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Warwick Community Newsletter

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PHONE DIRECTORY

Emergency	911
	9 7 8 - 5 4 4 -
Selectboard	6315
Treasurer/Collector	3845
Highway	6349
Library	7866
Fire Station	3314
Animal Control	3402
Animal Contr.Pager	217-2681
Clerk/Assessors	8304
Bd of Health	6315
Community School	6310
Fire Dept Business	2277
Police Dept Business	2244
Building Inspector	2236
FAX all depts.	6499
Burn Permits	413-625-8200
Warwick Broadband Trouble	
	413-676-9544

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LETTER OF THANKS - "It Takes a Village"

Gerry and I would like to thank everyone who helped us when Gerry was so sick. Thanks to Rod & Liz Whipple, Clara Shepardson, Dan Dibble, and the crew who cut and delivered the wood: Ted Cady, Rod Whipple, David Young, Mike and sisters Mary & Jackie Humphries, "Doc" Pruyne, Steve Kurkoski, Clara Shepardson, Tom Wyatt, Tom Ziniti, Brad Compton, Charlie Ernest, Rich Field, Dick & Dustin Shepardson— for the hemlock.

Thanks to all our family who took care and stacked the wood—Travis & Beth McLaren, Haley Whitney, Paul Whitney, and Jacob, Jaime and Jay—Trevor Williams, Will Swedburg and his friends. All my friends in the Women's Guild. Also special thanks to Amanda Whitney who worked very hard on the house. If I have forgotten anyone, thanks so much. You are all so wonderful. Also again to Dan Dibble—thank you and the church for the money and prayer shawl. You're all the best and thanks, also to church family who prayed for him on the shawl. Thanks again, you are all the very best. -Maria and Gerry Whitney

LETTER OF THANKS

My children and I wish to thank each and every one of you for all the condolences, flowers, cards, offers of assistance, your presence and all your help during the cruel illness and death of Albert our husband and father. We appreciated everyone of you and everything you helped with. Thanks to all! Janet Alden, Sue Groesbeck, Nancy Alden, Janice Alden and Andrew Alden.

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

The Women's Guild will meet at 1:00 pm on Tuesday December 6 in the basement of the Town Hall. Once again we will be preparing and delivering fruit baskets for Warwick residents age 80 and over. This annual event has a long history of service to the community, and brings us together (with holiday treats!) every December. Every is one most welcome! -Martha Morse



WARWICKIANS ON-LINE - How to subscribe

If you can send and receive e-mail, you can sign up for WarwickList, our town's on-line discussion group, founded by Ed Hawes during Old Home Days in 1996. Anything that would interest people who live here is appropriate. To join us, write to warwicklist-request@freelists.org with the subject Subscribe. In the message body give your full name, street address, phone number, and, if you're not a resident, a sentence or two saying why you want to join. You'll get a message saying your request has been forwarded for approval. Miryam Williamson, the listowner, will approve it, and you'll start receiving list mail. Also, you will automatically get the Community Newsletter by e-mail.

T H E G A T H E R I N G P L A C E

The Gathering Place menu is available each week on the L, Warwick Web and TCC Facebook page. Gatherings are held Fridays in the Town Hall Dinning Room, from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Coffee for \$1.00 ready at 10:00 AM, Cup of Soup for \$3.50, 1/2 Sandwich for \$2.00. Have both (Cup and a half) for \$4.50 starting at 11:30 AM. Desserts anytime. Need lunch to go, bring a container for soup and we'll pack lunch for you. Everyone is welcome. Thank you all for your on-going support.

There will not be a Gathering on Friday, 02 December, the Town hall will be busy with the Hunters Supper. There will not be a Gathering on Friday, 23 December for the Christmas Holiday.

Tracy Gaudet, Outreach Coordinator for Orange COA and Shine Counselor, (Serving Health Insurance Needs for Everyone), is attempting to be more available to Warwick Residents. Tracy will be at the Gathering on Friday, 16 and 30 December. Stop by and put her to work for you. Tracy can assist individuals with public benefits, fuel assistance, food stamps, Mass Health, etc. You may contact her at [978-544-3481](tel:978-544-3481) or tgaudet@townoforange.org, she will be bring application forms for various programs. Got questions, need assistance, stop in between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM -Diana Tandy

L I B R A R Y

Don't forget to check out the electronic books available on line through CW/MARS, Axis 360 and the Boston Public Library. Over 50,000 books and other items are available on your electronic device for free. This includes audio books, magazines and streaming video (if you have a broadband connection).

New books available: The Heart of Henry Quantam by Harding, Home by Coben, My Own Words by Ginsburg, Pushing Up Daisies by Beaton, Wake Up America by Bolling, Desolation Flats by Hunt, Escape Clause by Sandford, Manitou Canyon by Kreuger, Whistler by Grisham, Wrong Side of Goodbye by Connelly and Two by Two by Sparks.

New dvds include: The Infiltrator, Game of Thrones Season 6 and Outlander Season 2.

-Nancy Hickler, Director

BROADBAND UPGRADE PROJECT UPDATE

We are working on phase-one of the Warwick wireless internet system rebuild. The project involves new multi radio gear; reuse of some bands / frequencies; adding new higher frequency equipment; replacing tower wiring; establishing twelve pole-mounted relay sites with electric power, adding back-up power generation to the cell tower, interconnecting all towers with wireless links; documenting the system; and reaching all permanent residents with service providing broadband download speeds.

Town Meeting voted \$240,000 of borrowing authorization to support the first phase of this upgrade. To date we have spent \$84,000. We are working on changes on the cell tower this fall while we await a state funding decision on our grant application which asks for \$450,000. If awarded, the grant will permit us to add state of the art LTE equipment in place of the WiMax gear that is in use and that is currently our fastest solution. LTE will make service many times faster than the best we currently can offer. LTE is the standard for cellular data transfer. We will use the technology for fixed service, not for mobility service, and our use will not be integrated to cell phone voice networks.

We have upgraded, to date, about 15% of the network and work continues on a daily basis. The best performance won't be obtained until the whole network is upgraded. The good news is we are coming in well under budget. The bad news is this is taking a lot longer than we hoped or planned. At this time we cannot say when individual subscribers will get upgraded, but updates on our progress will keep coming from the staff and Broadband Committee.

David Young

Administrative Coordinator

Town of Warwick

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Warwick Broadband Committee Update

As the upgrade and expansion of Warwick Broadband moves forward, it has become clear that one major purpose of the committee – research of internet service options – is complete for the next few years (at least). We will continue to work with Broadband staff and advise the Selectboard on policy issues such as out-of-town service and pricing tiers. Helping to provide communication with subscribers about outages and service updates is another function we can assist the staff with.

A new area that the committee is beginning to explore is researching cell service options. The installation of multiple poles across the town for the internet expansion could provide an opportunity for cell service installation as well. If you are interested in helping us investigate this possibility, please join us at our:

Next meeting on Monday December 12th at 5pm in the Town Hall....or email or call me.

Tom Wyatt

Warwick Broadband Committee, Chair

tom@tomwyattphoto.com 413-768-8641

Thank you to the 12 hikers who enjoyed trekking the Dublin Trail to the blustery summit of Mt. Monadnock on Veteran's Day. Leanne Limoges' brother, Robby Kirley, helped to co-lead the hike with Clare Green. Leanne of the Warwick Recreation Com. invites people to share their ideas with her regarding outdoor hikes and events.

Robby Kirley registered the mighty wind gusts at 45 mph on the summit. We were welcomed with all kinds of weather: sun and clouds, rain, sun, hail, snow, rainbow and windy gusts as we descended the trail. We felt the cold front approaching as the mountain appeared musical with its symphony of elements and people talking along the trail. Mt. Monadnock may "stand alone" but it is never without company on its trails.

Henry David Thoreau refers to it as the "Temple" and I nickname it the "Blue Jewel." It certainly shared its radiance with us all during our hike -Clare Green

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

We have YOGA, STRETCH AND STRENGTHEN and FITNESS MIX Check with instructors for holiday cancelations .

* All classes are now at the school gymnasium . Bring water, mat /towel and indoor shoes .
The recreation committee hopes you enjoy these classes ! Please show us that we're on the right track by attending . The more people that come , the more classes we will offer . Please send feedback to Leannelimoges@gmail.com or call me -5553

FITNESS MIX Thursdays 6-7pm
Medium intensity cardio, floor work and stretching. Instructor ; Susan Krieger \$5

YOGA Wednesdays 5-6pm and Saturdays 9-10 am **FREE!**
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. She is also interested in teaching a modern dance class.

STRONG. Tuesdays 6-7 pm
Be ready to sweat and see results ! This is a powerful new program that is not dance . It is music led interval training that will challenge you to be healthier and stronger . Amazing work out . New comers have commented that it is very forgiving with modifications to fit your level. \$5 Taught by Christine Rouleau

ZUMBA. Sundays 8-9 am
Dance fitness performed to energetic music ; hip hop, samba, salsa, mambo, Brazilian funk and country ! Many people have enjoyed this class for the past 5 years .. New comers welcome, very fun . \$5 .
Instructor ; Christine Rouleau

The Winners of the 2016 Pioneer Valley Transition Towns Film Festival
held November 4th, GCC's Cohn Dining Commons

18 and Under Category

1st Going Green Expo – Alexander Smithline

This documentary tells the story of the Going Green Expo held at Sinai Temple. Put together by the Longmeadow Transition program the expo worked to educate citizens on hard to combat climate change.

2nd GMS Grade 5 Green River Clean Up – GMS 6th Grade Class

Greenfield Middle School student engage in Community Service at the Green River Clean Up!

Adult Category

1st / Oppose the Pipeline – John Nordell

The proposed Kinder Morgan NED pipeline would transport fracked natural gas from Pennsylvania to Massachusetts. Opponents marched along section of the proposed route.

Tied for 2nd (in alphabetical order)

Gillbillys Hoop Dream – Daniel Botkin

A chronicle of assembling a new, high-tunnel hoop house at Laughing Dog Farm 2016.

Small Gardens – Ron Kanter

How to maximize the yield of a small garden.

All films from Season 2012 through 2016 are available for free viewing at www.gctv.org/PVTTFF2016

Enjoy!

BOARD OF HEALTH

It's hard to believe that we are in December. Where did the year go? I'm not sure. At any rate, we are facing winter again, and the cycle keeps going.

Most people write about stress around the holidays. Others talk about how to hold onto your diet or eating plan. Maybe a column about how to be safe in the winter would be appropriate.

I'm not going to write about any of that.

No question about it, people who are in healthcare are concerned about the changes to healthcare that may be coming. The man that America saw fit to elect as president is likely to change some things. What can you do? What can any of us do?

One answer is political action. Get into politics and start doing something about the problem. I think that is a good solution, but for most people, their time is constrained by their family and/or their job. So after you figure out what political party you can help the most and how to do it, what can you do about the persistent worry?

Well, I am using two methods. One I learned from my cat. Latte (the name of my cat) doesn't really care what is going to happen tomorrow. She cares about what is happening now. She does her thing, and she deals with tomorrow when it gets here.

The other method is prayer/meditation. Most religions include an element of that in their spiritual tradition. Meditation can be done even without any religious belief whatsoever. There are two books I like on the subject. The first book, *Conversations with Christ* is for people who identify as Christian. The author explores what that great mystic, St. Teresa of Avila had to say on the subject. The second book is useful in a more general sense. This one is *A Beginner's Guide to Meditation: Practical Advice and Inspiration from Contemporary Buddhist Teachers*.

This sort of thing is valuable to me. Meditation and prayer have documented beneficial effects in the scientific literature, and I have seen it in my own clinical practice. However, in life there are rarely one-size-fits-all solutions. So I offer these ideas in the spirit of "Try it, you might like it."

I hope everyone in our community finds peace in the new year.

Lucinda Seago, Board of Health

EVENT RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING

Dear Special Event Planners, Colleagues, Townfolk, and Friends,

Please consider joining us at a special FREE workshop on Dec. 6th:

**Event Recycling and Composting:
It's Easier Than You Think!**

Tuesday, December 6 2-4 pm
[Orange Innovation Center](#)
Orange, MA

Attend this free afternoon workshop to learn how to reduce waste at your fair, festival, town event, church event, or similar - it's easy! More info and registration here:

REGISTER HERE, Event Planner workshop:
<https://goo.gl/forms/wHaMasJ70E7ZjTQ13>

That same day, from 8:45 am - 12 noon, the Greater Quabbin Food Alliance offers its Winter meeting in the same place.

REGISTER HERE, Food Alliance meeting:
<https://goo.gl/forms/RsK0tBq7w0ndyco73>

Registration is required for either FREE event. Both take place in the Orange Innovation Center.

Amy Donovan
Program Director, Franklin County Solid Waste Management District
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amy@franklincountywastedistrict.org
www.franklincountywastedistrict.org

St. Patrick's Elves Fair - Northfield

Saturday - Dec. 3rd 9a-2pm

Crafts and Vendor tables , Baked Goods, Chinese Auction for theme baskets, Lunch (Homemade Chili, Soup & Hot Dogs) will be available.

Santa will also be there.

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T O W N C L E R K

Thank You!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Election Workers who came together and made a great team on November 8th.

Beth Gilgun, always a superior Election Warden, was there almost as long as I was and was extremely helpful and saved the day by reconciling the final ballot count.

Constables Calvin Fellows, Rod Whipple and Bruce Kilhart kept the thick ballots going into the ballot box.

Freddie Fellows, Martha Morse, Judy Johnson, Gloria Varno, Liz Whipple, Clare Green, Barbara Walker, Dan Dibble, Sheryl Fontaine, Diana Tandy, Susan Wright and Nancy Kilhart for checking the voters in or out.

Ballot Counters Susan Wright, Louise Doud, Art Long, Ann Kendall, Andrea Woods, Regina Curtis, Elaine Rearson, Tom Wyatt, Shauna Lynn Mallet Smith, Christine Duerring, Liz Whipple, Sheryl Fontaine, Diana Tandy, Nancy Kilhart, Jaylin Dibble, Mindy Gibbons, Gordon Ellis, Linda Strusa, Gloria Varno and Barbara Noel -- you all took on the task of counting blocks of those 474 ballots and did a great job with such an important task.

Together all of these people helped make this a great election day. While I, as Town Clerk, am responsible for running elections, I cannot do it alone and must assemble a strong team to get the job done. So many people were willing to be a part of that team and everyone pulled together to serve our Town proudly and well. For this I am very grateful.

Lastly, thank you to all who voted -- either at the polls, by early voting or by absentee ballot. We have the privilege of being able to cast our votes in elections, and at 82%, this was the largest turnout I have seen so far (this being my first Presidential election as Town Clerk).

Warwick is a great little town and we are very fortunate to live in this community.

-Rosa Fratangelo

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

Hangar Pub and Grill
30 Federal Street
Greenfield, MA
413-773-9464
Mon 4PM to 1AM
Tue – Sun 11:30 AM to 1 AM

For those of you who have been to Hangar's Pub in Amherst, you do not have to go that far any longer. Located in the old Bill's Restaurant on Federal Street is Hanger's Pub of Greenfield. Went there recently with some friends for lunch and everyone was very pleased with their choices.

I had a turkey club, which came with fries served on sour dough bread. It was so big it was difficult to get my mouth around it. Someone else had the Rueben and said it was excellent. Others shared "The Nuclear Meltdown" which was 1 lb of waffle fries, smothered in chili, cheese and sour cream. They said they were super. And another person said the Ranch Hand Burger was great with grilled onions, Swiss cheese, bacon, and ranch dressing served with onion rings.

We old-timers didn't care for the music selection which was rather loud, and our eyesight wasn't the best to read the menu in the dark atmosphere. If the main dining area had been opened it might have been brighter but we had to sit in the bar area and that was darker. But the food was good and we enjoy it. Nice having some alternatives in this area. Bon Appetite.—Gloria Varno

H I S T O R I C A L S O C I E T Y

Warwick Historical Society will meet on Wednesday December 21 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. Bring a wrapped gift of around \$5.00 value for our annual holiday Yankee Gift Swap, preceded by a short business meeting. And you need not be an official "member" to join in the fun and share holiday treats as well.

- Martha Morse

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GREEN CORNER

2016 COMPASSIONATE, CARING and GREEN GIFT GIVING

The Green Corner joyfully shares with its readers some holiday ideas for gifts that feel great to give at this time of year. You might even start this often stressful and commercialized season by kindly opting out of your office “Secret Santa” and expressing your plan to make a donation to your local library or food co-op, instead. Boycott chia pets and moving plastic parts! Avoid the obligatory gift buying/receiving and give something meaningful. Here are just a few suggestions for truly cool alternatives to wandering through stores on Black Friday wondering what’s “new” to buy this year.

Home décor and other items:

- LED lights and/or timers (when lights are not in use)
- Plug-in “Kill-a-Watt” meter to measure the energy usage of each device in your house. Larger appliances such as refrigerators can be monitored for several days to see if replacement is indicated.
- Native Energy/carbon footprint offsets; more info on this from the Green Corner in coming months
- Winserts – the warmest gift ever! https://northquabbinenergy.org/?page_id=13

Gift certificates from local businesses: (support our towns!)

- Hettie-Belle Farm Chase Hill Farm The Copper Angel The Barn Owl Dean’s Beans Coffee
- The Trail Head Quabbin Harvest (North Quabbin Community Co-op) – or other co-op
- Mt. Grace Land Conservation Trust (membership)

A global idea: Heifer International

Through Heifer, you can give the gift of a water buffalo, honey bees, a goat, and much more! Their “mission is to work with communities to end world hunger and poverty and to care for the earth.” Give *yourself* the gift of peaceful, hopeful feelings just by looking at the website of this organization which is extraordinary in its vision and compassionate work.

Back to Basics:

- Home-made options: wreaths or door swags made of pine, pine cones and other forest floor offerings; popcorn and cranberry chains (birds love them!); spread pine cones with peanut butter and roll in nuts for the bird lovers on your list.
- Volunteer for your favorite organization, shelter, food pantry, or for another person in your life. There is a tremendous need for helping hands and support in many areas, and we guarantee it will bring you joy!

We send our readers warm wishes for a peaceful and happy holiday season—Mary Humphries for the Green Corner Team

ELECTION RESULTS in WARWICK

	Whipps Lee	335	
	Blank	137	
	Denise Andrews	2	Question 3
			YES 258
Clinton/Kaine	Donelan	399	NO 211
Johnson/Weld	Blank	75	Blank 5
Stein/Baraka			Question 4
Trump/Pence	DiPucchio	343	YES 290
Blank	Blank	131	NO 165
Bernie Sanders			Blank 19
	PVRS School Committee (Warwick)		
McGovern	Shoemaker	326	
Blank	Young	250	
	Lisowski	198	474 total ballots cast out of 579 registered voters, including 22 Absentee ballots and 50 early Voting ballots
	Blank	174	
Hurley	Question 1		
Blank	YES	164	
	NO	299	
	Blank	11	-Rosa Fratangelo
Rosenberg	Question 2		
Peltier	YES	136	
Blank	NO	321	
	Blank	17	

NEWS & TIDINGS

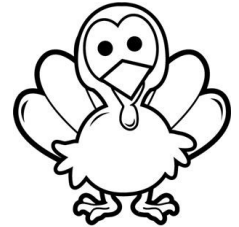
WARWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Elizabeth Musgrave, Principal

A **BIG** thank you to all who planned, shopped, cooked, served, supported and enjoyed our **MARVELOUS** Pasta Supper!

What a great, good & yummy time we had!

And **BIG** thanks to Erika Nygard and Laurel Powell for their help and organization of our World Eye Book Fair!
And to all those who came and supported it!



TURKEY TROT! We will join Pearl Rhodes and Bernardston Elementary for the annual Turkey Trot. This event is the fun culmination of our fall cross-country and personal fitness unit. The children have been working really hard each week to meet and exceed their personal best.



COMPOSTING at WCS: We are getting two new composters for our garden! One is coming from the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District and the other is coming from The MA Department of Environmental Protection for our participation in their Green Team program this year.

We need leaves to get the compost bins started. The best are mulched (shredded) maple leaves, but any clean leaves that are **not oak leaves or pine needles** are perfect for composting. Please bag up your leaves and bring them to the garden area in front of the school. We need as many bags as possible. Any leaves that we don't use for the garden compost bins will go into our larger, cafeteria compost bins which could really use them, too! Thanks! Ms. Lynn Hansell, 6th grade

At WCS, we have so much to be thankful for!
Happy Thanksgiving!



Warwick Council on Aging

Foot Clinic Schedule for 2017
Metcalf Chapel – 8:00-8:30 AM

Jan 19	July 20	
Feb 16	Aug 17	Note: These dates are THURSDAYS
March 16	Sept 21	
April 20	Oct 19	
May 18	Nov 16	
June 15	Dec 21	

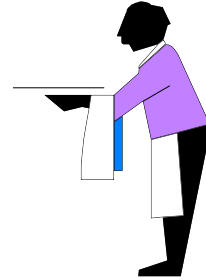


HUNTER'S SUPPER

(not just for Hunters!!)

Friday, December 2, 2016

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



Menu:

Homemade Onion Soup Braised Beef

Mashed Potatoes Squash

Coleslaw Homemade Pies

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

Kids under 3 FREE

TAKE OUT ORDERS AVAILABLE

Proceeds benefit Trinitarian Congregational Church of Warwick

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.*

BLANKETS/SHEETS/PILLOW CASES/ ETC *TWIN SIZE sheets (the shelters only have twin beds and mattresses) blankets and pillowcases 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 loan at the Chapel. Check us out before buying new.*



TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK

DECEMBER 2016

Dear Friends,

After such a bitter and divisive election in which we were given a choice between two highly unpopular candidates, the deep divisions among us are vivid, painful and lasting. While this is, to say the least, uncomfortable, there may be some benefit. I recently heard a commentary that suggested this; we (the general public) usually go through a few months of active engagement, go vote and then go back to sleep for four years. This time, people are staying awake and engaged.

If we can avoid wholesale violence and retribution, perhaps we can move from a heated debate in which one side “wins” and one side “loses”, to a deeper dialog where we listen to each other and emerge with a more truly United States of America.

In “*A Pastoral Letter to a United Church in a Divided Country*”, sent the day after the election, the national officers and the Council of Conference Ministers of the UCC made these observations:

As we gather to worship this weekend, we will find among us many who are celebrating the decision that was reached – and many who are mourning it. We are by all measures, a deeply divided people.

Because this election sharply separated us over matters of race, gender, human sexuality, faith, economic inequality and political persuasions we all bear a heavy burden moving forward. It is our call, our shared mission, to heed the call of God’s Spirit and to work to repair damages in our deeply wounded and fiercely broken body.

...In their search for a leader not connected to the power base of a government that has been perceived as corrupt, inefficient, and out of touch – (Trump’s) populist rhetoric appealed to (many). He must now lead a country where people of color, women, Muslims, immigrants, the disabled, and an LGBT community all feel the sting and impact of his public speech...

Dear United Church of Christ, we were built to heal bodies broken and divided. This is our calling. Our core values of love, hospitality, and justice for all must be fully embraced in the days to come. It could well be that we were called into being for just such a time as this.

We, the Officers and Council of Conference Ministers of the UCC, call upon the church to seek a pathway that envisions a just world for all. Those who celebrate this election must show a humility that honors the pain of those whose dreams were dashed by the outcome. Those who grieve must find a courage and hope found in a faith not in earthly power, but in the redemptive love of our Risen Christ.

It is with this humility and faith that we can fulfill our mission: to build a just world for all... proclaim that “love wins” ...and confront the injustices of the powerful with a steady drumbeat of justice...may it be our love of, our welcome to, and our justice for all that unites us”

This reminds me of the Pink Floyd song (on “A Momentary Lapse of Reason”), “On The Turning Away”, which ends with; “*No more turning away/ From the weak and the weary/ No more turning away from the coldness inside/ Just a world that we all must share/ It’s not enough just to stand and stare/ Is it only a dream that there’ll be/ No more turning away?*”

This holiday season, may we be moved to spend more time and energy listening to and caring about each other than yelling at and cursing each other. No more turning away, but turning toward healing our divisions and becoming a truly UNITED States of America through compassion and inclusion.

In faith, Dan

UP COMING EVENTS

HUNTERS' SUPPER FRIDAY, DEC 2 seatings at 5 & 6

Come for a hot meal on a cold night with community members. You don't have to be a hunter to come, but if you are, come loaded with your best hunting story, real or

HOLIDAY EVENT SCHEDULE

ADOPT-A-FAMILY Each year we "adopt" a local family (or -ies) to help make Christmas a little more festive. We will have a list of gifts/ages/sexes to be purchased and dropped off at the Chapel for delivery before Christmas. Details will be posted on the bulletin board in the Chapel.

DANA VESPERS CONCERT SAT, DEC 17 4 PM METCALF CHAPEL

The Dana Vespers is a program set up to continue the legacy of music in memory of the town of Dana, MA, now under the Quabbin Reservoir's waters. The brass ensemble plays music, sacred & secular, for the holiday season and is a wonderful way to "get in the mood".

COMMUNITY CAROLING SUN, DEC 18 4:30 PM

We will gather at the Metcalf Chapel and decide whether we form two groups or go as one, and what route we will take and at whose homes we will stop and sing. We also drop off a small bag of Christmas goodies (in thanks for letting us sing) so we would appreciate cookies (they may be dropped off at the Chapel BEFORE 4 PM – to allow for making up the gift bags). We would also appreciate any suggestions on who might welcome us at their homes for a few brief carols.

CHRISTMAS EVE SAT, DEC 24

FAMILY SERVICE 5 PM Since this is a Saturday, we have moved the service up to 5 PM to allow families to come for a very "family friendly" service, ending with carol singing and candle lighting, and still get home for a family dinner.

NIGHTWATCH 11:30 PM This is a more contemplative service for those who wish to have a brief period of quiet in the midst of the Holiday rush.

NEW YEAR'S DAY SUNDAY, JAN 1 10:30 AM

For those who would like to begin the New Year with prayers of peace and hope, but might have trouble getting up for 9:30.

Note: Due to space constraints, the Selectboard minutes printed in the Newsletter will only reflect attendance and motions and votes. Full minutes can be found on the Warwick website www.warwickma.org or from the Town Hall. Electronic subscribers will get the full minutes. See "Newsletter Extra"

Town of Warwick
Selectboard Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2016

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WARWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Daily Activity Log
October 2016

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>TIME:</u>	<u>LOCATION:</u>	<u>TYPE OF CALL</u>
10/1/2016	0509	Winchester Road.	Alarm call. Building secure.
10/4/2016	1217	Orange Road	Motor vehicle stop. Vehicle towed.
10/5/2016	0914	Wendell Road	Caller requests welfare check on a dog. ACO advised and will handle.
10/6/2016	1353	Gale Road	Highway Supt. Advises that Gale Road brige will be closed indefinitely due to safety concerns. Area EMS and Fire Departements notified.
	2106	Wendell Road	Caller reports neighbor cutting trees on caller's land.
10/7/2016	0438	Winchester Road.	Alarm call. Building secure.
	1359	Wendell Road	Suspicious vehicle – investigated.
	1402	Wendell Road	Officer taking report of tree cutting on property. Advised reporting party that it is a civil issue and options were given.
10/8/2016	1549	Orange Road	MVS – citation/warning issued.
	2125	Orange Road	Suspicious vehicle – investigated.
10/9/2016	1133	S Holden Road	Medical call.
10/10/2016	1058	Laurel Lake	Follow up investigation – more signs found missing.
	1257	Hastings Heights Road	MVS – citation/warning issued.
	1314	Winchester Road.	MVS – citation/warning issued.
10/11/2016	1307	Flower Hill Road	Follow up investigation.
	1315	Flower Hill Road	Follow up investigation, connected to previous entry.
	1814	Orange Road	MVS – citation/warning issued.
	2222	Winchester Road.	911 Misdial. Confirmed.
10/12/2016	0505	Kirk Road	Medical call.
	1222	Winchester Road.	MVS – citation/warning issued.
	1336	Warwick	Assist other agency.
	1650	Wendell Road	Distrubance, Officer wanted.
	1953	Robbins Road	MVS – citation/warning issued.
10/13/2016	0448	Winchester Road.	Alarm call. Building secure.
	1741	Winchester Road.	Lockout – services rendered.
10/14/2016	1434	Hockanum Road	MVS – citation/warning issued.
	1438	Wendell Road	Follow up investigation.

10/16/2016	1525	Northfield Road	MVS – citation/warning issued.
10/17/2016	0824	Orange Road	Loose dog in roadway, Officer unable to catch. Dog ran up driveway. Turned over to ACO.
	1319	Orange Road	MVS – citation/warning issued.
	1346	Winchester Road.	MVS – citation/warning issued.
10/18/2016	1041	Warwick	Assist Department of Children and Families.
	1204	Winchester Road.	MVS – citation/warning issued.
	1231	Winchester Road.	MVS – citation/warning issued.
	1408	Richmond Road	Investigation.
	1454	Orange Road	Report of person struck by falling tree.
	1639	Chase Hill Road	911 Misdiag. Confirmed.
	1748	Town of Orange	Assist Orange PD.
10/20/2016	1217	S Holden Road	Medical call.
	1341	W Wilson	Report of abandoned MV – unfounded.
10/21/2016			
	2006	Orange Road	MVS – citation/warning issued.
10/22/2016			
	0127	Wendell Road	Alarm call. Building secure.
10/23/2016			
	1354	WCS	Report of lock broken on outside shed.
	1612	Northfield Road	Tree on wires. Stood by for National Grid.
10/24/2016			
	1638	Old Winchester Road	Suspicious vehicle – investigated.
	1647	Pine Street	Suspicious vehicle – investigated.
	1657	W Wilson	Suspicious vehicle – investigated.
	1729	Winchester Road.	MVS – citation/warning issued.
	1748	Hockanum Road	Brush fire.
10/25/2016			
	1804	Hotel Road	MVS – citation/warning issued.
	1829	Richmond Road	Officers out with suspicious vehicle. After investigation citations issued to two parties for possessing open containers of alcohol in MV.
10/27/2016			
	1958	Orange Road	Tree down blocking one lane. Services rendered.
10/28/2016			
	0112	Orange Road	Abandoned 911 call. Checked, appears to be weather related. No emergency.
	1119	Winchester Road.	Tree on lines. Power company notified.
10/29/2016			
	1210	Winchester Road.	Officer checking on two people walking in the Gulf.
10/31/2016			
	0937	Flower Hill Road	Suspicious vehicle – investigated.
	1145	Wendell Road	MVS – citation/warning issued.
	1257	Warwick	Party in to register as level 3 sex offender. Paperwork processed, information posted in station and at Town Hall. School administration also given information.
	1427	Richmond Road	Suspicious vehicle – investigated.
	1519	Warwick	Assist Probation Department.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Library Open 5-8pm</i>	2 <i>No GATHERING HUNTER'S SUPPER 5 AND 6PM</i>	3 <i>Transfer Station 8-3 Library Open 10am to 12:30 pm Yoga 9-10am</i>
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Don't Miss these December events in Warwick!

THE GATHERING PLACE - FRIDAYS - 10am - Town Hall

HUNTER'S SUPPER—December 2

WARWICK GUILD - December 6 - Town Hall

DANA VESPERS—December 17 at Metcalf Chapel

CAROLING— December 18 - Meet at Metcalf Chapel

HISTORICAL SOCIETY—December 21

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES—December 24

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I. Call to Order

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

II. Minutes

Pruyne MOVED to approve the minutes of September 26, 2016 as printed. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

III. Presentations and Discussions

- 1. Recreation Committee** —Rec. Committee Chair Denyse Dar gave each Board member a letter requesting that she be granted a one-day beer and wine license for a December 17, 2016 Murder Mystery dinner.

Pruyne MOVED to grant a one-day beer and wine license to Denyse Dar on behalf of the Recreation Committee for December 17, 2016 Murder Mystery dinner at the Warwick Community School. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Dar gave an update on recreation Committee activities. She began by saying that the sock hop held in August went well and brought in about \$250.00 in donations. Dar said that she has events planned through next March, which include a Halloween costume party, a Mt. Grace hike and the formation of a community chorus and a community theatre. She said that she hopes to be able to keep events free of charge and accessible to all, especially the older residents within our community. Dar said that Leanne Limoges is now the Rec. Committee treasurer, Mindy Gibbons is the secretary, Rita McConville takes care of meeting deadlines and obtaining permits from the Board of Health, and that Kelly Farley will take over as the head of the committee once Ms. Dar moves out of town later this year. It was noted that not all of these individuals have been appointed to the Rec. Committee; Young said that some may remain associates of the committee but those with fiduciary and policy responsibilities should be appointed to the committee by the Selectboard. It was agreed to have Rec. Committee appointments added to the agenda for the Board's next meeting.

Dar expressed some concern for members of the Rec. Committee who have paid out of their own pockets then wait for reimbursement. She said it can be financially difficult to have to wait to be reimbursed. Ways to hold back some cash were discussed; Young stressed the necessity for meticulous documentation of every penny in and every penny out. Also discussed were possible conflict of interest or at least the need for ethical disclosures for those who are committee members and want to be paid for cooking at events.

2. **Small Bridge Grant Program**—Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney attended a seminar on the Small Bridge Grant program which is for bridges with a span between 10 and 20 feet. He explained that this grant is only for the repair and replacement of existing structures, which would exclude the White Road/bass Road bridge. Delaney said that in order to be considered for a grant, the bridge must be assigned a BRI number and be inspected by the State. As he had been concerned about the state of the Gale Road bridge, he asked an inspector to come out. Upon inspection, the inspector ordered the bridge closed immediately. Delaney noted that because the bridge is closed it would receive a higher priority for selection approval. He said that the first round of applications is due October 31st, and that a BRI number should be assigned prior to that date. Delaney explained that a design company will come out to do a site visit and provide an accurate estimate of the cost to repair the bridge, which will part of the application letter for the grant funding. He said that the first round of projects selected for grant awards should be determined in January of 2017 with work to be done in the 2017 construction season. Delaney said that even if the Gale Road bridge is selected as a project to be funded by the grant, it will be closed for at least about one year.

As Emergency Management Director, Erviti inquired if Orange EMS and Fire was aware of the bridge situation. Young said he contacted Orange Fire and was told “thank you” for the information. Erviti will follow up to make certain Orange EMS and Fire knows to avoid the bridge when responding to a call on Gale Road.

3. **Chapter 90 Backhoe Purchase**—Magi asked about the Northfield Road paving; Delaney said it would now have to wait until next Spring because the nights are now too cold for the product to cure properly.

Delaney said that so far the Highway Department has tried out two different sizes of John Deere backhoes along with a Case machine. Currently the crew is trying out a 430 Caterpillar; Delaney said that they have not done enough work with it yet to form an opinion. He said he wants to try a JCB next, as the Athol Highway Department uses this type of machine and is very happy with it. Delaney said that the current machine should bring a trade-in between \$12,000.00 and \$15,000.00 and estimates the purchase price of a new machine to be about \$110,000.00. Young recommended that the current backhoe not be used anymore to preserve its trade-in value if the Board approves the purchase of a new machine. He noted that we currently have \$460,000.00 in Chapter 90 funds after completion of the Northfield Road project, so even after the purchase of a new backhoe the balance would be at least \$350,000.00. There was a consensus of the Board to proceed on the Chapter 90 purchase of a new backhoe.

There was a Chapter 90 Reimbursement request form from FY 16 for \$64,483.65. Pruyne and Magi signed the document; Erviti wanted to take the documentation home prior to signing the form itself, and said he would return it to Delaney by this Friday the 7th.

4. **Accounting Update**—Young said that he was hoping to have the next meeting with the financial team on Friday, October 14th; Erviti said he was available. Young said he would contact the Accountant, who should be in the office that day.
5. **Personnel Policy** —As Erviti had some questions, it was decided that there will be one more Selectboard meeting on Wednesday, October 19th at 2 p.m. for a final review of revisions to the Personnel Policy.
6. **Broadband Report**—Miryam Williamson said that Tom Wyatt asked her to relay to the Board that there was nothing to report tonight. The next Broadband Committee meeting will be held Monday, October 17th and Wyatt will report to the Board at their October 24th meeting.
7. **Records Access Officer**—Young said that new revisions of the Public Records law will go into effect on January 1, 2017 and that the Board needs to appoint a Records Access Officer (RAO) prior to that date. Fratangelo said that in most towns the Town Clerk is appointed the RAO, but the Board is allowed to appoint others as well, so that the RAO knows exactly to whom requests need to be forwarded if the RAO does not have immediate access to those records. She gave the example of a request that could ask for minutes to which she would have immediate access, as well as determinations from the Conservation Commission which are not on file in the Town Clerk’s office. Fratangelo explained that a point person for each department, board or committee would streamline the process.
8. **Selectboard Reports**—Magi said that she recently attended a Mass. Municipal Association meeting where Senator Rosenberg and Representative Kulick were in attendance. She said Senator Rosenberg gave a convincing talk on how Question 2 is not good for our public schools. Magi said there was also talk of both the House and Senate working hard to see that no municipalities will have State funding cut. Erviti said that he had read an article by a councilman in a Massachusetts town where the treasurer informed him that the revenue from charter schools is far less than the costs paid for those schools.
9. **Coordinator Report**—Young said that he does not agree with the Selectboard members on Question 2. He said as an elected School Committee member he thinks that competition forces schools to adapt and improve. Ruggiero said that he has two grandchildren in charter schools who are way ahead of their peers who attend public school. He also noted that a “Vote No on Question 2” sign is on Town property and should be removed as the Town cannot take an official position on any ballot question.
10. **Noise/Jake Brake Policy**—Erviti left the Selectboard table and sat in the audience to make a request of the Board as a resident. Erviti asked that the Board consider a ban on the use of Jake brakes on Barber Hill. Young asked if this would be enforceable in Massachusetts; Erviti replied he believed so as he thought he had seen signs banning the use of Jake brakes in other Massachusetts towns. Both Magi and Pruyne asked Young to check into this to see if it is legal before any action is taken.

11. Procedure for Flagging Hazard Trees—Erviti said that the Town has a supply of blue and white striped tape that cannot be confused with the blue ribbons sometimes placed on trees to show support for the Police. Currently blue tape or ribbon is used to designate hazard trees slated to be cut. Erviti proposed changing to blue and white striped tape to avoid any confusion.

Erviti MOVED to establish the use of blue and white striped tape to identify hazard trees that are proposed to be cut. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

12. Public Comment—Fratangelo inquired about the approval of the Executive Session minutes of September 19, 2016. Magi and Young both said that those minutes were approved at the October 5, 2016 meeting. It was determined that the October 5th minutes had not yet been approved.

Erviti MOVED to approve the minutes of October 5, 2016 as printed. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

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

IV. Adjournment

At 7:42 p.m., Magi MOVED to adjourn. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting:

- *Draft Minutes of Selectboard meetings of September 26, 2016 and October 5, 2016
- *Executive Session Selectboard Meeting minutes September 19, 2016
- *Coordinator Report dated October 5, 2016
- *DRAFT Personnel Policy
- *Town of Warwick FY 2017 General Fund Expenditure Report dated September 30, 2016
- *Town of Warwick FY 2017 General Fund Revenue Report dated September 30, 2016
- *Town of Warwick FY 2017 Other Funds Expense Report dated September 30, 2016