

Warwick Community Newsletter

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Emergency	911
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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	

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING ADVERTISERS AND DONORS !

Smokey's Tree Service	Helen Hills	
Oliver and Ginny Fellows	Ann Kendall and Art Long	
Anne and Larry Kitzmiller	Dawn Magi	Cheri Robartes
Ann Piontek and Jennie Cadarette		
Total: \$413		

Please help us keep the Newsletter afloat! If you would like to make a donation, please make your check out to WCN and mail it to 32 Athol Road, Warwick, MA 01378.



“Alas, age has caught up with us and we will no longer will be hosting a Christmas Open House.

The church has come up with some exciting changes in caroling and we encourage you to join us in these activities

Thank you for the many times you have attended our Christmas Open house.” - Rod & Liz Whipple

Ed note: THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY THANKS YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY FOR THESE MANY YEARS AND WISHES YOU GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS !

DON'T MISS IT! On the FIRST day of December (Friday eve), don't forget the BRAISED BEEF "HUNTER'S SUPPER" at Town Hall from 5-6:30. See the full menu later in the newsletter.

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

The Guild will meet at 1:00 pm in the basement of the Town Hall on Tuesday **December 5** to prepare holiday fruit baskets for Warwick residents age 80 and over. All women are cordially invited to participate in this annual community outreach activity! Refreshments will be served.

Martha Morse

L I B R A R Y

New Books: American Family by Khan, Book of Dust by Pullman, Deep Freeze by Sandford, Fortune Teller by Womack, Little Fires Everywhere by Ng, Manhattan Beach by Egan, Midnight Line by Child, Paris in the Present Tense by Helprin, Rules of Magic by Hoffman.

DVDs: Blade Runner, Quiet Passion, Glass Castle.

The December 3rd workshop Herbal Gifts for the Holidays with Carol Joyce is currently full. We are hoping to have at least one more program with Carol later in the winter, so stay tuned.

We still have a few CFL 22 watt bulbs available. (65 watt equiv. spot lights for down cans) There are also magazine storage boxes available for free. We have been weeding our back issues of magazines, so there are still some of those available.

.-Nancy Hickler, Director

Warwick Council on Aging

Foot Clinic Schedule for 2017

Metcalf Chapel – 8:00-8:30 AM

Note: These dates are THURSDAYS

Dec 21



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

THANK YOU.

The **FINAL** Town Hall Gathering was held Friday, 03 November 2017. The first Gathering was held 03 February 2013. I am very grateful for the ongoing support of so many all these years, thank you.

Diana Tandy
dmtandy@gmail.com
[978-544-6304](tel:978-544-6304)

Tracy Gaudet, Coordinator for Orange COA and Shine Counselor has set up a schedule for Tuesday going forward beginning 28 November at 10:00 AM to Noon. In December, Tracy will be at the Town Hall from 10:00 AM to Noon on Tuesday, 05 and 26 December. You may contact her, [978-544-3481](tel:978-544-3481) or @townoforange.org, she will be bring application forms for various programs.

-Diana Tandy

www.warwickma.org is the Town's website.

Along with things like *Permit Applications, Police Logs, Meeting Agendas, Town Hall Office Hours*, you can find this newsletter and lots of other very useful information! If you would like post something to the webpage, contact Ed Lemon, Webmaster at edmon@tiac.net.

AJ'S AUTO SALES

QUALITY USED CARS

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419 EAST MAIN STREET

ORANGE, MA 01364

24 Hour Towing & Recovery

FLATBED, WRECKER SERVICE, AND WINCH RECOVERY

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

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.

8th Annual Holiday Open Studio at Kerry Stone's home

Sunday, Dec. 10 12-3pm

724 Wendell Rd, Warwick

Kerry is a painter and collage artist who lives in Warwick.

Come enjoy some hot cider and cookies while you visit and shop for handmade artistic holiday gifts: paintings, prints, card sets, birch bark ornaments, collages, colorful paper mobiles, lavender sachets and bath salts.

15% off all paintings! All are welcome.

NOVEMBER NEWS & TIDINGS

WARWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Elizabeth Musgrave, Principal

THE WCS WINTER HOLIDAY CONCERT simply has to be one of the outstanding events of the Warwick holiday season! Every child and every class will be sharing their talent! And they have been eagerly selecting and preparing their special song for the show. Band students have been working hard on their music and are looking forward to performing for their families and friends. Your holidays just won't be the same without it! **December 12 at 6:30pm in WCS Gymnasium. The community is invited.**



WCS' NEW IMPROV CLUB!



We are the fortunate recipients of a STAR Artist-in-Residence Grant from the Mass Cultural Council! The grant will provide an after school residency and workshop for WCS students in grades 3-6 by Jonathon Mirin (professional actor and director of the Piti Theatre Company) for six weeks beginning January 5th! Our Improv Club will culminate with a performance for the school at our February All School Meeting.

THE CLASSROOM BUZZ... This month we feature Art!



ART WORKS! Student's self-portraits are decorating the walls of Warwick Community School. It is such a pleasure to see each student's unique voice within their portrait artwork.

Kindergarten and Preschool artists drew a contour line drawing of themselves. They added color by laying tissue paper and spraying the tissue with water to watch the effects of the tissue bleed/paint the paper. Pre-K/K students have also been busy exploring the primary colors, the work of Piet Mondrian and Vertical and Horizontal lines. For our painting unit students "took a dot for a walk" playing with line and painting. Most recently, students mixed two primary colors to get secondary colors painting a row of adorable birds using circles, line and triangles.

First and second grade self-portraits were based on the famous portrait of Mona Lisa, whom some say always appears to be looking your way. We discussed proportions of our heads and faces and tried to layer crayon colors to match our skin tones. Student's portrait drawings were made to have the eyes move so they can follow you about the room. First and second grader's viewed the art of a Georgia expressionist artist, Alma Thomas. We painted repetitive circles one week and then cut and glued small rectangles to mimic the small brush strokes in Thomas' paintings. This past week we began a discussion of foreground, middleground and background and some tricks that artists use to show 3D space. We are painting fields of poppy flowers.

Third and fourth grade drew contour line self-portraits. They either added a variety of lines for a background or gave themselves wild hair using different types of line. As painters, we looked at the work of Dutch artist, Ton Schulten, an abstract landscape artist who mainly paints in big blocks of color. Students drew cityscapes and are painting them with a monochromatic color scheme, mixing varying amounts of white to a color to achieve different tints.

Fifth and sixth grade worked diligently on self-portraits with a focus on value. Their job was to take a photo of half of their face and complete the other half. Challenging work! But they look amazing. In preparation for a painting unit, students learned about the tricks that artists use to show 3D space on a 2D surface. Students completed the task of creating a composition using colored pencil that shows 3D space. Some tricks that they used were overlapping, size, placement, detail and linear perspective. In the next couple weeks we explore painting and color mixing before we delve into an acrylic painting project using our "tricks" to show 3D space.

Ms. Hillary Ferro, Art

Warwick Council on Aging - Helen Whipple

The Warwick Council on Aging has a mission to ensure that every senior in Warwick has the opportunity and ability to remain independent with dignity and well-being.

The state provides 58% of our budget with grants providing 38% and the town providing the other 4% as well as use of the town hall building.

The Council on Aging provides a meal site, helping hands chore service, a foot clinic and an exercise class as well as a Tai Chi class.

There are lots of other things we'd like to do such as helping with transportation, senior picnic, coloring classes, etc. But our funds are limited and may not be used for these kinds of activities.

We are looking for some energetic folks who can do fund-raising, public relations, work with social media or organizing events. You do not have to be a senior to be a FRIEND of the council on aging. We are looking for anyone who would like to do something exciting or who has a skill they would like to share. The friends group will decide what activities they would like to do to benefit the senior citizens of Warwick. Clyde Perkins has agreed to chair this new group.

If you would like to become a member of the Friends of Council on aging, please contact Helen Whipple or Carol Foote.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Whately Inn

193 Chestnut Plain Road

Whately, MA 01093

413-662-3044

Hours: Mon-Sat from 5PM

Sunday from 1PM

I haven't been to the Whately Inn for a few years, so picked it to have our "Pond Ladies Night Out" before everyone heads south for the winter. Not disappointed at all.

At first glance the prices seem high but when you consider you get an appetizer or soup plus salad, potato, vegetable and rolls for one price, it doesn't seem as much. If you don't have dessert or a beverage, you pay between \$22 and \$37, the steaks seem highest.

This night, I chose Lobster Bisque as my soup/appetizer and it was \$1.50 additional because it was lobster based. My entrée was Maine Lump Crab Casserole which was baked with herbs, bread crumbs and sherry (\$26.95). It was delicious. Served with a baked potato and the family style vegetable was butternut squash. The table gets a basket of rolls but they were garlic so I asked for some plain ones, which they brought nice and warm.

The thing I like best about this place besides the food, is when you leave, each woman at the table gets a fresh rose. Mine has been alive and well for 5 days and no sign of dying. We were the first to arrive at 5:15 PM but by the time we left, the place was half full on a Tuesday night. Nice to see people still enjoy going to a nice restaurant and not just fast-food.

It takes roughly 40 minutes to get there from Warwick. Looking for a casual yet classy restaurant for an evening out? Try the Whately Inn. Bon Appetite. - Gloria Varno

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.

G R E E N C O R N E R B Y D A V I D Y O U N G

Warwick town government has done significant work on becoming more energy efficient, supporting alternative energy supply, while at same time, receiving discounts; and on changing to less fossil fuel and more solar and wind power reliance. The Town has entered into Net Meter Credit Purchase Agreements which support alternative electrical supply and introduce discounts, and most recently we contracted for 100% renewable electrical energy supply to all our town buildings. These moves while laudable for environmental reasons, are even saving us money and will continue for years to come.

We are lucky to have an active and effective Energy Committee. Through their efforts, a few years ago we got Commonwealth Green Community (GC) designation and that came with \$138,000 in grant funding which we used to reduce heating and cooling loads and to add air source heat pumps to town hall and other buildings. Before deploying the technology we did insulation and air sealing at the Library, Town Hall, Highway Department, and Police station.

As a GC our goal is to cut our municipal energy use by at least 20%. This is a challenge because the majority of our town government energy use is highway related. It means we need to double up in other areas of energy use. Have you noticed the small solar array on the town hall roof? It isn't equal to our need but contributes to lowering our bill and someday we may add to it. And, an array on your roof saves you from transmission and distribution costs for electricity which equal about half the typical bill.

Warwick hosts a solar project in W. Brookfield where we are "Net Meter Host" and for our participation, the project will pay us ½ cent per Kwh for the next 20 years. We anticipate about \$40k per year. And, for our part, Warwick buys net meter credits from solar project in Clinton MA that is hosted by New Salem. Our twenty year credit purchase deal is saving us 22% (in dollars) on our town electric bills.

Town Meeting re-zoned our town-owned Allen Lot / transfer station property for "by right" commercial solar in our effort to both qualify for GC and to incent this type of development, even though the wired infrastructure nearby won't support a lot of capacity. We tried and failed to initiate default alternative electric supply for residents by working with the Hampshire Council of Governments. We adopted the stretch code which provides flexibility for meeting efficiency goals in new construction and saves significant amounts of energy and money for the homeowner.

What is next? We are going to seek another round of GC grant funding. This time the use include making the member town school's more efficient. And we are working on a Net Meter Credit purchase agreement for the rest of the school district. Lastly I want to add that we are proud that our Fire Association has incorporated energy efficiency into their new public safety building project.



Christmas Cookie Swap and Caroling

Metcalf Chapel invites anyone interested to join us on December 17 for a cookie swap in late morning and Christmas caroling in the afternoon.

At 11 am we will do a cookie swap, to which people should bring 2 dozen homemade cookies to swap with other people and make into cookie trays to bring to people when we carol. Some of those coming will also help decorate the church for Christmas.

We will have hot soup and chili available at lunchtime.

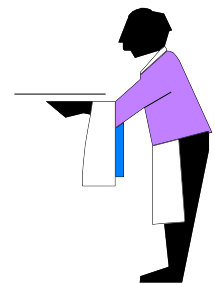
Caroling in the community will run from 1:30 to 3:00 pm in the afternoon with one or two groups going out to sing. (Christmas carol books are provided).

At 3 pm, we will then rejoin back at the church and have hot chocolate, cider, tea and coffee available to warm up with and have an opportunity to sing more carols with organist Debbie Kent playing for another hour.



HUNTER'S SUPPER (not just for Hunters!!) *Friday, December 1, 2017*

Warwick Town Hall
5-6:30pm



Menu:

Homemade Onion Soup Braised Beef

Mashed Potatoes Squash

Coleslaw Homemade Pies

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

Kids under 3 FREE

Proceeds benefit Trinitarian Congregational Church of Warwick



TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK

December 2017

Dear Friends,

“For a long time, I naively hoped that racism was a thing of the past. Those of us who are white have a very hard time seeing that we constantly receive special treatment just because of the color of our skin. This “white privilege” makes it harder for us to recognize the experiences of people of color as valid and real when they speak of racial profiling, police brutality, discrimination in the workplace, continued segregation in schools, lack of access to housing, and on and on. This is not the experience of most white people, so how can it be true?”

Fr Richard Rohr

For most of us, if we haven't directly experienced something, it's easy to dismiss what others are claiming as hyperbole or even as outright lies. Now that we are so politically divided and can pick and choose our sources of information to support our own prejudices, we are even more rigidly ensconced in our own little worlds or “tribes” as some describe this phenomenon. This leads us into more fragmented social units and makes “community” a relic of the past that we nostalgically long for but no longer know how to develop.

We, in Warwick, like to think of ourselves as an open and welcoming community, and for the most part we are, but two recent deaths have shown me how fragile and even illusory that view of reality is.

Charlie Brown's recent death got me thinking about “living memory” as a cornerstone of community. I've lived in town for 40 years now and have had the privilege of talking with a lot of the older townspeople, many of whom are no longer with us, especially since I became a member and then pastor of our little church. Their recollections and stories hold a lot more of the “character” and essence of the town than a printed history could ever convey. Without their living memories, Warwick is a much more boring and provincial place. No wonder young people don't want to come or stay here. But if you had the opportunity to talk with Charlie, you would have learned a lot about events, people and their relationships that might make some current relationships a little more clear. History isn't just dates, events and buildings, it's people relating to each other. If we lose that interaction, we lose community. Virtual interaction is not enough.

That brings me to that other death I mentioned. This past summer a fairly new resident passed away leaving his wife and son alone. That aloneness was compounded by the fact that only one person in town, or connected with the school her son attended, came to offer condolences or compassion.

I was one of those who did not reach out. I should have, both as the pastor and as a member of the community, but I didn't. I am quite introverted. I have a difficult time talking to people I don't know or know well. (Not traits that are exactly beneficial for my position) I am uncomfortable not knowing what to say or how I will be received, so I make excuses. That diminishes me, the community I purport to represent and the larger community as a whole.

That feeling of wanting to be comfortable in all our interactions is detrimental to our social cohesion. Picking out “facts” that fit our world view, associating only with our “tribe” and dismissing the views and experience of others lets us see “them” as fundamentally different and threatening. I get that. I am that way more than I want to admit. But, when I push myself to be uncomfortable, to make the call, the visit, the contact, I am often surprised at how positive the experience turns out to be.

My faith is based in the belief that what I call “God” is that force that brings people together in caring ways; that allows me to venture out of my comfort-zone and experience what someone else is telling me without judgement. That doesn't mean I accept all thoughts and acts as equally correct, it means not shutting the door to the possibility that some form of healing can come out of the worst situations and then acting in ways that allow healing to happen. The divine form of justice is not punitive, it is restorative.

“We do not think ourselves into new ways of living, we live ourselves into new ways of thinking.”

In hopeful faith,

Dan

UP COMING EVENTS

HUNTERS' SUPPER – FRIDAY, DEC 1 5-6:30pm This is always a great time to gather in the warmth of the Town Hall dining room with friends and family and share a good, hot braised beef supper. Good food, good company good fun.

ADVENT WORKSHOP – SUNDAY DEC 3, 5:00 – 8 PM In the church calendar, Advent is the four week season of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. The Advent Workshop will begin with a brief presentation of what Advent represents in the Christian church. This is immediately followed by a light supper of soup and bread and fellowship and then we clear off the tables and set up craft stations; making wreaths, decorations and “Gingerbread” houses made with graham crackers, “royal frosting” (that hardens into a cement like consistency) and all sorts of candies. Come one, come all to this FREE, family-friendly evening of crafts and fun..

NATIONAL VIGIL FOR VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE This marks the 5th anniversary of the Sandy Hook disaster and will include a gathering on this day in Washington DC. The organizers are asking people to hold local vigils through Dec 14. We will hold our vigil on **WED, DEC 6** from **5:30 – 6 PM** at the Metcalf Chapel on Athol Rd.

COMMUNITY CAROLING & OPEN HOUSE BIG CHANGES!!!! DECEMBER 17TH

This year we will be caroling around the community during the daylight!

COOKIE SWAP @ 11-12 when we will make up “goody bags” to leave wherever we carol and swap “some of ours for some of yours” – a fun way to have a variety of cookies for the holidays. Bring a bag of one kind, leave some for the caroling and take home a mix. Stay to help or join us to DECORATE THE CHAPEL AND SHARE LUNCH 12 – 1:30 before we

GATHER FOR CAROLING – 1:30 PM @ THE METCALF CHAPEL

CHAPEL OPEN HOUSE & CAROLING INSIDE 3 PM Come back from caroling or come to carol inside. There will be hot beverages and snacks to warm and refresh all who come. (THERE WILL BE **NO** OPEN HOUSE AT THE WHIPPLE HOUSE THIS YEAR.)

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES SUNDAY, DEC 24

FAMILY SERVICE 5 PM

There will be plenty of music & stories for the young (at heart)

NIGHT WATCH 11:30 PM

For those still up and looking for a quiet, meditative respite during this hectic season.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AT THE METCALF CHAPEL

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Nonperishable food, personal hygiene items and household cleaning supplies are collected in the front hall of the Chapel. The personal & household cleaning items are especially needed as they cannot be purchased with “food stamps”.

BLANKETS/SHEETS/TOWELS for the EMEGENCY SHELTER

The emergency shelter in Greenfield accepts blankets and sheets for single beds. They also appreciate towels and washcloths. Drop of in the front hall of the Metcalf Chapel.

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.

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 in a separate email if file size is large

Town of Warwick Selectboard Minutes October 10, 2017

Members present: Dawn Magi, Lawrence Pruyne, James Erviti

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney, Moderator David Koester, Jared Robinson (*Athol Daily News*)

Magi MOVED to approve the minutes of September 25, 2017 as printed. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Magi MOVED to declare the Ford brush truck surplus property and sell it at auction. Erviti

Magi MOVED to approve the purchase of two PolarFlex or equivalent segmented plow blades.

At 7:00 p.m. Magi MOVED to adjourn. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Minutes of Selectboard meeting October 31, 2017

Members present: Dawn Magi, Lawrence Pruyne. Staff Present: David Young. Guests present: Steven Ruggiero of Finance Committee and Justin Cole, Baystate Accounting Group.

Chairman Pruyne called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Justin Cole of Baystate Accounting Group attended this special meeting on accounting to present their outsourced accounting solution. He explained that the firm is made up of former municipal employees. They would be consultants, not employees, to the town.

David Young asked about special reports, cost for report writing to export to for instance Clear.gov and meeting public records requests. Justin explained that the VADAR accounting is Access based and we'd have report access on-line. He as well explained that all work product is digitized. This is an added benefit expediting audits.

All accounting work happens in the Maynard office where the Town's engagement is with the firm, not one person, though we would have an assigned staff point of contact or account rep. Because the law hasn't caught up to technology, documents are overnighted to and from Maynard.

Baystate much prefers doing weekly vendor warrants. Asked about compatibility with Harper's Payroll Service, Justin noted that BAG use Harpers service themselves.

The members and Justin discussed contract terms. A one-year contract would come with about \$3500 set up charge on top of about \$15k annually while with a longer, say two year agreement, the firm absorbs the set up cost. Timing of a change from employee to consultant was discussed. The firm would prefer to avoid change at fiscal year-end. Justin felt that at \$2M annually, our books should be closed and free cash should be certified during September.

Depending on the state of our books they would either recreate or close out our system. Conversion includes review of account numbers, chart of accounts, and codes. David inquired about line item sub-accounts which we don't currently use. BAG can handle them and recommends their use in larger town departments. We disclosed existence of two Enterprise Funds.

Dawn inquired about custom reports to which Jason said they are generally included. He noted that BAG has a certified school business manager on staff.

The board as agenda stated will take up consideration of a change at the next Monday Selectboard regular meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:44 pm.

Town of Warwick Selectboard Minutes November 6, 2017

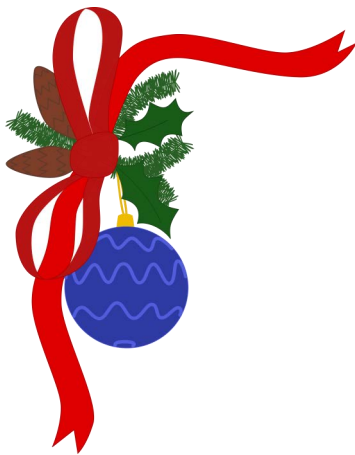
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(Athol Daily News)

Magi MOVED to approve the minutes of October 23, 2017 as printed. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-1. Erviti ABSTAINED as he was not present at that meeting.

Erviti MOVED to begin the procurement process to find a competent company to take over

At 7:01 p.m. Magi MOVED to adjourn. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOLIDAY PARTY

Town Hall

WEDNESDAY, **DECEMBER 20TH** AT 7PM

Participate in the Yankee Swap, if you'd like, with a \$5 (ish) wrapped gift. Come enjoy the gathering and Holiday Refreshments!

All are welcome!

-Martha Morse

The Trinitarian Congregational Church is adopting a family from the Greenfield Family Inn for Christmas. We would love community support in supplying the family with a Stop and Shop gift card to help them with 3 meals arounds the holidays. Our goal is to give them a card with at least \$200 on it.

Church members will be supplying the family with gifts, but if community members would be willing to help with the grocery gift card, we would appreciate it! You can mail a check made to "TCCW Mission" and drop at the chapel or mail to TCCW, 32 Athol Road, Warwick, MA 01378 with "Adopt a Family" in the memo line. We will combine it with others to really help out this family who has had to seek shelter in Greenfield. It is a family with a mom and three kids. We will be sure to let the family know that our whole community is wishing them a Merry Christmas and hoping for them a New Year with new possibilities for a fresh start.

We will need any donations no later than Sunday DECEMBER 10. Thank You.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

October 23, 2017

The Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with 60 registered voters present, meeting the 5% quorum requirement of 29 registered voters.

The meeting acted on the following business:

As Moderator David Koester was not present, an interim Moderator needed to be elected for this meeting.

Motion to elect Miryam Williamson interim Moderator was **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Motion Under Article 1:

That the Town amend the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting vote in Article 12 on the Fire Department brush/rescue truck by reducing the appropriation to \$45,000.00.

NOTE: Written amendment to the motion for the figure of \$47,000.00.

Amendment PASSED by voice vote declared by Moderator

ARTICLE 1 APPROVED by voice vote as declared by Moderator.

Motion under Article 2:

That the Town adopt a general by-law that prohibits feeding Canada Geese on or around Moore's Pond; enforced by the Selectboard; punishable by a fine payable to the Town Clerk of \$25 for the first offense, \$50 for the second; \$100 for third and subsequent offenses.

ARTICLE 2 APPROVED by voice vote as declared by Moderator.

Motion under Article 3:

That the Town establish an Environmental Cleanup Fund and raise and appropriate \$10,000 to fund disposal of illegal dumping and other environmental cleanup on properties the Town has taken for taxes or the owner is absent.

NOTE: Written amendment to remove the words "on properties the Town has taken for taxes or the owner is absent"

Amendment PASSED by voice vote.

ARTICLE 3 APPROVED by voice vote as declared by Moderator.

Motion under Article 4:

That the Town raise and appropriate \$1,000 to the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund for disposal cost of illegal dumping in road right of way or town land.

ARTICLE 4 APPROVED by voice vote as declared by Moderator.

Motion under Article 5:

That the Town authorize the Selectboard to purchase real estate abutting the Wendell Road Town Forest. (Two thirds vote required)

ARTICLE 5 APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion under Article 6:

That the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money for prior fiscal year unpaid bills.

ARTICLE 6 PASSED OVER

Motion under Article 7:

That the Town enact a town-wide ban on the use of the herbicide class 2-4-D/Roundup.

NOTE: Written amendment to add the words "and glyphosate".

Amendment PASSED by voice vote as declared by Moderator.

Written amendment to delete the product name "Roundup".

Amendment PASSED by counted vote – AYE: 33; NAY: 14.

ARTICLE 7 APPROVED by counted vote - AYE: 30; NAY: 19.

The meeting was dissolved at 8:20 p.m. A true copy of the record.

Rosa Fratangelo
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**Town of Warwick
Selectboard
October 10, 2017
Minutes**

Members present: Dawn Magi, Lawrence Pruyne, James Erviti

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney, Moderator David Koester, Jared Robinson (*Athol Daily News*)

I. Call to Order

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

II. Minutes

Magi MOVED to approve the minutes of September 25, 2017 as printed. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

III. Presentations and Discussions

- 1. Outsourcing Accounting** —Erviti said that he received a proposal from Bay State Municipal Accounting Group (BMAG). He said that he was fine with a representative from BMAG comes before the Board even if he is not present. Young said that he will schedule a meeting during daytime hour. Erviti said that from what he has learned he felt that BMAG is probably the best option in every respect. He noted that the firm is in Maynard, MA and has provided timely responses to all his inquiries. Erviti pointed out that BMAG is in its third year working with the Town of Colrain, and that according to Colrain's Town Manager there are no complaints.
- 2. Surplus Property Declaration**—Young explained that the old brush truck needs to be declared surplus property. He suggested seeing if the State system would have any interest in the truck as an inter-municipal transfer. Erviti said that as a Selectman it is his job to mitigate taxes and that he would rather offer the truck for sale as opposed to giving it to the State. Young said that as a town-owned vehicle, any money made from its sale would go into the General Fund.

Magi MOVED to declare the Ford brush truck surplus property and sell it at auction. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

- 3. Road Salt Use** —Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney said that he spoke with the Wendell Highway Superintendent about salt use. He explained that Wendell uses at 6 to 1 ratio (6 parts sand to 1 part salt) and plows. Delaney noted that more plowing increases the wear and tear on the equipment and the roads. He said that his crew has been using a 4 to 1 ratio. Delaney then spoke about plow blades, saying that ours are rigid and straight. He explained there is another type of plows that are segmented in 12-inch interchangeable sections mounted in rubber. Delaney said that this type of plow will follow the contour of the roads and remove more snow. The initial cost is \$3,000.00 to set up each truck with the start-up attachments for the plow. He said that each plow costs \$2,000.00 and pointed out that but if one section shows wear it can be repositioned to extend the life of the plow. Delaney said that this type of plow provides cleaner plowing on the road and results in less need for salt and sand. Erviti said that saving on materials and wages would make this cost effective.

Magi MOVED to approve the purchase of two PolarFlex or equivalent segmented plow blades. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Delaney said that Leverett has switched to using only salt and no sand on paved roads. Erviti encouraged experimentation this winter and recommended the use of a spreadsheet to keep track of the type and amount of materials used as well as the cost. He wanted Delaney to report back to the Board in the spring and to identify best practices moving forward. Young suggested that each Selectboard member ride along with a Highway crew member to see how the snow is plowed and the roads are treated.

Delaney said that he will be attending a workshop later this week and hopes to be able to further define low salt usage. He noted that salt keeps the snow and ice from adhering to the road surface. Young said that the use of unsalted sand for traction is preferable, and we need to look at our practices and collect data. Young said that vehicle idling needs to be kept track of as it costs fuel; Erviti said the law limits idling to 5 minutes.

- 4. Follow-Up Discussion on Marijuana**—Pruyne said that he recently attended a meeting during which marijuana dispensaries and grows were discussed. He said that five people are trying to write the regulations and hope to have them done by April of 2018. Pruyne said they are looking at Colorado as a model. He said that the challenge facing growers will be security to prevent pilferage. Pruyne noted that dispensaries will pay 3% tax to the municipality, but growers will not. He said that the number of plants allowed for the casual user has been reduced to 6 (it had previously been 10). Pruyne also noted that there will be a difference between medical marijuana grows and general consumption grows. A payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreement between the town and the marijuana grower which allows for negotiation between the town and the grower for payment instead of paying taxes.
- 5. Special Town Meeting Warrant** —Young began by saying that Articles 1 and 5 were the main reasons for holding the Special Town Meeting. Article #1 amends a previous vote and would reduce the \$75,000.00 appropriation voted at the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting to \$45,000.00. Article #2 asks for the adoption of a general by-law that prohibits the feeding of Canada geese on or near Moore's Pond. Article #3 is for the establishment of an Environmental Clean-up Fund and the appropriation of \$10,000.00 to fund the disposal of illegal dumping and other environmental cleanup. Article #4 asks for the appropriation of

\$1,000.00 for the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund for costs incurred by the disposal of illegally dumped items in the road right-of-way or on Town land. Young noted that the Highway picks up the illegally dumped items. Article #5 would authorize the Selectboard to purchase real estate abutting the Wendell Road Town Forest. Young said that members of both the Town Forest and Open Space Committee will be present to provide information and answer questions. Article #6 is for the payment of any prior year bills. Young said there have been no such bills identified, so it will most likely be passed over. Article #7 asks for the enactment of a town-wide ban on the use of herbicide class 2-4D/Roundup. Pruyne, who asked for this article to be placed on the warrant, said that there will be an informational meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17th in Town Hall.

6. **PVRSD**—Young noted that he is on the School Committee and is a member of the Budget Sub-Committee as well. He said that they are currently working on the FY 19 budget and that most of the \$280,000.00 deficit comes from health insurance costs. Young pointed out that the sub-committee is looking at making budget cuts. He spoke about the audit done in Superintendent Ruth Miller’s first year, which was in fact her predecessor’s budget. He said that Miller made adjustments throughout that first year to keep things afloat. He reminded the Board that the budget is comprised of both expenses and revenue. Pruyne will attend a meeting of Selectboard Chairs at 9 a.m. on Thursday, October 12th to discuss a shared Central Office for the regional school district and possible recommendation of this to the School Committee. Young asked the Board to host a meeting of the School Committee, Selectboards and Finance Committees of the four towns to discuss the present and future issues, to be held on November 9th at PVRSD. There was a consensus of the Board to host this meeting.
7. **Selectboard Reports** —None this meeting.
8. **Coordinator Report**—Young said that the Crockery Committee wants new melamine dinnerware for Town Hall, specifically white plates, bowls and cups. He said they want 100 of each and that the cost would be around \$5.00 per piece of dinnerware, which would put the total cost at over 1,000.00. Young said Diana Tandy made the request, and Magi said she spoke with Crockery Committee member Patty Ernest who said that new dinnerware was needed. There was a consensus of the Board to refer this back to the Crockery Committee for them to post and hold a meeting to discuss the matter before making the formal request.
9. **Public Comment**—None.
10. **New and Other Business Unanticipated at Time of Meeting Posting**—None.

IV. Adjournment

At 7:00 p.m. Magi MOVED to adjourn. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.
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Documents consulted at this meeting:

- *Draft Minutes of September 25, 2017 Selectboard meeting
- *Coordinator Report dated October 5, 2017

- *Copy of Warrant for October 23, 2017 Special Town Meeting
- *Email from Bernardston Selectboard to David Young dated October 4, 2017 Re: Joint Meeting with Bernardston Selectmen
- *Email from Jeremia Pollard to David Young dated October 5, 2017 Re: Review Warwick STM Warrant
- *FRCOG Recreational Marijuana Municipal Roles and Responsibilities Workshop Notes

Minutes of Selectboard meeting October 31, 2017

Members present: Dawn Magi, Lawrence Pruyne. Staff Present: David Young. Guests present: Steven Ruggiero of Finance Committee and Justin Cole, Baystate Accounting Group.

Chairman Pruyne called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Justin Cole of Baystate Accounting Group attended this special meeting on accounting to present their outsourced accounting solution. He explained that the firm is made up of former municipal employees. They would be consultants, not employees, to the town.

David Young asked about special reports, cost for report writing to export to for instance Clear.gov and meeting public records requests. Justin explained that the VADAR accounting is Access based and we'd have report access on-line. He as well explained that all work product is digitized. This is an added benefit expediting audits.

All accounting work happens in the Maynard office where the Town's engagement is with the firm, not one person, though we would have an assigned staff point of contact or account rep. Because the law hasn't caught up to technology, documents are overnighted to and from Maynard.

Baystate much prefers doing weekly vendor warrants. Asked about compatibility with Harper's Payroll Service, Justin noted that BAG use Harpers service themselves.

The members and Justin discussed contract terms. A one-year contract would come with about \$3500 set up charge on top of about \$15k annually while with a longer, say two year agreement, the firm absorbs the set up cost.

Timing of a change from employee to consultant was discussed. The firm would prefer to avoid change at fiscal year-end. Justin felt that at \$2M annually, our books should be closed and free cash should be certified during September.

Depending on the state of our books they would either recreate or close out our system. Conversion includes review of account numbers, chart of accounts, and codes. David inquired about line item sub-accounts which we don't currently use. BAG can handle them and recommends their use in larger town departments. We disclosed existence of two Enterprise Funds.

Dawn inquired about custom reports to which Jason said they are generally included. He noted that BAG has a certified school business manager on staff.

The board as agenda stated will take up consideration of a change at the next Monday Selectboard regular meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:44 pm.

**Town of Warwick
Selectboard
November 6, 2017
Minutes**

Members present: Dawn Magi, Lawrence Pruyne, James Erviti

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney, Fire Chief Ron Gates Assessor's Clerk Beth Gilgun, Planning Board member Ted Cady, Bill Carrithers, Jared Robinson (*Athol Daily News*)

I. Call to Order

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

II. Minutes

Magi MOVED to approve the minutes of October 23, 2017 as printed. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-1. Erviti ABSTAINED as he was not present at that meeting.

III. Presentations and Discussions

1. **Town Forest Land** —Young said that he met with the Town Forest Committee and Open Space Committee at their joint meeting earlier today. He said that they had recommended Bill Oldach be hired to prepare the deed and do the title search. Young said that Town Counsel will also review everything. He noted that this is not eligible for bid because it is a sole source unique piece of property and that he hopes to close in late November after the 30-day period of disclosure. Young said that George Day has records of Town forest revenue from timber sales, and noted the Town forests are managed by the Town Forest Committee under the control of the Selectboard.

2. **Outsourcing Accounting**—Young asked the Board if the members want to entertain a change in accounting after the recent meeting with Bay State Municipal Accounting Group (BMAG). Magi wanted to check their references. Young explained that the procurement process with qualified firms is a simple procurement of under \$50,000.00. He said that BMAG and other firms will submit qualifications and references, and as the procurement is based on price references are checked and evaluated at that time. Young said that a decision should be made before the beginning of the FY 19 budget season. Magi said that she was impressed by the BMAG presentation. Erviti said that an accounting firm would provide digitized information and that a digitized format will make it quicker and easier for the auditors and therefore reduce auditing costs. Young said that because our finances are in good order we have received discounts from our auditing firm, and that he

anticipated even better discounts in the future if a digitized format is adopted.

Erviti MOVED to begin the procurement process to find a competent company to take over accounting duties of this Town. Magi SECNDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

- 3. Surplus Property** —Young said that Fire Chief Gates had provided photos of and information on the old Fire Department brush truck, which is now on eBay on his seller’s account. He noted that six bids have already been made and that the current bid is at \$1,000.00. Young said the auction ends on Monday, November 13th
- 4. Highway Department**—Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney said that he has attended two classes on snow and ice and has learned that when using straight salt, it is advisable to increase plowing to remove snow mechanically. He explained that regular rock salt prevents the snow from sticking to the road surface down to about 30 degrees, but salt treated with calcium chloride works down to 0 degrees. Delaney noted that regular rock salt is so fine that it is not visible on the road, and said that he received no responses to his request for bids for bagged calcium chloride. Youngs aid that he would see what could be done to source bags. Delaney said that the Highway Department would be going with straight salt and the segmented plows this winter and if usage is cut by 30% it would be considered successful and that the use of treated salt the following winter would be justified. He noted that he believes a 30% reduction in salt usage is attainable. Delaney explained that pre-treating roads is best, but can only be done with treated salt. He said that they will use regular dry rock salt just as the snow starts as they have done in the past with the salt and sand mixture. Delaney stated that the Highway crew will be using best practices to minimize any liability. On the subject of line painting, Delaney explained that it rained on the day the painting was scheduled to be done, and that the company rescheduled for next week, which he found unacceptable. As he has yet to hear back from that company despite his attempts to contact them for an earlier date, he said he would get in touch with another paint company to get the line painting done this week.
- 5. Follow-Up on Shared School Central Office, Superintendent and Business Manager** — Pruyne said that the Selectmen from the four towns plan to draft a letter to be sent to other districts to see if we can get an interim shared Superintendent to save money. He said the letter would be given to the Selectboards for their review before sending it as a recommendation to the School Committee.
- 6. Tax Classification Hearing**—Pruyne opened the Tax Classification Hearing at 6:30 p.m. Assessor’s Clerk Beth Gilgun explained that this matter comes before the Board annually to set our tax rate. She said it can either be one tax rate or split rates for residential and commercial properties, but in years past the Board has voted for the single rate. Gilgun said that the tax rate for FY 18 is \$21.64.

Magi MOVED to institute a single tax rate. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Pruyne closed the hearing at 6:34 p.m.

7. **Fire Department**—Young asked Fire Chief Ron Gates if a fire drill policy has been drafted. The Chief responded that no policy has been written out but will be done at the next department meeting on Tuesday, November 14th.
8. **Gathering Place**—Young said that Diana Tandy will be unable to continue the weekly Gathering Place lunches. Ways to properly thank Ms. Tandy for all her work were discussed; a plaque and a commendation were among the ideas put forth. The liquor license renewal for the currently closed Barn Owl was briefly discussed. Young said that he is working on getting that liquor license on the state schedule, as November is the month to renew each year, but the Barn Owl 's license is good until April of 2018. He said he has reached out to the Barn owl owners and is awaiting a reply.
9. **Upcoming Meetings**—Young said that there will be an important meeting of the PVRSD stakeholders at Pioneer Valley Regional School Library on Thursday, November 9, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
10. **Selectboard Reports** —Pruyne welcomed back Erviti from his vacation. Pruyne said that it was good to have Erviti back and that he was missed.
11. **Coordinator Report**—Young said that the Veterans' service District has requested that the Town remain in the district for another three years. He said this would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting (November 20, 2017).
12. **Public Comment**—Ted Cady said that at the most recent meeting of the Franklin County Regional Planning Board recreational marijuana was discussed. He said that the “horror stories” may not be of any interest to Warwick, as we do not have any stores. Cady noted that many people may be interested in the fact that an adult individual will be allowed to grow six plants and thought a workshop on the subject might be welcomed here. Cady next asked for an update on the Wendell Road McKnight property. Young said that the process is still active and that we are moving forward. Cady said that this is a multi-step process, and that phase one was the historical report which suggested the likelihood of contamination and pollution. He explained that the next phase would be to obtain the authority to go onto the property to collect samples and test wells for pollution. He said the third step would be to develop a clean-up proposal which, if approved, would be funded by the DEP grant for site clean-up. Cady noted that the amount of grant funds would depend on the amount of pollution found and requisite clean-up. Young said that if the Town acquires the property we will gain access to the property but not become responsible for the clean-up. He said that normally there is a 6-month right of redemption during which time the owner could pay all taxes in arrears and regain the property. Gilgun explained that if we go to land court we can foreclose on the right of redemption. Young said that at this time there is no timetable for achieving the desired goal, but that the current heir is cooperating with the Town.

13. New and Other Business Unanticipated at Time of Meeting Posting—Town Clerk Rosa Fratangelo asked if the Selectboard would please ask Coordinator Young to contact Town Counsel for his legal opinion on whether the town-wide herbicide ban voted at the October 23, 2017 Special Town Meeting qualifies as a by-law. She explained that all by-laws must be submitted to the Attorney General’s office and that she had inquired whether the ban should be submitted along with the ban feeding Canada Geese on or around Moore’s Pond. Fratangelo said that Nicole Caprioli from the AG’s Municipal Law Division had reviewed the voted article and sent her an Email deferring to our Town Counsel’s opinion as to whether the ban is actually a by-law. There was a consensus of the Board that a town-wide ban is not a by-law but Young said that he would check with Town Counsel.

IV. Adjournment

At 7:01 p.m. Magi MOVED to adjourn. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting:

- *Draft Minutes of October 23, 2017 Selectboard meeting
- *Coordinator Report dated November 2, 2017
- *Copy of Posting for Warwick Tax Classification Hearing on Monday, November 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
- *Copy of Posting for Public Meeting Notice Warwick Town Forest Committee and Warwick Open Space Committee on Monday, November 6, 2017 at 4 p.m.
- *Sanding and Salting Operations FY 17 -- Warwick Highway Department Report
- *Letter from Lawrence Pruyne to the Towns of Leyden, Northfield, Bernardston and Warwick dated October 11, 2017 Re: School District Leadership Workshop scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the PVRs Library
- *Flyer for Massachusetts Municipal Association 2018 Annual Meeting and Trade Show scheduled for January 19 and 20, 2018 in Boston, MA