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W O M E N ' S G U I L D

The Women's Guild will meet on Tuesday, **January 2** at 1:00 pm at the Town Hall. Clare Green will portray Warwick's reclusive Aunt Zylpha who lived from 1815-1885. Historical tid-bits from Warwick's 1800s will be shared as well as weaving personal stories from Zylpha Smith's life. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend this presentation! A short business meeting and refreshments will follow - Martha Morse

O U T R E A C H C O O R D I N A T O R

Tracy Gaudet, Outreach Coordinator for Orange COA and Shine Counselor, (Serving Health Insurance Needs for Everyone) will be at the Warwick Town Hall on Tuesday, **16 January** and Tuesday, **30 January, 2018**. Tracy can assist individuals with public benefits, fuel assistance, food stamps, Mass Health, etc. You may contact her at 978-544- 3481 or tgaudet@townoforange.org, she will bring application forms for various programs. Got questions, need assistance, stop in between 10:00 and 12:00 AM. - Diana Tandy

R E C R E A T I O N C O M M I T T E E

Tracey Alden- Energy Therapist, will be offering a therapeutic meditation class Tuesday evenings **January 9th thru April 24th from 6:30 -7:30 at Town Hall**.

This class will be guided using Reiki and Solfeggio Sound Therapies in a group setting. We will also explore other healing and meditation modalities throughout the winter months including but not limited to aromatherapy, chanting, crystals, plants, journeying, and more.

This is a great way to contribute to your individual health goals as well as gathering within the community to create universal peace and well being.

Tracey has been practicing meditation for approximately 10 years and uses it daily in her life and with clients in her practice. Her scientific and teaching background lend an interesting "energy based" perspective to her work; guiding others to a more complete understanding of themselves in Body, Mind, Spirit and their connection to all things.

Attend weekly for best results, or drop in at your leisure. Class is sponsored by your weekly donation :)

R E C R E A T I O N C O M M I T T E E

Warwick recreation committee sponsored classes:

YOGA Saturday 9:15-10:30 am At Warwick town hall \$5

An all level Hatha Yoga class to meet students needs, with an emphasis on proper alignment, Pranayama - breathing technique, deep relaxation and meditation. A dynamic, yet harmonious approach to cultivate strength, physical awareness and inner balance.

Taught by Warwick resident Kalliope Kalombratsos she began training at the integral Yoga institute in San Francisco, CA and is currently finishing a certificate at Kripalu center in Stockbridge MA . She has been an active practitioner for over 10 years, integrating various teachings from yoga traditions and personal experience from a dance background as teacher and performer.

Zumba is a Latin inspired dance fitness program that anyone can do.

My class is low to no impact and provides an excellent cardio workout. Zumba is adaptable for all ages and fitness levels. It may take a couple of classes to learn the rhythms and some basic moves, but once you do it's JUST PLAIN FUN! Hope you will join us **Thursdays at 6:00pm at the Town Hall**. Led by Susan Krieger \$5

Tuesday 6pm STRONG and **Sunday 8am ZUMBA** classes have moved out of Warwick to the Boiler Room in Tully. Only 10 minutes away and a great work out. Led by Christine \$5

-Leanne Limoges

Selectboard Updates by David Young, Town Coordinator

New Revenues - A few newsletter issues ago, we were waiting for the W. Brookfield solar net meter host project to be connected to a meter and thus “monetized”. It has been and we, the Town of Warwick are in the money. Five years ago a Special Town Meeting approved our “too good to be true” scenario that would pay the town money for twenty years for doing almost nothing, (we agreed to putting our name on the project’s electric meter and agreed to being the named “host”). Based on production, be receiving about \$35,000 a year in royalty income for the next twenty years.

Lowering Road Salt Highway Use – During this past year, our salt use on roadways has been at issue with residents. That’s because of drinking water and vegetation impacts. George Day found a “sense of town meeting” article voted in the 1980s that says we will reduce salt use “*to the extent possible*”. We are making some changes in how we operate. It is interesting to note that we learned that the state considers road sand to be a big environmental threat, not salt, and they may ban using sand in the future. That wasn’t part of our calculus.

Back here on Earth we are concerned about highway safety, dying maple trees and your drinking water. We are making changes to our winter snow and ice removal practices. We are replacing the traditional 11 foot long straight edge with a series of one foot blades bedded in so they float. This change is for the two big trucks that plow our main roads and we think it will work better on our roads that are not very flat. We are going to slow down so the plow stays on the road better. And we are changing the angle of attack to be blunter, something former highway employees have pointed out for years. We expect this will mean less ice and slush to melt off with salt and to try and plow off, and less salted plowed off snow and ice in our environment.

Another change we are implementing is not intuitive. In order to use less road salt we are going to use pure salt! We are going to be applying straight salt rather than the salt sand mix. This is the latest thinking in winter maintenance. It goes that sand and salt are for completely different conditions. Sand provides grit for traction. Salt melts snow and ice, and forms brine on the road surface so the snow and ice don’t bond to the road. We can use a lot less salt if we can calibrate our machinery to disperse far, far, less material so that we use only what is required and no more. Part of getting there is dispensing with salt / sand mix altogether because our method of mixing salt and sand is so crude, so imprecise; and because conditions are rare that call for both. Under the new regimen a very small amount of salt will be applied to the paved road as it is first plowed. This is a change, we used to pre-treat with a 3:1 sand / salt mix. You could see it. You won’t see that pre-storm material any longer; and with the amount of salt we plan to use, applied during plowing you won’t see either. Our goal is 250 # of salt per lane mile which means a 9 ton load will treat 72 lane miles of road. It is going to seem like nothing.

Energy Reduction - Selectboard have approved our revised energy reduction plan which is adding our elementary school, Northfield and Bernardston Elementary and Pioneer to the Green

Communities mix. This so we can access additional grant funding to reduce our energy use at our schools, which I note, translates into saving us money. We are all grateful to the Building and Energy Committee for their work.

Broadband Billing – As a Broadband customer you may have noticed our billing system’s data hasn’t always been accurate lately. We are moving to a professional billing and accounting system. We are gaining confidence in our migrated data and are not far from renewing our collection efforts for those of you who owe money. If you are behind in your payments we expect you to get up to date or you may face slowed or even loss of service. You will not be cut off without notice. When you get your next bill, take a look at it. Add in any payments you have made since 11/26 and let me know if your records dispute ours. Call the Broadband number at 413-676-9544 or email coordinator@town.warwick.ma.us

Broadband Build – We are nearing half way point in our upgrade. All the neighborhood masts are installed and half of the 12 tall masts have been connected to the grid allowing us to proceed with deployment. We’ve bought about all the customer radios we will need and over the winter we can configure the one that goes at your site on our bench, so we are ready to move when we can get back on the towers and out in the field. The project is coming in on or under budget.

I saved the most important matter for last. This is a message to broadband customers. It is possible to miss wire your home network and make yourself visible and therefor vulnerable to users of WBS. Your Internet comes into your place from an outside radio that you may think of as an antenna and then inside via an Ethernet cable. That cable is attached to a Power Over Ethernet (POE) power supply. Its data port should be connected to the WAN or Internet port on your gateway or router. Properly connected to the WAN or Internet port (they are the same thing) you have in your router a firewall which blocks outside attempts and translates IP addresses to your local network scheme using addresses that don’t work in the public Internet.

On your side of the network, your home devices should have medium or better security deployed. I like Windows Defender and keep my settings at medium-high. WBS are going to test supplying routers owned by WBS on a sector which will give us a better sense of your customer experience by providing what’s called a demarcation device we can see into. Right now we can only test the wireless radio link and see if there is anything turned on and plugged into that wire that you are going to make sure is plugged in to the WAN or Internet port. For our part we check daily for instances where somebody’s home network or device is accidentally “visible”, contact them and get it corrected. Recently a departing WBS employee raised security concerns. While largely theoretical, we take this potential threat seriously and we are working to mitigate risks. A big threat exists when you click on an embedded link that’s infected, or contains executable malware; or you open a phishing email. You are accepting a degree of risk being on a network in every case. We are working for you to minimize risk.

DID YOU KNOW? If you ever lose a newsletter, or want to look at an old issue, they are on the Warwick Webpage at www.warwickma.org along with things like *Permit Applications, Police Logs, Meeting Agendas, Town Hall Office Hours*, and lots of other very useful information! If you would like post something to the webpage, contact Ed Lemon, Webmaster at elemon@tiac.net.

TOWN CLERK NOTES

The 2018 census/street list forms will be mailed out the first week of January. This is a bit later than usual, but since the data cannot be entered into VRIS until 2018, and mailboxes tend to fill up in December, I have chosen to wait until the beginning of the new year.

Please remember we will have 3 elections in 2018: Annual Town Election, State Primary and State Election. I look forward to seeing many of our Election workers and hope everyone who is registered will come out and vote.

Here's to hoping 2018 will be a great year for our Town and its residents, as well as our country. We must all do our part to make things better and to look out for each other!

-Rosa Fratangelo

PUBLIC LIBRARY

On Wednesday, January 3rd from 7 PM to 8 PM David Brown, resident naturalist, will present the slide show *Tracking the Black Bear* at the Warwick Public Library. Please join us to learn about their lives from tracks, trails and sign. Light refreshments will be served.

New Books: *End Game* by Baldacci, *Sleeping Beauties* by King, *Artemis* by Weir, *Body in the Casket* by Hall, *Leonardo* by Isaacson, *Uncommon Type* by Hanks.

New DVDs: *The Durrells in Corfu Season 1 & 2*, *Game of Thrones Season 7*, *Wonder Woman*.

Audio Books: *Witches' Tree* by Beaton, *Two Nights* by Reichs, *House of Unexpected Sisters* by McCall-Smith.

-Nancy Hickler, Library Director

Tracking the Black Bear

Wednesday, January 3, 7-8 pm at the Warwick Free Library.

Although bears live in the woods around Warwick, they hide from us in foliage and the night. However, much can be learned about their secret lives from the tracks, trails and other evidence they leave behind. This slide program will show how to find, identify and interpret some of this evidence for insight into how bears live when we aren't looking. The program is appropriate for adults and teens.

David Brown, a resident of Warwick, has offered interpretive programs on New England wildlife for 25 years. He is the author of several publications including his most recent book *The Next Step: Interpreting Animal Tracks, Trails and Sign*. His website is at www.dbwildlife.com

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

THANK YOU! - Eaden Marti

Thank you to everyone who came out to my magic show on November 25th. There was a large turnout and we filled the room! I had a super fun time with a wonderful audience!

Also, thanks to the generous donations of everyone, we received a total of \$767 to put towards the building fund for the Warwick Fire Department!

If you would like to keep up with my future shows and events, follow me on Facebook here: www.facebook.com/eadenmarti"

DECEMBER NEWS & TIDINGS WARWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Elizabeth Musgrave, Principal



PERFECT ATTENDANCE! We are so proud to have 9 students who have had Perfect Attendance for the 58 school days of September, October and November!

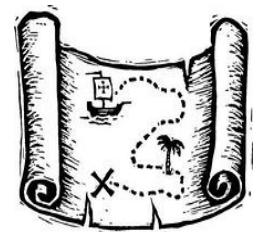
In Kindergarten: Teagan Allen and Hayley Mankowsky. In grade 2, Reece Hains, Mariah Peters, and Devin Wilkin. In grade 4, Tyler Hatch. In grade 5, Natalie Johnson. In grade 6, Erin Killay and Hailey Ring. Congratulations! On the first school day of every month, we will announce the names of all students with perfect attendance for the preceding month, so they can step forward and take a bow!

THE CLASSROOM BUZZ... This month we feature Grades 1 and 2!

First and Second graders have successfully finished their first writing unit of the year and have created strong and detailed stories from their lives. This group of students did a wonderful job deciding when they needed to add more detail, rewriting to make their piece look neater, and spotting where they needed to make spelling or grammatical corrections! We celebrated with an Author's Tea and shared our stories with family and friends. Now we are eagerly looking forward to beginning our new nonfiction units of study in reading and writing.

Both first and second grade is currently working hard to better understand place value in larger numbers. Soon first graders will start thinking of numbers within 100 as they look for patterns in how to add decade numbers and see similarities within the 100's chart. Second grade is beginning to master two-digit addition with and without regrouping and will move in to thinking about 2 and 3 digit subtraction after break.

We have started our study of maps in our current social studies unit. Our culminating project for this unit will be children creating their own map based off of some of the maps seen in the book My Map Book by Sara Fanelli. Their maps will include the map features we studied including title, labels, symbols, border lines and a key. This unit will bring us into our greater study of world geography after break. **Ms. Kristyn Gibbs**



R E S T A U R A N T R E V I E W

Williams Restaurant
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This is one of our regular stops on theater night and everyone always enjoys their meals. Their entrees are divine and sandwiches and salads are superb. Rarely has anyone been disappointed.

I wanted something 'light' the most recent night we were there, so decided to order a salad. I chose the Papa Willie's Salad which contained romaine hearts, grape tomatoes, and cucumbers tossed with their house Italian dressing, bacon bits, and Romano and parmesan cheese with a side garlic bread. I skipped the garlic bread to have their hot bread served to the table. But then I added the steak tips for an extra \$8. The order was huge. I finished the tips which were tender and tasty but could only eat about half the salad. Wish I had ordered the dressing on the side then I would have brought the rest home for the next day.

Service is always excellent but on Saturday night, be sure to plan enough time if you have plans afterwards. They are usually quite busy and the kitchen gets backed up. But somehow, we always manage to make the theater with plenty of time to spare.

Prices range about \$8 for their dinner salads and they can be topped with steak, chicken or seafood for an additional charge. Sandwiches range \$9 to \$11 and include fries or onion rings. Entrees are \$15 to \$24 (some steak and seafood items). I'm sure you won't be disappointed in whatever you decide to order. Happy New Year everyone and Bon Appetite.

C O U N C I L O N A G I N G - F O O T C L I N I C D A T E S 2 0 1 8

2018 Foot Clinic Dates: FRIDAYS Jan. 12, Feb. -no foot clinic, Mar. 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14.

-Helen Whipple

Warwickians On-Line

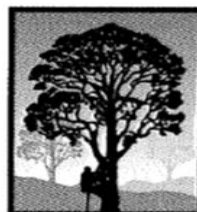
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S M O K I N H O T N E W S F R O M T H E F I R E H O U S E

Smokin' Hot News ... From the Fire house

Hello Warwick,

Well, like it or not, winter is upon us and we will be, once again, using our heating sources.

Please have all of your heat sources cleaned and properly maintained. It is important that they are serviced, working fine and up to code. Clean your chimneys and flues from last year's usage and any nests that critters may have built over the summer. Please take great care when disposing of hot embers/ashes from your wood stove, a metal trash can works great and when cool discard ashes.

It is so very important, and I can't stress this enough, that you have working smoke/CO detectors and that you practice a plan of escape from your home, two methods of escape.

If purchasing a new one is a financial hardship, the fire department has free smoke/Co2 detectors, if you would like one please contact a member of the fire department and we will get one to you.

The W.F.D. has purchased 100 "911" street number signs. On my way to a recent inspection, I passed by 4 houses in a row that did not have a clearly visible house number for their address. That slows down our, and other mutual aid companies that are not familiar with the town, response time tremendously. It is imperative to make your house number visible for an ambulance to find you.

They are green reflective signs that you put your number (which is reflective too) on both sides. They are \$15.00 each (\$5.00 xtra for a post) and we strongly recommend that you purchase one. You can call my home and I will arrange for you to get one. We will put the numbers on for you and help you install them if necessary as well. Your fire department is here for you.

We held a public Safety Day at the town hall on October, 28th. I was greatly disappointed in it's attendance. Only three Warwick residents came.

I arranged for a safety building to be there so you could literally experience being in a burning building and actually have the hands on experience of getting out safely. It is my opinion that all families need to be well educated and prepared for a fire. I'm trying very hard to make that happen and to reassure that we do not have any more tragedies in this town.

As always any questions or concerns, please call me at 978-544-8052

Stay Safe

Chief Ron Gates

WOODEN FENDER NEWS

Wooden Fender Winter Concert Series

Is it winter already? Weren't we just strolling on the village green on Old Home Days, being serenaded by Jim McRae and friends while eating Warwick Fire Department French fries? Wha' happened? Where did the time go? As our elders have warned, the months seem to zoom by at a more ludicrous speed each year. That's why it is imperative to mark these upcoming events on your calendar in big red letters and not let them pass you by. For the thirteenth year in a row, Wooden Fender has a concert series that will heat up the dance floor at Town Hall and compel you to boogie, watusi, or mashed potato the frosty nights away. We'll start the evening with dinner hosted by a town organization featuring your friends and neighbors serving up a nourishing feast with beverages and dessert included. After dinner, Wooden Fender hosts hot happenin' music from a local area band. What's not to like? (Please don't respond to this on the L – it's just a rhetorical question.)

Mark your calendars:

Jan. 13: Trailer Park, Arts Council Souper Supper

Feb. 10: Blues Night with The Patty T Blues Band, Trinitarian Church pizza dinner

March 17: To be announced, Trinitarian Church St. Patrick's Day dinner

April 21: To be announced, Moore's Pond Beach Committee lasagna dinner

Wooden Fender is a project of the Warwick Arts Council brought to you by the hard work and unrelenting persistence of Matt Hickler, Jim McRae, Alan Morgan and Michael Humphries.

Dinner and Concert – Saturday, January 13, Warwick Town Hall

Come and dance, or just kick back (we dare you to try!) and enjoy the first concert of the 2018 Wooden Fender performance series. We've had such a blast with **Trailer Park** in the past (and rumor has it, they had a blast with us) that we have invited them back for another joyride. **Trailer Park** has been playing around New England since 1994, always bringing a good time. They've had the good fortune to open for some great acts like NRBQ, Rat Dog, WAR, Little Feat, and Los Lobos, and twice performed as Bo Diddley's backing band. Trailer Park has been called "a ten-legged rock and roll machine" with "a penchant for old time sax-honking, vamp-blaring rock 'n roll."

The band features Tom Mahnken (bass and vocals), James Robinson (guitar and vocals), Rick Page and Greg Lauzon (twin tenor saxophones), and Joe Fitzpatrick (drums). The band plays original music, songs from the New Orleans R&B canon, and much more; all of it designed to make you feel good and dance the night away. So get out your shoeshine kit, buff up those dancing shoes, and get ready to twist and shout. **Trailer Park** is back in town! Check them out: <https://www.facebook.com/Trailer-Park-210545772311957/>

At 6:00 PM the Warwick Arts Council will be serving their famous **Souper Supper**. We know you like homemade soups, chilis, breads and desserts –last year most of them sold out! (Remember the Fritos?) The only difficult choice will be which crock pot to visit for a second helping. Enjoy this warm hearty dinner with family, friends and musicians, then join them again upstairs for an evening of fine music. And let those nice folks at the Arts Council do the dishes and scrub all those soup pots.

At 7:00 PM the concert starts in the main hall. Donations are gratefully accepted at the door to pay the band and support Wooden Fender's ongoing endeavor – in memory of Jeff Wallace - to keep live music happening in Warwick.

-Laurie Crane

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK



JANUARY 2018

Dear Friends,

“Given our twin planetary crises of climate change and unjust financial distribution, what is needed is not more information, but the will to move from belief to action, from denial to profound change at both the personal and public levels. The religions of the world, countercultural in their assumption that ‘to find one’s life, one must lose it’, are key players in understanding and promoting a movement from a model of God, the world, and the self-focused or individualistic, market-oriented accumulation by a few, to a model that sees self and planetary flourishing as interdependent. We live within our models and make decisions on the basis of them...The interdependent model demands self-emptying (the Christian concept of Kenosis) or ‘greater compassion’ (Buddhism) on the part of the well-to-do, so that all human beings and other life-forms may live just and sustainable lives.” Sallie McFague

The 25th chapter of the Gospel of Matthew contains many parables that Jesus reportedly used to explain the role of the faithful in this world, not as a ticket into heaven, but as an acknowledgement that we live in God’s world now. The culminating parable is of the “King” who addresses his people with (Matt 25: 35-46) *“I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.”* Then the righteous will answer him, *‘When did we (do these things)?’ ...And the king will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.’”*

As we begin a new year, we face, as theologian Sallie McFague asserts, *“twin planetary crises of climate change and unjust financial distribution.”* With the myopic drive of the current US government to repeal health care, reduce EPA regulations, open more federal lands to drilling and extraction, it would appear that “those at his left hand” (verse 41) have decided that personal wealth, becoming the “King”, is the ultimate goal of life. *“We live within our models and make decisions on the basis of them.”* In this model of becoming the King, it makes sense to give control of the power and resources of the nation to the elite, “who know how to use it”, and what scraps fall from the table can be gathered by the “dogs”. It is a model of complete self-interest as opposed to a model of interdependence.

Leaders of most world religions and our national UCC denomination have spoken frequently about the ***interdependence*** of life at all levels; the belief that everything is connected to everything and harm to one harms all. Destruction of large ecosystems, like the Great Barrier Reef or the Amazon Jungle, will ultimately affect the lives of even the richest, but, if your model of life is focused on the next quarterly earnings report, you will never be able to imagine the cataclysm looming on the far horizon. If corporate profitability is the core of your moral structure, the contamination of a few wells or the degradation of a few poor communities is a small price to pay. In such a moral universe, if your church starts preaching ‘social justice’ or ‘economic justice’, run, as Glenn Beck said on his show in March of 2010.

The belief that “social and economic justice” is and always has been a part of the teachings Jesus professed and lived is a backbone of UCC theology. This is a primary tenet of faith, but, as the Apostle Paul says, *“The only thing that matters is faith expressing itself as love.”* (Galatians 5:6) What does that mean for those of us here in Warwick who associate ourselves with the UCC and the community that gathers at the Metcalf Memorial Chapel? How do we faithfully respond to this call? How do we embody this love in this community and beyond? These are questions we have been delving into for the past year and will continue to explore in the coming year. Any feedback you might have to offer will be appreciated.

In hopeful faith, *Dan*

UP COMING EVENTS

EPIPHANY BONFIRE Bring your stripped down Christmas tree to the Chapel on SAT. **JANUARY 6 - 6:30 – 9 PM.** This of course assumes we will conditions that are safe for such a fire. We had a great time last year, a spectacular fire, lots of people, hot cocoa, s'mores and more. It's rumored that three "Wise People" may show up this year to celebrate with us.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - PIZZA & BLUES NIGHT coming **FEB 10**

Chase away the winter blues with hot, homemade pizza (to support the work of the Mission Committee) and some hot music and dancing thanks to the Warwick Arts Council's Wooden Fender Group.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AT THE METCALF CHAPEL

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Nonperishable food, personal hygiene & baby care 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".

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.

SHEETS & BLANKETS FOR THE EMERGENCY SHELTER

Single-size sheets and blankets, pillowcases, towels, washcloths can be brought to the Chapel. We will take them to the Emergency Shelter in Greenfield.



The Newsletter staff is very grateful to the family **Charlie Brown** who asked that memorial donations in his name be made to our operating fund. Charlie, a dedicated historian, recognized the value of this publication to future generations who may want to see what the month-to-month life was like in our little Town. Thanks, Charlie. We will miss your vast knowledge and your keen wit. Charlie passed away on 11/15/2017.

Town of Warwick Selectboard November 20, 2017 Minutes

Members present: Dawn Magi, James Erviti

Member absent: Lawrence Pruyne

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary and Town Clerk Rosa Fratangelo, Buildings and Energy Committee member Janice Kurkoski, Assessor's Clerk Beth Gilgun, Finance Committee member Steve Ruggiero, Olivier Flagollet, Jared Robinson (*Athol Daily News*)

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Town of Warwick Selectboard December 4, 2017 Minutes

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Member absent: James Erviti

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney, Police Chief David Shoemaker, Buildings and Energy Committee member Janice Kurkoski, Broadband Committee members Tom Wyatt, Miryam Williamson and Brad Compton, WBS Staff members Timothy Grey, John Bradford and David Koester, Open Space Committee members George Day and Mary Williamson, Ted Cady, Jack Cadwell, Nadia Marti, Kaila Woodson, Beth Gilgun, Bob Croke, Olivier Flagollet, Bill Carrithers, Jared Robinson (*Athol Daily News*)

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Magi MOVED to authorize the Chair to sign the amendment to the Solid Waste Plan. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

At 7:57 p.m. Magi MOVED to adjourn. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0

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**Town of Warwick
Selectboard
November 20, 2017
Minutes**

Members present: Dawn Magi, James Erviti

Member absent: Lawrence Pruyne

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary and Town Clerk Rosa Fratangelo, Buildings and Energy Committee member Janice Kurkoski, Assessor's Clerk Beth Gilgun, Finance Committee member Steve Ruggiero, Olivier Flagollet, Jared Robinson (*Athol Daily News*)

I. Call to Order

Vice Chair Erviti called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

II. Minutes

Magi MOVED to approve the minutes of October 31, 2017 and November 6, 2017 as printed. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

III. Presentations and Discussions

1. Green Communities FY 17 Annual Report —Buildings and Energy Committee member Janice Kurkoski handed out printed copies of the FY 17 Annual Report. She said that we are doing well on most of the Town buildings and noted that there is still \$2,262.00 left of the original Green Communities grant which must be spent by December 31, 2017. Kurkoski said that remaining grant funds will be used for the installation of a fan in the Town Hall foyer to draw down the warm air. She explained that the annual report, which is comprised of a simple spreadsheet with nineteen different tabs, needs to be approved and signed before being submitted to the DOER. Kurkoski said that vehicle fuel usage is not yet at the desired level and pointed out that 10% of the PVRS buildings plus WCS usage is four (4) times the usage for all the Town buildings combined. Finance Committee member Steve Ruggiero said that the Highway, Police and Fire Departments should keep a log of mileage and gas usage and send copies to the Finance Committee. Kurkoski

said that in February of 2018 we can apply for a \$250,000.00 grant for use on school buildings provided both the FY 17 annual report and the revised energy reduction plan are accepted by the State.

2. Green Communities Revised Energy Reduction Plan—Young said that a vote of the Selectboard is needed to accept the plan before submitting it to DOER. Kurkoski said that this should be sent off to the State shortly after the FY 17 annual report. Erviti said that he needed to read the plan before voting to accept it and wanted to put it on the next agenda (December 4, 2017). Young suggested a special meeting after Thanksgiving, but Kurkoski said that December 4th would be fine.

3. Gift of Bench at Warwick Community School— Young said that a gift has been made to the Warwick Community School in memory of former principal Wallace McCloud, and requested the Board vote to accept the gift.

Magi MOVED to accept the bench at the Warwick Community School in memory of former principal Wallace McCloud. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

4. Veteran's District—Young said that a vote was needed to remain a member of the Veteran's District along with an authorization for the Chair to sign a three-year Memorandum of agreement (MOA).

Magi MOVED that we remain a member of the Veteran's District and authorize the Chair or Vice Chair to sign the 3-year MOA. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

5. Appointments —

Magi MOVED to appoint Susan Wright and Olivier Flagollet to the Cultural Council and Clyde Perkins, Sr. to the Council on Aging. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Flagollet was sworn in by the Town Clerk.

6. Purchase of Land for Town Forest—Young said that the purchase price of \$83,400.00 was established by a fair market appraisal and explained that while Special Town Meeting vote approved the purchase, the Selectboard vote must be made prior to the purchase being made.

Magi MOVED to authorize the purchase of the Victoria Shaw woodland for Town Forest land. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

7. **Tax Classification Hearing**— Erviti opened the Tax Classification Hearing at 6:33 p.m. Assessor's Clerk Beth Gilgun explained that this matter had been voted on by the Board at their November 6, 2017 meeting but she had not posted the hearing in the newspaper. Because of this, she posted tonight's hearing in the newspaper on Friday, November 17, 2017 so the Board may now vote to set the FY 18 tax rate.

Magi MOVED to establish a single tax rate for the Town. Erviti SECONDED.

Gilgun said the tax rate is set at \$21.65. Erviti closed the hearing at 6:37 p.m.

8. **Outsourced Accounting Procurement Update**—Young said that he has sent the paperwork to Janice Barrett, BMAG, FRCOG and two other firms that were recently considered by the Town of Ashburnham. He said that the procurement will be open until December 31, 2017 or until filled. Young said that he will call the firms to confirm their receipt of the documents and gauge their interest.
9. **Surplus Property Auction Results**—Young said that the former Fire Department brush truck sold on eBay for \$3,550.00 cash. He said that there was a \$125.00 charge from eBay for the sale and the Treasurer has received the remaining \$3,425.00. for deposit into the General Fund.
10. **Highway**—Young said that Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney was not present because he had given him the night off, so he could arrange for more line painting. Erviti questioned the use of sand on paved roads this morning. Ruggiero said that it was a waste of sand, time, and fuel, especially when the wind blew most of it off the roads. Olivier Flagollet said he saw lots of salt in certain areas and expressed concern that there are no signs up yet for the no salt area in and around the center of town. Young stated that this morning's procedures did not follow what Delaney had said at the last meeting with regards to how things would be done this season.
- Young noted that no salt signs would be illegal as there has never been an actual salt ban voted by the Selectboard or Town Meeting. He said that in the 1980's there was a Town Meeting vote to use the least amount of salt possible. Erviti said that the Board had directed Delaney to use less salt and to significantly reduce the overall salt usage. Flagollet said that he found the minutes of a 2017 meeting where the Board voted no salt usage in the Town center. Erviti said that he did not remember such a vote; Flagollet noted that he was absent from that meeting. Ruggiero suggested that this be put on the next agenda and that residents from the center of town attend. Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo said that on April 24, 2017 the Board voted to order to no salt signs and that Erviti was not in attendance. Young said that at the April 10th meeting there was a discussion of a salt ban, but no vote was taken. Flagollet said that wells are being contaminated from heavy road salt usage. Both Erviti and Young said that salt is now to be used while plowing and not as a pre-treatment of roads prior to a storm. Young suggested considering the use of less impactful chemicals in the village center and around Moore's Pond. Erviti said that he wanted Larry Delaney to attend the next meeting to discuss these matters further.

- 11. Shared PVRs Central Office, Superintendent, and Business Manager**—Young said that a letter from all member town’s Selectboards was sent to the School Committee urging an interim solution to share a Superintendent and a Business Manager. He said that the majority of the School Committee wanted an interim Business Manager on board quickly. Erviti asked if Warwick moving to Mahar is being considered. Young said that many options are being looked at across Franklin County and beyond. He said that current PVRSD Superintendent Ruth Miller will be leaving at the end of this school year and noted that Mahar has expressed an interest in sharing a Business Manager and a Superintendent. Young said that financial necessity will bring about change.
- 12. Fire Drill Policy**—Erviti said that whatever Fire Department personnel conduct a fire drill should be in uniform. Ruggiero concurred and added that there should be one policy in place for fire drills in all municipal buildings.
- 13. November 9, 2017 PVRs Stakeholders Meeting**—Magi said that representatives from the D.O.R., the Department of Education and the Ethics Commission were present and that the long presentations brought home the fact that we need to do what is best for the students. She noted meetings have become more civil since the November 9th meeting. Young said that it was a valuable meeting and that the current School Committee policies are in shambles and new policies are needed.
- 14. “County” Law Libraries**—Young said that Franklin County is not a political entity and since the “County” Law Library was remodeled there is a growing concern for the future of primary historic documents. He said that documents may be lost or destroyed and pointed out that digitized copies are not considered to be archival. Young said he would draft a letter for the next meeting.
- 15. Selectboard Reports**—No reports this meeting.
- 16. Coordinator Report**—Young said that he needed the Treasurer to look at MIAA’s health insurance offerings to see what is out there and available to us.
- 17. Public Comment**—
- 18. New and Other Business Unanticipated at Time of Meeting Posting**—None.

IV. Adjournment

At 7:27 p.m. Magi MOVED to adjourn. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting:

- *Draft Minutes of October 31, 2017 and November 6, 2017 Selectboard meetings
- *Coordinator Report dated November 16, 2017
- *Town of Warwick FY 17 Green Communities Annual report
- *Town of Warwick Revised Energy Reduction Plan, 2017

- *Municipal Energy Analysis Report: Clean Energy Site Assessment for PVRSD dated October 31, 2017
- *Letter from Town of Bernardston to PVRS School Committee dated November 13, 2017 Re: shared interim Superintendent and shared interim Business Manager
- *Letter from Town of Wendell Selectboard dated July 26, 2017 Re: Law Books
- *Letter to Town of Wendell from Executive Office of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts dated August 22, 2017 Re: Franklin County Law Library
- *Invitation to submit price quotations for Warwick Town Accounting Services
- *Binding Quote Form – Warwick Town Accounting Services

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I. Call to Order

Chair Pruyne called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Pruyne noted the recent passing of former resident Glenn Matthews, Jr.

II. Minutes

Magi MOVED to approve the minutes of November 20, 2017 as printed. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

III. Presentations and Discussions

- 1. Whipple Class II and Class III License Renewals**—Rod Whipple is grandfathered in for annual license renewals once proof of insurance has been provided to the Town and the required fees have been paid.

Magi MOVED the renewal of Rod Whipple's Class II and Class III licenses. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

- 2. Green Communities Revised Energy Reduction Plan** —Janice Kurkoski handed out an amended Revised Energy Reduction Plan. She explained that the Warwick Community School and Pioneer regional School buildings are now included in Warwick’s Green Communities portfolio of buildings eligible for competitive grants. Kurkoski noted that grants can be combined with other member towns for work on PVRS buildings. She said that the windows and WinCerts in the old Fire Station are rotting and also have been added. Young said that all original Green Communities grant funds must be expended by December 31, 2017 and that a 60” ceiling fan will be installed in the Town Hall foyer, the cost of which will be part of the original grant expenditures.

Magi MOVED to approve and go forward with the Revised Energy Reduction Plan. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

- 3. FRCOG Electric Aggregation Plan**—Kurkoski said that the regional electric committee proposed an aggregated electric plan. She said that for now FRCOG wants to know whether or not the Selectboard has an interest to find out more, or to have either Bob Dean or Bob Armstrong coming before them to explain the process. There was a consensus of the Board that there is interest in obtaining more information and agreed to pursue electrical aggregation.
- 4. Warwick Buildings and Energy Committee Green Communities Report**—Kurkoski said that the report had been filed this morning and was received by the State.
- 5. Highway Department**—Young said that he wanted policies to be looked at for idling vehicles, as a reduction in idling will save hours on the machines as well as save fuel. He noted that the law usually limit idling to 5 minutes. Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney said that he has told his crew to shut off the engines and start them about every half an hour to keep the diesel motors able to start reliably in the cold without long periods of idling. Kurkoski said that the 5-year target reduction in fuel usage for Town vehicles is 20% and noted that so far building energy usage is down 35% while fuel usage is up 12%. She said that it is very difficult to lower vehicle fuel use, especially where the Highway vehicles are used as the weather dictates. Delaney said that the segmented plows are due to arrive and be installed later this week. Pruyne asked Delaney for decreased use of road salt in the village center. Delaney said that he thought it had been agreed upon that he would go with the State suggested rate of 250 lbs. of salt per lane mile and will get away from using a sand/salt mixture. Delaney said that he anticipated an overall reduction in the use of salt as the blend of sand and salt is not always consistent and an imprecise mix can result in more salt being put down on the roads. He pointed out that by using straight salt the amount used will be more easily monitored. Delaney noted that straight sand will still be the policy for dirt roads. Pruyne asked about using no salt in the center of town. Delaney predicted that would result in a snow-packed mess, but if directed by the Board he would comply. Young said that snow packed down on the roads would require harsher chemicals to break it up. Magi inquired about the use of salt substitutes for the center; Delaney explained that we are not currently set up for this and would first have to purchase equipment and storage tanks. He said that this year the

bid was for straight salt; Young said we could bid again and suggested turning down the road salt rate below the 250 lbs./lane mile. Young figured that one truck carries 72 lane miles of salt at the 250lbs./lane mile rate. Delaney said that the minimum effective use per storm would be carried out and that for longer duration storms the salt rate would be reduced as a storm progresses. Delaney pointed out that at this point everything is theoretical until it is actually put into practice.

Ted Cady, acting as a private citizen, handed out a letter he wrote to the Selectboard urging continued work on the Winter road salt policy. He noted that wells are at risk with some having documented pollution and high salt content. Cady suggested that those impacted by this become part of the solution and that a citizens committee be formed to identify the scale of the problem and determine how to address the issues in a manner that is best for them and also for the Town as a whole.

Bob Croke said that last winter his water became too salty to drink, and that even though the problem has cleared up he remains quite concerned. Olivier Flagollet said that road safety is the responsibility of the drivers as well as our Highway Department, and expressed frustration that the Town is expected to be responsible for those irresponsible drivers who speed and do not have good tires for snow. He said that he would prefer a no-salt policy for the center of town to preserve the safety of our wells and water.

Pruyne asked Police Chief Shoemaker if speed limits may be lowered in the winter months; Shoemaker said that they cannot. Jack Cadwell said that people have come to expect clear, dry roads all the time and those who complain play an inordinately large role in how things are done. He said it used to be the roads were snow-packed all winter, even when people didn't have four-wheel or front-wheel drive vehicles.

Delaney explained that the classes he has taken have emphasized the use of best practices, as liability issues arise when best practices are not followed, and towns have lost lawsuits for injuries sustained in vehicular accidents with poor road conditions. He said the DEP advocates the use of best practices. Cady said that it would be easy for those sanding the dirt roads to spot sand a no or low salt area. Youngs said that we should look at liquid chemicals as well as treated salt. Delaney said that he will check with FRCOG. Magi suggested trying different experiments to see what works best and to put up signage to indicate a low or no salt area. Delaney said he would order the signs tomorrow.

Magi MOVED to create a citizens committee to study the impact of road salt usage on wells near the road. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Ted Cady and Olivier Flagollet volunteered to serve on the committee.

David Koester said that drivers have a personal responsibility to drive accordingly in winter conditions. He noted that liability has become fear-based and causes the loss of rational decision making. Wyatt suggested that the citizens committee should work with the Highway Department what was done and where for each storm as a basis for evaluation. Pruyne offered to serve as the Selectboard liaison to the citizens committee.

The discussion shifted to line painting. Delaney said that due to rain followed by cold, the line painting planned for Wendell Road could not be done. Cady suggested cutting the brush in the spring as soon as the foliage has come because it is more effective than waiting until later in

the season. Delaney said that they have always done this in the Fall but he would be willing to try it in the Spring.

Young said that the hourly rate for 1-ton plow contractors has been \$60.00 for awhile and that the contractors are asking for a \$5.00 per hour raise in pay. Delaney said that using private contractors saves on wear and tear of Town vehicles, and noted contractors plow almost all the dirt roads, along with South Holden Road, Pine Street, Shepardson, White, Old Winchester, Chase Hill, Royalston and Richmond Roads. Delaney said that the contractors are valuable assets to the Highway Department.

Magi MOVED to increase the hourly rate of the 1-ton plow contractors to \$65.00. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

The Board members signed 4 copies of Chapter 90 reimbursement contract in the amount of \$268,537.71.

- 6. Report by George Day on Town Forest Land**—George Day handed out copies of a report he compiled about Town Forest land. He said that the purchase of the Victoria Shaw woodland happened one week ago today. Day explained the maps in the report to all present and then spoke about revenue generated through the years by timber harvest on Town Forest lands. He noted that the purchase of the Shaw land resulted in a 32% increase in Town Forest land and that we now have approximately 365 acres of town forest. Day gave a bit of history as well, referring to the February 1951 Town Meeting where a vote was made authorizing the Town Forest Committee to cut timber on Town Forest land to raise money to build a new Fire Station. A subsequent Special Town Meeting in June of 1951 changed the location of the fire station across the road to the site where it was built by the end of that same year. Day said that to date \$86,000.00 in revenue from Town Forest land has been generated, along with the lumber for the original fire station. Day said that there was an outhouse, shed, and metal trailer on the former Shaw land that need to be removed. He said that Donnie Matthews submitted the low quote, and that the amount of the quote had been subtracted from the purchase price of the land. Day commended David Young for all of his work on the land purchase as well as the sale of the old Fire Department brush truck. Young acknowledged the Open Space and Town Forest Committees for their hard work to accomplish the land purchase. Young said that the Open Space and Town Forest Committees are a real asset to the Town. He also said that Senator Stan Rosenberg had been of great help with this process. Mary Williamson thanked the Selectboard for its support in securing the grant which funded the Shaw land purchase.

Magi MOVED that letters of thanks be sent to the Town Forest Committee, the Open Space Committee and Senator Stan Rosenberg. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

- 7. MA SHRAB Preservation Grant Application**—Young said that he made pre-applications for two projects: a flagpole for the Warwick Cemetery and the repair of the monument at Fellows Field, which commemorates the only Warwick resident to die in World War II. He noted that

the flagpole seems to be the preferred project and that we can likely repair the monument on our own. Young said the next semi-final application is due December 15, 2017. There was a consensus of the Board to pitch the flagpole going forward.

8. **County Law Libraries Letter**—Young said that the letter for Chair Pruyne’s signature was largely based on the Town of Wendell’s letter supporting a halt to the destruction of books and records at law libraries. He noted that Lisa Hoag from Wendell has been his point of contact on this issue.

Magi MOVED to sign the letter supporting no destruction of books in County Law Libraries. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.
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9. **Joint Meeting with Broadband Committee**—At 7:35 p.m. Tom Wyatt declared that as there were 3 Broadband Committee members present, that a quorum had been achieved. Young stated that these minutes are also to serve as those of the Broadband Committee for this meeting.

Pruyne said that a resident had expressed concerns about Broadband to him and that he had wanted a joint meeting with the Broadband Committee to discuss the network, protocols, and leadership. Miryam Williamson noted that when she was on the Selectboard a policy was established whereby complaints are to be brought first to the Chair of the Board or Committee prior to being brought before the Selectboard. Pruyne said that the resident voiced concerns about the state of the network and its fitness. Wyatt said that there is a need for more and better education of WBS subscribers regarding potential problems. He said that standards of work need to be developed and due to the lateness of the hour suggested another joint meeting to spend more time delving into concerns.

Young said that he has been working with Broadband staff to document what he knows so that if he is not present others can know how to proceed. He said that there ought to be a disaster recovery plan and contingency plans. Young said that WiValley and AccessPlus could step in with monitoring and billing. He stated that the Broadband Committee should be on the front lines of a succession policy. Young emphasized that contingency and succession planning for Broadband and the Town Coordinator position are good ideas.

John Bradford said that he was not clear on what people are concerned about as “network” is such a broad term. Pruyne said that a number of things were mentioned but that there was no list of concerns nor was the person who brought those concerns to light present at this meeting. Young said that someone made a complaint about the network design and theoretical vulnerability.

Wyatt noted that the Broadband Committee has met less frequently over the past year but as a group who pays attention to WBS the committee should remain active and continue its work. Young said that Jim Erviti had offered to help with the financial and accounting aspects of WBS and that he planned to take him up on his offer.

Pruyne said that he wanted another joint meeting of the Selectboard and Broadband Committee to be scheduled ASAP. Wyatt and Young will coordinate the scheduling of another meeting.

- 10. Outsourcing Accounting Procurement Update**—Young said that three firms have expressed interest, but none have submitted formal proposals. He noted that the submission deadline is January 2, 2018.
- 11. Follow-Up on Fire Drill Policy** —Young said that he had yet to hear anything from the Fire Department about a fire drill policy or scheduling a fire briefing.
- 12. Selectboard Reports**—Magi said that she attended a FRCOG Personnel Committee meeting last week and that a 2% raise for FRCOG employees was voted.
- 13. Coordinator Report**—Young said that the DEP Universal Solid Waste Shed project at the Transfer Station is now complete. He noted that the grant will likely pay for the Highway crew wages for assembling the 8' x 10' shed kit.

Magi MOVED to authorize the Chair to sign the amendment to the Solid Waste Plan. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Pruyne signed the amendment.

14. Public Comment—None.

15. New and Other Business Unanticipated at Time of Meeting Posting—None.

IV. Adjournment

At 7:57 p.m. Magi MOVED to adjourn. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting:

- *Draft Minutes of November 20, 2017 Selectboard meetings
- *Coordinator Report dated November 30, 2017
- *Town of Warwick Revised Energy Reduction Plan, 2017 Amended November 30, 2017
- *Letter from Ted Cady to Selectboard Chair Pruyne dated December 3, 2017 Re: Selectboard's recently adopted Winter road salt policy
- *Report on Town Forest and Victoria Shaw land compiled by George Day
- *Proof of Insurance for Rodney Whipple for the purposes of renewing Class II and Class III licenses
- *Report by J. David Young intended for December 2017 Community Newsletter
- *Email from Susan Grabski to David Young dated November 30, 2017 Re: MA SHRAB Letter of Intent for Preservation Grants for Veterans Collections, Monuments
- *Email from Lawrence Pruyne to David Young dated November 29, 2017 Re: agenda item Warwick Broadband and Joint Meeting with Broadband Committee
- *Letter to Paula M. Carey from Warwick Selectboard dated December 4, 2017 Re: Destruction of County law library historical records