

Warwick Community Newsletter

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

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

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Treasurer/Collector	3845
Highway	6349
Library	7866
Fire Station	3314
Animal Control	3402
Animal Contr.Pager	217-2681
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Fire Dept Business	2277
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Building Inspector	2236
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THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING DONORS !

Trinitarian Congregational Church Robert & Asako Day
 Babette Krolik & Harry Greenwald
 Total: \$325

Thank You!

Please help us keep the Newsletter going! 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.

Letter of Thanks

I had a Wonderful Birthday Party, more than I ever expected.

A special Big Thank you to everyone who made my Birthday Great. It was so nice to have so many friends and family come celebrate the day with me.

Planning and getting everything ready was lots of work. Thanks to all who helped in any way.

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

The Guild will meet at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, December 4 to prepare Holiday fruit baskets for Warwickians age 80 and over. ALL women of Warwick are most welcome to join in this annual outreach activity, while sharing conversation and refreshments as well! At about 3:00 pm, we will need sure-footed folks to help deliver this holiday cheer to homes throughout town. Thanks to all for your continued support of the Guild and its activities.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society will meet at the Town Hall at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, December 19 for a short business meeting and some Holiday cheer. Those who wish to participate in the annual Yankee Gift Swap may bring a wrapped gift with a value of around \$5.00. And if you don't know what a "Yankee Gift Swap" is, come and find out! All members of the community are most cordially invited.

REVIEW

Hale Street Tavern, Oyster & Sushi Bar

717 Hale Street
Beverly Farms, MA
978-922-9232

Open 4PM every day
11:30am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday

I recently went to Beverly, MA to attend a play at Endicott College where my great-nephew was the star of the show...I'm a proud Auntie!

Figuring I would want lunch before the 2PM show, I googled restaurants nearby the college and found this gem. The Hale Street Tavern in Beverly Farms, a small community of the city of Beverly and on the same street as the college.

It's not a large place, but a large bar area and tables along the side. I estimate 10-12 tables and when we got there, most were full. The menu is quite large with appetizers, salads, sandwiches, Sushi, and Entrees. I opted for the Baked Gloucester Lemon Haddock which was baked with Ritz crumbs, topped with lemon cream sauce and served with a vegetable medley and choice of potato. The fish was so fresh and delicious; I'm convinced it was caught that morning. My friend had Braised Boneless Short Ribs served over mushroom and asparagus risotto with a red wine demi and topped with crispy fried shallots. She said the risotto was so good, she would have been happy with just that but the beef was delicious and tender.

When I mentioned to my nephew and his wife where we went, he said they love that place and go quite frequently when visiting his son and his daughter who graduated from Endicott this year. The prices are reasonable for that area. My haddock was \$23 and the Braised Beef was \$26 but you couldn't ask for a nicer meal. The service was excellent also.

I know it's not close to Warwick, but know that people like to take rides to the coast in spring, summer and fall and maybe visiting the area for the holidays, so thought you might like a place to stop and have a nice meal.

P.S. And after the play we stopped at Captain Dusty's Ice Cream stand (open till Nov 12th) for some delicious homemade ice cream. Another stop I'm sure you will enjoy when visiting the area.

Bon Appetite
Gloria Varno

THE GREEN CORNER

THERMOSTAT RECYCLING

If you're thinking of upgrading your old wall-mounted thermostat to a programmable or wireless model, great! But be sure not to throw away your old mercury thermostat, as it contains as much mercury as 3,000 compact fluorescent lamps! These old thermostats such as Honeywell contain large amounts of highly toxic mercury and when recycled must be handled with care. Do not remove ampoules; keep unit intact and place in a plastic bag. George at our transfer station in Warwick accepts and saves these thermostats for pick-up. There are other municipalities that do the same at no charge, such as the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District Office at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield. For office hours as well as times and dates of collections at other Franklin County transfer stations, please call (413) 772-2438. Thanks to Amy Donovan, Program Director at FCSWM, for sending us this and other important energy-saving information.

TOWN CLERK

Thank you to the 418 who voted in the State election and the 409 who voted in the Special Town election -- this is the highest voter turnout since I became Town Clerk in 2014.

A special thank you to each and every Election Worker and Ballot Counter for making a great team -- thanks to all of you everything ran smoothly and you helped make an extremely long day enjoyable!

Once again #Team Election came through for Warwick! I greatly appreciate the work you do because the elections cannot be successfully run without a great team, and I am very fortunate to have so many people to count on. Thank you!

Annual Street Lists will be sent out at the end of December. Please remember to sign and date the form before returning it to me.

BOARD OF HEALTH

In an effort to be helpful to townspeople who might need information from the Board of Health, our clerk Nancy Lyman will be in the office for 1-5 PM Monday, December 10th.

This will happen in all months when the BOH is on its winter schedule. These Mondays will be the week of the BOH meeting. The BOH meets once a month from October through March. Our last meeting for this year December 12th



The COA Foot Clinic

Friday, December 14 at the Metcalf Chapel at 8 a.m.

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 elemon@tiac.net.

GATHERING First Friday Gathering will NOT be held in the Town Hall, Friday, December 7. The Town Hall will be otherwise engaged with preparations for the Deer Week Supper. The Gathering will return on Friday, January 4, 2019.

Tracy Gaudet, Outreach Coordinator for Orange COA and Shine Counselor, (Serving Health Insurance Needs for Everyone) will be at Town Hall Tuesdays, December 4 and 13, from 10:00 AM until Noon. Medicare Open Enrollment ends December 7. Stop by if you need help with health insurance or to talk about available programs. Contact her, 978- 544-3481 or

RECREATION COMMITTEE

ZUMBA Sunday 8am and Thursday 6pm with Susan at Warwick Town Hall \$5

YOGA Saturday 9:15 am with Kalliope at Warwick Town Hall \$5-10

SOMATICS Sunday 1-2pm with Kathrine at Warwick Town Hall \$10 thu Dec. 16

Somatics classes in Warwick are going strong – so strong I've dubbed us the Warwick Somatics Warriors! There are four more classes in our second series, concluding Thomas Hanna's "Myth of Aging" by the holidays. (Stay tuned for more opportunities!)

You're welcome to join us (wearing comfortable clothes, free of fragrances best you can, with a body-length blanket/towel and mat for underneath).

Clinical Somatics helps reconnect our cortical/front brains to our muscles, resolving habitual unconscious contraction with near-endless benefits (treating pain, mobility, posture issues and more), proving more bodily peace and functionality is available to everyone.

Learn more about Clinical Somatics at Somatics.org, and check out Katherine's Facebook page, 'The Somatic Solution.' Email is info@somaticsolution.com. Private sessions are available.

Back by popular demand!

Tracey Dawn Alden - Energy Therapist, will again be offering a therapeutic meditation class Monday evenings January 7th thru March 25th from 6:30 -7:30 at the Warwick Town Hall.

This 12 week class will be guided using Reiki and Solfeggio Sound Therapies in a group setting. We will also explore other healing and meditation modalities throughout the winter months. Including but not limited to aromatherapy, chanting, crystals, plants, journeying, partners and more.

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

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

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK

DECEMBER 2018

Dear Friends,

“Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, ‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ Jesus answered, ... ‘my kingdom is not from here,’ Pilate asked him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’ Pilate said to him, ‘What is truth?’ ” from John 18: 33-38

Pilate, the “governor” of the Roman occupied land of Judea, was very much aware that truth (small- t) can be easily manipulated through fear, intimidation and force of violence. In his cynical view, death was the capital-T Truth. Present your opponents with a choice of death or capitulation, backed up with a credible threat, and you gain the advantage. That same mind-set has persisted throughout human history, except for a few significant examples.

Jesus, Oscar Romero (recently “sainted” by the Roman Catholic Church), Gandhi, MLK Jr were among those notable examples who were not intimidated into capitulation by the threat of death. They saw death, not as an ultimate Truth, but as a transition through which all life eventually moves. Capital-T Truth lies beyond the reach of death, violence, fear and hatred.

Christmas occurs in December, not because the birth of Christ was known to have occurred then, but because it was a time of darkness and death in the world of the early church and the “birth” of light returning to the earth was a powerful image to energize the faithful. It also just happened to be the time of the very popular Roman celebration of Saturnalia and the habits and traditions of the one could be easily morphed into the other to make it more acceptable for the populous.

Does that make Christmas any less Real? For those who see reality in terms of power, wealth and influence in temporal existence only, I guess it does. But then Christ never meant much to them any way.

All the major world religions view the material world as a shroud that hides the Truth from our eyes. Truth cannot be proven by science, cannot be understood by intellectual debate, cannot be measured, touched or seen in any material sense; it can only be experienced at a deep level of our being.

Parker Palmer, a Quaker teacher and author writes;

“Perhaps death possesses a grace that we who fear dying, who find it ugly and even obscene, cannot see. How shall we understand nature’s testimony that dying itself – as devastating as we know it can be – contains the hope of a certain beauty...in the visible world of nature, a great truth is concealed in plain sight. Diminishment and beauty, darkness and light, death and life are not opposites: they are held together in the paradox of “hidden wholeness”.

The Truth of the “hidden wholeness” can only be hinted at in this material world, so we use symbols and metaphors. That’s what the Church seasons of Advent and Christmas are all about; hinting at what lies under, over, behind and throughout the material world. A bright light leads the wise to a place where the Truth is manifested in a vulnerable baby, born in material poverty, to parents forced to migrate, threatened by imperial power and yet somehow filled with hope, love, joy and peace.

We will be looking at some of the symbols and metaphors of the Advent/Christmas season starting with the Advent Workshop on Sunday, Dec 2 and in a weekly discussion group leading up to Christmas. We welcome any and all who wish to join us in this search for the “hidden wholeness” of the season and life.

UP COMING EVENTS

SUNDAY DEC 2

ADVENT WORKSHOP , 5:00 – 7:30PM @ METCALF CHAPEL

In the church calendar, Advent is the four week season of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. We will begin the evening with a light supper of soup and bread and fellowship. Then, while tables are being cleared and made ready for craft stations (making wreaths, decorations and “Gingerbread” houses made with graham crackers, “royal frosting” and all sorts of candies) we will briefly talk about the origins of various holiday decorations. Come one, come all to this FREE, family-friendly evening of crafts and fun at the **METCALF CHAPEL**

ADVENT DISCUSSION GROUP Thursdays - Dec 6,13 & 20

FRIDAY, DEC 7 HUNTERS' SUPPER 5 PM

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.

SUNDAY, DEC 16

COOKIE SWAP @ 1 PM - 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.

COMMUNITY CAROLING (in the daylight) 2 PM

AFTER-CAROLING OPEN HOUSE @ METCALF CHAPEL 4 PM

Warm up after singing out in the cold, or come from wherever, for hot drinks and tasty treats. We might be inspired to do a little more singing in the warmth of the Chapel.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES MONDAY, DEC 24

FAMILY SERVICE 5 PM

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

Community Forum about the Pioneer Valley Regional School District

Wednesday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m.

Pioneer Valley Regional School Cafeteria, 97 F Sumner Turner Drive, Northfield, MA

You are invited to attend a community forum about the Pioneer Valley Regional School District presented by the HEART Committee where data that has been gathered by consultants from the Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools (MARS) will be presented. This will include data related to financial sustainability and an analysis of school closure. After the presentation of the data, the community will have an opportunity to provide feedback.

SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

Holiday Recycling Guidelines

During the holiday season, the average American family increases household trash volume by over 25% (US EPA). A large portion of this trash could be avoided, reused, recycled or composted. Reducing holiday waste can help your household save money on "Pay As You Throw" town trash stickers or bags, save money for your town, and reduce your carbon footprint.

Yes, please do recycle these:

gift wrap, tissue paper (no foil, metallic inks, or glitter.) Tape is OK.
 paper gift bags and shopping bags
 greeting cards (except those with foil, glitter, or batteries)
 envelopes (plastic windows are OK)
 catalogs, calendars
 cardboard: corrugated, paperboard

TIP: Keep a recycle bin or paper bag handy near gift wrapping and un-wrapping.

No, please DO NOT recycle:

ribbons, bows, tinsel (reuse or trash)
 holiday light strings (acceptable in scrap metal recycling)
 Christmas tree netting
 bubble wrap, packing peanuts, polystyrene (Styrofoam) (clean packing materials accepted for reuse at Greenfield UPS Store)
 plastic bags (clean, dry plastic bags marked #2 or #4 accepted in retail store programs)
 plastic "blister pack" packaging (i.e. from toys and electronics)
 photographs

To learn more about recycling in our region, please visit springfieldmrf.org. (For a downloadable guide to Recycling on the Holidays, click on "What's Recyclable at the MRF?")

Composting is easy and can greatly decrease waste from holiday meal prep and serving. The municipal compost programs at the transfer stations in Bernardston, Greenfield, Leverett, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Wendell and Whately accept all types of food waste, including meat, bones,

Library

Greetings - I've been steadily getting on top of more of the Library's operations, and things appear to be running pretty smoothly. We've got a pair of new computers to replace the ones that gave out in late summer, there's another book order on the way, and I'm starting to catch up on cataloguing items that have been at the Library for a while that need to start circulating to other libraries.

Several people, some from out of town, have commented recently on how beautiful the Library space is, and how much the trees visible through the windows add to the experience of being there. Today they sparkled with that winter wonderland magic!

The Local History section is starting to get some attention, and one of the shelves in the cabinet offered up the Town's annual report for the fiscal year ending in February, 1900. At the turn of the previous century J.L. Stockman received \$115 for his service as selectman, assessor, overseer of poor and treasurer; while G.F. Morse and George T. Manning performed the same duties, minus the assessing, for \$75 and \$65 respectively. The Library received \$130: nearly half from the balance left in the dog fund, \$38.40 appropriated and the rest from a few other sources. The town paid three dozen people a few bucks each for shoveling snow, while eight others were paid for "breaking snow."

Alongside the Town Report was a record book for the Library with detailed circulation figures recorded for the period from 1872 to 1913. In 1872 a total of 2,078 items circulated, and by 1900 the figure had climbed to 4,301, with a high the following year of 4,994 items; the 1905 population is given as 529. In the 2018 fiscal year that ended in June, circulation was 5,215, about a thousand of which were videos/DVDs. Some other gems were found in the cabinet, so maybe you'll hear more about them in the future—or see them!

Here's a list of the recently arrived and ordered items, by genre/format (all books 2018 unless noted):

Adult Fiction books

Heather Abel, *The Optimistic Decade*; Kate Atkinson, *Transcription*; Romain Gary, *The Kites*; Imogen Gower, *The Mermaid and Mrs Hancock*; Erin Hildebrand, *Winter in Paradise*; Dara Horn, *Eternal Life*; Archer Mayor, *Bury the Lead*; Kate Morton, *The Clockmaker's Daughter*; Sigrid Nunez, *The Friend*; Louise Penny, *Kingdom of the Blind*; John Sandford, *Holy Ghost*; Wilbur Smith, *The Tiger's Prey*; Gary Shteyngart, *Lake Success*; Nicholas Sparks, *Every Breath*; Stendhal, *The Red and the Black* (1830); Luis Alberto Urrhea, *The House of Broken Angels*; Meg Wolitzer, *The Female Persuasion*

Adult Non-fiction books

Michele Alexander, *The New Jim Crow* (2011); Shane Bauer, *American Prison*; Christine DeLucia, *Memory Lands*; Joseph Ellis, *American Dialogue: The Founders and Us*; Nail Ferguson, *The Ascent of Money* (2008); Eliza Griswold, *Amity and Prosperity: One Family and the Fracturing of America*; William Leuchtenberg, *The American President* (2015); Susan Orlean, *The Library Book*; Yotam Ottolenghi, *Simple*

Children/young adult books

Cece Bell, *El Deafo*; Jason Reynolds, *Ghost*; Ransom Riggs, *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* (2011); Traci Sorrell, *We are Grateful: Otsaliheligo*

Audio books

Bill Clinton and James Patterson, *The President is Missing*; Stephen King, *The Outsider*; Catherine Steadman, *Something in the Water*

DVDs

The Gilded Aged (PBS), *Here's Looking at you Warner Brothers*, *Johnny English*, *The Net*, *Pursuit of Happiness*, *The Score*, *Spartan*, *Will You Be My Neighbor?* (2018)

Music CDs:

Eric Clapton & Stevie Winwood, *Live at Madison Square Garden 2008*; Richard Thompson, *13 Rivers* (2018); Colter Wall, *Songs of the Plains* (2018)

As a way to increase the selection of film DVDs and music CD's, please consider donating used items in excellent working condition to the Library. If you have something you'd like to donate, please send me a list of the items at the Library or drop it off. The Library won't be able to accept everything people may wish to donate, so seeing a list first will help things run smoothly. Thanks in advance for your help in building the movie and music collections!

Finally, if you borrowed the October issue of *Rolling Stone* magazine with Aretha Franklin on the cover, please return it so others can enjoy it.

Hopefully this explanation will help those who seem to have trouble reading/deciphering the Warwick Broadband invoice. I am using the invoice for myself as an example.

I am somewhat in a bind in that I am stuck with the accounting program's invoice template and only certain information can be placed on it in certain ways. The most important part of this invoice is the box that is labeled in the top of the box as: YOUR BALANCE. Within that box is the total amount of money that you owe on the date that precedes the amount. In the example provided you will note that as of October 19, 2018 I owe the Warwick Broadband Service (WBS) \$50.

In the Description area usually you will only see the month for which you are being billed. In this example, I'm being billed for the month of November and it is going to cost me \$50 for that month. As it turns out I have paid my previous bills so that the YOUR BALANCE amount is the same as the amount for which this invoice is billing me. However, if I had not paid the invoices for October and September YOUR BALANCE would show the amount of \$150; the \$50, each, for October and September plus the \$50 for the upcoming month of November.

On the other hand, if I had paid in advance a total of \$200 and all my invoices had been paid prior to receiving the invoice for November YOUR BALANCE would show the amount as a negative \$150 (-150.00). The reason it would be a negative number is that it shows I have a credit to my account and the reason it is only -150 is because the invoice for November has been paid. That means when I receive my December invoice (which shows I'm being billed \$50 for that month) I will see YOUR BALANCE as a negative \$100 (-100.00).

If I were to receive my invoice for November and YOUR BALANCE showed 0.00 then it would mean that, at some point prior to receiving the invoice, I had already paid for November and I owed nothing. The invoice will still state that I am being billed at the monthly rate of \$50 and YOUR BALANCE indicates that the \$50 has already been paid.

As with all invoices I receive it is important for me to read them fully and carefully and determine if there are any errors or not.

Warwick Broadband
124th St
Warwick, MA 01078
Voice: 413-676-3544

INVOICE
Invoice Number: 2223
Invoice Date: 10/19/18

ID Number: 207
Due Date: 11/1/18

YOUR BALANCE
Your balance as of Oct 19, 2018 is \$50.00.
This balance does not reflect payments or charges processed after that date.
Your balance shown above includes the invoice total indicated below.

BILL TO:
Jim E. 533
Rt 4 Orange Rd
Warwick, MA 01078

Description	Amount
Broadband services for month of November	50.00
Total this invoice only See below	50.00

See YOUR BALANCE to the right of your name for the total owed on your account.
Should YOUR BALANCE equal zero, you owe nothing or if it is a negative number, you have paid ahead the amount described.

Please make checks payable to Town of Warwick

Callout 1: This is your ID Number and should be used along with the Invoice Number with all communications with Warwick Broadband Service (WBS)

Callout 2: This amount shown in this box is what you owe, in full, as of the date indicated.

Callout 3: This is the amount for which you are being billed for the given month.

Callout 4: This is the total of the current invoice. Typically it will only show the single month for which you are being billed. There may be times when multiple months are included so that the total shown in this box will be the total of all the items listed under Description.

9th Annual Open Studio at Kerry Stone's

Come enjoy some hot cider and cookies and see what I've been up to in my studio this year!

There is always something new to see along with my traditional birch bark ornaments, cards, lavender sachets, nature printed baby onesies, paper mobiles, paintings and more!

15% off all paintings!

Sunday, December 9th, 11-2pm
724 Wendell Rd, Warwick

All are welcome!



Elan Sicroff, Pianist

In

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4:00 P.M.

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...from a letter from cellist Pablo Casals to Thomas de Hartmann, Dec. 19, 1947

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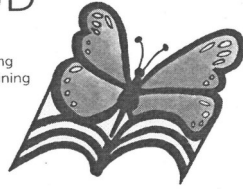
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Don't Miss these December events

ADVENT WORKSHOP—Dec 2

GUILD MEETING—Dec 4

HUNTER'S SUPPER—Dec 7

FOOT CLINIC—Dec 12

COOKIE SWAP AND CAROLLING—Dec 16

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING—Dec 19

SELECTBOARD MINUTES October 15, 2018

Members present: Lawrence Pruyne, James Erviti

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Clerk and Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Police Chief David Shoemaker, Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney, Kevin Alden, Todd Dexter, Bob Croke, Vern Bass, Dawn Magi, Gloria Varno, Patty Lazok, Matthew Woollven

I. Call to Order

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

II. Minutes

Erviti MOVED to approve the October 1, 2018 minutes as printed. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

III. Presentations and Discussions

1. Ethics Exemptions —Young said that in anticipation a later agenda item that would involve appointing Brad Matthews as an interim Cemetery Commissioner, the Board should vote an ethics exemption.

Erviti MOVED to grant an MGL Chapter 268 Section 20D exemption to Brad Matthews so that he may serve as Firefighter, Fence Viewer and Interim Cemetery Commissioner. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

2. Highway Advisory Committee—[Kevin Alden said that the Highway Advisory Committee's goals included going after grants, especially a STRAP grant for the Northfield Road so that it can be finished next year. He said that they need to file for permits with the Conservation Commission in November. Alden spoke about the Committee's desire to become an elected Highway Commission modeled after Wendell's, which would provide both support and oversight for the Highway Superintendent and his department.](#)

[Alden said that](#) the Highway Advisory Committee (HAC) has found holes in some culverts, while others are anywhere from half full to completely full. He noted that he did know when these culverts were last worked on. Alden said that all the culverts in town should be gone over then be mapped out so that once cleaned out the condition and maintenance on each culvert can be documented and kept track of. He said that each season they need to go over what is normally done and determine what needs to be done. Alden said that he preferred a 5-person Highway Commission as all 5 of the HAC members are interested in serving on the Highway Commission. Young said that it would take Town Meeting action to establish an elected Highway Commission, but the Selectboard can vote to establish the Highway Advisory Committee as an official advisory committee now. Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney said that this could be a help and provide support to the Highway Department.

Todd Dexter said that Wendell has had a 3-person Highway Commission since 1985 and noted that the Town of Leverett was currently taking the formation of a Highway Commission under consideration. Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41 Section 63 was discussed, and the question of whether a three-person commission was the minimum number, or the required number came up. HAC members prefer a five-member commission if possible. Erviti said that terms for five members would have to put on a rotating schedule.

Dexter said he wants to make a 5-year plan that projects what needs to be accomplished by the Highway Department. He noted that Northfield Road is a troublesome road and could benefit from a STRAP grant.

Bob Croke said that the HAC can be very helpful to the Selectboard as it will not need to be so involved in the day-to-day working of the Highway Department. Dawn Magi said that as a former Selectman she feels this is an excellent idea and she fully supported the HAC and its five members with the time and expertise to provide valuable assistance to Delaney.

Erviti MOVED to make the 5-member Highway Advisory Committee an official Town committee,

advisory to the Highway Superintendent. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Young said that the Highway Advisory Committee will meet with Delaney and report to the Selectboard. Police Chief Shoemaker said that the Highway Department does not have to approach the Selectboard with everything. Dexter said that HAC could meet with the Selectboard once a month. Young advised every person on HAC to see him to get assigned a Town Email account and segregate Town business from personal Email accounts.

3. Highway Department—Young said a review of our understanding of the winter regimen was needed in order to move forward this year. He said we use treated salt only and no longer use untreated salt, and at less than the minimum of 240/lane mile. Delaney said that in the center of town he uses the 240/lane mile ration but in the middle of the road which in effect treats two lanes with one lane's worth of salt. He explained that he only salted again if the snow began to stick to the road. Erviti said that Delaney must keep track of the data to track usage and establish an effective method which can then be successfully repeated over time. Young said that we need to practice the same procedure each time throughout the season. He pointed out that in FY 18 we saved between \$20,000.00 and \$30,000.00 in salt, and the trucks were driven less. Delaney said this resulted in a savings of both time and mileage. Erviti advocated making a policy and adhering to that policy. Delaney said that he uses the lowest amount of salt possible while providing effective treatment of the paved roads.

Young asked Delaney if we would lose the roads if all the milled pavement was not paved before winter. Delaney said that paving in the rain would probably be worse than leaving the milled pavement as is until next year.

4. Project Expeditor Contract for Green Communities Competitive Grant—Young said that Energy Conservation, Inc. (ECI) is the utility-approved project expeditor and that the Selectboard must vote to contract with this company to perform for work approved and funded by the recently awarded Green Communities competitive grant. He said that the contract entails almost \$150,000.00 worth of work at a cost of around \$115,000.00 plus incentives and noted that once the work is completed there will be a projected \$27,000.00 energy savings annually.

Erviti MOVED to authorize the Chair to sign the contract with ECI. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

5. Proposed Language on Plaque—Young explained that the plaque for Town Hall was proposed by Edwin R. Witherell, an heir to Frank E. and Edward E. Witherell. Erviti said that while it is not expected it would be appropriate for the Town to pay for the plaque and not Mr. Witherell. Pruyne said that if the family is willing to pay for the plaque and save the Town money, it is best to let them do so.

Pruyne edited the proposed language with commas, a period and some extra words so the content will read as follows: "Brothers and local contractors from Warwick, Frank E. Witherell and Edward E. Witherell, were awarded the contract to build the Warwick Town Hall. This structure dedicated on January 10, 1895"

Erviti MOVED to accept the proposed language with Lawrence Pruyne's suggested changes. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

6. Donation of Witherell Plaque—Young said that the Board should vote to accept the donated Witherell plaque.

Erviti MOVED to accept the donation of the Witherell plaque and reinstallation of the Fuller plaque now at the Library. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

7. November 6, 2018 Election Warrants for State General and Special Town Elections—Town Clerk Fratangelo presented the Board members with six copies each for the State General Election and Special Town Election, both to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Both Pruyne and Erviti signed all copies of both warrants.

8. Appointments—Fratangelo had requested the Board appoint several more Election Workers. Young requested that the Board appoint replacements for elected Cemetery Commissioners David Shoemaker and George Roaf, both of whom resigned earlier this month. These appointments would be until the 2019 Annual Town Election on May 20th.

Erviti MOVED to appoint Laurette Crane, John Bradford, Linda Strusa and Melinda Gibbons as Election Workers, and to appoint Tracey Kirley and Brad Matthews as interim Cemetery Commissioners. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

9. Surplus Property—Young said that there were three, rather than two, all-in-one computers at the Library that can be declared as surplus property.

Erviti MOVED to declare three all-in-one computers at the Library surplus property. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

10. Warwick Police Department Report—Police Chief David Shoemaker said that Verizon is historically very slow to respond after hours, and that their response tends to be “we don’t own any trees”. He said he has had to wait as much as eleven hours for Verizon to respond to a downed wire situation and stated that it is “extremely frustrating”. The Chief told the Board that while the other towns he contacted did not respond about Verizon’s response time, he imagines their experiences are the same as ours have been.

The Chief said that he is applying for grants, as one cruiser still needs a dashboard camera. He told the Board that the deadline to apply for one of the grants is in November.

Erviti MOVED to submit FY 19 MIA grant application as provided by the Chief of Police. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Chief Shoemaker said that the new records management system has put Warwick PD in the 21st century. He said it is a fantastic system. Next, he noted an increase in the number of motor vehicle accidents that required police response. The Chief said that in 2017 through the month of July the PD received 281, while the total number of calls for the same time-period in 2018 was 341.

The possibility of having a call box at the Police Station was broached by Dawn Magi. The Chief said that he has decided against having a call box at an unmanned police station due to concerns of possible vandalism as also if the phone is taken off the hook an officer must respond and, in this day, and age an ambush is also a concern. He said that he would like to see a call box at either Town Hall or the new Fire Station. After Young pointed out that there was increasingly reasonable cell coverage in town, Chief Shoemaker said that he would recommend a call box with video monitoring at the new Fire Station, noting that the camera could be mounted high enough to thwart vandalism.

Pruyne brought up the possibility of video surveillance for known dumping sites throughout town. The Chief asked if there were specific concerns, as he had not received any recent reports of illegal dumping. Pruyne said that Gale Road and Hastings Heights Road had been past sites; the Chief said that the Police are aware of four or five known areas which they do check on. Gloria Varno said that Wilson Road by the McKnight property is also a problem spot. Chief Shoemaker said that the Police need to be made aware of specific spots and said that game cameras with wireless capability could be used. The Chief questioned where to place the cameras, who would be responsible for record keeping and generating the public record. He also pointed out that issues of privacy could crop up. He recommended the Board establish a policy and that the Police Department not be made the keeper of records and be brought in to review only if actual illegal activity is detected.

Chief Shoemaker said that he wants cameras outside the WCS building. He said that he has talked with the Principal about added security, but she is concerned about a privacy issue for the children, even though it is a public building well off the road. The Chief reiterated that anyone should contact the Police Department about any public safety issues or concerns they may have. Todd Dexter asked if it is worth it to us as a town to put a policy and cameras in place. Erviti said as the Police cannot be where the dumpers are, cameras would be a

good deterrent. Chief Shoemaker said that he agrees with putting up cameras, he just does not want the PD to be responsible as the record keepers. Pruyne said that he would get input from Town Counsel about making a policy for video surveillance.

11. Selectboard Reports—Erviti noted that the Police Chief’s computer is not working properly and should be replaced with a reliable refurbished computer. Pruyne said that he attended a PVRSD School Committee meeting last week, and that after an in-depth discussion of the budget, they voted to accept the budget. He said that he found it encouraging that donations of equipment were made to the District and noted that there seems to be some forward motion and improvement.

12. Coordinator Report—Young said the same old tricks are being played in the PVRSD negotiations, and that he has resigned from the negotiations sub-committee and will no longer have any involvement in negotiating union contracts. Young went on to say that he is cautiously optimistic for the new School Committee in November after the election. Young said that BMAG has made forward progress on closing of the books for FY 18, as work of the former Town Accountant and BMAG must be reconciled.

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

14. Public Comment—Magi asked if there has been any progress on the McKnight property. Young replied that there has been some slow progression, and that we will have to go to land court to close on the right of redemption. He noted that no investor was willing to purchase it at auction for the amount of taxes owed.

Adjournment

Erviti MOVED to adjourn at 7: 50 p.m. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting:

*Draft Minutes of October 1, 2018 *Town Coordinator Report dated October 11, 2018 *Highway Committee Joint meeting with the Selectboard October 15, 2018 meeting points to be covered *MGL Chapter 41 Section 63 *Contract from Energy Conservation, Inc. for Town of Warwick Green Community Grant Measures 2018 *Election Warrants for November 6, 2018 State General and Special Town Elections *Letter to David Young from Edwin R. Witherell dated October 8, 2018 RE: a plaque honoring Frank E. and Edward E. Witherell

SELECTBOARD MINUTES October 29 2018

Members present: Lawrence Pruyne, James Erviti

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Clerk and Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Tree Warden Sharon Matthews, Highway Advisory Committee member Todd Dexter, School Committee member Sue O’Reilly McRae, Dawn Magi, Todd Weed

I. Call to Order

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

II. Minutes

Erviti MOVED to approve the October 15, 2018 minutes as printed. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

III. Presentations and Discussions

1. Ethics Exemptions —Fratangelo explained that in order for people who have other positions in Town to also serve as Election Workers, they should be granted an MGL 268:20D Ethics Exemption.

Erviti MOVED to grant Laurette Crane, John Bradford and Jim Erviti Ethics Exemptions under MGL Chapter 268 Section 20D to be Election Workers. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

2. Appointments—Erviti MOVED to make the 5-member Highway Advisory Committee an official Town committee, advisory to the Highway Superintendent. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Fratangelo said that three more people have agreed to count ballots and requested that they be appointed by the Selectboard.

Erviti MOVED to appoint Dawn Magi, Dashiell Barney and Jim Erviti as Election Workers. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

3. Recruit a Wiring Inspector—Young said that Brian Peters has agreed to serve as Wiring Inspector. He also said that Todd Weed, the Wiring Inspector for Montague, will serve as Deputy Wiring Inspector to cover for Peters and inspect any work done by Peters. These terms will expire on June 30, 2019.

Erviti MOVED to appoint Brian Peters as Wiring Inspector and Todd Weed as Deputy Wiring Inspector. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Weed was sworn in by the Town Clerk.

4. Discussion of Finance Committee Representation in Multi-Town School Budget Discussion Group—Pruyne noted that Bill Foote, the sole member of the Finance Committee, had just resigned effective today, so as of now the Town has no Finance Committee. Young said that this is a process in which we should participate, as we need to figure out what we can and should spend on education. He suggested that the Selectboard and Town Coordinator could participate until new people can be appointed to the Finance Committee. Young said that this is the time to put forth a tough front. Magi inquired as to whether this will be an ongoing or short-term process. Youngs aid to begin with we need someone to attend the next meeting. He noted that he hoped whoever does not get elected to the Selectboard will be willing to serve on the Finance Committee. Magi said that she was willing to attend the meeting and will contact the appropriate person to schedule a date and time.

5. 5. Hazard Trees—Tree Warden Sharon Matthews came before the Board to discuss hazard trees. Pruyne said that he had noticed a few trees on the lower Wendell Road that appeared to be diseased and possibly problematic. Matthews said she will go check the area. The first group of hazard trees Matthews discussed involved six healthy pine trees on Athol Road near Clubhouse Pond. She explained that the root system of these trees will eventually destroy the culvert. Young said that as the trees are on Town land, Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney has to fill out paperwork and the Planning Board must hold a hearing because Athol Road is a scenic road. Matthews said that this is a matter of preventative maintenance to prevent costly culvert damage, as the trees are healthy, but the root system will cause damage. There was a consensus of the Board to direct Larry Delaney to initiate the paperwork.

Matthews addressed the second group of hazard trees involving two small trees at the end of the WCS driveway. She said that because the trees are under six inches in diameter and on School/Town property she can have them taken down. There was a consensus of the Board that the two dead trees on the north side of the WCS driveway should be cut down.

The next group of trees discussed are in the Gulf. Matthews said that there were some extremely dangerous trees that fell and have now slid down the embankment. She said that they are on State land so as Tree Warden she cannot do anything but DCR should be notified about these State trees that are in danger of striking the public way. Young said that DCR would either work with us or handle it themselves. It was noted that there are some small trees that could pose problems in the future. There was a consensus of the Board to have the Tree Warden contact Phil Gilmore at the State level.

Matthews said that in the matter of last hazard tree she could not, as Tree Warden do anything because this tree is on privately owned land next to the Cemetery and therefore belongs to property owner Brian Peters. She said this tree is a large, dead white pine tree that will go down soon and when it does will surely take down power lines and block the road. Young said that per Town Counsel the Town can intervene and could even be considered legally liable if no intervention leads to damages incurred from the tree falling. He said that since this tree is leaning out over the road we should mitigate the Town's liability and suggested having National Grid cut it back so nothing hangs over the public way. Erviti said that the fact it hangs over a Town road makes it a Town tree.

Magi asked if Brian Peters would be willing to give the tree to the Town, so we could have it taken down by National Grid. Matthews said there are five or six other trees National Grid could take down on Route 78 besides that one. There was a consensus of the Board that the Tree Warden contact Brian Peters in writing and propose that he give the tree to the Town for removal before it falls.

6. Selectboard Reports—Pruyne mentioned a recent mushrooming expedition during which he discovered a copse of elm trees off of Gale Road and said that he was encouraged to see so many healthy elm trees.

7. Coordinator Report—Young said that we received an additional \$44,677.00 in Chapter 90 funds to bring our FY 19 total to \$268,064.00. He said that this reflects a 20% increase Statewide.

8. New and Other Business Unanticipated at Time of Meeting Posting —Erviti said that he wanted to be sure that the Police Chief will get a new computer. Youngs aid that since malware was removed from the current computer it is working better, but a new refurbished computer can be easily obtained if necessary. Erviti also expressed anger over the State law that requires the Highway Commission to have only three members with no alternates. He said that he wanted a very strongly worded letter sent to the Attorney General's office to see if there is any way we can have a 5-member Commission. He said to include Town Counsel's opinion. Erviti wanted to make a vehement complaint about the statute. Young suggested a letter be sent to our State legislators requesting special legislation. There was a consensus of the Board that Town Coordinator Young investigate the best way to pursue the Town Meeting and election process to establish Highway Commission. Todd Dexter said that the Highway Advisory Committee will be meeting with Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney on November 7th at 6:30 p.m. at the Highway Garage.

9. Public Comment—Sue O'Reilly McRae said that she has been named the PVRSD School Committee representative to the HEART Committee, so she needed to resign as one of Warwick's representatives and open up a seat for someone else. Young suggested Emily Hemingway, who is a teacher in another district.

O'Reilly McRae said that a deadline in April was missed by the District which is why the two-year term for Warwick on the School Committee is not on the ballot. The Moderator will appoint someone to that seat after the November 6th election.

O'Reilly McRae requested to be on the next agenda to discuss proposed changes to the District agreement.

Adjournment

Erviti MOVED to adjourn at 7: 07 p.m. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting:

*Draft Minutes of October 15, 2018
Coordinator Report dated October 23, 2018
Pollard to David Young dated October 23 and 24, 2018
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*Emails between Jeremia
RE: Ch 41:S69D boards of public