

THE WARWICK COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Treasurer and Tax Collector	(978)544-3845	Board of Health	(978) 544-6315
Highway Department	(978)544-6349	Warwick Com. School	(978)544-6310
FAX all departments	(978)544-6499	Fire Dept./General Business	(978)544-2277
Warwick Library	(978)544-7866	Police Dept./General Business	(978)544-2244
Fire Station	(978)544-3314	Dept of Veterans Services	(413)863-3205
Animal Control Officer pager	(978)-217-2681	Building Inspector	(978) 544-2236
Animal Control – Rosa Calcari	(978)544-3402	Field Driver	(978) 544-3913
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The Newsletter is a Mission Project of the Trinitarian Congregational Church of Warwick, funded by donations and an annual contribution from the church. Thank you to this month's donor : **PATRICIA JOHNSON**

WARWICK WEBSITE – Ed Lemon

<http://www.warwickma.org> Our town website is full of local information: a calendar, agendas, minutes, logs, reports, and photographs of town events. There are photos of historical and scenic places in town and links to everything from topo maps to articles about Warwick's history and attractions. Download real estate or vehicle excise tax abatement forms. Access important town documents such as bylaws and zoning laws. I also try to keep the business page current. If your business is not listed, please contact me so that I can add it to the growing list. Artists, authors and musicians are also welcome to advertise their works and services. There is no charge for this service. As always, comments and suggestions are welcomed.

TOWN HALL GATHERINGS - Diana Tandy

The Town Hall Gatherings will continue on Fridays. Diana Tandy and Kelly Chappel-Farley have teamed up to provide lunches. Watch for weekly menu postings on the Warwick L.

Ingredient lists are available at the Town Hall.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Town Hall on Fridays, Coffee for \$1.00 ready at 10:00 AM, cup of Soup for \$3.00, ½ Sandwich for \$1.50. Have both (Cup and a half) for \$4.00 starting at 11:30 AM. Desserts (by donation) anytime.

Take out lunches are available - please bring a container for Soup.



RECREATION COMMITTEE - Leanne Limoges

Dates/Times for Zumba: **Sundays at 8am** **Tuesdays at 6pm** **Thursdays at 6pm**
Questions? Contact Leanne 544-5553

ANIMAL INSPECTOR- Rosa Fratangelo Calcari

No inspections have yet to be conducted because MDAR ran out of books for the annual livestock inspections, so I have yet to receive mine. I will begin the inspections once the book arrives.

HOME FUNERAL WORKSHOP - LAST CALL-- Miryam Williamson

As this newsletter went to press, there was still space in the home funerals workshop **November 9** at the town hall. Registration is requested for the morning session (10 to noon), mainly so we'll know how many chairs to set out. Registration is required for the afternoon (with live subjects, fully clothed) hands-on session (2 to 4 or earlier) because space and supplies are limited.

For more info and/or to register: Miryam Williamson, 978 544 7010 or (preferred) homefunerals@mwilliamson.com.

It's all free, contributions gratefully accepted.

UPDATE ON THE FIRE POND AT WHIPPLE'S- (Orange Road) - Rod Whipple

On September 14th, eight members of the fire department began the clearing of brush around the fire pond. A special thank you is given for all the help and the equipment that was brought to work on this project. Don Matthews acted a crew chief and the men made short work of brush cleaning and setting up a silt fence. It was not possible to do any water dredging as the water table was too high due to recent rains.

A good start was made and next year will see the fire department removing sludge and silt from the pond and setting up a dry hydrant.

This should prove helpful to all the neighbors as it will make it easier for the fire department to access water without having to go to the bottom of Barber Hill.

It is another example of the fire department helping to secure more efficient ways to obtain water to suppress fires.

COUNCIL ON AGING - September 24, 2013 - Helen Whipple, Secretary

The Warwick Council on Aging met at 11:40 AM at the Warwick Town Hall. Present were Carol Foote, Janet Alden, Betsy Lochhead, Helen Whipple and grant writer, Cliff Fournier.

We were notified that our grant from the state was increased by \$500.

It was decided that this would be helpful as we devote our major funds to the senior luncheon, foot clinic and "helping hands". Senior citizens are reminded that help is available for stacking wood, washing windows, cleaning up gardens and similar tasks. Anyone seeking help should contact Carol Foote for more information. Remember that Carol Foote is leading a chair exercise class that focuses on improving balance. This is at the town hall on Tuesdays at 10 AM.

Next meeting is to be determined as the need arises.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - Tim Kilhart

We have been getting all of our dirt roads graded and rock raked before the winter season sets in. We have added over 800 yards of hard pack gravel to several roads in town that needed it.

We have been doing extensive work on Northfield Rd. cleaning shoulders and underneath the guardrails to improve drainage. It is a very time consuming project but definitely worthwhile project that needs to be done. The sand is up to 2 feet thick in places along the guardrail.

We have been cleaning out culverts and bleeders on several roads as well. We are extremely busy trying to get as much done before winter as possible.

We have been dealing with beaver problems on Bass Rd., Northfield Rd. and Orange Rd. this fall. They have plugged up several culverts and we have had to hire a trapper in cooperation with the Board of Health.

We appreciate all the positive feedback we have received on the work we do. It is a rewarding experience for us to see the finished project as well.

Please be careful and drive safely and have a nice day.

WARWICKIANS ON-LINE

If you can send and receive e-mail, you can sign up for the Warwick-L, our town's on-line discussion group. Anything that pertains to Warwick and the people who live here is appropriate. To join us, send an e-mail message to Miryam Williamson <miryam@mwilliamson.com> including your full name, street address, phone number, and, if you are not a resident, a sentence or two saying why you want to join.

RESTAURANT REVIEW – Gloria Varno

Roger Williams Park Zoo
1000 Elmwood Avenue
Providence, RI

I'm reviewing something a little different this month. Not a restaurant but a zoo. I went to the Roger Williams Park Zoo in Providence Rhode Island recently and was very impressed with the whole park region.

The park is located right off Route 95 so not difficult to find. The grounds are gorgeous. The Roger Williams Park contains the Zoo, Botanical Gardens, Natural History Museum and Planetarium. They have a lot of walking paths, a lake with swan paddle boats and even a Carousel.

The Zoo is open all year from 9 AM to 4 PM. General admission tickets are as follows:

Adults: \$14.95

Children (ages 3 through 12): \$9.95

Seniors (ages 62+): \$12.95

Children 2 and under and Zoo members are admitted free.

Parking is free.

I thought the zoo was exceptionally clean in the areas where you walked and viewed the animals. The enclosures for the animals and the animals themselves were very clean and seemed content with their environments. One area was closed as they were preparing for the Spooktacular event the month of October but the majority of the area was open. Some of the outdoor food stands were closed for the season but they still had one area open and it was mobbed. And Dunkin Donuts has a place there. We did not eat there so I cannot comment on the food but if it's like the rest of the area, I'm sure it is good.

We liked it so much, we plan another trip next spring to the Botanical Gardens, Natural History Museum and Planetarium and possibly a paddle boat ride.

It's only a couple of hours from Warwick, so I highly recommend a day trip to the Roger Williams Park and especially the Zoo if you like animals.

WOMEN'S GUILD - Martha Morse

The Warwick Women's Guild will meet on Tuesday, **Nov. 5 at 1:00 p.m.** in the dining room of the Town Hall. Warwick writer Lawrence "Doc" Pruyne will treat us to some readings from his newly published novel "Persimmon."

Come meet Doc and find out what it's all about! Our regular monthly business meeting and refreshments will follow.

WARWICK FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY - Nancy Hickler

As of October 20, 2013 there are several spots left in the pastel workshop for Wednesday, **Nov 13th at 6:00 PM**. You **MUST** sign up ahead of time for this program. Stop by or call 544-7866 during Library hours if you are interested. It is now being limited to Warwick residents only.

New DVDs include: From Up on Poppy Hill, Amour, What Maisy Knew, Grimm: Season 1 & 2.

New books include: Finger Lickin' Fifteen by Evanovich, Someone by McDermott, Doctor Sleep by King, Blowback by Plame, Stories of Africa by various local authors, City of Bones, City of Glass, City of Ashes by Clare, Three can keep a Secret by Mayor, W is for Wasted by Grafton.

BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE -- Kathy Connelly

Due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays, the Board of Health will NOT meet Nov.27th or Dec. 25th. We WILL meet Nov. 13th and Dec. 11th. We will resume our regular schedule of meeting the 2nd and 4th Wed. of every month at 7:00 PM on Jan 8th, 2014..

CONSERVATION COMMISSION - Karro Frost

Warwick 250th Anniversary Second Saturday Hikes — **November 9, at 2 pm**. This month's hike will be to Steven's Swamp and the Indian Caves. Mary Williamson will lead. Please meet at Williamson's house at 31 Bass Road (first on the right from the intersection with Northfield Road) and we will carpool up to the starting point. Plan on a 1 to 2 hour round hike.

ANIMAL CONTROL – Rosa Calcari

THANK YOU TO SARAH SIMON: While I was away at B.O.N.E.S. Beagle Rescue's annual Beagle Bash, Sarah Simon set up a table at her family's Music Fest at Old 78 Farm. This young lady raised over \$60.00 for the stray and homeless animals. If this is a peek into the future of animal care in Warwick, the future is very, *very* bright!

HAVING A CARD PARTY: Thank you to those who purchased my handmade cards at the Art Show. I will be selling even more cards at the Holiday Bazaar on November 30th!

HAIRY HOUDINI?: Is your dog an escape artist? To prevent escapes, you'll need to find out how your dog is getting out of the yard, and more importantly, why he's so determined to get out. Reasons for frequent escape attempts include: *Social isolation/frustration* -- your dog may be escaping because he's bored and lonely, especially if he is left alone for long periods of time without opportunities for interaction with you; his environment is relatively barren, without playmates or toys; he is a puppy or adolescent (under three years old) and doesn't have other outlets for his energy; he is a particularly active type of dog (like the herding or sporting breeds) who needs an active "job" in order to be happy; he visits places after each escape that provide him with interaction and fun things to do.

Recommendations: Expand your dog's world and increasing his "people time" by walking your dog daily. It's good exercise, both mentally and physically. Teach your dog to fetch a ball or Frisbee and practice with him as often as possible and teach a few commands or tricks (try to hold a lesson every day for five to 10 minutes. Take your dog to an obedience class and practice what you've learned every day. You can provide interesting toys to keep your dog busy when you're not home; rotate your dog's toys to make them seem new and interesting. PLEASE keep your dog inside when you're unable to supervise him. If you must be away from

home for extended periods of time, ask a friend or neighbor to walk your dog. If your dog is prone to sexual roaming, have your male pets neutered and your female pets spayed. Studies show that neutering will decrease sexual roaming in about 90 percent of cases. If an intact male has established a pattern of escaping, he may continue to do so even after he's neutered, which is even more reason to have him neutered as soon as possible. If your unspayed female dog escapes your yard while she's in heat, she'll probably get pregnant -- and she could be impregnated even if she stays in your yard! If your dog suffer from any fears and phobias, he may be escaping out of fear, especially if he's exposed to loud noises, such as thunder, firecrackers, or construction.

Recommendations: Identify what is frightening your dog and desensitize him to it. You may need to seek out the help of a professional trainer, or talk to your veterinarian about anti-anxiety medications that might help your dog while you work on behavior modification. Do keep your dog indoors if there's any chance he may encounter the fear stimulus outside. You can even mute thunder by creating a comfortable spot in a basement or windowless bathroom and turning on a television, radio, or loud fan. It is crucial to provide a "safe place" for your dog. Observe where he likes to go when he feels anxious, then allow access to that space, or create a similar space for him to use when the fear stimulus is present.

Separation anxiety is another reason for escape attempts. Your dog may be trying to escape due to separation anxiety if: He escapes as soon as, or shortly after, you leave; displays other behaviors that reflect a strong attachment to you, such as following you around, greeting you wildly, or reacting anxiously to your preparations to leave; he remains near your home after he's escaped. Factors that can precipitate a separation anxiety problem include a change in the family schedule that has resulted in your dog being left alone more often; you have recently moved; there has been a death or loss of a family member or another family pet. Some dogs jump fences, but most actually climb them, using some part of the fence to push off from. A dog may also dig under the fence, chew through the fence, learn to open a gate, or use any combination of these methods to get out of the yard. Knowing how your dog gets out will help you to modify your yard. But until you know why your dog wants to escape, and you can decrease his motivation for doing so, the following recommendations won't be nearly as effective.

For climbing/jumping dogs, add an extension to your fence. It's not so important that the extension make the fence much higher, as long as it tilts inward at about a 45-degree angle. Be certain there are no structures placed near the fence, such as a table or chair or dog house, that your dog could use as a springboard to jump over the fence. For those digger dogs, bury chicken wire at the base of your fence (with the sharp edges rolled inward), place large rocks at the base, or lay chain-link fencing on the ground. NEVER chain or otherwise tether your dog to a stationary object as a means of keeping him confined. Tethering is not only cruel, but it leads to aggressive behavior in dogs.

Be sure that you only correct your dog when you catch him in the act of attempting to escape.

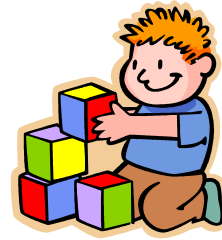
TRICKS TO GET YOUR DOG TO TAKE HIS MEDICINE: If you have ever had a dog that needed medicine, you know just how difficult it is to give pills when your pet doesn't want to take them. If the medicine is not available in liquid form and your dog really resents your attempts at trying to force a pill down his throat, consider hiding the pill in a special treat. For many dogs, the treat is just so tempting that they readily swallow it, along with the medicine. Some common foods to hide pills in include: Cheese; Cream cheese; Peanut butter; Piece of hot dog; Big marshmallows; Liverwurst; Bread – mash around the pill; Canned cat food (just enough to cover the pill); Canned dog food formed into a little meatball; Bologna. Another option would be to ask your veterinarian if the medication is available in a flavored form. Some pharmacies can add certain flavors to encourage your dog to want to take his medicine. When all else fails, be sure to contact your veterinarian, because the medication is likely very important and your veterinarian can help determine other alternatives.

FUN FACTS FOR CAT LOVERS: Did you know that: Cats' brains are more structurally complex than dogs' brains; Cats have better short term memory than dogs; Your cat's brain is much smarter than an iPad. The typical iPad has 60 gigabytes of data storage space, while your cat's brain has approximately 91,000 gigabytes. In terms of processing speed, the iPad performs about 170,000,000 operations per seconds, while the cat brain does 6.1 trillion operations per second! Me-WOW!!

**Pioneer Valley RSD Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE) Playgroups
FREE!**

Come Play & Learn
For families with children 0-5 years

Bernardston Elementary School Gymnasium
(PVRSD CFCE in collaboration with Community Action)
37 School St
Bernardston
Thursdays
9:30 – 11:15



Warwick Community School Gymnasium
41 Winchester St
Warwick
Wednesdays
9:15 – 11:00

For more information contact Deb Wood @ 413-498-2660
These programs are supported with funds from the CFCE Grant through the Department of Early Education and Care.

TOWN OF WARWICK 250TH ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION DINNER

6 p.m. Saturday November 2, 2013 at Warwick Town Hall

To award each resident a commemorative medal struck in remembrance of the town's founding and to honor current residents who have served in town government now and in the past, the Town is holding a pot luck supper and award ceremony at 6 p.m. on the first Saturday of November.

There is no cost to attend.

Participants are encouraged to bring a dish to pass if they are able such as an appetizer, vegetable, desert, salad, etc. In addition the 250th committee is "seeding" the pot luck by repeating the main course of roasted pork prepared by the crew that cooked for Dinner Theater last spring.

Residents are encouraged to attend even if they aren't up to cooking or baking something. Your 250th medal is reserved by virtue of your being alive and on the current "street list". Come help us celebrate.

Regards,
David Young
Town Coordinator on behalf of the Selectboard and 250th Committee.

WARWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Activity Log September 2013

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TYPE OF CALL:</u>
9/2/2013	1135	Warwick	Caller requests information on firearms license.
9/3/2013	1705	Pine Street	Paperwork service, no contact.
	1716	Wendell Road	Suspicious motor vehicle - investigated.
	1744	Orange Road	Motor vehicle stop - operator to be summonsed on charges of unlicensed operation and speeding. Vehicle towed.
	1946	Gale Road	Report of tree down.
	2314	Hockanum Road	Investigation.
9/4/2013			
	1137	Bass Road	Assist MSP with narcotics interdiction.
9/5/2013			
	1642	Orange Road	MVS - Citation/warning issued.
9/6/2013			
	1605	Warwick	Suspicious motor vehicle - investigated.
9/8/2013			
	1250	Wendell Road	Officer wanted.
9/12/2013			
	1459	Dusty Road	Alarm sounding - entire area checked, assisted by Erving Police Department.
	2323	Warwick	Assist other agency.
9/15/2013			
	0011	Athol Road	Motor vehicle crash.
	1314	Wendell Road	Disturbance - services rendered.
	2128	Wendell Road	Abandoned 911 call - no emergency.
9/16/2013			
	1931	Northfield Road	Report of tree down.
9/18/2013			
	1241	Athol Road	Suspicious motor vehicle - investigated.
	1618	Pine Street	Report of larcenny - investigation opened.
9/19/2013			
	1723	Winchester Road	MVS - Citation/warning issued.
	1830	Clubhouse Pond	Suspicious motor vehicle - investigated.
	1900	Pine Street	Follow up investigation.
	1944	Old Winchester Road	Illegal burn - property owner uncooperative with Officer. Fire Chief advised
9/23/2013			
	1001	Winchester Road	Suspicious motor vehicle - investigated.
	1249	Warwick	Assist other agency.
9/24/2013			
	1219	Northfield Road	Breaking and entering reported. Investigation opened, K9 track initiated.
	1838	Northfield Road	Motor vehicle crash.
9/27/2013			

	0752	Rockwood Road	Animal complaint - transferred to ACO.
	1521	White	911 call - no emergency.
9/28/2013			
	1825	Orange Road	MVS - Citation/warning issued.
	1904	Athol Road	MVS - Citation/warning issued.
	1926	Athol Road	MVS - Citation/warning issued.
	1938	Clubhouse Pond	Suspicious motor vehicle - investigated.
9/29/2013			
	1509	Winchester Road	Suspicious motor vehicle - investigated.
9/30/2013			
	1631	Winchester Road	MVS - Citation/warning issued.

SELECTBOARD MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

Members present: Dawn Magi, Nick Arguimbau, Patricia Lemon (arrived at 6:04pm)

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo Calcari, Fire Chief Ron gates, Highway Superintendent Tim Kilhart, Firefighters Bill Lyman and Mike Mankowsky, Police Chief David Shoemaker, Michelle Hurlbet (arrived at 6:07pm), Broadband Committee member and WiredWest Representative Reva Reck, Moderator and Broadband Committee member Miryam Williamson, Planning Board Chair Ted Cady, Conservation Commission Chair Karro Frost, Buildings and Energy Committee member Janice Kurkoski, Jon Calcari, Jared Robinson (*Athol Daily News*)

I. Call to Order - Chair Magi called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in Town Hall.

II. Public Comment - None.

III. Minutes

Arguimbau MOVED to approve the minutes of September 16, 2013 as printed. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

IV. Presentations and Discussions

Lemon arrived and said that she had been informed by Ernest Horn that due to a police emergency in his town, he would be unable to attend this meeting but would come to the next meeting on October 15th. She said that those who had come just because Mr. Horn was scheduled to be there could leave unless there were other agenda items of interest to them.

- 1. Gale Road and Mr. Hurlbert's Use for Exercising Horses**—Young said that he had spoken with Brad Hurlbert, and while he was unable to attend this meeting, his wife Michelle would be in attendance. There was a consensus of the Board to revisit this once Mrs. Hurlbert had arrived. Magi asked the other Board members if they had taken a look at Gale Road; neither had. She said that she had seen gauges where the equipment was dragged and that the matter would be taken up once Michelle Hurlbert arrived.
- 2. \$75 Inspection Fee and MOA with Solid Waste Management District**—Young explained that the Solid Waste Management District wanted a signed MOA for the annual inspection of the transfer station as required by the DEP. Young recommended that the Board vote to execute the agreement as it was the best and lowest cost option.

Lemon MOVED to authorize the payment of \$75.00 inspection fee and to authorize David Young to execute the MOA with the Solid Waste Management District. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

- 3. Appointments to the Cultural Council**—Young said that Cheri Robartes and Lawrence "Doc" Pruyne had been nominated to serve on the Cultural Council by Council Chair Deb Paulson. Lemon had requested that Ms. Robartes and Mr. Pruyne attend this meeting.

Lemon MOVED to appoint Cheri Robartes and Lawrence Pruyne to the Cultural Council for three year terms. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

- 4. Police Department**—Chief Shoemaker said that the mutual aid agreement that the Board had previously been given for review had been vetted by Franklin County District Attorney Scott Sullivan and discussed among the Franklin County Police Chiefs. He asked that the Board vote to approve the mutual aid agreement.

Lemon MOVED to approve the Franklin County Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement on behalf of the Warwick Police Department. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

- 5. Gale Road and Mr. Hurlbert's Use for Exercising Horses**—Magi said that Gale Road where the Hurlberts exercise their draft horses is not in good shape. Michelle Hurlbert said that they had moved a tire out of the road and that they have only exercised one pair of horses on Gale Road this year. She noted that they take the horses one half mile down the road and then turn around and come back. Ms. Hurlbert asked if it would be permissible to drag a smaller tire behind the horses. Young said that because of the review of trees slated to be cut on Gale Road, it was the Planning Board that received a comment about the condition of the

road where the horses are exercised. Young inquired how much longer the horses would be exercised this year; Mrs. Hurlbert responded that October 17th would be the last day. Chief Shoemaker noted that in his opinion Gale Road was in no worse condition than other roads in Town, and Highway Superintendent Tim Kilhart said that he had not received any complaints either. Young suggested that Town Counsel be consulted to see if the Town still legally owns the discontinued portion of Athol Road. If so, he said that this could be used to exercise the horses instead of Gale Road.

Lemon MOVED that Dawn Magi or David Young be authorized to talk with Town Counsel regarding the legality of the Hurlberts being allowed to use the discontinued portion of Athol Road instead of Gale Road to exercise their draft horses. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

6. Selectboard Reports—Magi said that she had attended a seminar on the Open Meeting Law. She explained that meetings must be posted a minimum of 48 hours in advance, and that weekends and holidays could not be included in that 48 hour timeframe. Magi said that meaningful agendas must accompany meeting postings. She said that the official board for posting meetings is outside the door to the Town Hall dining room. Young noted that all meetings are also posted on the Town website. Chief Shoemaker asked if someone on a three member board missed a meeting, could one of the members later tell that person what transpired during the meeting. Reva Reck said that as long as the conversation is informational only, and that no discussion of issues takes place, no opinions are expressed and no type of deliberation occurs, that would be acceptable. This was based on how WiredWest meetings are conducted. Bill Lyman read aloud a paragraph from Attorney McNichol's handouts from a recent FRCOG seminar on the Open Meeting Law as a way to further clarify the matter. Young said that he could Email a copy of the handout to anyone who requests one.

Reck said that some lawyers are of the opinion that it is acceptable to have an agenda item called "new and other items not reasonably anticipated prior to the posting notice", while others do not deem it acceptable. She inquired if a motion or other action can be taken if the agenda item is not specifically identified in the posting. Magi said that it can be worded as such on the agenda, and because it is on the agenda, action may be taken.

Young suggested the date of Saturday, November 2nd to hold the 250th anniversary recognition event, which will include the medal awards and a dinner. Medals for every resident, certificates of appreciation and a potluck supper will complete the evening. There was a consensus of the Board to hold the event on Saturday, November 2, 2013 at 6pm in Town Hall.

Young also recommended that the Board set a date for Halloween festivities to be put on by the Recreation Committee. He noted that every year someone from the *Athol Daily News* calls and wants to know when the Halloween events will be held in Town. Young recommended that Thursday, October 31st from 4pm until dark be voted as the official Halloween observance.

Lemon MOVED that Athol Road from Route 78 to Hotel Road be temporarily closed on Thursday, October 31st from 4pm until dark for the Town's Halloween celebration. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

7. Town Coordinator Report—Young asked Chair Magi to sign reimbursement paperwork from FEMA for the 2013 blizzard, and paperwork for the final payment of the MBI grant and contract extension.

Young said that he had some concerns about the condition in which the Town Hall kitchen and dining room have been left after some events. He said that Diana Tandy has established a high standard of cleanliness after her weekly town gatherings, and that this standard should be upheld. He said that the custodian's budget has available funds which have allowed for the hire, on a trial basis, of a local Franklin County Tech School student from the culinary arts program to clean one or two hours per week. If this practice is to continue, Young said that eh would post an opening for an assistant custodian.

Lemon MOVED that David Young be authorized to hire a local youth from the Tech School culinary program to make sure that the kitchen and dining room are kept up to proper sanitary standards. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Young noted that egregious violators who leave the kitchen and dining room particularly unclean can be billed for the cost of the clean up.

8. New and Other Items Not Reasonably Anticipated Prior to Posting Date—Chief Shoemakers said that last Friday he received a call from a resident about a rabid skunk. He said that he does not like to tell a resident that there is nothing he can do to help, and since animal control can't do it either, we need to formulate a policy for such issues. Animal Control Officer Rosa Fratangelo Calcari explained that she had previously been told by the Chief that because hers is an unarmed position, that she is prohibited from carrying or using a firearm in the course of her duties. She said that as Inspector of Animals she can transport an animal to be tested for rabies once it has been put down, and added that local veterinarians will prepare the animal for testing and ship the remains to the State Lab, but will not euthanize wildlife. Magi asked if the Chief would be willing to dispatch an animal if there was a threat to life or livestock. He said that he would, and there was a consensus of the Board that this would be an acceptable practice.

V. Adjournment

At 6:40 pm, Magi MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Lemon SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

SELECTBOARD MINUTES – OCTOBER 1, 2013

Members present: Dawn Magi, Nick Arguimbau, Patricia Lemon (arrived at 6:07pm)

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo Calcari, Pioneer Valley Regional School District (PVRSD) Superintendent Dayle Doiron, Assistant Superintendent Gail Healy, PVRSD Building and Grounds Subcommittee members James Ruder (Bernardston), Mary Glabach (Leyden), Sharon Fontaine (Leyden) and Michael Shearer (Bernardston), School Committee member Martha Morse, School Committee and Finance Committee member Eric Engman, Buildings and Energy Committee members Jack Cadwell, Steve Kurkoski and Janice Kurkoski, Jon Calcari, Jared Robinson (*Athol Daily News*)

I. Call to Order - Chair Magi called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in Town Hall.

II. Presentations and Discussions

Magi began by saying that the main purpose of this meeting was to arrive at an agreement as to what constitutes capital expense and what constitutes operating expenses. Arguimbau said that another issue was who would pay for what, and how much they would pay. He said that because this would be in the back of everyone's mind throughout any discussions, he felt that an outside party to help everyone to decide what the individual items are and who will pay for them. He said that the next step would be to move forward with unambiguous definitions of capital expense, operating expenses and maintenance issues. Arguimbau proposed that outside assistance be used to solve the immediate items which need to be paid for, and said that an arbitrator is preferable to going through the courts.

PVRSD Superintendent Dayle Doiron said that there was a larger issue on which the immediate problem rests, and that is what constitutes a capital item. She said that the building and grounds subcommittee is in the process of researching definitions and is consulting with other towns to draft specific language that can then be discussed at a meeting of the representatives of the towns in the District. Doiron said that the goal was to have an agreed upon MOU in place before addressing the FY 15 budget.

Doiron stated that by past practice and in the buildings and grounds subcommittee's opinion, the well repair at the Warwick Community School was a capital expense. Young said that he had spoken with Town Counsel, who said the law is murky and not helpful in this situation. Young said that there needed to be clear definitions for what constitutes capital expense, maintenance and when deferred maintenance becomes a capital expense. He noted that because the repair was performed in FY 13, a 90% Town Meeting vote would be required to approve prior year spending.

Eric Engman said that water, heat and electricity were basic requirements to run the school, and questioned whether repairs to these systems were a maintenance expense or a capital expense.

James Ruder of the PVRSD building and grounds subcommittee said that the subcommittee sees it as a capital cost. Doiron acknowledged that this is a murky situation that needs to be made clearer. She said that past practice is that towns have paid for repairs to part of the building infrastructure as a capital expense because the schools belong to the respective towns.

Young pointed out that the District should not spend money without the town's concurrence and that the towns do not spend the District's operating budget. Per Lemon's request, Doiron will send a list of all repairs made to the member towns' elementary schools, particularly those made to water systems.

Young pointed out that on a list of maintenance done over the summer, under the Pioneer Valley High School heading there was an item listed as "install new well pump". Doiron countered that this was because the high school belongs to the District, while the elementary schools belong to the respective towns.

Building and grounds subcommittee member Michael Shearer said that this was an emergency repair because water was not going into the school building, and that the well pump simply failed and could not be maintained. He acknowledged a communication failure that resulted in the Town not being notified of the immediate repair to allow the school to continue to operate.

Young read from page 10 of the lease agreement: "Capital costs, as defined by Chapter 71, Section 16(c) are those costs to construct, reconstruct, add to, remodel, make extraordinary repairs to or equip any school building, including any debt and interest on long term notes, bonds or loans. In addition, Chapter 71 Section 16G specifically states that 'no town in a Regional School District shall be liable for any obligation imposed on any other town in said District...'. Capital costs may include: new septic systems, water systems, major roof repairs, major heating system repairs, replacement windows, new buildings, and major equipment purchases." He noted that even though the agreement expired in 2011, we still operate under its terms. Young also pointed out that the well pump is a component of the water system.

Doiron handed out a list of capital projects paid for by each of the other member towns (Bernardston, Leyden and Northfield) over the last five years for their respective elementary schools. She pointed out that in 2012 the well pump at the Pearl Rhodes Elementary School in Leyden was replaced at a cost of \$1,469.39. Doiron said that it would be very difficult to justify to Leyden that while they paid 100% of that bill, they would have to pay a portion of the WCS well pump through the PVRSD operating budget.

Ruder pointed out that the total bill had two components: repair and plowing to reach the well. He suggested that each party absorb a portion of the cost and share the burden as a courtesy due to the lack of notification to the Town.

Lemon quoted from page 5 of the lease agreement under Arbitration: "In the event a controversy shall exist between the TOWN, its successors or assigns, and the DISTRICT, its successors or assigns, the said controversy shall be presented to a BOARD OF ARBITRATORS, as hereinafter created, whose decision shall be final and binding upon the parties. She noted that this board would be made of three individuals, which might make the process less difficult and lengthy. Young said that he felt it was a little early in the process to go that route.

Ruder said that he had presented a reasonable solution to share the cost, and Doiron said that it was within the subcommittee's purview to make that recommendation to the full School Committee.

Martha Morse said that the Board of Health and Highway Department were notified of the problem in the morning it was discovered. Young explained that the Highway Superintendent declined to plow to the well because no one was able to tell him the location of the septic system. PVRSD Assistant Superintendent Gail Healy said that a private party was hired to plow.

Young read aloud 3.b) from page 2 of the lease: "The DISTRICT shall be responsible for, and shall pay all costs for the maintenance and repair to the leased premises, including furniture, fixtures, ancillary equipment and/or appurtenances located within or without the leased premises... Exhibit marked "B" which said exhibit is incorporated herein as part of this lease... All such repairs and maintenance shall be made to the satisfaction of the TOWN, however the same may be made without first obtaining the written consent of the TOWN." He concluded that the lease is murky. Doiron said that is why it needs to be rewritten.

Young said that we should let things stand and use this as motivation to go forward. Ruder said that the burden is then put upon the other towns and that cannot be let to stand. Subcommittee member Sharon Fontaine said that it would be difficult to spend money on attorneys especially when budgets are being cut and we want matters to proceed in a friendly manner. Young noted that arbitration would be necessary prior to going to court. Lemon said that while it did not mean that she agreed with the District's position, she understood why they took that position now that she knows about the well pump repair in Leyden.

Doiron said that capital projects were paid for in the respective towns for the buildings they own. It was determined that the well pump replacement at PVRHS should not have been included in the maintenance list because it was part of a capital article voted on and supported by all the member towns.

Ruder said that we need to do better going forward and that he favored sharing the costs in this matter. The repair costs were \$4,407.31 and the plowing costs were \$405.00. Ruder proposed to the Selectboard that the cost be divided equally. Doiron said that it would have to be brought to the full School Committee meeting on October 24th. There was a consensus of the subcommittee to bring it to the full School Committee if the Selectboard voted its approval of the proposal.

Lemon MOVED to offer to take the amount of \$2,406.15 to a Town Meeting for its consideration. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Ruder said that he hoped to have by month's end a compilation of definitions from other resources which could be brought to the member towns for discussion and input. Healy said that there are nine other district agreements in the state to use as resources for drafting a new agreement so that they would not have to start from scratch.

Healy said that earlier this year she attended a Selectboard meeting during which it was agreed that in the future David Young would be contacted first regarding any school matters.

Young thanked the Superintendent for trying to get us some funding for the WCS roof. He noted that we want to do some energy betterments along with the roof repair. He also said that deferred maintenance needs to be a part of future discussions.

III. Adjournment

At 6:49 pm, Lemon MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Minutes taken by Rosa Fratangelo Calcari

SELECTBOARD MINUTES – OCTOBER 2, 2013 "TREE HEARING"

Selectboard Members present: Dawn Magi, Nick Arguimbau, Patricia Lemon

Planning Board Members: Brad Compton, Arthur Long, Matt Connelly, Nick Arguimbau

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo Calcari, Tree Warden Dana Songer, Highway Superintendent Tim Kilhart, Conservation Commission Chair Karro Frost and members Alan Berman and Kasey Rolih, Forest Committee members Keith Ross and Chris Duerring, Leigh Youngblood and Sarah Wells (Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust), Pat Vandenberg, Jack Cadwell, Lawrence "Doc" Pruyne, David Koester, A. George Day, Betsy Alkins, Michael Humphries, Susan Wright, George Roaf, Richard Field, Jon Calcari, Paula Lundgren Robinson (*Athol Daily News*, David Rainville (*Greenfield Recorder*))

I. Call to Order - Chair Magi called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in Town Hall.

II. Scenic Road Tree Hearing

Lemon MOVED to postpone the hearing until Saturday or Sunday to have a site visit to Gale Road and to close Gale Road to hold the hearing there. Arguimbau SECONDED for the purpose of discussion.

Tree Warden Dana Songer said that since those present had made the effort to be here tonight, that he wanted to hear what everyone had to say and that those in attendance deserved to be heard now. He said that the hearing could be continued if necessary for a site visit.

Lemon WITHDREW her motion.

Selectboard Chair Magi turned the hearing over to Tree Warden Dana Songer. He explained that this hearing was to address trees slated for cutting on Kirk Road, Chestnut Hill Road, West Wilson Road, and Gale Road. Conservation Commission Chair Karro Frost said that the Con Comm had focused on Gale Road, and that she had spent eleven hours to evaluate the proposed cutting on that road. She said that she had concerns about the other roads but she had not had time to view them. Songer noted that the hearing had been legally posted and that all abutters had been notified. Highway Superintendent Tim Kilhart said that there was a procedure which had to be followed per the Scenic Roads Act, and that he had turned in all necessary paperwork prior to the deadline last month.

Songer said that Kirk Road was marked per the cutting policy from Route 78 to the end of the road. Hazardous trees were marked with blue ribbons, trees over 6" in diameter were marked with orange ribbons, and those not to be cut were marked with pink ribbons. Frost said that there is a perennial stream running through that road.

Songer said that both Chestnut Hill and West Wilson Roads were also marked in the same manner as Kirk Road. Planning Board acting Chair Brad Compton said that the Board had received a letter from Chestnut Hill Road resident Linda Styles saying that she was not opposed to cutting the trees on her road. Songer said that trees were marked on Chestnut Hill Road from Wendell Road to West Wilson Road. Kilhart said that the land owners are encouraged to take the wood quickly if they want it. Songer noted that abutters have the first right of refusal. Kilhart explained that the Highway Department will cut most of the trees, and that they work in cooperation with the arborist from National Grid and a private tree cutting company. A comment was made that there is a lot behind the church where unclaimed wood can be taken to be used for firewood.

Frost said that she had concerns about Chestnut Hill Road between Shepardson and West Wilson Roads, as there are a lot of wetlands along that stretch of road.

Songer said that West Wilson Road was marked from Chestnut Hill until it dead ends. Frost expressed some concerns about the culvert crossing under the road and other wetlands along the edges of the road.

Songer said that a lot of trees are dead or diseased, or have branches that could fall into the road. Some trees were leaning towards the road and could fall under the weight of snow. He explained that there is a disease going around that is killing the beech trees and a blight killing hemlocks. Kilhart likes to open up the tree canopy a bit to allow for more sunlight on the roads to help melt the ice. He said that since hazardous trees can fall on wires, it is crucial to make sure that the trees fall the right way when they are cut. He noted that dead trees are the most hazardous and most likely to fall.

Songer explained that his job as Tree Warden is to keep the healthy trees healthy and remove dead trees to prevent them from falling into the roadways. He said that the only opposition expressed on Kirk, Chestnut Hill or West Wilson Roads was that Karro Frost had not yet had the time to view the sites.

Songer then brought the discussion to Gale Road. Kilhart read aloud the overall cutting plan. He said that they have been cutting trees for quite awhile, with an eye towards those trees and branches that could fall in a storm due to wind or the weight of snow. He said the emphasis was on identifying trees causing the most hazards. Kilhart noted that there has been opposition in the past to cutting trees on Gale Road, and that he has kept trees standing. He pointed out that he needs to cut trees that could potentially cause damage to a truck that then would not be able to sand Gale Road and other roads as well, which means that the impact of not cutting dangerous trees on one road can impact other roads as well. Kilhart said that a 16" hemlock marked for this hearing fell across Gale Road on September 3rd, and because the call came in at night it cost the Town overtime for two Highway workers to remove the tree. He said that low hanging branches and those near the edge of the road become covered with snow which falls onto the road after plowing and sanding have occurred, which creates more ice and presents a driving hazard. Kilhart said that 121 trees now dead were not dead in April of 2011 when the cutting of approximately 50 trees took place. He said that all the beech trees are now diseased and the hemlock blight is causing all of those trees to die as well. He said that if disease is seen on a tree that we do not want to wait until the tree dies and becomes even more hazardous. Kilhart stated that his number one concern is the safety of Gale Road and all the people in Town. He noted that one of the trees slated for cutting on West Wilson Road fell against the wires and National Grid had to remove it. David Koester said that he went out and cut some of the tree that fell on Gale Road on September 3rd and that he rolled some of the large logs out of the way to partially open the road. Kilhart explained because he received a call about a downed tree in the roadway, his crew had to come out and that they completely removed the tree and opened the road. J. Calcari asked if the Town is liable if a resident goes into the road to remove a downed tree and something happens. Young said that the liability is assumed by the resident who takes it upon himself to go cut the tree on a public way.

Pat Vandenberg said that she has lived on Gale Road for 38 years and has seen a lot of trees fall. She said that she agreed with a lot of what Kilhart had said because she has seen it first hand. She praised the work Kilhart and his crew has done since he

became Highway Superintendent. She said that she has lost electricity many times through the years due to trees falling on the power lines.

A comment was made by a woman who said that she did not live on Gale Road but walks or drives on the road often. She said that she considers Gale Road to be uniquely beautiful because of the closed canopy of trees. She said that if the trees are cut then sand from the road will wash into the wetlands.

Leigh Youngblood of the Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust (MGLCT) said that the Trust owns 517 acres of land on Gale Road, with a total of 1.67 miles of frontage: 1.12 miles on the west side and .55 miles on the east. She said that all the trees along the Trust's land are slated for cutting. She said that this land is a protected wildlife habitat, and that the road itself is uniquely scenic. She stated that MGLCT is opposed to the cutting as currently proposed, and that she looked forward to a site visit for an explanation of the reason for cutting individual trees.

Kasey Rolih said that she uses Gale Road almost daily, either in her vehicle or hiking, and that she was concerned with the level of proposed cutting. She said that Gale Road is unique even among rural scenic roads and wanted a restrained and nuanced approach to the cutting. She said that she put a yellow "do not cut" ribbon on almost all of the trees marked with orange ribbons, because she wanted to see the cutting be limited to the blue marked hazard trees.

Songer noted that the same indications seen two years ago on trees that are now dead, so these were marked to be cut while still diseased but not yet dead rather than wait until the trees die and present a greater hazard.. He explained that the Tree Warden alone decides which trees are deemed hazardous and are marked with blue ribbons. Songer said that prevention means that cutting may not need to be done every year.

Sarah Wells of MGLCT said that she was concerned about the wetland communities along Gale Road which are sensitive to changes in water chemistry, which could be altered by tree cutting. She wanted a review of all trees in those areas to prevent any detriment to wetlands.

Kilhart said that he counted 121 hazardous trees. Compton said that there were 695 discretionary trees marked. Young suggested the cutting be limited to hazardous blue marked trees this year and reevaluate the discretionary trees in a year.

Mike Humphries said that Northfield cut trees well back from their roads but it did not help increase sunlight to the east-west roads in the winter months. He said that he gets out of his vehicle and removes branches whenever he finds them in the road. He favored dealing only with those trees considered to present a big safety concern.

Frost said that she looked at every tree and that there is a huge amount of wetlands on Gale Road. She said that there are 3 certified vernal pools and other rare areas of wetlands. She described a living guard rail of trees, and cutting those could cause cars to go off the road and into the wetlands. She pointed out that trees pull water from the ground, so the removal of trees would make for more wetlands.

Jack Cadwell said that the character of Gale Road has remained pretty much the same since 1966, and that even though it may be a substandard road, the look of the road should be preserved.

Lawrence Pruyne said that this road was rare and deserved special consideration. He said that the trees provide a buffer zone to irreplaceable wetlands, and that he was concerned the cutting will have a negative impact on the wetland areas.

Conservation Commission member Alan Berman said that he was concerned with the expansion of the road into the wetlands and that he did not want to see them filled in when the road subsides and grading pushes dirt and sand into the wetlands.

Compton read aloud the letter received by the Planning Board regarding the proposed tree cutting on Gale Road. The salient points of each letter follows: Linda Styles was opposed to the cutting on Gale Road; Open Space Committee member Mary Williamson listed reservations the committee has on the scope of the cutting; Gale Road residents Don Walter and Jennifer Adams described the proposed cutting as overly ambitious, and felt that it could irreparably damage the unique scenic character of Gale Road which is why they favored only the cutting of potentially hazardous trees; MGLCT felt that the biodiversity would be threatened by the proposed cutting, supported measures to maintain public safety by the removal of only hazardous trees along the roadsides, and encouraged the Highway Department to work in cooperation with the Conservation Commission to prevent undue harm to the vernal pools.

Tree Warden Dana Songer suggested that, with Highway Superintendent Tim Kilhart's approval, to make the road safe the proposed cutting of trees on Gale Road be limited to hazard trees marked by blue ribbons, dead limbs hanging over the road, and approximately 25 trees marked with orange ribbons that were not also marked by a yellow "do not cut" ribbon. He said that all trees marked with both an orange and a yellow ribbon would not be cut and the health of those trees would be reassessed in a year.

There were comments made about a stubby tree about 10 feet tall that was most likely going to crumble rather than fall over, and several people favored allowing that particular tree to stand. Songer said that the trees would be cut in a collaborative effort between himself, the Highway Superintendent and the arborist from National Grid. He noted that the Tree Warden budget funds the cutting of trees. Songer also pointed out that as Tree Warden he has the authority to mark hazard trees and proceed on those trees without a hearing.

Kilhart said that the smaller trees would be chipped up, while larger ones would be left in the woods to rot naturally. Frost said that no wood chips should be left on the sides of Gale Road as it would suffocate the vegetation and make it difficult for animals to

move through it. Youngblood said to leave the trees laying there and leave the long logs to rot, just not near the side of the road where they would present a hazard.

Songer noted that while Karro Frost and the Conservation Commission had not had the time to evaluate the proposed cutting on Kirk, Chestnut Hill and West Wilson Roads, due diligence had been done in giving the public ample time to view the sites, so he was looking to the Selectboard for guidance. He asked if a vote should be taken now, or should the Con Comm be given more time. Frost said that she could view the remaining sites within one week. Kilhart said that he was willing to walk the roads with Frost within that week.

Songer MOVED to cut Kirk Road, Chestnut Hill Road and West Wilson Road as marked, with the exception of the Conservation Commission marking wetland areas within the next week and reviewing with the Highway Superintendent, and on Gale Road to cut the blue-marked hazardous trees with the exception of the one stubby tree, and limited cutting of the orange marked trees to those not also marked with yellow. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED by Unanimous Vote of Selectboard, Planning Board and Tree Warden

III. Selectboard

Young said that the Roland Weld, on behalf of the Firemen's Association, had applied for two one-day beer licenses for a charity softball event being held on October 5 and 6, 2013.

Lemon MOVED to approve the issuance, based on the application received, to Roland Weld on behalf of the Warwick Firemen's Association, two Special Licenses to sell beer at the charity softball game on October 5 and 6, 2013. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

IV. Adjournment

At 7:25 pm, Magi MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Lemon SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Minutes taken by Rosa Fratangelo Calcari

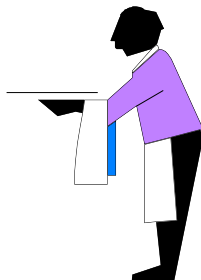
DEER WEEK SUPPER

Friday, December 6, 2013

Warwick Town Hall
Sittings at 5:00pm and 6:00pm

Menu:

Homemade Onion Soup
Braised Beef
Mashed Potatoes
Squash
Coleslaw
Homemade Pies



Tickets: \$10/adults, \$5/kids 12 & under,
Kids under 3 FREE

TAKE OUT ORDERS AVAILABLE (at the door)

Proceeds benefit the
Trinitarian Congregational Church of Warwick

*Metcalf Chapel's HOLIDAY FAIR
at Warwick Town Hall and Metcalf Chapel*



*Saturday, NOVEMBER 30, 2013
Coffee and Donuts starting at 8am*

Fair 9am – 2pm

Crafts By Local Artisans (many new and exciting items for 2013!!!), Gifts, Raffles, Baked Goods, Fair Trade Items, Silent Auction THEMED GIFT BASKETS, Used Clothing Sale at Metcalf Chapel and a delicious Hot Lunch!



Bring the family and enjoy the spirit of the holidays!

?s, Want to set up a space? Call Andrea at 978-544-6844

5th and 6th Grade Annual Pasta Supper

Warwick Community School Gym

Saturday, November 16, 2013

5:30 p.m.

Support this fundraising effort for our overnight trip to Cape Cod this spring where we will see, in action, all that we study in science and social studies this year.

\$8 adults / \$5 children
WCS Students will have tickets soon.

Contact a WCS student or the school
(978) 544-6310 for reservation

Dear PVRSD Community Member,

This is our 13th year sponsoring the Pioneer Valley Regional School’s Holiday Cheer Program. After a parent recently referred to the program as “Family Cheer,” we decided to rename it. After all, its sole purpose is to bring some relief and a smile to families in need.

This program began in 2001 and since that time, many families have been assisted. The program grew in scope in 2008 with the poor economy. We help families with more than gifts. Now we provide assistance with heat, electricity, phone, rent, gasoline, food. Tough times continue for many.

Our rural community school has students coming from PVRSD’s four towns of Bernardston, Leyden, Northfield, and Warwick; school choice students from Athol, Buckland, Colrain, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Leverett, Montague, Orange, Royalston and West Hampton. In addition, we have several tuition students from Vernon, Vermont. Approximately 28 % of our students receive free or reduced lunch. As the holidays approach, many of our families struggle to meet financial household needs, and having a little something left over for gifts becomes a difficulty. Over the past several years, we have been able to help approximately 43 families, or about 141 individuals. With the support of local businesses, students, friends, family, and community, we have been able to bring some “cheer” to those in need.

We are once again reaching out to you in order to keep this wonderful annual tradition of giving alive. Help comes in many forms – a check (payable to PVRSD; memo line: Family Cheer 2013), cash, gift certificates, fuel assistance, movie passes, gas and food cards, etc. Whatever you can give or want to do to help will be greatly appreciated. You can reach us by phone, email, or regular mail. Thank you so much for your consideration and time. We are very grateful.

Sincerely Yours,
Gina Woodman and Karin Browning,
Pioneer Valley Regional School
Family Cheer Program, 2013 Program Coordinators

Email: woodmanv@pioneervalley.k12.ma.us and browningk@pioneervalley.k12.ma.us Phone Contact: 413-498-2931 X 510 (Gina)/X 269 (Karin)



TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK

NOVEMBER 2013

Dear Friends,

“But Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves... (H)e who looks into the perfect law...and perseveres, being no hearer that forgets but a doer that acts, he shall be blessed in his doing... Religion that is pure and undefiled before God...is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.” James 1:22-27

The issue of “salvation” is one which is highly charged and often divisive among (at least) all three of the religions that share the biblical foundation. Is it simply faith in the one true God that saves you (I accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior) or is it through acts of compassion and justice? A superficial reading of the letters of the apostle Paul is often the basis for a “faith only”, separation from the world, personal salvation ideology that allows its adherents to live a self-absorbed lifestyle that cares little for, or is even in conflict with those who don’t accept that ideology. That is what is often evoked to justify much of the violence that pits one sect of the same religion against another (Sunnis vs Shiites in the middle east, Catholics vs Protestants in northern Ireland) or one religion against another. It is also a major part of the argument against organized religion in general. But are these real or perceived differences?

Both Paul (“faith only”) and James (“works”) bind the two together. Paul talks of the “fruits of the Spirit” acts of compassion and justice as manifestations of a true and active faith and James says, “So *faith* by itself, if it has no works, is dead.” So faith is the root and acts are the fruits of the tree. And what are those acts but “*to loose the bonds of injustice...offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,*” (Isaiah 58:6-10). These are pillars of Islam, Judaism, Christianity as well as Buddhism. (I’m not familiar enough with other major religions to make that claim for them, but I believe it is pretty well across the board.) Care and concern for the health and wellbeing of others, the integrity of the whole community is the rootstock. Sometimes what is grafted onto the rootstock produces sweet fruits and sometimes malignant fruits; by their fruits shall you know them.

There is a “new” theory making the rounds of the internet that proclaims Christianity to be an Imperial Roman propaganda scheme intended to pacify a restless Jewish population. The responses that I saw were pretty much either “I knew it all along, just a mind-washing of the masses.” Or “You atheists are bound for hell, thank God.” ; non-critical, superficial profiling that divides and destroys the larger social fabric. Where is the discussion? Where is the exchange of ideas? Where is the movement toward a new and deeper understanding of problems and solutions? Does it remind you of any other current events? (Hint: US government?)

Isn’t it nice to find someone or some group to lay the blame on for the problems of the world? But, what nourishes those malignant grafts and their poisonous fruits? What are the fruits of *MY* life? Am I just talking or am I walking? To answer that question honestly I need a community of honest people to reflect with. Then I need a community of people willing to do and support the doing of others. How do we do critical, compassionate engagement; any interest?

In faith, Dan

NOVEMBER

SENIOR MEAL SITE VOLUNTEERS The Warwick Senior Luncheon Club (aka Senior Meal Site) serves meals each Tuesday at Noon in the Town Hall. The public is welcome (call Dan for a meal reservation by 9 AM Monday morning {4-2663}). Cost for seniors (60 & +) \$2, non-seniors \$2.50.

The meals are provided by the Franklin County Home Care Corp and are heated and served by volunteers. We are looking for people who would like to come and help put these meals on and eat with us. We now have about 8 people on our list so the rotation is not that often. This is a great way to get to know the elder members of Warwick if you're new(ish) in town and a great way to connect with people you might not see that often otherwise. Volunteers need to be "trained" in safe serving techniques before being put on the rotation. Call the Chapel (4-2630) or talk with Dan.

VIRIDIAN ELECTRIC SUPPLY

The church is a portal for "green" electricity from Viridian Electric. By signing up through the church website (www.viridian.com/tccw) your bill from National Grid will not look any different except the name of the electric supplier and you will be helping to move the nation closer to a more sustainable way of generating power, You will also help support the church in Warwick. If you would like more information, call the Chapel (4-2630).

HOME FUNERAL WORKSHOP SAT, NOV 9

If you are interested in this topic and have not yet contacted Miryam or Dan, it isn't too late for the morning session.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SUN, NOV 24

With the departure of several of the area clergy who have been instrumental in this annual event, final details are yet to be worked out as of this time. Representatives from some of the Northfield, Bernardston and Warwick churches will be meeting and details will be worked out to continue this tradition. Check in with Dan if you are interested.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR SAT, NOV 30

New and returning craftspeople will make this year's fair even better. There will also be a sale of carefully-owned clothing at the Chapel in conjunction with the vendors at the Town Hall.

COMING IN DECEMBER

DEER WEEK SUPPER FRI, DEC 6 **Sittings at 5pm and 6pm - See the Flyer!**

ADVENT WORKSHOP SUN, DEC 8 **Soup @ 6 PM Crafts @ 7 PM** This is an event, free and for the whole community. Come share the seasonal spirit by making holiday decorations.

COMMUNITY CAROLING **yet to be determined, but get out those cookie recipes and warm up your vocal chords**

READING PROGRAM WITH PUPPETS



10:30 AM SAT. NOVEMBER 2

Nicol Wander of Wanderful Creations
at the **WARWICK LIBRARY**

Featured Books:
Eating the Alphabet
How Are You Peeling?



This program is supported in part by a grant from the Warwick Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<i>3</i> Worship Service 10AM ZUMBA 8AM	<i>4</i> Library Open 10-4	<i>5</i> Exercise 10am Sr. Mealsite Noon Library Open 1- 8pm GUILD 1PM ZUMBA 6PM	<i>6</i> Playgroup 9:15-11am WCS	<i>7</i> Library Open 5-8pm ZUMBA 6PM	<i>8</i> Town Hall Gathering Starts at 10am	<i>9</i> Transfer Station 8-3 Funeral Workshop Second Saturday Hike 2pm Library Open 10:00-12:30
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