

Warwick Community Newsletter

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

All articles, ads and correspondence may be emailed to warwicknewsletter01378@gmail.com (or call Beth Gilgun at 544-3464) or dropped off in the black box in front of Town Hall **by the 20th of the month before the article will run.** Please note that we are no longer accepting FULL PAGE inserts at all for commercial ads, and are asking every organization in Town to keep their event flyers to 1/2 page or less. If a full page event flyer is desired, the organization may print the flyer themselves for insertion (call Beth for the number of copies required) if the information cannot be fit to 1/2 page and a waiver is desired. Business card size ads are \$7/month or \$70/year. All material may be edited for length, ink intensiveness, or content and may not be anonymous. Some logs and minutes provided may only be available on the Warwick Website at www.warwickma.org due to space limitations. **ELECTRONIC SUBSCRIBERS WILL GET FULL SELECTBOARD MINUTES. ANOTHER REASON TO SUBSCRIBE ELECTRONICALLY AND HELP US SAVE MONEY!!**

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Library

Library hours: Monday 10-4, Tuesday 1-8, Thursday 5-8, Saturdays 10-12:30. Contact: warwick@cwmars.org; 544-7866.

Covid operations update: Normal operations continue in effect at press time. We request that patrons who are not fully vaccinated wear a mask upon entry. *The Library is closely monitoring Covid infection rates, and may decide to require masks of all patrons who enter—stay tuned!* Curbside delivery will continue to be available upon request.

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.

Monthly Short Story Hour - Donald Westlake: Thursday, November 18th @ 7:30 pm at the Library: This month's selection will be from Westlake's *Thieves' Dozen* (2004), a collection of 11 previously published short stories featuring his hapless hero, John Dortmunder, who's "been stealing anything that isn't nailed down since 1970." (It appears a story was also stolen from this collection.) "These stories are real jewels--an excellent introduction to Dortmunder for a wide range of comic crime and mystery readers" (Booklist). Westlake has written many novels over the past thirty-five years, several of which have been made into movies. Among his many awards, Westlake was presented with The Eye, the Private Eye Writers of America's Lifetime Achievement Award. Be a reader—or come just to listen.

Book review - The Gulag Archipelago: In February 1917, a rising tide of revolutionary fervor overthrew the Russian monarchy of half a millennium. Lenin's Bolsheviks eventually muscled their way into power and quickly subjected Russia to totalitarian rule. Soviet repression was so complete, its propaganda so effective, that Joseph Stalin, Lenin's successor, and murderer of at least 20 million people, was *Time* magazine's man of the year *twice*. Even today, the evils of the Soviet Union are mysteriously obscure compared with those of her totalitarian cousins, the Nazis.

The two-volume history, *The GULAG Archipelago*, by Alexander Solzhenitsyn, answers the lies and the silence surrounding the Soviet horrors. Written between 1958 and 1968, it was first published in 1973 and translated into English and French the following year. Gulag was the Soviet version of concentration camps – forced labor camps sprawling like a vast "archipelago" across the country, where some 50 million people were subjected to brutal labor, degradation, and suffering unworthy of an animal. In some places, the mortality rate was one percent a day. Solzhenitsyn writes that Gulag constituted an astounding eight percent of the country [ed. —by population]. The large majority of convicts were political prisoners – i.e. anyone who acted, spoke, or even thought against the Soviet regime or its ideology. Generalizations like "killed more people than the Nazis" or "cruelty on a scale unsurpassed in human history," are unworthy of the spirit of Solzhenitsyn's vivid and humane work; men have never suffered in general, but in the acute present – specifically, as limbs and organs, hopes, convictions and relationships are crushed or disfigured. Solzhenitsyn illustrates every aspect of the Soviet penal system with a torrent of individuals' stories. He is determined that everything should be told: arbitrary arrests, interrogation (i.e. torture), inhuman confinement and transport, and the nightmarish Gulag itself. Solzhenitsyn's nitty-gritty, long account is priceless to us in a day when journalism settles for relating the opinions of officials and experts, and we substitute "fact checks" for serious study. The reader acquires not just facts and judgements about distant events, but a feeling for *what it was like for the people who were there*.

The most astonishing (and valuable) part of this shocking book is the spiritual transformation of the author himself. In contravention of today's wisdom, after eleven years in Gulag, this victim of oppression unimaginable to most of us does not seek sympathy or restitution. Nor does he avoid the topic of his suffering. He erects a monument to it (over 1,000 pages) in gratitude! He writes of Gulag, "I have almost come to love that monstrous world" and elsewhere, "bless you prison!" Why? Because, stripped of physical freedom, of most of the trappings of human life, he found inviolable freedom. Freedom to see the truth about himself and his mistakes. Freedom to forgive. Freedom to try to correct himself. "Gradually it was disclosed to me that the line separating good and evil passes not through states, nor between classes, nor between political parties either – but right through every human heart." With this discovery, the doomed and degrading class struggle of his Marxist formation slipped away, and he became free for the true human struggle--the struggle to become

good. Realizing that this is really what he had always sought without knowing it, not only was he able to bear his imprisonment, but his whole life became meaningful, beautiful as never before.

I believe students of history, of politics and of spiritual growth should all find *The GULAG Archipelago* a gripping and inspiring book.

Fr. Joseph
St. John the Baptist Monastery

T H E G R E E N C O R N E R

“REDUCE YOUR CARBON PAW PRINT!”

If you consider yourself a “cat person,” you likely pay attention to their litter. Even if you have no interest in either but care about our planet and spreading good information about ways to help, please read on!

Our focus is increasingly on environmental issues in many areas of daily living, and the cat litter industry is no exception. Aside from the practical improvements on the 1940’s ineffective, non-clumping, dusty clay litter to today’s more efficient (clumping) materials, there is concern about the huge environmental impact of processing and disposal. Although clays are naturally-occurring soil minerals, they require an environmentally destructive means of excavating similar to strip mining! Litter made from bentonite clay is non-biodegradable, and many millions of pounds end up in our landfills.

The newer crystal litter uses the same strip mining method and contains sodium silicate sand. This makes it effective in absorbing liquid but also produces 39% more CO₂ than plant-based materials. Both types of litter have been linked to feline health problems; gastrointestinal issues from the clay and upper respiratory problems from the crystal.

As many of you already know, there are green options. The Scientific American lists as good alternatives many products made from wood shavings, sawdust, recycled newspaper, vegetables, wheat, corn, renewable tree-nuts, and (for those of you who prefer it not be on your plate) tofu! Here are just a few of these environmentally friendly brands: Yesterday’s News, Feline Pine, Better Way, Eco-Shell’s Purr & Simple, World’s Best Cat Litter, and NEPCO’s Cedarific Natural Cat Litter. If you’re interested in saving money and making your own litter from old newspapers, look on the website tree-hugger.com for directions. For those cat owners concerned about odor control and convenience as well as our planet, these products work as well as - if not better than - the clay variety. Remember that these natural litters can also be composted, benefiting your garden and keeping containers full of clay material out of our landfills.

**As always, the Green Corner welcomes comments and questions...even if you’re a “dog person!” J
Mary Humphries on behalf of the WBEC**

W o m e n ' s G u i l d

***** ALL EVENTS ARE PENDING BASED ON THE CORONAVIRUS GUIDELINES*****

November 2, 2021 Those of you who signed up for Lunch at Terrazza Restaurant at the Greenfield Country Club we will meet at the town hall parking lot at NOON to car pool. Our reservation is for 1 PM, at Terrazza Restaurant, meeting at noon will allow us time to get settled in before Lunch (pay your own). Remember to bring a "homemade" gift or a \$5 limit on one you purchase. We will have a "Yankee Swap". Followed by a brief meeting.

December 7, 2021 Women's Guild Meeting will be held at the School Cafeteria at 1 PM. This is our annual "Holiday Fruit Baskets" which we deliver to those 80+ years of age.

R E V I E W

Herrick's Tavern
207 Daniel Shays Highway
Orange, MA
978-544-3902
Wednesday-Sunday 12-8pm

One night after a band concert in Orange, we ended up at Herrick's Tavern for supper after finding the dairy bars closed. The parking lot was full but we went in and people were leaving so got a booth quickly. Masks were required until seated then you could take it off. The waitress was exceptional. Got our beverages immediately and took our orders right away.

I got chicken parm and pasta but it doesn't seem to appear on their menu online so might have been a special that night. It was delicious; 2 pieces of chicken parm atop a platter of penne pasta. The chicken was tender and delicious so I ate it all, and left half the penne pasta.

My dining companion, Dawn, got a bacon cheeseburger which was huge. Was a 2 handed burger to try and eat, served with fries and a pickle. She liked it so well, she ate the whole thing. We were impressed with the service and the food so will be going back soon. It's only about a 15 minute ride from Warwick.

I had never sat in the dining room in the front, only the tavern in the back. Both are comfortable and they even have an outside patio when weather permitting. Bon Appetite.

Gloria Varno

Warwick Council on Aging

Foot Clinic

November 12, 2021 December 10, 2021

At the Metcalf Chapel at 8 a.m.



TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
of WARWICK

NOV 2021

Dear Friends,

Let sinners be consumed from the earth and let the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord. - Psalm 104:35 (NRSV)

In response, the Rev Marilyn Pagan-Banks says, "I read this verse, and all kinds of things start crossing my mind and agitating my spirit. I am left asking, "Who would be left?"

What is your image of God? Is God in constant conflict with powerful forces aligned against God? Does God not only allow, but sometimes condone, or even command ethnic cleansing? The Old Testament appears to be full of God's commandments to eliminate or "cancel" those other than God's chosen ones. And who gets to define whom God has chosen? Is it an earthly king? Is it the religious hierarchy? Is it military and economic success that determines God's favoritism?

Isn't it funny how that imagery so closely resembles human behavior? The countercultural message the Old Testament prophets had for their society was that God favors justice over privilege, compassion over oppression, care over exploitation. Samuel warned the Israelites what would happen when they demanded a king (1 Samuel 8), yet a king was what they wanted and even made God into the image of a human king; militaristic and vindictive.

The message Jesus resonated with and proclaimed in his first public statement of his ministry, in the Gospel of Luke, was the theme of the prophets not of the Temple hierarchy, "*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*" This was the countercultural social structure of the early "Christian" community; non-participation in the domination and extraction culture of "the world" and the building of a new society in which healing and inclusion prevailed. For three hundred years, members of this "cult" were hunted and persecuted as threats to the Empire. They were. They lived and proclaimed an alternative to the harsh domination and oppression, division and exploitation of the Empire; until the year 313 CE.

In 313, Emperor Constantine adopted "Christianity" as the religion of his empire, convened a gathering of leaders of the faith to codify and define the new imperial religion. What eventually came out of that gathering was what we now call the Bible. As Rev Richard Rohr says, "*Constantine himself was not changed; the church was. It became the imperial church...As the "imperial mind" took over, religion had less to do with Jesus' teachings on nonviolence, inclusivity, forgiveness, and simplicity, and instead became fully complicit in the world of domination, power, war, and greed itself... It's possible to trace the movement of Christianity from its earliest days until now. In Israel, Jesus and the early "church" offered people an experience; it moved to Greece, and it became a philosophy. When it moved to Rome and Constantinople, it became organized religion. Then it spread to Europe, and it became a culture. Finally, it moved to North America and became a business. This isn't much of an exaggeration, if it's an exaggeration at all.*"

Jesus lived and taught among the poor and dispossessed of his society. He healed people in body, mind and spirit. He reintegrated people back into community. He rejected attempts to make him the leader of a movement to oppose Rome or displace the Temple leadership. In essence he said the foundational teachings of the faith are true and you must learn them well, but the teachers of the faith have become corrupted by the privileges of worldly power, so learn from them but don't live as they do. Live humbly and simply with compassion for all you meet, and gather to share with each other, without condemnation, the joys and struggles of living day to day. Above all else, love God with all you are, knowing that God loves you. Love also your neighbors near and far, irritating as they may be, for God loves them as much as you and there is something to be learned from all we encounter in life. God knows it's not easy, but it's the effort that counts and is its own reward.

In hopeful faith, Dan

UP COMING EVENTS

HOLIDAY FAIR WILL BE BACK SAT. NOV 27 10 - 3

Being aware of the continuing danger of spreading the latest variant of the Covid virus, we are trying to limit the danger by requiring the vendors, who will have the most and closest interactions during the day, be vaccinated. We also ask everyone to wear masks when they are in the building. Masks and sanitizer will be available at the door.

We also won't be providing food or drink for consumption in the building, but there will be packaged goods to take away. There will be some fine crafts and unique gift items from local vendors as well as a raffle table featuring some of those crafts and more. See the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

There is still room for a few more vendors. If you'd like to secure a space you can contact Andrea at (978) 544- 6844 or at jarkat99@yahoo.com

FREE FOOD FRIDAYS 11 AM We are in our new shelter beside the Chapel. This space allows us to reach more people who pass by on Athol Rd. We will continue adding siding to make this space usable through the winter. Any garden surplus is welcomed. We set up between 10 & 10:30 AM., but fresh veggies dropped off at any time Friday are welcome.

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/PILLOWCASES/ 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 Door
Prize Entry!

BENEFITS TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WARWICK

❄️ HOLIDAY FAIR ❄️

Warwick Community School, 41 Winchester Rd.

We have asked all of our vendors to be vaccinated. For attendees, masks are required at all times. Please follow posted guidelines as protocols may change.

SHOP LOCALLY!
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Support local artists this holiday

November
27
10am - 3pm

Jewelry, Soaps/Lotions, Scarves, Glass Art, Knit Items, Mission Health Kits, Quabbin Gifts, Handmade Cards, Wood Turned Bowls, Women's Guild Gift Table, Bake Sale, and much more!
Silent Auction and Raffle for \$400 in Gift Cards
Masks & hand sanitizer will be available at the door. Lunch will not be served this year.

VENDOR SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE! EMAIL ANDREA WOODS AT JARKAT99@YAHOO.COM



Warwick School Renewal News - November 2021

Tom Wyatt, Warwick Education Committee

What's happening at the Warwick Community School (WCS):

On Monday November 1st, there will be, for the first time ever, a **lunch symposium at the Warwick Community School (WCS)**. 12 noon to 2:00 pm. The topics will be: retired educator benefit legislation and the Warwick School Redesign Plan. This is a community event for our region with guest speakers and a slide show. The lunch is catered by Greenfield Community College (\$15 donation or bring your own). Beverages provided. RSVP: 413-475-2238 (Jess) by Thursday October 28th. All are welcome!

The Education Committee is finalizing the last two sections of the **town's long-range educational plan** for the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE). A November meeting with DESE for review of Warwick's plan is in the works.

The Warwick Building & Energy Committee (WBEC) has applied for \$135,000 from **Green Communities Grant** program for upgrades at WCS, with assistance through Franklin Co. Council of Governments (FRCOG). The grant funds are for installing air source heat pumps in six rooms, adding air source heat pump domestic hot water, installing storm windows, and upgrading the freezer. All part of the town's continuing improvements at WCS, with critical help from Green Communities and WBEC.

Town Coordinator David Young, Finance Comm. Chair Diana Noble, Education Comm. Chair Adam Holloway, and Education Consultant Susan Hollins submitted testimony at a hearing of a **[MA Special Commission on Rural School Districts](#)** on October 6th. As part of an agenda focused on improving and expanding the rural school aid grant program, the Warwick representatives described Warwick's efforts to establish a new school district and its significance for other rural towns.

Selectboard member Brian Snell, along with Young, Noble and Holloway also met recently with new Pioneer Valley Regional School District (**PVRSD**) **interim superintendent** Patricia Kinsella at WCS. The exchange was very positive, which bodes well for our future collaborations.

The Warwick Selectboard decided that construction of the **[Pavilion/Amphitheater and Outdoor Classroom](#)** will happen in the spring. Then Pavilion is a key part of the school campus development, for community as well as school use. A new design is being actively developed to fit our needs. The Pavilion fund appeal, begun in December, continues. It has already raised over \$9000! Many thanks to the numerous Warwick residents and supporters from near and far! **Interested in supporting the [pavilion project](#)? Make checks payable to: *Town of Warwick – Pavilion* Please mail to: Town of Warwick, Pavilion Project 41 Winchester Rd, Warwick, MA 01378.**

Want to be updated on Warwick's School Renewal? Visit our website: <https://www.school-redesign.com/> or **facebook page**. Or **Contact** Adam Holloway: 978-501-0609 or Tom Wyatt 413-768-8641 or email: school-redesign@town.warwick.ma.us. Can you help us? We need broad outreach to businesses, organizations, colleges/schools, towns and concerned citizens in our region. With a "chorus of support" Warwick can re-open its elementary school!

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

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The Warwick Community School plans to reopen for students after it was closed for two years. The school hopes to leave the Pioneer Valley school district by June 2022.

Three years ago, the Warwick Community Task Force met with concerned Warwick residents who came up with a proposal to leave the Pioneer Valley Regional School district. Now members of the education committee have been meeting bi-weekly to plan the reopening, since the spring of 2019. The meetings discuss forming an independent school district including the Warwick's elementary school.

The plan for the school's education will be place-based. Meaning the studies will be socially and environmentally relevant to Warwick. The school offers different trail systems, gardens, and a new pavilion in the making. The trails lead to parts of the cranberry bog and vernal pools where classes can hike and learn about nature in Warwick. The garden, which was built during the summer program by students, is to help students learn about growing foods and pollinators.

The pavilion will be for presentations, performances, and outdoor classroom use. The nature curriculum and play space help students "learn more about the world around them," said Adam Holloway, who has been a part of the task force and is helping to reopen the school.

Warwick resident Tom Wyatt was involved with the original Warwick Community School 12-year process before the school was closed. Now Wyatt is involved with the reopening.

Wyatt and Holloway emphasized how they want the reopened school to have the same atmosphere the Warwick Community school did before it closed. They want the students to have that one-on-one experience with the teachers and students, saying how helpful the staff and teachers were at the old school. "We had a really good school," said Wyatt, "a strong community."

The reopening plan members are finalizing two agreements with the Pioneer Valley Regional School District, one for a Tuition Agreement and the other for a Transition Agreement. An intermunicipal agreement between The Town and new Warwick School District is being drafted. While some elements are still needing to be thought out, Holloway and Wyatt feel confident that their reopening plan members will be able to send the agreements to the state before the December deadline.

Updates for the Warwick Community School reopening plan can be accessed on [their website](#), [Facebook Page](#), [mailing list](#), and Warwick's monthly newsletter.

Warwick Police Department uses Code Red to send residents important notifications

A reverse 911 system called [Code Red](#) is a notification system used by the Warwick Police Department to send alerts about different types of information.

Warwick residents sign-up for Code Red for free and receive emails, texts, and phone calls to be notified about general information and emergencies. Some examples could be construction alerts, police activity, and fire activity.

Chief Shoemaker spoke about how he does not want Warwick Residents to be overwhelmed with notifications. Therefore, the system won't send out alerts too often unless there's a big emergency.

"We want it to remain unique," said Shoemaker, "if something happens we want people to check their notifications."

The link to Code Red is located on the [Warwick MA Police Department Facebook page](#) and the [warwickma.org website](#).

School Heating System Upgrade

The Warwick Community School received a new upgraded system that is more environmentally friendly and reduces costs for energy use in the building.

A recent project at the school turns on the heat in the classrooms more efficiently. The original system used to bring in 100% air from outside, but now the energy recovery units only capture 25% of air and circulate it throughout the classrooms.

With the system being wifi connected, it's easy to access and configure the settings of the classroom temperatures through a smartphone.

"I normally log in every morning to check the school temperatures," said Janice Kurkoski, a member of the Warwick Energy Committee.

Informing Kurkoski of any events happening in the school building lets her adjust the temperature for that event. An example Kurkoski used was yoga classes. She can look into the temperatures of the school and let the yoga group know what the current temperature is, and change the temperature if the group wants.

"The school used twice as much energy as all the other town buildings combined when in use," said Kurkoski.

With the school having a high demand for fresh air, a grant application is underway to put air source heat pumps in the classroom, get a new freezer for the school, and interior window inserts, which is two more layers of film, and also a way to make hot water.

This new function went live in May of this year and will go through its first winter soon. This will be the time to test out the new heating system.

News from the Police Department

A series of car break-ins occurred in the Warwick area in late September. Police are asking area residents for assistance and awareness during this time of investigation.

The break-ins are currently under investigation by several local agencies, according to Warwick Chief of Police David Shoemaker. Shoemaker said that the best thing Warwick residents can do at this time is to lock their doors and houses.

"We don't monitor our Facebook page regularly," said Shoemaker, "Please report to the police department. Call us." (978-544-2244)

Warwick resident Sarah Horton heard about the car break-ins when her neighbor came over Monday morning and asked if she had security footage of someone breaking into the neighbor's car. Horton then checked her vehicle to find out that her car was broken into also.

"My glove compartment was open, and everything was open on my passenger seat," Horton said.

After being away on vacation, luggage was still in Horton's car. The person that went through it took money (Horton said around \$200), a hairbrush, and two purses. One purse was worth \$100.

Nicole Dresser, a Winchester resident close to the border of Warwick, said her car was broken into on a Sunday while she had company over. Dresser said when her husband went into the car Monday morning, he could not find either of their wallets, which contained items such as driver's licenses, as well as credit and debit cards.

Dresser said a \$400 purchase was made on her card for an iPhone, an iPhone case, and canning jars at the Orange, MA Walmart.

The car break-ins were seen as a wake-up call to some residents. With Warwick having a small-town population of about 780, car break-ins are uncommon.

"We are a small town where we deal with human beings," said Shoemaker, "Anything that happens in a big town can happen here."

Warwick Community Scholarship History

October 2021

A. George Day, Jr.

The committee was formed in 1962 when 4 town organizations pooled money. These were the Women's Guild (\$75), PTO (\$25), Women's Auxiliary to the Fire Department (\$25), and the Warwick Firemen's Association (\$50). The Women's Alliance (Unitarian Church) was added in 1966 (\$25), then the Metcalf Chapel in 1969 (\$25). In 2006 the Historical Society joined. The town organizations continue to donate to the funds annually.

The first award went to Barbara Johnson (Walker) for \$200.00. She only needed \$196.00 so the \$4.00 rolled over to next year's award of \$204.00 to Roland Witherell.

Over the years the amounts from each organization have increased and donations were made from time to time from town citizens. These donations are well received and here is a list of a notable nature:

Linda Gale (in memory of her mother, Betsy Lincoln) \$3000.00

Alana and George Day \$2500.00

In memory of Fred Johnson, Jr. \$4000.00 (His daughter, Pam, latter gave \$1000.00) Pam was a recipient of the Anita L. Pike Scholarship in 1988 and the Anderson Scholarship in 1988 & 1989.

An anonymous town citizen gave \$2000, \$500, and \$1500 for a total of **\$4000.00**

When Virginia Glennon passed away her friends and family donated \$810.00 in her memory and Virginia left **\$10,000.00** to the committee in her will. (2001)

David Engman left **\$5,200.00** to the committee in his will (2010).

The committee started an investment portfolio and it is in 2 accounts. The Warwick Community Scholarship and the Anita L. Pike Memorial Scholarship. The committee was given the responsibility of administrating the Anita L. Pike Scholarship in 1982.

Here are the latest values:

	Yearly
Warwick Community (invested \$33,839.86) now worth \$53,064.55	Dividends \$2,599 (7.7%)
Anita L. Pike Memorial (invested \$11,200.73) now worth \$16,521.30	Dividends \$901 (8.0%)
Totals (invested \$45,040.59) now worth \$69,585.85	Dividends \$3,500 (7.8%)

All the while this investing has taken place, the scholarships were still being awarded. It is the hope that the scholarships will become self-sustaining.

The committee also administers the Alice, Eric, and Oscar Anderson Scholarship. This account of \$53,530.00 is in the custody of the town treasurer but the committee decides the amount and the recipient(s) paid only from the interest earned. (per vote of town meeting, Oct. 17, 1973).

The Warwick Scholarship program has been in existence for 60 years and has been very instrumental in assisting many of the town's students.

Warwick Scholarship program

2021

Amounts awarded and amounts from 1960 to now

	Number Awarded	Number Claimed	Amounts Awarded	Amounts Claimed	Percent
Anita L. Pike Memorial Scholarship Established 1982 = 40 years	40	38	\$19,750	\$18,550	93.9%
Alice, Eric & Oscar Anderson Scholarship Established 1975 = 47 years	200	184	\$193,180	\$182,080	94.3%

Warwick Community Scholarship	133	117	\$71,950	\$60,600	84.2%
Established 1962= 60 years					
Totals	373	339	\$284,880	\$261,230	91.7%

The committee has had members from 7 town civic organizations in the past. 3 of these organizations no longer exist. We are now down to 4. The committee is seeking 2 or 3 new members from the community to join with us to have this important program continue into the future. Arline & George have been involved in this for over 50 years. Don't know how much longer some of the current members will be able to continue. Feel free to contact any of the current members if you are interested. It would be most ideal for new and younger people to step forward.

Current Scholarship Committee Members

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

Very Important! Donations may be made to any of the 3 scholarship funds at any time. The committee will be very grateful for any assistance towards keeping the scholarship funds a continuing program for our college students.

News from the Fire Department

The Chief of the Warwick Fire Department, Joe Larson, is in the process of completing an addition to the fire station and working on other ways to update their department. One example Larson mentioned was an app that sends notifications to the department member's phones. "I'm trying to figure out the process for what the town wants to do," said Larson about the department's addition. The project is currently in phase one, which is discussing how to fund it. The addition plans to have an office for the chief, a radio and emergency communication systems room, a deputy's office, two bathrooms, and a meeting room. Larson said that the bigger room will have a dual purpose of being a kitchen and a place for training and meetings. In the garage are the fire trucks and some newer equipment such as new radios. The old system was failing in parts of Franklin County. The department has also begun using the app "IamResponding." Larson said department members receive notifications for emergency calls from their phones. He said calls aren't always heard on the pagers if there is a weak signal. The app will be an alternative, used over wifi and cellular data. "As a chief, I had to research this stuff. Whatever was best for the department," said Larson, "We're evolving as a small town. You can visit the Warwick Fire Department's Facebook page for updates on the addition and more.

Selectboard Minutes August 9, 2021

An in-person and remote select board meeting was held on Aug. 9, 2021, at 6 p.m. Chairman Todd Dexter, Brian Snell, Alan Genovese select board members present. Others present were town coordinator David Young, Fire Chief Joe Larson, Education Committee Member Janice Starmer, and Finance Committee Chair Diana Noble.

After being interim fire chief for a year, the select board unanimously voted to have Larson's position of fire chief be permanent. With an annual reappointment. Chief Larson, provided updates and future goals to the board in a letter. Larson explained the improvements made in 2020. Even with the challenge of COVID-19, Larson provided examples of different accomplishments made by the department. Implementation of a new reporting system will help keep Warwick compliant with state and federal guidelines. Larson said that without this compliance, the town would have to pay back the recent grant received for the SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) units. The awarding grant went to help experts find the correct units and accessories for the Warwick Fire Department. Larson said that Chief Ron Gates wrote the original \$80,000 grant application the prior year and is grateful for the combined effort. Larson also mentioned work with the county to ensure COVID-19 vaccinations were distributed to all department members who wanted them. Three major goals for 2022 were mentioned by Larson. He wants to begin working on getting new personal protective gear for each department member that fits correctly. Larson said that the current gear is passed down from firefighters who have left. Larson is also working on another way to notify firefighters when a call for service comes in. The current paging method will still be an option. Being looked into now is software that sends notifications to members' cell phones. The final goal was a master plan to complete the fire station annex, which is being looked at in a phased approach. Larson has been in communication with a contractor from Orange, KD Builders. He is working with Kevin Davis, a licensed contractor for estimates on completing the addition. Larson is also working on areas that need completion for the building inspector to sign off. The Building & Energy Committee is also working with the fire department to ensure proper hookups for the PV unit.

Larson's agenda items are as follows, 5-year plan for major projects, additional radios for trucks, updated COVID-19 protocols, and updating the department's Standard Operating Procedures.

An expenditure report from the July storm was discussed. Young reported that MEMA had estimated 1.7M dollars in total damages from last summer's storm. He said MEMA has to have a combined total of 10M dollars in damage for the governor to reach out to the federal government to declare a state of emergency. Once that's accomplished funds will be in the process of being distributed. Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney sent in a report stating that he has spent a total of \$54,676.10 in storm damage repairs. Young said there is a chance the state may appropriate a 25% match for the town's share toward the federal appropriation of 75% in total reimbursement. Young has established three additional revenue/expense line items in the town budget for the Highway, Police, and Fire. The purpose of this is to track storm-related expenses (from July) for possible reimbursement. Dexter said the State of Emergency will remain in place until further notice.

On Sept. 2, 2021, State Senator Jo Comerford, along with staff member Elena Cohen, and Director Joe M. Delgado of the Western MA Office of the Governor, came to Warwick to view the storm damage. They visited Chestnut Hill, Flower Hill, and Barbar Hill on Orange Rd. These three sites had severe wash-outs from the July storm. Photos from this disaster were taken and submitted to MEMA and the Governor's office. Senator Comerford will be in touch with the director of MEMA to discuss her visit to Warwick.

Young is working with Nathan Schwartz to create a pavilion. Schwartz is doing the engineering for this project. Young said they are working with \$20,000, awarded from a state cultural grant, and \$7,000 raised in donations to date. The select board unanimously voted on the framing contract to Northeast Outdoor for a sum of \$29,300. For phase I, six sonotubes will be poured for the posts to be set on. The founda-

tion pad will be poured last. Young said he would like the framing to be built out of native hemlock lumber off the school grounds. Young said that Northeast Outdoor was the low bidder, instead of Bensonwood Homes. The construction will be out of pre-cut Douglas fir with three bar bents making the frame 30Ft long. A stamped plan will be provided by a framing engineer. Young is not sure if the cost included engineering fees. Young said that lighting for the pavilion would be dealt with under phase II of the project.

The Finance Committee Chair & Education Committee Member Diana Noble said the new Pioneer Valley Regional School Tuition Agreement is nearing signing. Noble said it needs to be signed before being presented to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The deadline was set for Mid-September. But first, the agreement has to go to the PVRSD School Committee for review. Noble noted it needed to be on their agenda and signed by the select board. Genovese said he will not sign the agreement until it has been reviewed by an attorney. Young will be working with our town attorney for review and report back to the board.

On the topic of PVRSD, Janice Starmer mentioned that the district is looking at applicants for the superintendent's position as of now. It will be a one-year contract as an interim position. Starmer also said there are two people interested in the business administrator's position.

There were no citizens' comments or suggestions for future agenda items.

Selectboard Minutes August 23, 2021

An in-person and remote select board meeting at the Warwick Community School Library on August 23, 2021. Selectboard members present were Chairman Todd Dexter, Brian Snell, and Alan Genovese. Others present were David Young, Town Coordinator; Amanda Carey, Selectboard Secretary; Adam Holloway, Sarah Wells, Diana Noble, Fr. Nathaniel Roberson, Fr. Joseph Walker, Larry Delaney, Liesel Nygard, John Williamson, Mary Williamson, Lawrence Pruyne, Janice Kurkoski, and Tom Wyatt.

To start the meeting, a unanimous vote by the select board members to sign an application for the final payment on the school roof for an amount of \$15,000.

Fr. Nathaniel Roberson and Fr. Joseph Walker of Saint John the Baptist Monastery came to the meeting to present their plan to create a private cemetery for themselves and guests of the Monastery on the property of John and Mary Williamson on 44 Bass Road. The Board of Health has already approved the Monastery. The plots would be behind the garden. The Monastery would use Wooden caskets and would mark plots. Mary Williamson explained they intend to deed that property to the Monastery. The unanimous vote of the select board supported and approved the Board of Health's signatures on the Baptist Monastery cemetery plan.

Sarah Wells on behalf of the Mt. Grace Land Trust has been working on two projects on the Renna and Delfausse properties, at Hastings Pond Road. The two properties abut each other and add up to about 11 acres. Mt. Grace is interested in preserving the land and creating open space. The two properties protect a lot of land along Hastings Pond. Each family would still own their property and deed it off in the future. Wells explained there should not be any tax loss because she believes the properties are already in Chapter 61B. Wells said that Mt. Grace pays the Chapter 61 rate by choice. Select board member Alan Genovese suggested re-assessing Warwick's protected lands as a whole before making this decision. Chairman Todd Dexter would like to research and see the property first. Dexter suggested Wells follow up at another meeting.

With the select board's approval, Adam Holloway, Education Committee Chair, reported that the homeschool co-op is planning on proceeding with the use of the Warwick Community School building for another year. Holloway also said he hopes to have a playgroup every Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. Young has approved of the time and continuation of the program. Holloway explained COVID-19 rules and regulations will be followed, [and that there would be a link for registration for each playgroup session](#). The select board approved the Wednesday playgroup with no issues.

Larry Delaney, Highway Supervisor, reported that 23 out of 37 roads had damage from the July storm. Temporary repairs began on the last affected road today. The town of Warwick is still waiting to hear from FEMA about reimbursement (which would cover the majority of the costs from the storm). Delaney reported that he had spent about \$57,000 in expenses. There is also a reimbursable machinery expense of about \$33,800. The reimbursable labor total is around \$20,700. These expenses add up to a total of about \$111,500 in reimbursable funding from FEMA.

A topic of discussion that came up was the idea of an Administrative Assistant position in the town of Warwick. The job would include someone to allocate to other departments when necessary. The discussion of this position will involve a job description and a plan to fund it in future budgets.

After the Pioneer Valley/Warwick Tuition Agreement was looked over twice by two different legal councils, the select board gave signatures to move forward with the agreement.

Young reported that about 80% of the broadband connections have been upgraded and are compliant. Room for the broadband equipment was made in the old fire station.

At the end of the meeting, the chairman signed a letter regarding the Franklin County Housing Rehabilitation and the Community Development Block Grant. The letter states Warwick does not have an ADA self-evaluation survey transition plan in place but we will work with the MA Offices of Disabilities to create one. The purpose of this letter is to create a disability plan.

The meeting came to a close at 8:24 p.m., and the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on September 20, 2021

Selectboard Minutes September 20, 2021

A select board meeting was held at the Warwick Community School Library on September 20, 2021. Select board members Chairman Todd Dexter, Brian Snell, and Alan Genovese were present.

The Green Communities Energy Reduction grant was given support from the select board. Proposed was an air source heat pump at the Warwick Community School. The grant could also be used for the induction cooktop to replace the current propane range. This Wednesday, the Energy Committee will meet and discuss options further.

After town coordinator, David Young recently attended a Small Town Administrators meeting. The town administrators who have dealt with FEMA before suggested that Warwick engage in a consultant.

Highway Supervisor Larry Delaney has been keeping spreadsheets of all expenses from the July flooding. A 75% reimbursement be paid out to the town by FEMA if Warwick gets the designation. Delaney reported that repairs from the storm are almost done. Storm expenses from September 3, 2021, and a prior total of around \$138,550 include materials, contractors, billable machine time, regular billable labor time, and overtime.

Chief Shoemaker presented updates to the board concerning the Warwick Police Department. Due to a past resignation, there is a new opening in their staff. Shoemaker also mentioned the new police reform bill, which no longer introduces part-time academies, since July 1, 2021. New police officers will need to meet the new standards put in place. This reform bill affects Warwick because all officers in the town are part-time and will now have to go through the Bridge Academy. The academy must be completed within 3-years. Officers will be enrolled by alphabetical order of the last name. Chief Shoemaker said he has concerns for future hires but feels as though current officers will stay in Warwick. The newly mandated training comes unfunded. However, Shoemaker feels it can be worked into the department's budget.

The discussion from the last meeting about the Hastings Pond Road conservation continued into this meeting. Sarah Wells, Conservation Director at Mount Grace Land Trust, and the select board visited Renna and Delfausse properties on Hastings Pond Road. Wells confirmed that there is no significant tax loss from the conservation restrictions. Wells has met with the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission, and both support the project. Genovese explains his support but is also concerned about too much land in Warwick in Conservation Restrictions. Genovese would like a public path or right of way down to the water that is easily recognizable so people can enjoy it. Wells replied that she's working with the private landowners and believes there isn't a section that would be right of way. Conservation Commission member and Open Space Committee member suggests the town acquire land somewhere else around the pond for public access. Joe Delfausse stated he doesn't want public access to his property. The conservation restriction numbers 13 and 14 on the Renna and Delfausse land parcels on Hastings Pond Road, voted Dexter, aye. Snell, aye, and Genovese abstained.

Young suggested a one-year contract with our Education Consultant, Susan Hollins for an amount of \$8,000. Young also recommended the allocation of \$2,000 for a consultant to do a financial evaluation of the new school plan. These funds would be met with an ARPA grant. There are also hopes to use Abrams for the financial evaluation.

A total of \$10,000 from the American Recovery Preservation Act (ARPA), will be put towards educational consultants. This will include the \$8,000 for Susan Hollins and the \$2,000 for financial evaluations of the new school. This decision was voted unanimously.

Young reported that the Pioneer and Warwick Transition Agreement covers pensions and retiree health insurance. Young will be sending a copy he has to Pioneer. Genovese confirms that the attorney suggests the select board sign the transition agreement. It is the consensus of the select board to support this agreement.

IT grants are available according to Young. He will be researching those opportunities.

Young stated that the town is 92% upgraded concerning the broadband upgrade. Young said that Warwick needs to get to 96% for the MBI grant. Therefore, 12 more customers need to upgrade to meet the grant requirements. Young would like to work with the town of Royalston on flood relief and broadband. Dexter stated he would like to make a fiber build a top priority for the broadband committee. The vote was unanimous.

The paving for Wendell rd. will begin soon. From Moores Pond's beach to the Northfield intersection will be paved. Stakes have been put up and culverts have been marked. A Notice of Intent is being presented to the Conservation Commission soon. The purpose is for the Gill Engineering and the Northfield Road project. This project should start after the first of next year.

Young reported that he's going to the McKnight property tomorrow for the final visit with the drilling firm. He has submitted all necessary paperwork to the housing authority for the CDBG application.

Young received a quote from KD builders to finish the Warwick fire station. It's about a quarter-million dollars, and there are no breakdowns of the quote. Dexter would like to encourage Young and the Fire Chief to work closely, and use Nathan Schwartz or Andy Cole, as the town's contractor.

Tom Wyatt gave an update on the pavilion project, and how fast the project is moving along. The pavilion was put out to bid in July, and a company was awarded the bid. It was a custom-designed pavilion, but the company sent plans for the standard pavilion back. The company hasn't contacted Wyatt in three weeks. Wyatt found out that they are a reseller and don't have a business office. Wyatt called the manufacturer in Pennsylvania who was responsive. The reseller sent a detailed plan with a price within \$700 of the pavilion plan. Wyatt reported that Schwartz has someone lined up to do the foundation. Wyatt is going to see if this contractor can build the structure also. Wyatt was instructed by Young to run this by Andrea at FRC-OG.

The meeting came to a close at 8:59 p.m., with no other comments.

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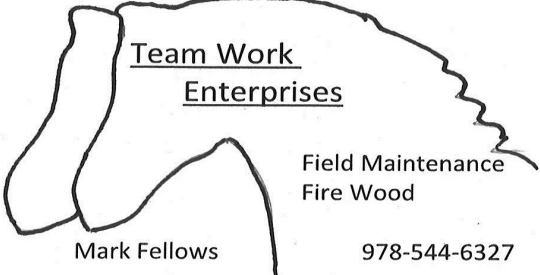
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