

Warwick Community Newsletter

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Selectboard	6315
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LETTER OF THANKS

Helen Hills wants to thank the many people who sent sympathy cards and notes to her after her husband Ralph's death in early January. Ralph was devoted to performing his music and would have been so pleased to know that his efforts were indeed appreciated so much by so many in Warwick.

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

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

The Women's Guild will meet on Tuesday, February 6 at 1:00 pm in the Town Hall After our regular business meeting, Gloria Varno will teach us a game played with scratch lottery tickets. If you would like to participate, bring with you three tickets (cost is \$1.00 each) and do not reveal the numbers! Refreshments will be served as well.

-Martha Morse

L I B R A R Y

Please join us at the Library **Sunday, February 11 at 2:00PM** for Grapevine Wreath Decorating with Wendy Warner. Wendy, a Warwick resident, will talk about color, design and texture and will lead us with the decorating of the wreaths.

Please bring a glue gun if you have one, clippers or nippers for cutting the dried plants and bring any dried flowers, seed pods, acorns, or tiny pine cones if you have them. Grapevine wreaths will be provided along with more dried vegetation. Please register for this workshop as we are limiting it to 20. You may call the Library, stop in or email warwicklibrary@gmail.com.

New books: The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning by Magnusson, The Mitten Handbook by Huff.

New DVDs: The Crown, Cars 3, Victoria and Abdul, Dunkirk, Loving Vincent.

-Nancy Hickler, Director

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

Tracy Gaudet, Outreach Coordinator for Orange COA and Shine Counselor, (Serving Health Insurance Needs for Everyone) will be at the Warwick Town Hall on Tuesdays, 13 and 27, February 2018. Tracy can assist individuals with public benefits, fuel assistance, food stamps, Mass Health, etc. You may contact her at [978-544-3481](tel:978-544-3481) or tgaudet@townoforange.org, she will bring application forms for various programs. Got questions, need assistance, stop in between 10:00 and 12:00 AM.

-Diana Tandy

T O W N C L E R K

REMINDER: Please be sure to sign and date your street list forms before returning them to the Town Clerk!

2018 Dog Licenses are available from the Town Clerk. Current licenses expire March 31, 2018; new licenses will expire March 31, 2019. License Fees: \$10 intact male or female; \$5 spayed or neutered.

KENNEL- up to 4 dogs \$20; 4 - 10 dogs \$35; over 10 dogs \$60.

You must have proof of current rabies vaccination in order to obtain dog licenses.

—Rosa Fratangelo

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

RABIES CLINIC 2018: Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the new Fire Station. Rabies vaccinations \$20.00. Services will be provided by Adams Animal Hospital. Due to financial constraints, Gardner Animal Care Center is no longer coming this far to do rabies clinics..

—Rosa Fratangelo

GREEN CORNER

Some happy new year news: the Mass Save cap on insulation incentives has been lifted through the end of 2018, so there's no limit on the total qualifying insulation costs that they'll cover at their 75% incentive! There was some confusion when this was first offered last year, but that has been cleared up. Now you can call and sign up for an assessment and take advantage of this offer anytime this year.

Remember that if you qualify for this program, the program will cover 75% of your approved insulation costs, and you will need to pay for the 25% out-of-pocket costs or explore getting a 0% Mass Save HEAT Loan for that expense. There are additional discounts for moderate and low-income households.

FYI, this offer may not apply to customers of other electric utilities, as the Mass Save programs differ depending on your utility, and it does NOT apply to everyone. There's more information on their website [<https://www.masssave.com/en/saving/residential-rebates/special-limited-time-offer-on-home-insulation/> <<https://www.masssave.com/en/saving/residential-rebates/special-limited-time-offer-on-home-insulation/>>]. Ever-source and National Grid are among the electric utilities participating in this program. You'll need to talk with Mass Save to find out for sure if you qualify - tel: [1-866-527-7283](tel:1-866-527-7283). Remember - you have already paid for this program through an additional charge on your electric bill, so it's high time you pay yourself back!

Happy 2018 and warm wishes from your town Energy Committee.

Smokin' Hot News ... From the Fire house

Hello Warwick,

WFD will be having a spaghetti supper on Sat. Feb 3rd @ 5:30. It will be held at the town hall. Tickets will be sold at the door. Prices are \$8.00 for an adult and children under 12 \$4.00. These prices include spaghetti and meatballs, salad, rolls and a beverage. This is a fundraiser, all monies will go toward the completion of our fire station. Hope to see you there.

Once again, I'd like to remind you to keep all of your heat sources cleaned and properly maintained. It is important that they are serviced, working fine and up to code. Keep your chimneys and flues clean. Please take great care when disposing of hot embers/ashes from your wood stove, a metal trash can works great and when cool discard ashes.

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

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

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

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

There will be a rabies clinic at the fire station on Sat. April 28 @ 10:0 AM - noon with Adams Animal Hospital
As always any questions or concerns, please call me at 978-544-8052

Stay Safe, Chief Ron Gates

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

Warwick recreation committee sponsored classes:

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

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

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

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

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

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

This class will be guided using Reiki and Solfeggio Sound Therapies in a group setting. We will also explore other healing and meditation modalities throughout the winter months including but not limited to aromatherapy, chanting, crystals, plants, journeying, and more. Attend weekly for best results, or drop in at your leisure. Class is sponsored by your weekly donation :)

-Leanne Limoges

Warwick Improv Club at Town Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 20!

Warwick Improv Club, an afterschool group of 3rd - 6th graders from Warwick Community School, will be demonstrating some of their improvisational and theatrical skills at Warwick Town Hall on **Tuesday, February 20th** (during school vacation week) at 1 pm. All ages are welcome - the performance will run about 30 - 45 minutes. Warwick Improv Club is led by Piti Theatre Company's Jonathan Mirin. This event is sponsored by the Warwick Arts Council and supported in part by a grant from the Warwick Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. The Warwick Improv Club afterschool program was made possible by a grant from the Mass Cultural Council's STARS program. This event is free - donations to benefit the Warwick Arts Council will be accepted. Local youth/families/people who would like even MORE theatre exposure & experiences are invited later that afternoon to Dickinson Memorial Library in Northfield for the first part of Piti Theatre's vacation week Play in a Day program (show on 2/24, times TBA) and to Piti's 9th annual SYRUP: One Sweet Performing Arts Festival on March 11 in Shelburne Falls. Details at ptco.org/

SHAPE OUR FUTURE SCHOOLS

The HEART Committee urgently needs another Warwick member.

In this time of great pressures on the schools the HEART Committee (Honest Education and Retaining Trust) serves as a bridge between the towns and the Pioneer Valley Regional School District. Your membership will help the Committee advocate for changes that preserve the quality of the schools in the face of the intense budgetary squeeze caused by dropping enrollments. We may need to change the District Agreement, the central document governing the relationship between the school district and the towns. Significant changes are necessary, and are coming. The HEART Committee will work, during these challenges, to prevent compromises in the quality of education our children receive.

This is very important work. Please contact the Board of Selectmen if you are interested (x6315) or HEART Committee member Sue O'Reilly-McRae at x8682 for further information. Our next bi-monthly meeting is January 31st in Northfield Town Hall. Please consider joining us!

Respectfully submitted,
Sue O'Reilly-McRae

REVIEW

Taylor's Tavern
238 Main Street
Greenfield, MA
413-773-8313
<http://www.taylors-tavern.com/>

Hours of Operation:
Mon-Wed 11am-10pm
Thu-Fri 11am-11pm
Saturday 8am-11am (Breakfast) 11am-11pm (lunch and dinner)
Sunday 8am-12pm (Breakfast) 12pm-10pm (lunch and dinner)

If you thought Taylor's Tavern was "just a bar", think again. You really do get a surprise when you enter the front door, and have to go down stairs immediately, then you are escorted into a room that resembles the inside of a fancy dining car on the Orient Express. The other room is more open with booths in the same room as the bar but cozy just the same.

The menu has just about everything; appetizers, salads, burgers and entrees of beef, chicken, fish and pasta dishes. Friends of mine had gone one lunch time, and raved about the 'short ribs'. Knowing that another friend loved short ribs, we decided to try it. She loved the ribs which were served with mashed potatoes and the vegetable of the day which was roasted cauliflower. The ribs were braised in a Fungi Aly Mushroom Ragout. I opted for 'fish and chips' which you could have fried or baked. I chose the haddock baked with Ritz crackers and got a baked potato and a salad. We both had so much food, we couldn't fit in dessert. And both dinners were excellent.

The short ribs were \$19 and the Fish and Chips were \$18. Other entrees range \$12 for Short Rib Mac & Cheese, to \$29 for Surf and Turf. Burgers and other sandwiches range \$10 to \$12. I'm looking forward to trying their breakfast menu which is served both Saturday and Sunday beginning at 8 AM. Taylor's Tavern is right on Main Street, just look for the green awning with their name. I'm sure you won't be disappointed. Bon Appetite.

-Gloria Varno

T O W N C L E R K

2018 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING and ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION CALENDAR

Annual Town Meeting: Monday, May 7, 2018 7 p.m.

Annual Town Election: Monday, May 21, 2018 Polls Open 12 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Last Day to Obtain Nomination Papers: **Friday, March 30, 2018 5 p.m.**

Last Day to Submit Nomination Papers Certification: **Tuesday, April 3, 2018 5 p.m.**

Last Day to Object or Withdraw: **Thursday, April 19, 2018 5 p.m.**

Last Day to Register Voters for Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town Election:

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 8 p.m.

Number of Signatures Required on Nomination Papers: **20**

<u>Office</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
SELECTMAN	3 years	Lawrence Pruyne
MODERATOR	3 years	David Koester
ASSESSOR	3 years	Keith Ross
BOARD of HEALTH	3 years	Nancy Lyman
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER	3 years	Alana Day
CONSTABLE	3 years	Bruce Kilhart
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 years	Andrea Woods
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 years	Lisa Vanderstelt
TRANSFER STATION COMMISSIONER	3 years	Todd Dexter
TREE WARDEN	3 years	Sharon Matthews

W O O D E N F E N D E R

Wooden Fender Winter Concert Series

We had a warm and wonderful Souper Supper in January. We hope you didn't miss it. The dining tables at Town Hall were full and all eight homemade soups and chilies sold out with folks coming back for seconds and thirds. The warm breads, rolls, and delicious desserts all disappeared, as well. Many thanks to all the great cooks and bakers who helped to make this supper a "souper" success! You're the greatest! A very large crowd then gathered in the hall upstairs for some lively dancing to the fun and funky music of Trailer Park. We had to move chairs out of the way to make room for a larger dance floor, and there's even a song about Warwick in the works: "*Soup is made in Warwick...*" Clearly, it needs some work, but for now, it's time to look forward to **Blues Night 2018!**

Dinner and Concert – Saturday, February 10, Warwick Town Hall

For Blues Night 2018 Wooden Fender is thrilled to welcome **The Patty T Blues Band**. They will hit the Town Hall stage at 7:00 pm with Patty Tuite on vocals and rhythm guitar, Eric Engman, with his own signature sound on bass, longtime Pioneer Valley guitarist extraordinaire Rick King on lead guitar, and Valley veteran drummer Billy Klock. Ms. Tuite has been playing and singing publicly since the early 90's in a diverse style ranging from folk to jazz and the blues, and including many of her own original tunes. Her voice captivates audiences with influences from Bonnie Raitt, Eva Cassidy, Susan Tedeschi and Etta James.

Blues guitarist Rick King has performed with well-known local bands **Clean Living**, **Flight**, and **Some of My Best Friends**. He has also opened for national acts such as the **Jefferson Airplane**, **Earth, Wind & Fire**, and **John Mayall**, to name just a few. Warwick's own Eric Engman has graced the Town Hall stage previously with **rice – An American Band**, as well as playing in local bands **Mr. Noizy**, and **The Spark-plugs**. Billy Klock needs no introduction (but we'll give one anyway.) He has played with regionally notable acts such as the **Happy Valley Guitar Orchestra**, **Dynamite Johnny**, **Janet Ryan**, and many others. He is always in the pocket and adds depth to any song he plays. Patty says, "This band has great chemistry." So come in out of the February cold and be a part of that magical chemistry. Join us on the dance floor and boogie your winter blues away. Or just sit back and let the music put a smile on your face and a bounce in your step. It's true. This is what the blues can do for you!

Mark your calendars:

February 10: **The Patty T Blues Band**, Trinitarian Church Pizza Dinner

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

April 21: **To be announced**, Moore's Pond Beach Committee Lasagna Dinner

At 6:00 PM the Trinitarian Congregational Church will be serving their famous **Pizza Supper**. 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 and Gluten Free pizza available, as well.

At 7:00 PM the concert starts in the main hall. Donations (\$5 suggested) are gratefully accepted at the door to support Wooden Fender's ongoing endeavor - in memory of Jeff Wallace - to keep live music happening in Warwick. Wooden Fender is a project of the Warwick Arts Council.



TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK

JANUARY 2018

Dear Friends,

“For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, ‘I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,’ then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot” (Jeremiah 20: 8b-9)”

“The prophet Jeremiah wasn’t the kind of guy you would invite to your...party...To warn of the approaching Babylonian captivity he walked around Jerusalem with a wooden yoke around his shoulder, when` the powers that be` smashed it, he returned wearing an iron one...

Jeremiah couldn’t help himself...The fire in his bones was the same Holy Fire that burned in Moses’s thorn bush...No, Jeremiah couldn’t help himself because...he knew God didn’t just shed light, but was light. God didn’t just demand justice, but was justice. God didn’t just offer love, but was love...Holy love, the love that will not let us go.” (dailydevotional@ucc.org for Jan 19, 2018)

I spent most of the Monday morning, Jan 15, with a group of people in Athol who are committed to creating a Just and Sustainable community as inspired by Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr. We had two conversations focused on discrimination; racial discrimination was the first subject, “able-ist” discrimination was the second. In each conversation, a person or persons who live with the constant “stigma” of a visible “difference” talked about how they are daily diminished, often unintentionally and unconsciously, simply by their superficial appearance. Spending an extended period of time, listening and talking with these people, made me realize my own unintended “elitism” that subtly put them in a position slightly lower than my own. Subtle to me, but not to those I was talking with. It made me uncomfortable.

It’s the same discomfort someone like Jeremiah, Jesus or Martin Luther King Jr bring to a society that does not want to confront their complicity in any form of discrimination. The leaders of Jesus’ own faith tradition saw him as a danger to the fragile compromise they had made with the Roman occupation. The Temple hierarchy believed it was better to sacrifice one man than make the whole population suffer. Of course, it was their discomfort they were most worried about since the poor and powerless were already suffering greatly. When Jesus entered “their Temple”, turned over tables and drove out “legitimate vendors”, he became too dangerous, for them.

Martin Luther King Jr was a great discomfort for white Americans and was labeled “the most dangerous man in America” by the FBI under J Edgar Hoover. He was tolerated while he was talking about racial discrimination, but once he started the Poor People’s Campaign and spoke about “Class” discrimination, and the immorality of the Vietnam War, he became too dangerous.

There is a new Poor People’s Campaign; A National Call for Moral Revival that is gaining momentum across the country. This is in response to the increasing economic inequality and the resurgence of racist and misogynistic rhetoric and bias in many levels of government and corporate hierarchies.

2018 marks the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr and Robert Kennedy’s assassinations. In 1967, Martin said, “There comes a time when silence is betrayal.” When Jesus was entering Jerusalem, his followers were making a great uproar. When he was told to silence them, he replied, “I tell you if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.” Is it not time to speak out for justice, peace and the sanctity of all life? This calls for voices raised in love, not hatred and fear. It will be uncomfortable, but it is necessary if we are to survive on this planet.

In hopeful faith, *Dan*

UP COMING EVENTS

The EPIPHANY BONFIRE was to have happened on Jan 6, but that day was too cold and stormy so it was pushed back a week. That day was too cold and blustery to be safe. Now we are planning an **ASH WEDNESDAY BONFIRE. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14** is also Valentines' Day. It seems fitting to combine the ashes of repentance with the fires of love for both are part of being human. Come celebrate the purifying fire of love and repentance. We will begin in the Chapel at 6:30 PM, and then move outside for the fire. I think hot chocolate and S'mores are essential to both, don't you?

PIZZA & BLUES NIGHT FEB 10 PIZZA @ 6 & MUSIC @ 7 PM

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

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AT THE METCALF CHAPEL

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

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

MEDICAL SUPPLY LIBRARY

We have crutches, wheelchairs, walkers and many other medical supplies for free loan at the Chapel. Check us out before buying new.

SHEETS & BLANKETS FOR THE EMERGENCY SHELTER

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

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.

**WOODEN
FENDER**



The Patty T Blues Band

7:00 pm Saturday February 10th 2018 at the Warwick Town Hall

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Shake those winter Blues. Bring your best swinging moves and hit the dance floor running!
Wooden Fender's concerts are funded by your donations (\$5 minimum suggested).

The Trinitarian Congregational Church of Warwick's Pizza Supper - Feb. 10th 6 pm - Warwick Town Hall



Homemade Cheese Pizza	\$3 per slice
Pizza with toppings	\$5 per slice
	Or 2 for \$8

Salad included with pizza

Desserts and Drinks \$1/each

Gluten Free Pizzas available same price, smaller slice

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

**Town of Warwick Selectboard
December 18, 2017 Minutes**

Members present: Dawn Magi, Lawrence Pruyne, James Erviti

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney, Broadband Committee member Tom Wyatt, Finance Committee member Steve Ruggiero, George Day, Citizens Committee on Road Salt Use member Ted Cady, Slater Alden, Jared Robinson (*Athol Daily News*)

Magi MOVED to approve the minutes of December 4, 2017 as printed. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-1: Magi and Pruyne: AYE; Erviti ABSTAINED due to his absence from that meeting.

Erviti MOVED to designate the positions of Pioneer Valley Regional School District School Committee member and Franklin County Technical School District School Committee member a Special Municipal Employee. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Erviti MOVED to designate the positions of Pioneer Valley Regional School District coaches and Franklin County Technical School District coaches as a Special Municipal Employee. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Magi MOVED to grant Jim Bell of Bernardston, MA a MGL 268:20D exemption to be both a coach and School Committee member. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Erviti MOVED to grant Donnie Matthews a MGL 268:20D exemption to have an interest in the Shaw/Town Forest property disposal contract valued at no more than \$2,700.00 while also serving as a Board of Health member. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Magi MOVED to authorize Lawrence Pruyne to sign as Chair the third-party inspection report for the Transfer Station and the wood pellet bag shed MOU. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

At 8:30 p.m. Magi MOVED to adjourn. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

**Town of Warwick Selectboard
January 2, 2018
Minutes**

Members present: Dawn Magi, Lawrence Pruyne, James Erviti (arrived at 6:16 p.m.)

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney, Shelby Ashline (*Greenfield Recorder* and *Athol Daily News*)

Magi MOVED to approve the minutes of December 18, 2017 as printed. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Magi MOVED to grant Mike Mankowsky and Colin Killay MGL 268:20D exemption so Mankowsky can serve as a Transfer Station Commissioner and a part-time truck driver and Killay can serve as a Firefighter and a part-time truck driver. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Magi MOVED to appoint Alan Berman to the Town Forest Committee for a term to expire on June 30, 2018. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Erviti MOVED to engage Town Counsel to proceed with filing against Verizon in court. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Erviti MOVED to contract with Baystate Municipal Accounting Group as our outsourced accounting firm, and to authorize Selectman James Erviti and Town Coordinator David Young to negotiate details within the procurement for not more than the bid amount and report back to the Selectboard. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Erviti MOVED to renew the Barn Owl beer and wine license for 2018. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0

At 7:07 p.m. Magi MOVED to adjourn. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Worship Service 9:30AM Zumba 8am Tully	5 Library Open 10-4	6 Library Open 1-8pm Sr. Mealsite 11:45 GUILD 1PM Strong 6pm Tully Meditation 6:30 Town Hall	7	8 Library Open 5-8pm Zumba 6pm Town Hall	9	10 Transfer Station 8-3 Library Open 10am to 12:30 pm Yoga 9:15 Town Hall BLUES NIGHT/PIZZA DINNER 6PM
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PITI THEATER PROGRAM—February 20

**Town of Warwick
Selectboard
December 18, 2017
Minutes**

Members present: Dawn Magi, Lawrence Pruyne, James Erviti

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney, Broadband Committee member Tom Wyatt, Finance Committee member Steve Ruggiero, George Day, Citizens Committee on Road Salt Use member Ted Cady, Slater Alden, Jared Robinson (*Athol Daily News*)

I. Call to Order

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

II. Minutes

Magi MOVED to approve the minutes of December 4, 2017 as printed. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-1: Magi and Pruyne: AYE; Erviti ABSTAINED due to his absence from that meeting.

III. Presentations and Discussions

- 1. Chapter 268 Section 20D Exemptions**—Young explained that members of Regional School Committees now must seek MGL 268:20D exemptions from the Selectboards of all member towns in the district. He said that Jim Bell of Bernardston is a member of the PVRSD School Committee and is also the PVRS track coach.

Erviti MOVED to designate the positions of Pioneer Valley Regional School District School Committee member and Franklin County Technical School District School Committee member a Special Municipal Employee. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Erviti MOVED to designate the positions of Pioneer Valley Regional School District coaches and Franklin County Technical School District coaches as a Special Municipal Employee. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Magi MOVED to grant Jim Bell of Bernardston, MA a MGL 268:20D exemption to be both a coach and School Committee member. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Erviti MOVED to grant Donnie Matthews a MGL 268:20D exemption to have an interest in the Shaw/Town Forest property disposal contract valued at no more than \$2,700.00 while also serving as a Board of Health member. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

- 2. Road Salt Use** —Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney said that per earlier discussions with the Selectboard regarding the level of road salt used in the center of town he had staked out a no or low salt area on Route 78 between the blinking light for WCS and the top of the hill by the cemetery, down to 71 Athol Road and to the abandoned house on Northfield Road. He said that this area was treated with straight sand during the storm of December 9th and 10th. Delaney stated that “at no point during the storm was it safe” and noted that plowing did not improve the road conditions. He pointed out that the hard packed, snow covered lanes had some carryover of brine from the tires of vehicles travelling into the town center that resulted in some melting after a day or two. Delaney explained that the sand didn’t stay, and the snow didn’t plow off despite several plowings. He said that he was surprised that despite warmer temperatures and relatively low snow accumulation that it was as bad as it was. Delaney explained that sand gets blown off as it lays on top of hard-packed snow and ice and faster traffic results in a higher rate of blow-off. He said that at 250 lbs. of salt per lane mile is the equivalent of four 5-gallon buckets of salt being used on one lane from WCS to the cemetery. Delaney said that the storm of December 12th dumped more snow and the temperatures were colder. He recommended that once the roads are cleaned up sticking with a 2-to-1 mix of sand and salt and turning down the salt on the truck to 125 lbs. per lane mile on the town center zone.

Erviti suggested that the Highway crew work only with sand or only with salt to prove what works and what is untenable. Delaney said that he was unhappy with sand only and was afraid someone will get hurt if only sand is used on paved roads. He noted that a segmented plow blade is on one truck, but it needs some angle adjustments, but it will be operational for the next storm. Delaney confirmed that the segmented plows can be returned if the Highway crew is not happy with them.

Delaney said that he wants to get the instructor from the snow and ice seminars to come out and make a presentation to the Board and any interested residents.

Young said that he saw value in trying just one thing at a time, and that no salt was a failure.

Erviti said that Delaney should time routes at the proper speed to determine if the crew is going too fast when plowing and treating roads.

Ted Cady reported that he organized a citizens committee on road salt usage and that the first meeting was held at the Library on December 9th with 5 people present. Cady said that Dover

has a no-salt policy and he will speak with someone from that town about it. He noted that John Cassinari would be contacting the State to discuss our town's specific road issues. Cady said that several residents taste salt in their water and now use bottled water for drinking. He noted that a salometer can be purchased for about \$87.00 and that the Planning Board would be able to cover the cost. Cady said that he would like to survey all households in town while Bob Croke will develop a way to monitor road salt use.

Delaney said that rock salt becomes ineffective between 15 and 20 degrees and that he won't put it down on the roads at temperatures where it is known not to work. He explained that on roads with both paved and dirt segments, salt is used for the paved portions and sand for the dirt.

Cady said the next citizens committee meeting is scheduled for December 30th in the Town Hall. Pruyne said that this is a sensitive issue for those in the center of town and of interest and concern to many residents throughout Warwick. Delaney said that he is confident that road salt usage can be reduced once the hard-packed snow is gone and the segmented plows are in use.

- 3. Winter Maintenance**—Slater Alden said that around 7 p.m. on December 12th there was 3-plus inches of snow and slush on Route 78. He said that he stopped by the Town Barn expecting that the Highway crew had gone home but four men were in the garage and once he brought the poor driving conditions to their attention they went out and cleared the road. Alden stated that the main road in Town needs to be in better condition and it would have been hazardous for emergency vehicles to travel. Delaney said that that he kept checking the forecast to see if the snow was done, as on that day the snow had again covered the road after the initial forecast had predicted it would be over. He said that he is trying to reduce the use of salt, sand, and fuel by holding off a little, but the snow builds up quickly on the roads when they don't keep on top of it. Delaney said the best policy is to scrape when more than 1 inch has accumulated on the roads. Magi said it is better to err on the side of too much for safety's sake.

Young said that the Town trucks should be parked and just the contractors should be used when there isn't enough snow to justify 6 plow trucks to be working. Delaney said that he will conduct a 25-m.p.h. test to see if the plowing is better and if fuel consumption is reduced. He noted that once the new belt comes in they will be able to spread straight salt rather than the salt and sand mixture used in the storms so far this season.

Alden said that the storing of salt outside is both wasteful and against our zoning by-laws. He said that we have a salt shed and it should be used to prevent salt leeching into the ground.

Delaney said that all the mixed salt and sand was put in the shed last summer.

Young read aloud what he intends to submit to the community newsletter regarding the proposed road salt use for this winter season. There was a consensus of the Board and Larry Delaney that what Young wrote provides good information. Pruyne asked Delaney to put something in the newsletter and on the Warwick-L as residents want to hear from him as the Highway Superintendent. Ruggiero said that perhaps U. Mass. Has a program through which wells can be tested and a study conducted.

- 4. Highway Fuel Savings, Anti-Idling**—Delaney said that the anti-idling protocol is working well and that trucks are not left running at all.

5. **Follow-Up on Fire Drill Policy**—Young said that Fire Chief Ron Gates has supplied the Board with a fire drill policy for Town Hall.
6. **Outsourced Accounting Procurement Update**—Young said that there have been no responses yet, but the deadline is January 2, 2018. He said he will follow up with the firms to gauge interest.
7. **Warwick Librarian Position**—Young said that Librarian Nancy Hickler plans to retire in September of 2018. He said that the Library Trustees had inquired about Personnel Policy requirements for advertising the position (at least three days in a local newspaper). Young stated that the library budget requirements will result in the need for a 2.5% increase for FY 19.
8. **Selectboard Reports**—No reports this meeting.
9. **Coordinator Report**—Young had documents pertaining to the inspection of the Transfer Station as well as a wood pellet bag shed MOU, which required the signature of the Board Chair.

Magi MOVED to authorize Lawrence Pruyne to sign as Chair the third-party inspection report for the Transfer Station and the wood pellet bag shed MOU. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Young asked the Board to consider joining the North Quabbin Chamber of Commerce. There was a consensus of the Board to put this on a future agenda.

10. **New and Other Business Unanticipated at Time of Posting Meeting**—None.
11. **Public Comment** —George Day said that Paul Middens of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors had visited Warwick earlier this year and has now published an article about the Warwick Town Clock and day's 50 years of service as Caretaker of the clock for the newsletter "Tower and Street Clock Talk". Day handed out copies of the newsletter to the Board members and Town Coordinator. He said he wanted to seek Mr. Middens' permission to post the article on the Warwick website. Erviti inquired about the value of the Town Clock and if it should be insured. Young will check on the matter to evaluate the cost of insurance and the possible payout should a claim ever need to be filed.
12. **Executive Session**—Pruyne said that the Board needed to take the meeting into Executive Session.

Erviti MOVED that the Board go into Executive Session to hear a complaint against a public official and to discuss deployment of data network security. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0: Erviti: AYE; Magi – AYE; Pruyne – AYE.

Everyone in attendance left the meeting except for the Selectboard, Town Coordinator and Broadband Committee Chair Tom Wyatt.

IV. Adjournment

At 8:30 p.m. Magi MOVED to adjourn. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting:

- *Draft Minutes of December 18, 2017 Selectboard meetings
- *Coordinator Report dated December 14, 2017
- *Warwick Fire Standard Operating Guidelines dated December 18, 2017
- *Tower and Street Clock Talk newsletter

**Town of Warwick
Selectboard
January 2, 2018
Minutes**

Members present: Dawn Magi, Lawrence Pruyne, James Erviti (arrived at 6:16 p.m.)

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney, Shelby Ashline (*Greenfield Recorder* and *Athol Daily News*)

I. Call to Order

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

II. Minutes

Magi MOVED to approve the minutes of December 18, 2017 as printed. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

III. Presentations and Discussions

- 1. Chapter 268 Section 20D Exemptions**—Young explained that Colin Killay is a member of the Fire Department and Mike Mankowsky is on the Transfer Station Commission, and that they need to be granted MGL 268:20D exemptions to be able to work as part-time truck drivers for the Highway Department during winter storms.

Magi MOVED to grant Mike Mankowsky and Colin Killay MGL 268:20D exemption so Mankowsky can serve as a Transfer Station Commissioner and a part-time truck driver and Killay can serve as a Firefighter and a part-time truck driver. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

2. Appointment to Town Forest Committee—Young said Alan Berman is willing to serve on the Town Forest Committee.

Magi MOVED to appoint Alan Berman to the Town Forest Committee for a term to expire on June 30, 2018. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

3. Road Salt Use —Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney spoke about the Christmas day storm, saying that the roads were sanded after being plowed and that the paved roads were plowed four times. He said that the hills and sharper curves were salted at a reduced rate, and that the center of town was sanded, using just half the normal amount, after the final clean-up. Delaney said that the new belt will be coming in and they will be ready to try the straight salt after the predicted January 4th storm. He said the second segmented plow will be ready to go for this next storm. Delaney said that overall the crew has been using about 70% of the material normally used in past winters.

Pruyne said that the Citizens Committee on Road Salt Use is figuring out what position to take with regards to the use of road salt in the center of town. He said that the no-salt option was being brought back into focus, and that representatives from the committee will attend the next Selectboard meeting with their formal request. Calculations made by committee member Bob Croke were discussed; Delaney explained that those calculations were based on what was purchased rather than what was actually used.

Young said that ten years ago Selectboard member and engineer Jim Toth told him that Warwick was ranked second in use of salt and sand in Franklin County, and we were also known for having the best roads. He suggested calculating the overall use of materials for the past ten years to get rid of any possible yearly variables.

Magi said that the Planning Board has purchased a sal-o-meter so those with concerns about the salt levels in their wells can test their water. Delaney pointed out the water tested must be cold and not hot to yield a more accurate result. Magi said the Planning Board also wishes to send out a survey to all households. Pruyne said he would talk with Town Counsel regarding our liability for road conditions, signage, and salt content in wells.

Delaney said that Mike Smith, an instructor from Bay State Roads out of U. Mass. Wants to try to schedule an afternoon meeting with the Selectboard some time during the week of January 22nd.

Delaney said that Mass DOT recommends a 4-to-1 ratio of calcium chloride flakes, and that it would take 500 lbs. of flakes for 1 ton of road salt which would equal 2500 lbs. of mix at a cost of \$146.20 per ton of material. He said a ton of pre-treated salt, treated with magnesium chloride, is \$73.00, and said calcium chloride is not financially feasible. Delaney noted that magnesium chloride, although less corrosive than calcium chloride, is still a salt so there needs to be a reduction in the application rate; he estimated a 20% reduction could be done to start. Delaney pointed out that the pre-treated salt will work down to near zero, and said that he was willing to investigate other organic options. He said that we would need a storage tank with a minimum capacity of 2,000 gallons, along with spray equipment for the trucks.

Pruyne said that we will have to invest in equipment to reduce the use of road salt. Erviti said that we should do whatever we can to identify best practices for this town, even if we need to spend money to do it.

Delaney noted that the Highway barn had no telephone service for the Christmas storm. Young said that he has a fem-to-cell Verizon network extender and offered it to the Highway Department for one month to see how it works for them.

4. **Verizon Telephone Service and Outages**—Pruyne said that he called Town Counsel Jeremia Pollard regarding the problems residents of Town has been having with Verizon landline service. He noted that Pollard was chief legal counsel on behalf of several Western Massachusetts towns on an action against Verizon settled in 2009. Pruyne said that Town Counsel was willing to do a simple filing under MGL 159:24, which should take about two hours. Young noted that the bill for this work would be under \$500.00. Pruyne said that filing such a motion would get the Attorney General’s office involved and could lead to a plan of remediation. He stated that these problems with Verizon landline service has been going on for a long time, has gotten way out of hand and something needs to be done. Pruyne pointed out that this is a particularly dangerous time of year with the weather posing a serious threat to the health of our townspeople, and that it has become a top priority for the Town to address.

Erviti MOVED to engage Town Counsel to proceed with filing against Verizon in court. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

5. **Outsourced Town Accountant Procurement**—Young said that two offers had been received, and that FRCOG indicated it would be difficult for them to take us on at this time. He said that the procurement quote from Baystate Municipal Accounting Group (BMAG) came in a little higher than anticipated: \$33,516.00 for two years. The quote from Eric A. Kinsharf, CPA was \$48,000.00 for two years. Young explained that this process is lowest cost procurement from either the current employee or outsourced, so from those who meet the qualifications the lowest responsible reply is the one on which the Board’s decision must be based. He said that the \$8,663.00 for the second half of FY 18 is in the current Town Accountant budget, so a contract obligation for BMAG can be covered.

Erviti MOVED to contract with Baystate Municipal Accounting Group as our outsourced accounting firm, and to authorize Selectman James Erviti and Town Coordinator David Young to negotiate details within the procurement for not more than the bid amount and report back to the Selectboard. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

6. **Barn Owl Beer and Wine License 2018 Renewal**—Young said that the owners of the Barn Owl want to renew their beer and wine license for 2018. He pointed out that the original license was issued to expire in April of 2018, but the standard time for such a license is January 1 through December 31. Young said the balance of the license fee is being paid and will now be in line with standard calendar year issuance.

Erviti MOVED to renew the Barn Owl beer and wine license for 2018. Magi SECONDED.
Motion CARRIED 3-0-0

7. **FY 19 Budget**—Young said that it is time to start thinking about departmental budgets for FY 19. He suggested holding one large meeting with all departments. Young also said that capital planning needs to be addressed and part of the budget process requires the projection of large expenditures.
8. **FY 17 Departmental Reports**—Young said that it is time for departments to submit their FY 17 reports for inclusion in the FY 2017 Annual Town Report. The report is always available by Annual Town Meeting which is Monday, May 7th.
9. **Selectboard Reports**—Erviti said that the process of moving Broadband information is going slowly but somewhat surely, and noted that the timeline was as anticipated. He pointed out that the data is being migrated and must be done accurately.
Young said that the Broadband Committee and the Selectboard need to schedule a joint meeting and proposed the meeting be held Monday, January 22, 2018 at 5 p.m. in Town Hall.
10. **Coordinator Report**—Young said that the new FRCOG municipal directories had arrived, along with the Franklin County towns municipal wage and salary survey.
11. **New and Other Business Unanticipated at Time of Posting Meeting**—None.
12. **Public Comment** —Young congratulated Shelby Ashline on her promotion to an editor at the *Athol Daily News*.

IV. Adjournment

At 7:07 p.m. Magi MOVED to adjourn. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting:

- *Draft Minutes of December 18, 2017 Selectboard meetings
- *Coordinator Report dated December 28, 2017
- *Town of Warwick FY 2018 General Fund Expenditure Report as of 12/18/2017
- *Town of Warwick FY 2018 Other Funds Expense Report as of 12/18/2017
- *Town of Warwick FY 2018 General Fund Revenue Report as of 12/15/2017
- *Town of Warwick FY 2018 Other Funds Revenue Report as of 12/15/2017
- *Email from Bob Dean (FRCOG) to David Young dated November 29, 2017 Re: Warwick Town Accountant Procurement
- * Warwick Town Accountant Procurement Binding Quote Forms: Eric A. Kinsherf, CPA, dated December 20, 2017; Baystate Municipal Accounting Group dated December 15, 2017
- *Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable In re Verizon Service Quality in Western Massachusetts D.T.C. 09-1 Settlement Agreement

