

FEBRUARY, 2015

# Warwick Community Newsletter

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Animal Control	3402
Animal Contr.Pager	217-2681
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### Warwickians On-Line

If you can send and receive email, you can sign up for the Warwick-L, our town's on-line discussion group. Anything that pertains to Warwick and the people who live here is appropriate. To join us, send an email to message to [miryam@mwilliamson.com](mailto:miryam@mwilliamson.com) including your full name, address, phone number, and if you are not a resident, a sentence or two saying why you want to join.

### LETTER OF THANKS

The Paul Family would like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to all those who attended Joe's Benefit Dinner and gave donations, and to the Arts Council for being kind enough to take up a collection on Joe's Behalf. We appreciate your kindness. We are hoping for the best as his long recovery continues.

Sincerely Joe, Colleen and Adrian Paul

## WARWICK PTO

### Warwick Community School PTO Fedco Seed Fundraiser

The Warwick Community School's PTO will be running it's annual Fedco seed sale next month (February). Can you believe it is that time, to start thinking about your garden?! We need your help, because we need to sell 100 packets in order to participate next year. Order forms will go home with students mid February, and the community may place orders through students, the town library, or by calling me. I can send you an order form through email. I will place a reminder on the Warwick-L when order forms are ready. Thank you so much, and have fun planning your gardens!



Erika Nygard , PTO President

(544-2094) [eanygard@gmail.com](mailto:eanygard@gmail.com)

## WOMEN'S GUILD

The Guild will meet in the dining room of the Town Hall at 1:00 p.m. on Feb. 3 . at the Town Hall.

Program arrangements are pending.

All welcome! - Martha Morse

### St. Patrick's Parish, Northfield, MA

will hold a Spaghetti Supper on Wednesday, February 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Menu: Spaghetti Supper,. Meat and Meatless Sauce, salad, garlic bread and dessert

Adults \$10.00

Children 4 - 12: \$5.00

Children 3 and under Free

Family rates available

For reservations or more information call St. Patrick's Parish at 413-498-2728.

-submitted by Donna Newton

### Get Moving!

At Town Hall, Sponsored  
by the

Recreation Committee

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
6pm and Sundays at 8am  
for **ZUMBA!** Drop in fee  
just \$5. Call Leanne if you have questions 544-  
5553



**Circuit Training** is 6-7pm on Wednesdays and is  
**FREE!** Contact Nan or Leslie for more info at  
544-1974

## THE GATHERING PLACE

The Gathering Place will be observing its two year anniversary in February, come on down and see what's cooking. Coffee for \$1.00 ready at 10:00 AM, cup of Soup for \$3.00, ½ Sandwich for \$1.50. Have both (Cup and a half) for \$4.00 starting at 11:30 AM. Desserts (by donation) any-time. Need lunch to go, bring a container for soup and we'll pack lunch for you.

- Diana Tandy

## WARWICK TOWN CLERK

**ELECTION DAY:** Monday, May 18, 2015

LAST DAY to Obtain Nomination Papers: Thursday, March 26 LAST DAY to Submit Nomination Papers for Certification: Monday, March 30 LAST DAY to File Nomination papers with Town Clerk: Monday, April 13 LAST DAY to Object or Withdraw: Wednesday, April 15 LAST DAY to Register to Vote for Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town

Election: Tuesday, April 28

Number of Signatures Required on Nomination Papers: 20

Offices to Appear on the Ballot:

Moderator 3 years

Selectman 3 years

Assessor 3 years

Board of Health 3 years

Board of Health 1 year

Cemetery Commissioner 3 years

Constable 3 years

Library Trustee 3 years

Library Trustee 3 years

Transfer Station Commissioner 3 years

Tree Warden 3 years

Remember Dog Licenses are available now: Female or Male or Female \$10; Spayed or Neutered \$5; Kennel – up to 4 \$20; 4-10 \$35; over 10 \$65.

Please note that you must bring in proof of current rabies vaccination in order to obtain a license for your dog (s).

Rosa Fratangelo  
Town Clerk

**PVTTF**

**Pioneer  
Valley  
Transition  
Towns  
Film Festival**

**Locally  
Made Films –  
How Communi-  
ties**

Following the footsteps of the successful 2014 the Pioneer Valley Transition Town Film Festival, the 2015 Season is ramping up for another showcase of more locally created films on interesting and diverse topics on sustainable living in the Valley. The Festival's vision remains to encourage all, young and old, to dream about a transformed and positive future for our towns and share those ideas and/or manifestations on film. Happily the Film Festival is gaining more notoriety in the academic area, and student submissions will likely increase quite a bit for this season.

Six area Transition towns: Greenfield, Northfield, Wendell, Amherst, Pelham and Northampton co-sponsor the Film Festival along with Pioneer Valley Institute, the principal funder for the Film Festival. PVI President, Professor Little presented the cash awards to the 2014 winners in the two categories, adult and youth totally \$325.00. The 2014 films are joining the growing *Virtual Transition Town Sustainability Living Film Library*. Films from all of the Festivals are available online at

[www.gctv.org/pvtfff2014](http://www.gctv.org/pvtfff2014), pvtfff2013 or pvtff2012.

In addition DVDs of the 2014 Season will soon be freely available for your public library. Please ask about getting a copy.

The 2015 Film Festival is supported in part by grants from the Orange and Northfield Cultural Councils, local agencies which are supported by the Massachusetts Cultural council, a state agency.

**Hope you will consider making a film for the 2015 Film Festival in mid November and join the fun.**

**For more information the Film Festival Organizing Group can be reached at**

**[PVTFFF@gmail.com](mailto:PVTFFF@gmail.com) or [Scott@gctv.org](mailto:Scott@gctv.org).**

## R E S T A U R A N T   R E V I E W

Terrazza @ GCC  
 244 Country Club Road  
 Greenfield, MA 01301  
 413-772-0970  
<http://www.terrazzagreenfield.com/>

I reviewed Terrazza back in January of 2013 and want to do it again because they are now offering their \$20 full course meals on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 4 to 9 PM thru March 26, 2015. The dinner includes an appetizer, salad, entrée and dessert.

Back in December a few of us from Moores Pond decided to do a Christmas celebration and chose Terrazza and everyone was very pleased with the choice. It was a busy night at the restaurant because they had 2 banquets going on and the \$20 specials filled the restaurant, but still we had exceptional service and exceptional food.

I chose the shrimp cocktail for my appetizer which was 4 extra large shrimp and a delicious cocktail sauce. Next was a mixed green salad with choice of dressing. My entrée was Sole Rollatini, which was 2 fillet of sole, stuffed with a crabmeat stuffing and topped with champagne sauce and served with julienne vegetables. Absolutely delicious! For dessert, I chose the Chocolate Mousse and it was also delicious.

I highly recommend you try it before the end of March because the \$20 deal will probably be over in the spring and this is by far one of the best deals in the area. Check out the menu on their website and I'm sure you will want to go. Bon Appetite.

## W I L D L I F E   T R A C K I N G   I N   W A R W I C K

**Sunday, February 22 from 1-3 pm.**

David Brown, author of *Trackards* and *Companion Guide to Trackards for North American Mammals*, will lead a walk in search of the tracks and sign of wild animals that over-winter in our local natural areas. The route will be less than a mile. Dress for a slow walk in cold and snow. Snowshoes may be helpful depending on conditions and sunglasses will help reduce snow glare. Meet in front of the library from where we will travel to a nearby site. The walk is free and open to area residents.

*This program is supported in part by a grant from the Warwick Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.*



### DID YOU KNOW? WHAT DOES IT COST TO PRODUCE AND MAIL THE NEWSLETTER?

2014 Expenditures:

Ink, Paper, & Supplies	\$1483.27
Postage	963.41
New checks	20.00
Postal permit fee	220.00
Total 2014 Expenditures	\$2,766.68

## A N I M A L   C O N T R O L

**2015 RABIES CLINIC:** Brian Hurley, DVM, and his staff from Gardner Animal Care Center will be at the Fire Station on **Saturday, March 14th** from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Rabies vaccinations will be \$15.

**WINTER WEATHER CARE TIPS FOR YOUR DOG:** In winter, low humidity is common, and dogs are often kept indoors, exposed to dry heat from furnaces as well as dry environment conditions. Without enough moisture in the air, skin problems can occur. The most common skin problem in the wintertime is dry flaking skin. To help keep your dog's skin and coat healthy, try these tips:

Avoid bathing your dog during cold, dry weather, as baths remove essential oils from the skin and can increase the chance of developing flaky skin. If bathing is necessary, use a soothing oatmeal-based shampoo and follow it with a moisturizer. Brush your dog often to remove dander and any shed hair.

Your dog's paws are also vulnerable to winter woes. During winter's ice and snow season, you can expect various melting products to be on the ground, most of which are typically made of salt. When your pet walks through the ice and snow, particles of salt, sand or even ice crystals can become lodged in the webbing. Your dog may even ingest the salts by licking his paws, which can cause illness. Keep paws healthy in winter by following these suggestions: After each walk, wash off your dog's feet. This will remove any ice and road salt that can cause excessive dryness. Trim the hair between your dog's toes to reduce the chance of collecting ice and snow crystals. Petroleum jelly can be placed on the surface of the pads, especially prior to walking outdoors.

To keep your dogs warm and comfortable throughout our cold winter months, keep them indoors. Even though dogs enjoy outings, they are often happier indoors as well so they can dote on their owners.

If your dog spends a lot of his time outdoors, make sure he has the right housing: a doghouse with a sloped roof, insulation and even a heater if he is expected to live in there.

Short haired dogs can benefit from wearing a sweater or jacket when outdoors – choose something that has a waterproof nylon covering for romps in the snow. Check the temperature before going out, and factor in wind chills when applicable.

Bedding should be at least 3 inches off the cold floor to avoid drafts. Low platforms made of a light wood or aluminum frame with canvas stretched over it works well. An old chair is often a favorite place for a dog to snuggle up!

-Rosa Fratangelo

**SEEKING** a volunteer to assist the Newsletter Editor with the monthly AD PAGE. Must be able to scan business cards, create a page in Microsoft Publisher, and be willing to keep a list of advertisers and call or send reminders for renewals when needed.

If you can help, we would love to hear from you! The Ad Page brings in approximately 20-25% of the total income needed to run the newsletter.

Email Andrea Woods at [andrea@woods4.com](mailto:andrea@woods4.com) or call 544-6844.

We have a GREAT group of volunteers! Many thanks to you all.





## **TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH** *of WARWICK*

FEBRUARY 2015

Dear Friends,

How small is the god you worship? Is that god a tribal god, one that loves only one, small group of people? Is that god one that bestows favors on some at the expense of others? Is it a god of earth, of nature? Is it a god of culture or reason or science? Those whose god is small must defend their god with walls that divide and isolate so their god can wreak havoc among non-believers.

I recently heard an interview with a scholar of Islam who gave me renewed hope for the future. She said that when an ideology is feeling threatened, the “hardcore” will turn to, at least, verbal violence and at worst, physical violence. We have seen that most recently in the attack on the periodical *Charlie Hebdo* and in the anti-Muslim backlash of ultra-right wing, nationalist groups in Europe.

We have also seen it in the reactionary violence surrounding civil rights movements in this country. I use the term “civil rights” in a much larger sense than just the struggle for the rights of people of color, but for all people who struggle against “the powers that be”. In the early labor movement, owners of mines, factories and businesses, who felt their wealth threatened if their workers organized for better pay and working conditions, employed the violence of private “security firms” and even local police to “bust heads”, literally. When women were struggling to gain more freedom and civil-rights, verbal violence was unleashed through media and organizations (including, sadly, religious organizations) that were trying to “preserve” the very fabric of our culture. In the ‘60’s, Dr King and Robert Kennedy were reaching out to larger constituencies, people of color, poor whites, migrant workers, and were verbally attacked by powers that felt the threat of change and set the stage for their assassinations.

Division is still a huge stumbling block to moving on issues of justice; the chance of making any movement toward a more egalitarian and sustainable society. The periodical *Charlie Hebdo* is a rather crude and derisive publication, but the brutal attack by Muslim extremists brought many diverse groups together to proclaim “I am Charlie”. The over the top reaction of the Ferguson police, deploying armored personnel carriers against initially peaceful protesters, led to greater resistance and gave a pretext for violence against police in other places by unstable individuals. Violence breeds violence. It may initially feel viscerally rewarding to the perpetrator, but it is a cancer that feeds on the society it inhabits.

Jesus, Mahatma Gandhi, Dr King, Archbishop Oscar Romero all knew that violence never leads to justice. Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Nelson Mandela did a great deal of healing in South Africa through the process of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. It was not a panacea, there has been much backsliding into partisan and opportunistic politics, but it provided thousands of individuals the chance to see through the walls of prejudice and oppression to get a glimpse of the “others” as more like themselves than as enemies.

That “thinning “ of the fabric of the dividing walls of ideology and prejudice can happen in the midst of strife. One famous episode happened on Christmas Eve during WWI when German and Allied troops put down their weapons and sang Christmas carols and played soccer. This of course was stopped by ranking officers; how can you conduct a good war if the common soldiers don’t hate each other.

The slogan “I am Charlie” united many around the world in opposition to extremist terrorism. A Muslim journalist in Belgium wrote “I am not Charlie, I am Ahmed” in reference to the Muslim police officer who died defending *Charlie Hebdo*. If we could but see that we are all part Charlie and part Ahmed and even part (add here the name of someone you hold a deep grudge against), there might be a chance for our children and grandchildren to live in a less hostile world.

In faith, *Dan*



## **COMING EVENTS**

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY FEB 1** We will again be collecting donations for the Orange Food Pantry and the Western MA Food Bank. If you would like to make a donation, you may drop it off at the Chapel on or before Feb 1 and we will send it on to those two organizations. Checks may be made out to TCC with a message line Souper Bowl. Thanks

**HAITI TODAY Sun, Feb 8, 1 PM** Steve and Janice Kurkoski have been to Haiti twice this Fall/Winter helping to up-grade some of the hospital electrical systems to make them less vulnerable to disasters like the earthquake of five years ago and hurricanes. They have also made connections with an orphanage and have taken clothes, donated by some of us, to them. Come see picture and hear about their trips. They will be going back soon after this presentation.

**PIZZA & BLUES NIGHT Sat, Feb 14 6 PM** Come eat some awesome, homemade pizza with fresh toppings and indulge in some homemade cookies and brownies, then dance off those calories to some home grown music.

**INTER-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP** This is a workshop that Suzanne Renna facilitated last year and was so popular that she is offering it again. It will be held in early March, but it's not too early to start considering it and talking with others close to you with whom you would like to improve your communication skills.

### **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.*

#### **FRANKLIN AREA EMERGENCY SHELTER**

*Donations of sheets, blankets, towels are collected in the front hall of the Metcalf Chapel and taken to the Shelter in Greenfield.*

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

## Wooden Fender Presents

# *Reprobate Blues Band*

7:00pm Saturday February 14, 2015 at the Warwick Town Hall

Grab your sweetheart and boogie on down to Warwick Town Hall for another world famous Blues Night, featuring the **Reprobate Blues Band**. This rockin' blues band from our very own Pioneer Valley is dedicated to playing high energy, danceable blues with passion. These seasoned musicians have shared the stage with and backed such greats as Buddy Guy, Junior Wells, John Lee Hooker, and George Thorogood. Their mission is to entertain and satisfy the folks at every gig and venue they play! And that means YOU! So come on out to hear blues vocalist Charlie Scott, Janet Henderson on bass, Bo Henderson on guitar, James Bennett on tenor sax, Tom Goodwin on baritone sax, and Bob Pierce on drums. They will surely warm you up on a cold winter's night with their brand of "soul ignitin' blues".

**Shake those winter Blues and put on your dancing shoes. For longer than anyone can remember we've all gathered at the Town Hall in February for Blues Night. You've got to be there to push back the winter doldrums, banish cabin fever, and help bring about world peace. That is what the Blues can do for you!**

*Our concerts are funded by your donations (\$5 minimum suggested) and support our mission of bringing live music to Warwick.*



Saturday Feb. 14

## BLUES NIGHT

Warwick Town Hall



Because you're SURE to wear off the calories, come have some GREAT HOMEMADE PIZZA before you dance!! They'll be lots of great toppings to choose from. Gluten Free pizza also available.

## Blue's Night Pizza Supper Menu

*6pm—Saturday, February 14th at Warwick Town Hall*



Homemade Cheese Pizza	\$3 per slice
Pizza w/ toppings	\$3.50 per slice
Salad	\$1.50
Desserts	\$.50

*All proceeds support the Mission projects of the Trinitarian Congregational Church of Warwick. We donate every dollar to local and worldwide charities.*





# NEWS & TIDINGS

## WARWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Elizabeth Musgrave, Principal

January 2015

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE!** We are at the mid-point in our school year and I am again delighted to report that overall school attendance at WCS has been excellent! Congratulations to Anna Picard for PERFECT attendance, and to Micheal Ploof, Luke Picard and Reece Hains, with just one absence.

### OUR CLASSROOM BUZZ... Featuring our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades!

The classroom is buzzing about persuasive writing! Students in the third and fourth grade love sharing their opinions with anyone and everyone, so this is our favorite writing unit! I look forward to reading lots of arguments for later bedtimes, no homework, longer recess, and more!

We are tackling the tricky concept of elapsed time in math. We are practicing counting time using a number line and the hands on the clock. Simple questions about daily activities help drive home the concept.

In social studies, we have learned about immigration and the many ethnic groups that contribute to the culture of our country. We shared cultural stories, discussed their impact on our country, and discovered aspects of daily life that were shaped by traditions brought to this country from other places. Now, we will begin to study the various regions of the U.S., beginning with the Southeast.

Anti-bullying has been a focus of our social skills curriculum. Students have been reading stories, role-playing situations, and brainstorming solutions to common bullying issues. To celebrate, we will sing a song about standing up to bullies at our next all school meeting.

Finally, most of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade class is staying after school two days every week to participate in extra preparation for our new standardized tests (PARCC) that are replacing MCAS this year. PARCC is taken on the computer and looks very different than the MCAS. Our goal is for students to be comfortable with the new format and competent with the new technology. I'm pleased to report that my students are very savvy with technology and I am impressed with what they can already do. We will be well prepared!

**Ms. Mullen, teacher**

**Selectboard Minutes—December 15, 2014**

Members present: Dawn Magi, Patricia Lemon      Member absent: Nick Arguimbau

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Building Inspector Phil Delorey, Plumbing and Gas Inspector Casey Bashaw, Broadband Committee member Scott Seago, Lucinda Seago, Jon Calcari, David Rainville (*Greenfield Recorder*)

I. Call to Order Dawn Magi called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in Town Hall. Bill Lyman announced that he was recording the meeting.

II. Public Comment

Magi noted with great sadness the recent passing of residents Reva Reck, Tammy Campbell and James Goodwin. Young said that former resident Chris Clark also passed away and that the Clark family had held a gathering at Town Hall this past weekend.

III. Minutes

Lemon MOVED to accept the minutes of November 24, 2014 as printed. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

IV. Presentations and Discussions

**Building Department**—Building Inspector Phil Delorey presented proposed updated fee schedules for the Building Department: a Building Permit Fee Schedule, a Fee Schedule for Plumbing and Gas Permits, and a Fee Schedule for Wiring Permits. Delorey said that he wanted to give a break to homeowners building or remodeling their own houses by allowing them to be charged based on the submission of an estimated cost and building materials list, while contractors would still be charged based on square footage. He said that this would give residents who wish to do their own home improvements a break on the cost of a building permit. Delorey noted that the updated fee schedule had equitable rates compared with other towns in Franklin County.

Delorey introduced Casey Bashaw, who had been recently appointed as the Plumbing and gas Inspector for the remainder of FY 15. Both men noted that the new fee schedules for plumbing and gas, as well as wiring would be collected and put into the appropriate revolving account, and the inspectors would then be paid their fees from these accounts.

Bill Lyman said that as a homeowner who will be doing his own work, the updated fee schedule looked good.

Lemon MOVED to accept the Building Department fee proposals as presented. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Delorey noted that all fees would be waived for municipal buildings, and that language to that effect would be added to the new fee schedules.

Young said that they still needed to figure out a way to pay the local building inspector. Delorey said that for the rest of this fiscal year he was willing to have the local building inspector paid from his pay line item for work performed.

2. **Vote to Adopt Community Development Strategy (CDS) and Project List**—Young explained that the Board must vote on whether or not to adopt the CDS and Project list.

Lemon MOVED to adopt the Community Development Strategy and Project List. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

**WiredWest Resolution**—Young said that the Board needed to confirm its intent to continue to support the WiredWest cooperative initiative.

Young read aloud the entire resolution: “RESOLVED: The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Warwick hereby confirms its intent to continue to support the WiredWest cooperative initiative to construct and operate a regional “fiber to the home” broadband network which will serve substantially all premises in the Town. As an important step in the process, we are prepared to work with appropriate Town officials and committees to seek formal approval of a general obligation bond issue at a Town Meeting in the Spring of 2015 in an amount sufficient to pay the Town’s share of the regional network. We understand that preliminary projections show that the principal amount of the Town’s bond issue will be in the range of approximately \$ 1,500,000 to \$2,000,000. Further, we acknowledge that the business model for operating the regional network is subject to significant risks and the Town of Warwick may ultimately be responsible for its share of network operating costs. Finally, we understand and expect that the Massachusetts Broadband Institute, in reliance on this resolution and similar resolutions of other towns in the region, will continue to expend significant resources to further develop design, engineering, construction and financing plans for the WiredWest regional initiative.”

Young said that the figure is more likely to be \$2.5 million at the Annual Town Meeting, rather than the \$1.5 million or \$2 million. He also said that Nick Arguimbau wanted it known that he is strongly opposed to this because he feels that the Town cannot afford this in any way.

Young recommended supporting the resolution. Lemon said that the tax base would be adversely affected and that it would be harder to sell homes without this. Magi said that a clear and simple explanation must be made for the Annual Town Meeting. Broadband Committee member Scott Seago said that it will be even worse if the surrounding towns adopt the WiredWest resolution and get fiber to the home and Warwick does not, because property values here would go down even more.

Lemon MOVED to adopt the WiredWest resolution. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Lemon signed the certificate of vote authorization as Clerk of the Selectboard. Magi signed and dated the resolution.

**Selectboard Business**—Lemon wanted to change the start time of Selectboard meetings to 5 p.m. until daylight Savings Time begins next March. There was a consensus of the Board to change the meeting start time to 5 p.m. to see how it works.

Lemon said that she wanted to reorganize the Board because Arguimbau has medical issues that affect his ability to attend meetings, and that we need someone acting as Board Chair. Magi inquired if anyone had spoken with Arguimbau about this, and no one had.

Magi said that she did not want to usurp Arguimbau’s position without consulting him first. Lemon reiterated the need for an acting Chair.

**Selectboard Minutes—December 15, 2014 CONT.**

Lemon MOVED that Dawn Magi become the new Chair of the Selectboard. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Lemon said that she would inform Arguimbau after the meeting.

5. **Correspondence**—Young said that National Grid had given the legally required notice to the Town that they spray herbicides in Warwick. He said that the spraying is done around the power lines on Northfield and Winchester Roads as well as Old Winchester and Richmond Roads. The times for the different types of spraying were defined as between January 12 and June 1, 2015 and June to October of 2015. Young noted that the Conservation Commission had received notification as well.
6. **Appointments**—Young said that several vacancies on Town Boards and Committees needed to be filled, and that he had a list of candidates to fill those positions. The Board reviewed the list of candidates.

Lemon MOVED to appoint Lucinda Seago to the Board of Health until the Annual Town Election on May 18, 2015, and to appoint Bill Foote to the Warwick Broadband Committee, Rochelle Stellato to the Recreation Committee, Beth Arsenault to the Conservation Committee, and James Erviti as Representative to the new Veterans' District, each for a term ending June 30, 2015. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Young introduced R.N. Lucinda Seago to the Board. Town Clerk Rosa Fratangelo swore her in.

7. **Selectboard Reports**—Magi said that she had attended the recent FRCOG Personnel Committee meeting at which positions were upgraded without an increase in salary. She noted that the committee will be meeting more frequently and will discuss salary increases and job performance evaluation tools.
8. **Coordinator Report**—Young said that he has been working with Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney to replace the 1997 John Deere front end loader and pay for the new machine with Chapter 90 money. He noted that the Federal bid option is a good one that will likely be better than a State bid. Young said that they want to trade in the old John Deere for a new one, and he asked the Board if they want him to continue working with Delaney on this matter. Young said after trade-in the cost would likely be around \$70,000.00 and said that currently we have about \$153,000.00 in Chapter 90 funds available. There was a consensus of the Board that Young and Delaney should move forward with this. Lemon said that her home health care workers have both commented that the upkeep of our Town roads has been wonderful.
9. **New and Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated Prior to Posting Notice**—None.

V. Adjournment

At 647p.m., Lemon MOVED to adjourn. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

*Minutes taken by Rosa Fratangelo*

**Selectboard Minutes—January 5, 2015**

Members present: Dawn Magi, Nick Arguimbau, Patricia Lemon (arrived at 5:04 p.m.)

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo (arrived at 5:02 p.m.), Steve Ruggiero, Maria Ruggiero, Bob Kirley, Wayne Kirley, Tracey Kirley, Fire Chief Ron Gates, Police Chief David Shoemaker, Todd Dexter, Vern Bass, Bill Lyman, Planning Board Chair Ted Cady, Robert Kirley, George Roaf, Jon Calcari, Paula Robinson (*Athol Daily News*)

I. Call to Order Chair Magi called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm in Town Hall.

II. Public Comment

Steve Ruggiero read aloud an email from a resident concerned about the rising tax rate. The author of the email was not identified, but the email made it clear that she was worried that she could not afford to keep up with rising property taxes. Ruggiero said that he felt the Selectboard had stopped acting on the residents' behalf and have been rubber stamping budget increases without concern for the taxpayers.

At this point Bill Lyman arrived with Patricia Lemon and announced that he was recording the meeting.

Magi said that the Board and Finance Committee opposed the huge increase in the PVRSD budget, but the recommendations were ignored, the budget was passed by Annual Town Meeting vote, and the tax rate increased as a result. Ruggiero said that he favored rolling back all budgets to the figures for 2012. He cited an increase of 180% in the Police Department budget since 2012 as an example of how budgets have increased recently. Young said that the tax rate was now set and the matter for this fiscal year is closed. He noted that we were sandbagged by PVRSD proponents, and reiterated that the Selectboard and Finance Committee recommendations against the budget were largely ignored. Ruggiero said that many cannot afford to live in this town anymore, and that several people had come to this meeting because of the tax increase. He said that he wanted to mail the Selectboard minutes to all residents once they are approved instead of waiting until the newsletter comes out. Ruggiero also pointed out that not everyone subscribes to the "L" or even goes online at all.

Young explained that the first tax bill is always an estimate based on the prior year, and that Warwick's entire share of the 10% increase in the PVRSD budget was reflected in the second tax bill. He said that the jump in taxes is causing people to take notice.

Arguimbau said that it was necessary to give more information to the people at the time of Town Meeting. Young pointed out that town funds may be spent solely on distribution of information and cannot in any way be used to form opinions. Arguimbau said that he wanted to make democracy work, which it cannot work if insufficient information is disseminated.

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Todd Dexter said that some issues need more explanation and clarification and should be presented at Town Meeting by the person or committee sponsoring the warrant article. He also said that WCS has only 38 students, and that the building's multiple problems have proved costly to the Town. He suggested regionalizing the students to Northfield, using the WCS building to house all public offices, and turning Town Hall into an historical building. Dexter said that we need to look at how and where the Town spends money and determine how to get the most for the expended funds. He recommended spending money as wisely as possible on things that mean something to everybody, and volunteered to be a part of researching and evaluating our resources and determining how to best allocate funds.

Arguimbau asked those in attendance what more needs to be provided before and at Annual Town Meeting. Dexter reiterated his idea that in order to give the voters a better understanding of things, the person or committee behind a warrant article should read and explain what it means and why it is necessary. Lemon proposed holding a preliminary meeting prior to any Town Meeting to clarify issues and provide explanations as to the ramifications of a particular vote. Ruggiero said that every resident needs to be reached ahead of time in order to be properly educated and informed with time to view the warrant articles and budget items. Young said that an additional meeting would likely not be helpful, as not many people would attend. He said that the six ATM's prior to 2014 were unified, with voters largely following the Selectboard and Finance Committee recommendations, but that last year we were blindsided by proponents of the School which resulted in recommendations being ignored. Young said that the key will be to get people to attend the Town Meeting. Dexter suggested changing the day and time of the meeting to make it more attractive to and convenient for voters. Young explained that there is a Town Bylaw that states Annual Town Meeting is the first Monday in May at 7 p.m. and that it would take a Town Meeting vote to change this.

Lyman suggested expanding recordings to include the Finance Committee meetings, and said that he hoped the Town could take this on, as it would have better technological capabilities than he has.

As Young handed out copies of the May 2014 ATM warrant and FY 15 budget, Ruggiero suggested that the Tech School students be used to record meetings. Young said that he would look into it. Ruggiero inquired about mailing the ATM warrant and budget to every household, and said that he would be willing to do that himself. Young estimated the cost would be about \$700.00, and Lemon asked how people would feel about that expenditure. Ruggiero asked about using the former Yelp For Help bottle and can collection trailer to raise funds for the mailing. Young said that the Transfer Station has a contract that all recyclables go to one place, and that only Yelp For Help was grandfathered in. Dexter suggested mailing only to those who do not subscribe to the "L".

Magi and Lemon both pointed out how Warwick's input was ignored in meetings with the School District last year. Young said that we have many good uses for our limited resources. Magi said that more information will be gotten out to the public, and Lemon said that she appreciated the interested citizens willing to attend future meetings and to "open their mouths and their minds."

Arguimbau asked for suggestions be submitted in writing on both a better day and time to hold Town Meeting and ways to make sure that people better understand the warrant. He asked that people research how things are done in other towns and bring proposals back to the Board. Magi said that the Board will continue to work on things and asked for input and feedback from those in attendance. Dexter said that the citizens have not been as active as they should have been. Magi said that she was happy to see new faces, and that more interest and participation from residents is needed.

### III. Minutes

Lemon MOVED to accept the minutes of December 15, 2014 as printed. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-1; Magi and Lemon – AYE, Arguimbau ABSTAINED as he was absent from that meeting.

### IV. Presentations and Discussions

1. **Town's Letter to FERC**—Young said that another joint meeting may be necessary to complete the letter. Lemon said that the deadline was the end of this month. There was a recent letter from Kinder Morgan that needed to be studied, and there was a consensus that a condensed letter could be ready by month's end. Arguimbau said that we need to make clear our opposition to the pipeline and the reasons for the opposition must be laid out in the letter. Planning Board Chair Ted Cady said that there were a few issues to be considered and included in a new draft of the letter.
2. **Soltas Net Meter Credit Settlement Offer**—Young said that there had been a \$10,352.00 settlement offer from Soltas, but that the Attorney General's office would like the Town not to accept the offer. He explained that the of four wronged parties, non-profits Athol YMCA and Athol Memorial Hospital fall in a different legal category than municipalities Warwick and Petersham. Young said that the options are to accept the settlement offer, make a counter offer, or refuse the offer. He said that if the AG's office continues its investigation, the Town would likely receive single restitution.

Magi MOVED to make a counter offer of \$20,100.00. There was NO SECOND.

Arguimbau said that we could be entitled for triple, and we should ask for the maximum.

Arguimbau MOVED to counter offer for triple. Lemon SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

3. **Employment Contracts for Strong Fire Chief and Strong Police Chief**—Young said that there was no Board action to be made at this meeting, but Town Counsel had recommended written employment contracts for the Fire and Police Chiefs, as both are Strong Chiefs. Young said that he had discovered that there was a felon on the Fire Department and raised the issue of CORI checks with Town Counsel, whose first recommendation was to get both the Fire and Police Chief under contract. A sample contract was included in the meeting packet as a starting point.

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Lyman said that the Town had an implied contract with the Fire Chief when he was hired. Young said that currently no Town employee has a written contract and that contract specifics would be negotiated with each chief at a later time.

Lemon MOVED to draft a contract for each of the Chiefs and negotiate in the future. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

4. **Chapter 90 Project Request**—Young updated the Board on the request for a new John Deere front end loader to replace an old John Deere loader. He said that we actually have over \$360,000.00 in Chapter 90 funds available. He also gave a corrected cost for the new loader, which would be \$126,200.00 after the \$35,000.00 trade-in. Young said that it was time to upgrade the equipment.

Arguimbau MOVED to authorize the Chapter 90 project in the amount of \$126,200.00 and trade in the old loader. Lemon SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

5. **Next Steps for Green Communities**—Young said that he had met earlier in the day with the Buildings and Energy Committee. He said that the grant funds would be applied to: windserts for all Town buildings – Fire Station, Police Department, Town Hall, and the Library; upgraded security lighting for the Police and Fire stations; internet programmable thermostats; weather siding and insulation for the Police Station, Town Hall and Library; air source heat pump at the Police Station. Young said that the Highway equipment barn and electrical issues at the Transfer Station were being looked into, as well as a Board of Health request for the appliances in the Town Hall kitchen. Young said that the deadline for submission is January 14, 2015.
6. **Reports for FY 14 Annual Report and FY 16 Budget Process**—Young said that any reports other than those required by statute that are not submitted will not be included. He also said that it was time to begin the FY 16 budget process. Arguimbau invited those in attendance to come to the budget meetings held by the Finance Committee and the Selectboard.
7. **Selectboard Reports**—Arguimbau said that there was no need to reconsider the Board's reorganization voted at the last meeting. He did want clarification of the WiredWest resolution and said that it had a whole lot wrong with it. He especially disagreed with the business model and that the Town would be responsible for operating costs. Arguimbau said that only the subscribing customers should be responsible for operating costs and wanted to change the word "operating" to "capital". Arguimbau favored denying the resolution altogether, saying that \$2.5 million equals \$10,000.00 per household for internet and that as a 20 year item, something cheaper and better would very likely be discovered in that period of time. Arguimbau said that he had 10 points to consider; Lemon asked that he produce them in writing for discussion at the next meeting. Young said that the bond council required this type of language in the resolution, and to change the language is to effectively say "no". Young said that this gives MBI the political cover to continue, but does not commit the Town to spend any money. A two-thirds ATM vote would be required to authorize the borrowing, followed by a successful override vote at the annual election in order for the Town to be allowed to expend any funds. Cady suggested that Arguimbau make his 10 points available to other entities such as the Finance and Broadband Committees who could in turn give their feedback and input at a future meeting. Young said that Warwick met the deadline in December 2014 to accept the resolution. Lemon asked Arguimbau to send his 10 points to Young to distribute to the other Selectboard members and those on the Finance and Broadband Committees. Arguimbau agreed to do so by 5 p.m. on January 6<sup>th</sup>.
8. **Coordinator Report**—Young said that the Wagon Wheel zoning enforcement appeal was heard in Superior Court last month. He said that the judge ruled from the bench that the Town will not pay their attorney's fees, and that the other count making claims against our zoning bylaw will be dismissed. Young also spoke about the fiber based internet phones being installed in Town Hall. He noted that the call quality will be improved and that the change will result in a cost savings in the long run.
9. **New and Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated Prior to Posting Notice**—Lemon said that the Highway Department and Fire Department have done a wonderful job during this weather. Magi concurred.

V. Adjournment

At 6:57p.m., Lemon MOVED to adjourn. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

*Minutes taken by Rosa Fratangelo*

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<b>15</b> Worship Service 10AM  <b>Zumba 8am</b>	<b>16</b> <b>PRESIDENT'S  DAY</b> Library Closed  SCHOOL VACATION BEGINS	<b>17</b> Sr. Mealsite 11:45 Library Open 1-8pm  <b>Zumba 6pm  SCHOOL  VACATION</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Circuit  Training  6pm</b>  SCHOOL VACATION	<b>19</b> Library Open 5-8pm  <b>Zumba 6pm  SCHOOL  VACATION</b>	<b>20</b> Town Hall Gathering 10am SCHOOL VACATION	<b>21</b> Transfer Station 8-3 Library Open 10-12:30pm
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