

# Warwick Community Newsletter

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

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 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  
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Nancy Lee Harnden and Ann Cadarette Piontek

**\$150.00**

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WCN/Metcalf Chapel, 32 Athol Road, Warwick, MA 01378

Thank you for your patience. If an inordinate amount of time passes and your donation is not listed, the check may have been lost. Please email us at [warwicknewsletter01378@gmail.com](mailto:warwicknewsletter01378@gmail.com) if that happens. Please do not send anything to Town Hall from now on.

### NEWS FROM THE TRANSFER STATION

We're looking for a few volunteers to organize and maintain a "Free Store" at the Warwick Transfer Station. Three (or more) volunteers would enable the addition of this new feature. Hours TBD. If you think you might be interested in helping, please see Gerry at the Transfer Station for more information. Thank-you.

## COA Notes September 2022

The Council on Aging is considering re-starting the senior meal site in some fashion. We are considering offering a meal once or twice month, IF WE CAN FIND A SENIOR MEALSITE MANAGER AND IF ENOUGH SENIOR CITIZENS ARE INTERESTED IN COMING TO A CONGREGATE MEAL SITE.

If you are interested in applying for the meal site manager, you will need to be ServSafe-certified. If are interested and are not ServSafe-certified, the COA will pay for this certification. Responsibilities include:

- Being responsible for food safety at the meal site
- Ordering food from LifePath one week in advance
- Collecting money (donations), keeping accurate records, and making necessary deposits
- There will be a small stipend associated with this position.

Additional details will be available to anyone interested in this position. If interested, please call Carole Foote (978-544-6900) or Helen Whipple (978-544-6838). Please call before the end of September.

Will you come to the congregate meal site if it re-opens? If you're interested in coming, please call Carole Foote (978-544-6900) or Helen Whipple (978-544-6838.) We need to know if there is a significant number of people who are interested in returning to the meal site for a good meal and fellowship. Again, September is the time to call. Thank-you!



Hello Everyone,

My name is Tracy Styles and I am the new Board of Assessor's Clerk for the Town of Warwick. My hours will be from 10 am to 2 pm on Tuesdays, 10 am to 12 pm on Thursday mornings, and 5 to 7pm on Thursday evenings.

To contact me, please call 978-544-8304 or e-mail me at [Assessors@town.warwick.us](mailto:Assessors@town.warwick.us)

I look forward to helping with your assessor needs.

### TOWN CLERK HOURS:

Tuesday 9/6 1:00-4:00 p.m.

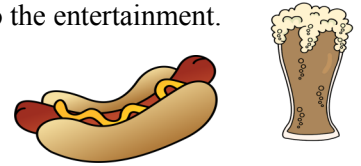
Monday 9/12, 9/18, 9/26 1:00-4:00 p.m.

## Warwick Women's Guild Events

**September 6, 2022** Warwick's Women's Guild will be meeting on September 6, 2022, at 1 p.m. at Gloria's house on Moore's Pond. The original plan got canceled, so Gloria will be providing burgers and hotdogs. If you care to bring a dish or a dessert to share, she won't mind. If we have inclement weather, we will stuff ourselves into the cottage or otherwise sit on the patio and enjoy the pond.

**October 4, 2022** Warwick Women's Guild regular monthly meeting will be held October 4, 2022 at 1 p.m. in the basement of the Town Hall. No speaker is scheduled for this meeting, but please see the October 6th event below.

**October 6, 2022** The Women's Guild has scheduled an event to be held at The Brewery at Five Star Farms in Northfield, MA, on October 6, 2022, at 4 p.m.. The head brewer and co-owner will provide us with a discussion on beer, brewing, and growing hops. If you are not a beer drinker, fear not, as they have other beverages and a food truck. If you so desire, we can all sit together, have a light supper, and listen to the entertainment. It should be a fun gathering! The address is 508 Pine Meadow Road, Northfield, MA, off Rt. 62.



## Restaurant Review: Texas Roadhouse

280 Russell St., Route 9, Hadley, MA 01035

(413) 584-0100

I have eaten at other Texas Roadhouse restaurants but found this one with exceptional service. Went after a movie and the place was packed. They took our cell number and said it would be a little wait. Sat on a bench inside and they must have remembered us, because all of sudden, we were called, "Gloria, follow me". The hostess got to the table and it was not cleared. She said 'wait right here' and 4 workers arrived and the table was cleared with everything wiped down in a matter of a couple minutes. Apologies from everyone but we had a nice corner booth away from the crowd.

I opted for the Sirloin with Grilled Shrimp Combo served with baked potato and a side salad. It was so good, I ate the whole thing. My friend had the Sirloin with Ribs, a baked sweet potato and mixed vegetables. She took about half the sweet potato and the ribs home for another meal. The rolls they bring when you are seated are to die for. Don't fill up too much on those but it is hard not to. We both had their flavored lemonade. Our server came by regularly asking if everything was OK. And then an assistant manager stopped by to make sure we were all set.

My 6 oz Sirloin with 6 Grilled Shrimp was \$16.99 and the 6-oz Sirloin with Ribs was \$17.99, you can also get a 10-oz sirloin but that puts it up to about \$23. You can also pick your steak in the meat counter as you go in and they will cook it for you. Those are huge steaks. The service was exceptional and the food was delicious. They open at 3 PM; I wish they opened for lunch because we would make that a regular place during our months when Senior Movie is going and we go out to lunch afterwards. If it's your birthday, you may not want them to know, as they bring out a saddle and you get to sit on it and have your picture taken. Everyone yells and hollers, and then the whole restaurant joins in. So, be prepared.

Bon Appetit!

Gloria Varno



**LIBRARY NEWS – Sept 2022****Ivan Ussach, Library Director**

**Library hours:** Monday 10-4, Tuesday 1-8, Thursday 5-8 and Saturdays 10-12:30 during school year—**Saturday hours resume on September 3rd!** Contact: [warwick@cwmars.org](mailto:warwick@cwmars.org); 978-544-7866.

**Covid operations update:** Masks are not currently required for entry —except for public programs; however, they are still strongly encouraged. Thanks, and stay healthy!

**Just the Fax:** Do you need to send a fax? Visit the Library during regular hours.

**Wowbrary e-newsletter:** Contact the Library if you'd like to receive weekly notices of new items available for borrowing, with graphics and full description.

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

**Summer Reading Program (SRP) - Prizes!:** Turn in your summer reading logs **by September 15th** to receive a Certificate and valuable prizes.

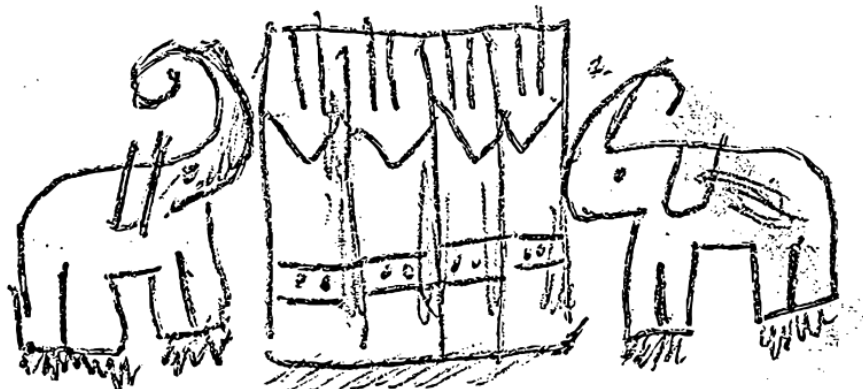
**Monthly Short Story Hour - More Willa Cather!:** **Thursday, September 15th @ 7:30 pm at the Library (Hybrid):** We had over a dozen readers/listeners for our August read of a Cather short story (Two Friends), followed by typically good discussion—so we'll read another one from her *Collected Stories* this time; plus a renowned passage from one of her most popular novels. Be a reader—or come just to listen; at the Library or via Zoom.

**Scrabble Tuesdays - Back by popular demand:** A small bunch of people responded favorably to bringing Scrabble nights back, so we'll give it a go—**Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8 pm**— and see who shows up!

**Reader's book review:** Here's Michael Humphries' thumbnail review of *In the Absence of Miracles*, a 2019 novel by Michael Malone: A complex psychological mystery revolving around a family with issues of a unique pattern of abandonment and abuse. Intelligent, sharply poignant, and well-resolved.

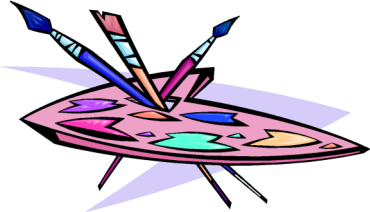
Got a book you'd like to review? Contact the Library.

Happy Autumn!  
Ivan



The Warwick Arts Council Presents:

# The 30th Annual Art Show and Sale



Warwick Town Hall

Saturday, Sunday

October 8th – October 9th 2022

10am -3pm both Saturday and Sunday

**“Meet The Artists” Reception Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

*Come see: Paintings, Photographs, Ceramics, Collage, Literature, Quilts, Watercolors, Puppetry, Furniture, Monotypes, Jewelry, Drawings, Fiber Art, Wood Carving, Sculpture, and more from area artists!*

**Artists:** The Arts Council is looking for Warwick artists to submit up to three (3) pieces. We accept art from artists of all age & experience levels. If you know a friend or family member who has work that you think others would like to see, please encourage them to submit.

**Details:** The Annual Art Show has truly become a community event, with volunteers doing it all! We need help with setting up the show, staffing the town hall, and breakdown.

**Set up/Art Arrival Times are: Thurs. Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm and Friday Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm.**

Please make sure all the pieces are ready to hang (wire, hooks, etc). Questions or special arrangements please call: Janice at 978-544-8968 or email [hoot-hill@valinet.com](mailto:hoot-hill@valinet.com)

**Breakdown Time: Sunday at 3pm**

**Everyone’s Welcome! Free Admission! Donations gratefully accepted.**

# Warwick Recreation Committee Presents

## October Hiking Club

Beginning October 5th, Tracey Kirley will be leading an after school Mount Grace hike on every Wednesday through the month, This outing is geared for **middle & high school students**.

Students coming from PVRS will be dropped off at the school by the bus. **Pick up is at 5:30** by parent or caregiver. **PLEASE remind your children to wear sturdy shoes and bring a water bottle.**

## November Fun

Students K – 6<sup>th</sup> grade come and join after school Wednesdays starting November 2nd-30th. Plan to stick around the WCS and enjoy playing games with friends. We will try and be outdoors as much as possible but also plan to use the gym. Students coming from Northfield will be dropped off by bus at the school. **Drop off is 3:20 & pick up is 5:00.**

**Please remind your children to wear or bring their sneakers and water bottles.**

*Adults are always welcome to join.*

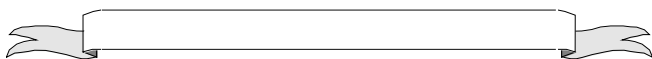
Please contact Tracy Kirley to register at 1-413-824-1234 or email [kirleywormfarm@gmail.com](mailto:kirleywormfarm@gmail.com)

*The Recreation Committee is looking for new members, it's easy and rewarding, so please call Tracy for more information.*



**LASAGNA GRAB N' GO DINNER** at St. Patrick's Church in Northfield **Saturday, September 17th**

Lasagna (meat or veggie—*please specify*) , salad, roll and dessert! \$14 per dinner. Pick-up 3-5 PM at St. Patrick's. Call Kelly by Tues., Sept. 13th at (413) 824-6123



**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!**  
**SEPT. 6TH, 7 AM- 8PM**



### Foot Clinic

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

- ◇ September 16
- ◇ October 14
- ◇ November - no clinic
- ◇ December 9



## Coordinator for September 2022 Warwick Newsletter – David Young

Old Home Days are August 27 and 28, I was wondering how this tradition started. According to a web search, Old Home Days began in NH with the state's governor in 1899 as an idea to get people who were moving off the land to come home to remember their roots. In Charles Morse's History of Warwick, we find that our Old Home Days was a follow on to the occasion of the dedication of the new and first Warwick Town Hall in 1895. Morse wrote that "the interest shown by many former residents on this occasion created a movement to hold a town picnic in the summer to bring them back to the old hometown on a day especially arranged for their welcome." Hours' long speeches were common. We plan to have hayrides, singing, food, parade, and a supper under a tent on the common.

Last time I wrote for this space it was about protecting land. We have renamed the new town forest land which was acquired as the "Littlewood Property," and that is in keeping with our practice of naming a place after the former owner. It is now named the Beech Hill Town Forest. There is an event to celebrate this addition planned on the land October 17<sup>th</sup> with Mt. Grace Land Trust and Audubon. More to share on that next month.

We have as a community identified preservation of open space and of our rural character as shared values. The concern expressed by some about land protection in part relates to the availability or perceived shortage of building lots. We should think differently about residential development, and we can. We have had the foresight to allow two paths that can increase the housing supply without paving paradise. These are accessory dwelling units (ADU) and conservation development.

ADUs are the grandmother apartment. They can be attached or detached and are permitted under our land use zoning. Besides providing housing for caregivers, folks are developing these as rental units which could supplement income. These are a big fight in suburban communities. For us this possibility suits our habit of staying put and aging in place in our homes. We are a very aged community. Median age is down from 59 to 56 years old in ten years. Median means half of us are older and half younger than 56. Many of us are living alone and an ancillary dwelling unit might make a difference in being able to stay home at some time.

Another good thing we have done is provide for Conservation development. Maybe we call it Cluster development. The idea is you need the road frontage and setbacks but can group housing in a corner of the land and even own some of the required acreage in common. I first saw this at work in the '80's in Royalston.

Finally for large development we have in place subdivision control. It permits new roads and building lots, but at the expense of the developer not the townsfolk. We cleared our deck of phantom roads, or "paper roads" in the 1980s so we will not be faced with a valid demand to put the road back that is all grown up to trees.

# HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022**

**GCC MAIN CAMPUS AND ORANGE TRANSFER STATION**

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**Register online at: [franklincountywastedistrict.org](http://franklincountywastedistrict.org)  
or fill out the form on the back of this sheet and mail it.**

Your appointment time and directions will be mailed after registration is processed.

***For residents and businesses of the following towns:***

Athol, Barre\*, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Hawley, Heath, Leverett, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Petersham, Phillipston, Rowe, Royalston, Shelburne, Sunderland\*, Warwick, Wendell, Whately.

This collection event is free for residents. \*Barre and Sunderland residents must pay to participate in 2022. Space is limited. Greenfield and Leyden residents are not eligible and should call (413) 772-1528 for info on disposal.

For business registration and pricing information, call (413) 772-2438.



*Due to COVID-19, safety protocols and waste restrictions will be in place. Participants will be required to remain in their vehicle and place all waste in the trunk, rear cargo area, or truck bed. Materials that will not be collected this year include all types of batteries, thermometers, and thermostats. These items can be brought to most town transfer stations year-round.*



## WHAT TO BRING

Any substance labeled: CAUSTIC, TOXIC, CORROSIVE, POISON, FLAMMABLE, WARNING, DANGER, CAUTION



- Paint (non-latex), spray paint, varnish, paint thinners, solvents
- Herbicides, pesticides, yard/garden chemicals, wood preservatives
- Asphalt sealer, roofing tar, household cleaners, pool chemicals
- Motor oil, antifreeze, automotive fluids
- Photo chemicals, arts & crafts supplies, furniture polish

## WHAT NOT TO BRING

Fluorescent light bulbs, batteries, mercury-containing items (see reverse for alternate disposal), latex paint, empty containers from hazardous products (put empties in trash, not recycling), gas cylinders, radioactive material, explosives (including ammunition & fireworks)

For more information: [franklincountywastedistrict.org](http://franklincountywastedistrict.org) or contact the Franklin County Solid Waste District at [info@franklincountywastedistrict.org](mailto:info@franklincountywastedistrict.org), (413) 772-2438.

MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD).

The District is an equal opportunity provider.



**\*\*\* Note:** Please contact Franklin County Waste District for information on getting a registration form, as there were technical difficulties in printing the back page of this form. Thank-you.



## **TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK**

SEPT 2022

Dear Friends,

*Without a connection to one another, we lose something essential about being human. Our health suffers. Our minds play tricks with our reality. We lose ourselves. My friend, who is in recovery from addiction, often says, "The opposite of addiction isn't sobriety. The opposite of addiction is community." So it is. Let's show up for each other with big hugs and open hearts. While it feels like so much drives us apart, in truth, we belong to each other.*

Rev Cameron Trimble, "Piloting Faith"

It is way too easy to lock ourselves up in an internet "silo" that echoes and reinforces our worst fears and expectations. It isn't just the internet either; most mass media plays on the emotions of dread and anxiety to the point of bringing the whole of our society to the brink of deep depression or violent reaction. I can go online and in an instant have my position on any issue bolstered by a tsunami of like-minded articles, blogs or reports because the algorithms of whatever search engines I regularly use already know what I want to "find out". It seems there is very little that happens in a mundane, ordinary way anymore, it's all extreme; extreme weather events forecast, extreme partisanship, extreme, extreme, extreme. You are either with us or you are extremely deluded and dangerous. If you don't agree with every position I hold, you need to be severely censored, if not removed from any position you might hold. There is little place in our society where a discussion can be held, it's all a fierce, competitive debate, in which there is only one winner. And we all become losers.

"Without a connection to one another, we lose something essential about being human." Isolation can be dehumanizing, desensitizing, whether it's imposed solitary confinement or self-confinement within an ideology. Without a connection, it's easy to become paranoid and once paranoid, it's easy to justify any number of reactions to daily life, including, in the extreme, mass murder.

One of the benefits of living in a town like Warwick is that we get to know one another through working on common goals. It's harder, but not impossible, to demonize someone you have known through working together than someone you only know by reputation. Working together for common goals, sharing hardships, helping each other after storms or reaching out to someone who has lost a loved one; these are ways of building community, of making connections, of being human across other divisions. "We belong to each other."

We, the church, have some projects we could use some community help with. First, the Community Garden. There is a small group of people who are trying to keep up with what the garden is now producing. The cukes, tomatoes and squash are beginning to ripen faster than we can harvest them. We harvest on Thursdays for the Free Food Friday program, but the plants seem to like producing when they're ready, not on our schedule. If you want or know someone who wants fresh veggies and can come earlier in the week, please pick what is ripe. And if you want to pull up a few weeds in the process, that would be helpful. After the season is over, we will be planning for next year, what to grow and what improvements to make to the garden, and welcome anyone who would like to help plan or build.

You may have noticed that there is construction going on at the Chapel. Renaissance Builders are replacing the deteriorating siding on the sanctuary wing. In the process they are adding a layer of insulation and sealing air leaks. This is a major undertaking for our small congregation and we are beginning a **Capital Campaign to raise \$40,000** for this and other small projects to increase energy efficiency. You will soon see a sign out in front of the Chapel showing our progress toward that goal. We would love community support in this effort. With your help, we can continue to be a part of a resilient and supportive community.

*Seeking in faith, Dan*

### MEDITATION SITTINGS

These sittings will be facilitated by Clare Green and Clyde Perkins, Sr., on Wed., September 7th and 14th at the Metcalf Chapel. They will focus on healing, hope, reflection, gratitude, and compassion.

## **UP COMING EVENTS**

**CROP Walk** is a fundraiser for the Church World Service, an ecumenical organization that provides disaster relief and preparedness around the world and in the US. There is a team of walkers from the Metcalf Chapel, and we would welcome your support. The walk will begin at 2 PM on Sunday, Oct 2, at the United Methodist Church on Church Street in Greenfield.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN** to raise \$40,000 for building improvements to the Metcalf Chapel. Renaissance Builders of Gill have been replacing deteriorated siding and adding a layer of rigid insulation and foam sealing around windows. We are hoping to be able to replace some doors and making other improvements that will add efficiency and comfort for those who use the building. If you want to help us in this, a check to the Trinitarian Congregational Church (or just TCC) would be greatly appreciated. On the memo line put "Capital Campaign." And thanks.

### **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. The personal & household cleaning items are especially needed as they cannot be purchased with "food stamps".*

#### **BLANKETS/SHEETS/PILLOW CASES/ ETC**

*Sheets (the shelters only have twin beds and mattresses) blankets and pillowcases, towels and washcloths are collected and taken to the area shelters. Bring clean and useful items 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.

Warwick Newsletter

Green Corner Article

September, 2022

## Electric Cars for Everyday Use

### An interview with Brad Compton, Warwick resident and electric car owner, by Jack Cadwell

*What kind of electric vehicle do you own?*

A 2022 Chevy Bolt EUV. It's a hatchback, a little bigger than a Honda FIT.

*Why did you switch from a fossil fueled vehicle to the Bolt EUV?*

For me, it was all about climate change. Vehicles are the biggest source of greenhouse gas in the US, so changing what (and how much) we drive is low-hanging fruit. EVs have zero tailpipe emissions, and they use electricity way more efficiently than internal combustion cars use gas. The Massachusetts grid is decently green—we no longer have any coal—and it's getting greener every year as more solar and wind go in. And on days when I can charge from my solar panels, I'm driving CO2-free.

*Has having an electric vehicle limited your freedom to travel?*

Nope. For daily use—up to a couple hundred miles a day, you just plug in at night and don't think about it. On long trips, it takes longer to recharge than it does to fill a gas tank. I drove to south-central Pennsylvania in May, and spent a couple hours charging each way. It was actually kind of relaxing, and I spent \$70 for the round trip. It would have cost \$250 in my Toyota Tacoma.

*Most of us are used to car repairs and maintenance. What have you had to deal with?*

With no oil to change, no transmission, no exhaust system, regenerative braking, and a run forever three-phase motor, there isn't much to do. The batteries have an eight year warranty. You still have to replace windshield wiper fluid and the wipers, and rotate the tires.

*Does it cost more to not pollute?*

EVs cost more than gas cars, but are way cheaper to drive. My understanding is that you come out ahead over the life of the car. There are a lot of luxury EVs out there for crazy money. The Bolt is one of the cheapest EVs. With the state rebates and federal tax credits in the new climate bill, they'll be somewhere in the low 20s.

*You live on a picturesque and inaccessible road. Does your car go up your road in the snow?*

The car has front wheel drive and an 850 lb battery low to the ground. I put on snow tires and never had any trouble getting up my hill or anywhere else.

*After one year of owning a Chevy Bolt EV, and driving 9000 miles, was it a good choice?*

Absolutely—I like it better than I'd expected. It's smooth and quiet and fun to drive. And it turns out that plugging your car into solar panels feels really good.

*Where can I see one of these cars?*

The supply chains are holding up EVs along with most cars. The last I heard, people were waiting 3-6 months for a new Bolt. You could try a Chevy dealer, or hunt me or another EV owner down. I think there are a half-dozen EVs in town now.



## Warwick School Renewal News – September 2022

Warwick Education Committee

### **District Withdrawal Status:**

Pioneer Valley Regional School District (PVRSD) and Warwick each have a withdrawal team. The two teams have been meeting monthly to discuss and finalize three agreements. These agreement meetings have been supportive and positive. MA Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education must see that there is a designated high school to grant approval.

1. **The Transition Agreement**—the details of withdrawing, settling up, transfer of records, sharing information with families, and specific notice dates for completion.
2. **The Tuition Agreement with PVRSD**—the details of a per student tuition for students who choose PVRSD in grades 7-12. These include a) admittance of Warwick students who request PVRSD, b) clarifying additional expenses beyond basic tuition, c) how tuition will be handled if the student starts late/ends early in the year, d) how transportation will work, e) Warwick’s involvement in special education, f) equal treatment of Warwick students - just like resident students of the other towns.
3. **The Retirement Benefits Agreement**—Warwick’s ongoing sharing of costs for active and retired employees (in place as of the date of withdrawal). Coordination with the PVRSD business manager and legal counsels for both parties.

### **2022-2023 Planning Year:**

There are multiple initiatives: a) completing the withdrawal information; b) setting up a school district; c) having a temporary school committee planning for policy & budget; d) having the elementary school program ready to open its doors in 2023-2024.

Warwick prevailed in a national competition for a planning grant. The grant program supports new public schools opening in 2023-2024—schools that will make a difference. Warwick was awarded a one-year planning grant for \$215,000. This will provide for specialists needed to help set up both the “Warwick School District” and the school itself. Soon two town positions will be funded - for the school program and school readiness.

- The Home School Cooperative will continue, using the school. Families are signing up.
- The Town Afterschool Program will continue, at the school. Families are signing up.
- The 25-acre redesign will continue. Trails. Gardens. Pavilion. Amphitheater.

### **August Selectboard Actions:**

- Reappointment of the Education Committee (advisory, planning coordination)
- Reappointment of the School Governance Committee Pro Tempore (policy/planning forerunner to the Warwick School Committee).
- Preparation for hiring School Leader/Founding Superintendent (school set up)
- Offered whole education initiative consultant, Susan Hollins, a renewed contract.

So far, the **Department of Education’s** top administrators have been working well with Warwick, feedback over the last 5-6 months has been supportive. Warwick has a very large long-range plan to submit, target date mid-October. A final decision in February or March.

**If you’re interested in learning more** or having a role in Warwick’s School Renewal, Redesign, and Re-opening **please contact us!** Visit our website, <https://www.school-redesign.com> and [Facebook page](#), contact Adam Holloway (978-501-0609), Jess Marshall [we5beeks@outlook.com](mailto:we5beeks@outlook.com) or email us: [school-redesign@town.warwick.ma.us](mailto:school-redesign@town.warwick.ma.us).

*Warwick: committed to educating Warwick youth in town since 1768.*




Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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4 Worship Service 10:00 am	5 Library 10:00-4:00 pm	6 Town Clerk 1:00-4:00 pm Elections 7a-8p Women's Guild 1:00 pm Library 1:00-8:00 pm; Scrabble 6:30-8:00	7 Meditation 5:30-6:30 pm Metcalf Chapel	8 Library 5:00-8:00 pm	9 Free Food Friday 9:00 am	10 <i>Transfer Station 8:00-3:00 pm</i> <i>Library 10:00-12:30 pm</i> <i>Climate Vigil 11:30-12:30 pm</i>
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