currently is to make sure the School District is progressively being set up. She has been working on policies, operations, and the budget. Hollins plans to provide a batch of policies to the Pro-Tem Committee each month for their review. Hollins requests that the finance policies be on the Selectboard's next agenda.

III. ACTIONS

- a. **Appoint Mel Schillemat and Janice Starmer to the Warwick Pro-Tem Committee**

Genovese MOVED to appoint Mel Schillemat and Janice Starmer to the Warwick Pro-Tem Committee. Snell SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

IV. MINUTES

Ross MOVED to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2022, December 5, 2022, December 13, 2022, December 19, 2022, January 3, 2023 and January 30, 2023 meetings as provided. Genovese SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

V. ACTIONS

- a. **Education nonprofit update**

Young has three people in mind to ask to be on the Education Nonprofit Board. He will work on this for the next meeting.

- b. **Six Town Planning Board – letter and update**

Genovese reports that he met with students at Pioneer recently. He received some great ideas and thoughts to explore from the kids.

- c. **Forest Management of public lands – consider updating letter**

This topic is tabled until the next meeting.

VI. DISCUSSIONS AND REPORTS

- a. **Selectboard Reports**

Ross attended the Highway Commissioner’s meeting last week. They heard from Larry Delaney, Highway Supervisor, about the recent storm damage and the difficulty of it. There currently are Highway employee vacancies. Delaney is going to provide a job description for Young to make an electronic job posting.

- b. **Citizen’s concerns and suggestions for future agendas –**

Bruce Kilhart emphasizes the need to hire Highway employees.

- c. **Coordinator Report**

Young gave an update on the stats of the tree at Moores Pond Beach. Josh Curly quoted \$700 to climb it and cut it.

A Special Election is scheduled for April 3, 2023. Polls will be open from 12:00-4:00p.m.

Genovese MOVED to adjourn at 7:22p.m. Ross SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Carey
Selectboard Secretary

Documents consulted at this meeting:

- *Meeting agenda dated February 13, 2023
- *Coordinator Report dated February 9, 2023
- *Draft Selectboard meeting minutes November 21, 2022
- *Draft Selectboard meeting minutes December 5, 2022
- *Draft Selectboard meeting minutes December 13, 2022
- *Draft Selectboard meeting minutes December 19, 2022
- *Draft Selectboard meeting minutes January 3, 2023
- *Draft Selectboard meeting minutes January 30, 2023
- *Manage MA Forests
- *6 Town Letter
- *Warwick Consultants Update
- *Letter Warwick State Lands Management Nov 25, 2019

TOWN OF WARWICK
In Person & Virtual Meeting of the Warwick Selectboard
Warwick Community School
February 27, 2023
6:00 p.m.
MEETING MINUTES

Selectboard Members Present: Brian Snell, Chairman; Alan Genovese, Vice-Chairman; Keith Ross, Clerk

Others Present: David Young, Town Coordinator; Amanda Carey, Selectboard Secretary; Larry Delaney, Highway Superintendent

Present via Zoom: Carole Learned-Miller, Founding Superintendent; Susan Hollins, Education Consultant; Diana Noble, Finance Committee Chair; Jess Marshall, WCS Administrative Assistant; Janice Starmer, Education Committee

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brian Snell called the meeting to order at 6:04p.m.

II. MINUTES

The Board tables the February 13, 2023 meeting minutes until their next meeting.

III. APPEARANCES

a. Larry Delaney – Highway Commission wood debris, storm damage, help wanted advertising

Young is seeking the Board’s approval to utilize storm damage money (from the July 2022 flooding) to address hanging trees/branches and roadside wood all around town. There is a significant amount of wood that needs to be taken care of. The funds would be used to hire an outside tree company to take care of it. Delaney has not obtained a quote from the tree company yet. He recently hired a tree company for previous jobs and those cost was about \$1,500 per day. This includes a boom truck, chipper, and 2 laborers. Young suggests appropriating \$35,000 of the storm damage money.

Ross MOVED to appropriate \$35,000 of the July 2022 flooding storm damage money to be used to hire a tree company to clean up roadside debris. Snell SECONDED. Motion CARRIED.

Young reports that there is a need to hire Highway laborers. He proposes a quote to run a job advertisement on a local radio station. It is \$1,000 to run eighty 30-minute slots on the radio. Young suggests utilizing ARPA funds for the job advertisement. There is further discussion regarding the options to advertise in the newspaper and also on Indeed. Indeed costs \$65 per application if you do not deny them within 72 hours. Ross will ask if someone from the Highway Commission is willing to monitor and review the applications within the 72 hours.

Genovese requests a copy of the personnel policy and the Highway Superintendent and Laborer job descriptions be distributed to the Board.

Ross MOVED to appropriate \$3,000 of ARPA funds to be used to advertise to hire Highway laborers. Snell SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

Currently we are paying Highway laborers \$21.42/hour. Delaney states that most surrounding comparable towns are paying about \$31/hour. Delaney currently makes \$26.90/hour as the Superintendent but is able to earn overtime in the winter. Young suggests the possibility of making the Superintendent a better paid position but not be eligible for overtime. Ross will discuss this with the Highway Commissioners.

Genovese MOVED to advertise a highway laborer position for up to \$26/hour. Ross SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

Genovese MOVED to accept the 1 million dollar strap grant for guard rails and authorize the Chair to sign. Ross SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

Genovese requests the Highway Commissioners to attend a Selectboard meeting in the near future.

b. Carole Learned-Miller – report from founding superintendent

Miller reports that she recently attended a workshop to learn how to successfully apply for the next round of the New Schools Grant. If we were to receive this next round of the grant, we would receive \$250,000 over three years based on enrollment. Miller will submit our information in early May, give a presentation in mid-May and will know if we are awarded by the end of June. They will want to know about our facility, enrollment, registration events, who is on our school committee, budgets, and curriculum. These are all things they are working on. The first part of the grant application is due May 5th.

Miller reports that the Library Committee is meeting this Friday. They recently had a beneficial crisis team meeting with Fire and Police. They discussed procedures for lock downs and such. Young submitted a grant for updating the safety and security of school. The grant does not include key cards for entrance but the priority is the addition of a window and front lobby for the front office.

The next Arts and Nature event is scheduled for March 22nd at 3:30p.m.

Genovese MOVED to hire Faye Brady, as a Special Education Administrative Consultant pending negotiations. Ross SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

c. Susan Hollins – senior education consultant report on new district planning

Hollins' advice for the month of February was to look over finance policies. The policies have been reviewed with Liz Gilman. Hollins will send the policies to the Board for review. Hollins' recommendation for March is to focus on personnel policies and for April is to start to look at systems and make sure all are in place

for a successful opening and also to start looking at salaries and benefits. Hollins needs the Board to discuss finances and transportation.

Hollins feels that the two most important things to bring to legislation are transportation reimbursement and tuition for school choice students to continue to high school. Genovese suggests providing Senator Comerford with a document beforehand to review that shows what reimbursable routes are for transportation. Hollins will send this to Genovese.

Items that need to be on the next agenda include financial policies and the potential hiring of Liz Gilman.

IV. ACTIONS

a. Authorize Town Coordinator to accept and sign electric supply municipal aggregation bid

Young explains that the three year contract with the current electric supply municipal aggregation bid is set to expire in December 2023. We are going to bid in late April and decisions with these bids have to be made very quickly. Young requests the Boards approval to accept and sign the new bid when the time comes.

Genovese MOVED to authorize the Town Coordinator to accept and sign the electric supply municipal aggregation bid in consultation with the Chairman of the Building and Energy Committee. Snell SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

b. Forest Management of public lands letter

Ross and Young worked on this letter and presented it to the Board. Genovese suggests adding language requesting feedback from the State house and a discussion to be had. It is the consensus of the Board to send this letter.

c. Identify items to discuss with Senator Jo

Senator Comerford is visiting on March 13th via Zoom. She would like to know our issues and topics to discuss in advance so she can review. The Board agrees to send all of our previously identified issues that were provided to FRCOG.

Snell MOVED to appoint Alan Genovese to FRCOG Council. Ross SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

V. DISCUSSIONS AND REPORTS

a. Selectboard Reports – nothing to report

b. Coordinator Report – Young had nothing to add to his Coordinator Report dated February 23, 2023.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, March 13, 2023.

Ross MOVED to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Snell SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Carey
Selectboard Secretary

Documents consulted at this meeting:

*Meeting agenda dated February 27, 2023

*Coordinate Report dated February 23, 2023

*Draft Selectboard meeting minutes February 13, 2023

*Forest Management Letter