

Warwick Community Newsletter

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A few words of thanks to all the people who sent cards, flowers, and visited me after my hospital stay and at home. The food was delicious. I'm anxious to get out and about again.

Stay well! Ann Miner

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Selectboard	6315
Treasurer/Collector	3845
Highway	6349
Library	7866
Fire Station	3314
Animal Control	3402
Animal Contr.Pager	217-2681
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GATHERING

First Friday Gathering will be held in the Town Hall, Friday, February 1. Stop by. I will be serving soup, sandwiches, salad and quiche. Look forward to seeing some new faces in the New Year along with old friends. Watch the Warwick L and the Facebook page for the menu the Wednesday before. Coffee at 10:00 AM, Lunch from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Desserts available anytime.

Tracy Gaudet, Outreach Coordinator for Orange COA and Shine Counselor, (Serving Health Insurance Needs for Everyone) will be at Town Hall Tuesdays, February 5 and 19, from 10:00 AM until Noon. Stop by if you need help with health insurance or to talk about available programs. Contact her, 978- 544-3481 or @townoforange.org, she will be bringing application forms.

Diana Tandy

Warwick Council on Aging

The Tuesday exercise class at the Warwick Town Hall will begin at 9:45 AM. It will be followed by a Chair Yoga/Tai Chi class at 11:00 A.M. This program will continue throughout the winter and spring months. Chair yoga/Tai Chi will be offered by certified instructor Marcia Gobeil. One will get all the benefits of yoga without getting on the floor. All poses and exercises will be done while sitting. The second half of the class will be tai chi warm-up and poses. One can attend the 1st or 2nd half of the class or both sessions. The class is funded by Life Path at no cost to those attending, however a donation can be available and donations are gratefully accepted.

WINTER OUTDOOR DAY

The Recreation Committee is hosting a family winter activity day Saturday February 16 Time 12-3pm at Richmond Road (Richard's) Reservoir (parking at old prison camp) Activities will be determined by the weather! Bring your gear for a guided trip on x-country skis, snowshoes or foot around the pond. If the ice is safe there will be skating and an ice fishing demonstration, Hotdogs, chips and hot chocolate will be served. Questions or feedback leannelimoges@gmail.com or call Leanne at 978-544-5553 If you have gear to lend or are in need of some please contact me .

BOARD OF HEALTH

The BOH will hold monthly meetings throughout the winter months.

All meetings will be on Wednesday nights at 7 PM in the Boards office upstairs in the town hall.

Each Monday of the week prior to the meeting, the BOH clerk will be in the office from 1-5 PM.

Next meetings February 20, March 20

The COA Foot Clinic Dates For 2019

February 8th
March 8th
April 12th
May 10th
June 14th
July 19th
August 9th
September 13th
October 11th
November 15th
December 13th



All at the Metcalf Chapel at 8 a.m.

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

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

I started school at the Warwick Center School in 1935. As I was recollecting on my illustrious education, a poem started developing in my mind. Below are my memories of the Warwick Center School in a poem.

My Days at the Warwick Center School

guy carey jr.

They asked me to remember today, so I could try to help you see,
 a time, many many years ago, what being in school here meant to me.
 We had much to learn in our first few days, some lessons we learned in a rush,
 because most of us at six years old had never seen a toilet that flushed.
 Staying quiet for a whole school day was harder than we could ever believe,
 the whole world must have heard our animated screams when we finally got to leave.
 We were never allowed to circle our chairs, we all sat straight in a row,
 with chairs and desks bolted to the floor, they were that way just to keep us so.
 We sat ramrod straight in our chairs, good for your health we were told,
 so we wouldn't be so bent over weak when we finally grew old.
 So, we all sat as we were told to sit and dreamed about our soldier's physique,
 besides we didn't hardly dare to move, for fear our chairs would squeak.
 We had four grades in each classroom, for the school then had only two rooms.
 The town could only afford two teachers with over seventy children to groom.
 They always demanded our obedience and they knew how to get it quick,
 with notes they'd send to our fathers and if we didn't heed, a lick with their stick.
 We succeeded in learning to read and to find out how to write our name,
 we soon found out that all this reading could cause our whole world to change.
 We were taught how to use numbers, units, hundreds, and times tables too,
 we began to understand ciphering, there wasn't anything in the world we couldn't do.
 We listened clearly to the teachings about reading and old arithmetic,
 because the teachers controlled class distraction by using their old hickory sticks.
 We would always try to stay quiet and I would never, no never, dare to do anything bad,
 because my sisters were always too happy to take a teachers' note home to my dad.
 The furnace in those days was a chore because it was fired with wood,
 the big boys helped with tending the fire, that's if they had mostly been good.
 Those who lived near the school back then it was a quite a bunch,
 always went home to eat their noontime meal, the rest ate from their box lunch.
 Some of the buses then were still drawn by horses, in the winter that meant a sleigh,
 those that rode them said it was awfully chilly in cold weather riding to school in that way.
 Sometimes a dentist would come to the school and set up his drills in the hall,
 he would drill and fill our cavities while we acted brave and try hard not to bawl.
 Sometimes, in the hall there would be a doctor and except for the needles that was neat,
 they would let you use their stethoscopes so you could listen to you own heartbeat.
 There were some fun things then about our school like Maypoles, plays and parades,

that gave us a chance to wear the kooky costumes that some of our mothers had made. The playgrounds then were pretty bare except for the set of swings, and a barn that was there used to store wood and many other school things. with new friends we played marbles and hopscotch and had a really good time. I sat down to reminisce on my school life, looking for words for this talk, and my mind started wandering, in its backwards, memory walk. I was surprised how all these memories have brought me so much joy, and how happy I'd been in school here when I was just a little boy. Everyone's life is full of experiences, some happy and some pretty sad, but it's a joy to share the good times in school I remembered that I'd had. I'm much older now and looking back has caused me to spin tales of yearn, and I realize that the best things that I took from school were all of the lessons I learned. So, when you find studies kind of hard, ones like old 'rithmetic, I hope I have showed you that a good education is what makes the world tick.

Restaurant Review

Kaptain Jimmy's
916 Suffield Street
Agawam, MA 01001
413-789-2222

Open every day starting at 11AM
Except Sunday when they open at 9AM for Sunday Brunch

www.kaptainjimmys.com

The first time I went to Kaptain Jimmy's was a couple years ago for Sunday Brunch. Couldn't believe the brunch was \$5 with a purchase of a beverage! All you can eat of eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, toast, fruit and pastries. Now the price has gone up to \$5.95 with the purchase of a beverage, still a great deal.

Most recently I went on a Saturday for lunch with my nephew. I had been reviewing the menu online when I noticed, ****Kaptain Jimmy's Fruit of the Sea For Two****. I showed the menu to my nephew and he said "let's go"!! Two 1/2 baked stuffed lobster, 2 baked stuffed shrimp, 6 broiled sea scallops, 2 haddock baked with crumbs, lemon, butter & white wine. It comes with 2 sides which I picked a baked potato and Jeff picked macaroni and cheese for an extra \$1.49. We had coffee and iced tea which brought the bill up, but still, \$41.99 for two plus any extras and beverages. The stuffing was crabmeat stuffing. The service was excellent and the feast was divine.

They have other specials almost every day of the week so check their menu and I'm sure you will find something to satisfy your hunger. Jimmy's is located on Rt. 75 (Suffield Street) not too far from the Big E grounds. So if ever in the Springfield/Agawam area, I highly recommend it. Bon Appetite.

Gloria Varno

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

The Warwick Women's Guild is changing its regularly scheduled Tuesday meeting on February 5th to **Wednesday, February 6th at 1 PM**. We were able to get a weaving demonstration scheduled on Wednesday. So, our meeting will take place at 1PM in the town hall then we will proceed to Kathy Litchfield's home at 24 Athol Road (around the corner from the inn).

The Warwick Conservation Commission

is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our commission. We currently have two openings. Typically we hold monthly meetings and conduct occasional site visits to make sure that Warwick's wetlands and other environmental resources are being protected. To learn more about the position, please email us at: warwickconcom@gmail.com or contact a member directly. To call, leave a message at (978) 633-9452.

Members are: Greg Brodsky, Chris Duerring, Mary Williamson, Beth Arseneau, and Karro Frost.

WARWICK HIGHWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The town now has a highway advisory committee in place. The goal of the committee is to help the road projects to move forward, work on permits and grants. We will oversee the highway operations and make sure that they are done in a timely manner as a way to benefit the town. This will be done in a way to improve the looks of the community that fits the budget so that taxes aren't impacted.

Some things that we have been working on are getting some of the main roads tarred, as well as starting of the digging out of ditches. There are still more to be done to complete this project. These projects have been worked on using chapter 90 money that has not been used in prior years. We still have some money left.

We will be hiring a new man on the highway department as one man has recently retired. This person will be hired as a replacement to make a 3 man crew. Larry has made it clear that they have plenty of work to stay busy throughout the year.

We have started working on grant writing. The applications for these grants need to be done on a timely basis to be eligible for these moneys and this hasn't been occurring. Larry and David Young will be working on the STRAP (small town road assistance program) Grant together at this time.

We are working on the schedule of yearly maintenance, like line painting, cleaning culverts, ditches, scraping roads, mowing, cutting brush and hazardous trees on the roadsides. We are now working on plans for the 2019 construction season to finish projects on the Northfield road, reopen the bridge on the Gale road and fixing the culvert on the Athol road as well as the routine seasonal projects.

Let me close this out with that we meet every other week usually on Wednesday's at 6:30pm at the town hall. If you have any concerns or ideas of things that need to be worked on, how things are being done or areas that need attention please feel free to attend one of these meetings. The new order of reporting issues to the highway department is to first contact Larry if you aren't satisfied with the results then come to an advisory meeting with your concerns and we will try to work things out. I know there is a lot of fixing to do but the season is short and we are just getting started.

We look forward to hearing from you,

The advisory committee, Kevin Alden, Bob Croke, David Lambert, Vern Bass and Todd Dexter

Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting: Monday, May 6 7 p.m.

Annual Town Election Monday, May 20 Polls open 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Deadline to register to vote for both: Tuesday, April 16 8 p.m.

Deadline to obtain nomination papers: Wednesday, March 27 5 p.m.

Deadline to return nomination papers: Friday, March 29 5 p.m.

Deadline to object/withdraw from ballot: Wednesday, April 17 5 p.m.

Offices on 2019 Ballot:	Incumbent:
Selectman	Todd Dexter
Assessor	Beth Gilgun
Board of Health	Donald Matthews
Cemetery Commissioner	Jim Toth*
	Tracey Kirley*
	Brad Matthews*
Constable	Arland George Day, Jr.
Library Trustees	D. Clare Green
	Gregory Stone
Transfer Station Commissioner	Michael Mankowsky
	Mark Fellows*

* Appointed by Selectboard until May 20th election

Nomination papers available from the Town Clerk. Minimum number of registered voter signatures is 20.

Also, please remember to sign and date your street list (census) forms before returning them to me. Thank you!

** Rosa **

Selectboard Minutes December 10, 2018

Members Present: Lawrence Pruyne, James Erviti, Todd Dexter

Others Present: Town Coordinator David Young, PVSRD School Committee and HEART Committee member Sue O'Reilly-McRae, Broadband & HEART Committee member Tom Wyatt, Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney, Broadband Committee member Andrea Woods, Dawn Magi.

Pruyne MOVED to accept the minutes of November 26, 2018 as printed. Dexter SECONDED, Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Erviti MOVED to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Dexter SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting"

*Draft Minutes of November 26, 2018 Selectboard meeting

*Coordinator Report dated December 6, 2018

*[DOR Division of Local Services Bureau of Accounts Tax Rate Recapitulation Fiscal Year 2019](#) for Town of Warwick

* DOR Division of Local Services Bureau of Accounts Levy Limit Fiscal Year 2019 for Town of Warwick

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

MEDITATION Monday 6:30-7:30 with Tracey at Warwick Town Hall \$10

ZUMBA Thursday 6 pm with Susan at Warwick Town Hall \$5

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

BELLYDANCING Starting Friday January 25 to February 15 6pm \$10 drop in or all 4 in advance \$30

SOMATICS Sunday February 10 1:00-2:30 \$10-12

Introduction to Belly Dance for Fun and Fitness with Karen Traub aka Hadama Seshat

Four Fridays starting January 25, 2019 6pm-7pm Warwick Town Hall

Dancing is fun and good for you! Chase away the winter blues

*No experience required *Ages 10 and up welcome *Burn calories *Build core strength and good vibes

*Gentle warmups *Easy to follow as the Hokey Pokey

\$10 drop in per class or *sign up for all four in advance for \$30* [PayPal.Me/happydancermom](https://www.paypal.com/paytogether/happydancermom)

Visit me on Facebook hadamadance.com or call 413 367-9826

Back by popular demand!

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

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

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

Attend weekly for best results, or drop in at your leisure.

Somatics Sunday 1 pm February 10 1:00 to 2:30 Warwick Town Hall

Make-up class in Clinical Somatics (registration requested). It is Thomas Hanna's lesson on Improved Walking. It is the last of eight lessons in Hanna's life-changing Myth of Aging series, a fascinating process that helps people (and has helped many lovely Warwick attendees) regain mobility, decrease pain, improve posture, and explore the body's potential for function and peace.

Clinical Somatic Reeducation shows us how to functionally reconnect our cortical "front brain" to our muscles, resolving unconscious (subcortical) patterns of contraction from habit, injury and repetitive use, offering virtually endless benefits.

Please register for this at least one week before by emailing info@somatics.org. For updates on this and other Somatics classes, visit the "The Somatic Solution" Facebook page or email Katherine at the above address.

Come dressed comfortably/to move (no jeans), and please refrain from wearing fragrances. You'll need a body-length blanket or towel, optimally with a yoga mat underneath. If there is low registration due to winter scheduling, we may postpone [feel free to share your availability for future class/series scheduling]. Cost is \$10-12, sliding scale. We hope to see you!

Warwick's Intergenerational Theater

How about WIT?

I'd like to percolate this idea around...

Create an informal, yet fun theater group with "fluid" folks to create and share on many diverse levels and ages....

Maybe there is a playwright in our town?

Maybe for April is Poetry Month; Folks could share poems interpreting them via oral tradition, dance, music, mime, drama, sound etc. Create a theme or open-ended?

Thanks for listening and sharing ideas, maybe a get-together of interested folks in late February?

Clare Green

Library

Lots of new books for all ages await you on display.

A visitor from Worcester recently returned an old copy of *The Door* by Mary Rhinehart. Its age drew my attention, which led the traveler to remark that he'd wanted to take a drive, and he told me and another Warwickian that he'd become curious about Rhinehart after her name appeared as a *Jeopardy!* clue in connection with the phrase "The butler did it." He said she was the American equivalent of Agatha Christie—before Agatha Christie. The Warwickian, being a mystery fan, decided to take it out on the spot. And, as she was leaving, another patron walked in to return Christie's *Easy to Kill*. Cycle complete!

Ongoing work on the Historical Collection has uncovered, among other treasures, a clean 1937 edition of Audubon's "The Birds of America. This classic, full of color plates of his original drawings, is now on display—take a look.

A final book note: A generous donor has gifted the Library with a copy of *Lost Words*, an artistic rendering of 20 common nature words among the 40 dropped from a recent edition of the *Oxford Junior Dictionary*. The lost words include such familiars as acorn, dandelion, fern, heron and newt. Their replacements include such more modern familiars as blog, broadband, bullet-point and voicemail. This self-described "spell-book" has, the publishers, say, "begun a grassroots movement to re-wild childhood across Britain, Europe and North America.

Looking for used puzzles in good condition: Donated puzzles will be made available to local residents for borrowing, and for passing quiet time in the Library.

Upcoming events:

Warwick Winter Writing Wednesdays: January 30-February 27 on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8 pm at the Library. This FREE series, led by Warwick poet and educator Elaine Reardon, is for anyone -- for those new to writing, or folks that have been writing for a while and just want to come and try something different. Fun but focused, the core of this course will be weekly writing exercises and a longer piece of writing. These writings may grow into finished poetry, memoir, or flash. The focus is poetry, but if you'd prefer writing prose narrative, you're also welcome. We'll work from initial impulse to final edits. To register call the Warwick Library at 978-544-7866 or email warwick@cwmars.org or elainereardonpoetry@gmail.com. Hot tea provided!

Libraries in the News (podcasts):

A recent episode of *This American Life* focuses on ways that public libraries meet very specific needs. Libraries are compared to the Room of Requirement from the *Harry Potter* series. For you non-Potters out there, the room magically becomes exactly what a young wizard needs when they want it. Also worth a listen is the "The Librarian is LIVE" episode of *The Librarian is In!* It's another great discussion on the inherent value of libraries and the social capital they provide for communities. You can find links to these podcasts on the Library's website.

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH *of WARWICK*

FEBRUARY 2019

Dear Friends,

The stars, sun and moon are aligning for a very powerful and perhaps chaotic period right now. OK, disclaimer, I am an astrology agnostic; not fully rejecting the effect of stars on our lives individually and collectively, but not fully embracing the idea either. Consider the story of the three Wisemen in the Bible. They were astrologers, the early science that led to present day astronomy. They observed the heavens and the earth and made decisions that affected how they lived into the future. They followed a star that somehow led them to the child (probably nearly 2 years old by then) Jesus, whom they recognized as someone extraordinary. They were led by the heavens and their dreams to drastically alter their normal lives and embrace the chance to acknowledge change. That is something I would have a hard time doing.

Change is difficult; it involves looking at yourself honestly, critically and asking if this is who/what you want to be. This is also something communities and nations should do on occasion, but as the size of the self-evaluating entity grows, the more difficult it becomes. The impetus for change rarely, if ever, is initiated at the higher level; at the upper levels of socio-political power or at the ego level of our personality. It is in the margins of society or at the back of our minds where “something” just doesn’t feel right, out of balance, that change first takes hold.

Defense of the status quo is the more usual response of the higher echelons, as exhibited in Herod’s response to the Wisemen’s avoidance after they had found Jesus. (The gospel of Matthew says he ordered all male children 2 years old and younger, in the region of Bethlehem, murdered to protect his power.) There are similar reactions in most hierarchical organizations. In the Roman Catholic Church, there is great resistance to many of the changes Pope Francis is attempting. In conservative Christian denominations, there has been very hostile reaction to ideas of egalitarian theologies that raise issues of social justice; respectful inter-faith dialog, positions of authority for women in the church, universal versus selective salvation (God loves people like us more than people like you).

Two recent Evangelical conservative pronouncements have been written in defense of the “historical” patriarchal status quo where men are the center of social, religious and familial power. They focus their anger on evolving sexual expression and the place of “social Justice” within the mission and ministry of The Church. “The Nashville Statement” and “For the Sake of Christ and His Church: The Statement on Social Justice and the Gospel” both claim the authority of The Bible and the “long tradition” of the Church as their basis. But the “long tradition” they cite spans a few centuries of a two thousand year life of Christianity and most of their arguments mirror the legalistic arguments that Jesus challenged not in the stories of Jesus’ life and teachings. If you are going to use the name “Christian” shouldn’t the stories attributed to Jesus and his actions hold more authority than comments of other writers? No, they argue, God is unchanging and the laws of true belief should be also!

God may be unchanging, but our *understanding* of God has evolved over the history of humankind. The universe hasn’t changed, but our *understanding* of the universe has changed. Only a few people still think the earth is flat. Does anyone still think the earth is the center of the universe? If God IS infinite in power and Being, how can human words and ideas ever contain the totality of God?

The apostle Paul said that we must “test the Spirits”. Episcopal priest, teacher and author Cynthia Bourgeault says a similar thing: *“If reading scripture leads you to experience any of the gifts of the Spirit; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control... these come from the Spirit, from the deeper stream of wisdom. If the reading gives you a sense of superiority, self-satisfaction, arrogant certitude, desire for revenge, need for a victory, dismissal or exclusion it is most likely inspired by your ego.*

In hopeful faith, Dan

UP COMING EVENTS

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY FEB 3 We will again be collecting donations for the Orange Food Pantry and the Western MA Food Bank, both monetary donations and food and personal care items. If you would like to make a donation, you may drop it off at the Chapel and we will send it on to those two organizations. Checks may be made out to TCC with “Souper Bowl” on the message line.

PIZZA & BLUES NIGHT Sat, Feb 16 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. Proceeds from this event support the Mission Committee’s work in the world and local area.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – MARCH 5 7 PM

The “Imposition of Ashes” on the first day of Lent has been an important and powerful ritual for the Christian church since the 6th century. It will be celebrated this year with a 30 to 45 minute service of music and word that will focus on the meaning and history of this ritual, ending with an imposition of ashes for any who wish to receive them. The service will be led by Rev Dr. Gordon Ellis who has led such a service over his forty years of pastoral leadership.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AT THE METCALF CHAPEL

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

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

BLANKETS/SHEETS/PILLOW CASES/ ETC

*SINGLE & TWIN SIZE sheets (the shelters only have twin beds and mattresses) blankets and pillowcases, towels and washcloths are collected and taken to the area shelters. Bring clean and useful items to the Chapel and we will get them to the shelters. **PLEASE, NO MORE CLOTHING ITEMS.** The shelter no longer accepts them and I end up taking them to “Hazel’s Closet” in Orange or Salvation Army.*

MEDICAL SUPPLY LIBRARY

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

Moore's Pond Beach Committee Ice Out Contest

It might be hard to imagine at times, but winter will probably end again this year, and the surface of this frozen pond will once again return to a liquid state.

The Beach Committee will hold a contest in which townsfolk can guess the time and date of ice-out. And how will ice-out be defined? Duncan, a concrete Scottish Terrier, currently stands patiently on a stump on the south end of the pond in front of the beach. When Duncan chooses to plunge through the surface for his (?) first swim of the year, we will call that ice-out, and the person who has submitted the closest guess will win two tickets to the Beach Committee's lasagna dinner on April 13. If ice-out has not happened by that date (not at all an unreasonable or historically uncommon circumstance) ,...umm, we'll think of something else.

Enter your guess in one of the two receiving boxes either in the library or on the table to the right (as you enter) in the Town Hall lobby. ENTRIES WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED UNTIL FEBRUARY 23 (at library closing time of 12:30 pm) so we can somewhat reduce the predictability of the guesswork.

Wooden Fender Winter Concert Series

We had a warm and wonderful Souper Supper in January. We hope you didn't miss it. We filled the hall with many happy diners and all nine homemade soups and Michael Humphries' world famous chili disappeared faster than you can say "boeuf bourguignon". The breads, rolls, and delicious desserts all disappeared, as well. We can't thank all the soup and chili makers, gourmet bakers, dessert and chocolate mousse shakers enough! You're the greatest! An energetic and well fed crowd then boogied on up to the dance floor for some lively moves to the rockin' good tunes of *She Said*. We also want to send a great big standing O to the talented and entertaining members of *She Said*. Good food, good music, and a good time was had by all.

Blues Night Dinner and Concert – Saturday, February 16, Warwick Town Hall

For Blues Night 2019 Wooden Fender is thrilled to welcome **Spacebar**. They will beam up to the Town Hall stage at 7:00 pm with our very own Warwickians, **Michael Italia** on guitar and vocals, **Jim McRae** on keyboards and vocals, and **Ivan Ussach** (Yes! Our librarian!) on drums, along with **Angela Haynes** on bass and horns, and **Jim Bennett** on saxophone. This band of beloved, multi-instrumentalist musicians plays hot, danceable tunes that are a mix of blues, classic rock, R&B, soul, and jazz. So, gas up the Millennium Falcon and transport yourself at ludicrous speed to the gravity defying dance floor at Town Hall. You won't regret it! And our galaxy will be a happier place.

Mark your calendars:

February 16: **Blues Night with Spacebar**, Trinitarian Church Pizza Dinner

March 16: **Josh LeVangie and the Pistoleros**, Trinitarian Church St. Patrick's Day Dinner

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

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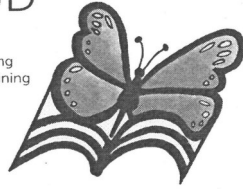
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Pizza with toppings w/sm. salad	\$5 per slice
Large Salad	\$3
Desserts & Drinks	\$1 each
Dinner Special - 2 slices, salad, drink, dessert	\$10

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WINTER OUTDOOR DAY—Feb 16

PIZZA SUPPER AND CONCERT—Feb 16

Selectboard Minutes December 10, 2018

Members Present: Lawrence Pruyne, James Erviti, Todd Dexter

Others Present: Town Coordinator David Young, PVSRD School Committee and HEART Committee member Sue O'Reilly-McRae, Broadband & HEART Committee member Tom Wyatt, Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney, Broadband Committee member Andrea Woods, Dawn Magi.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Pruyne called the meeting to order at 6:13 PM in the Town Hall.

II. Minutes

Pruyne MOVED to accept the minutes of November 26, 2018 as printed. Dexter SECONDED, Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

III. Presentations and Discussions

1. Ethics Exemptions (MGL 268::20D) — None.

2. Appointments — None.

3. Transfer Station — Coordinator David Young brought up issues with cleanliness, and the Transfer Station grounds being kept up per DEP standards. The site failed its most recent inspection, and DEP will fine the site if it is not cleaned up to standards. The Transfer Station Commissioners met last week to discuss the issue at hand. Commissioner David Koester will ask Mark Fellows of Chestnut Hill Road if he would be interested in working Saturday Mornings along with Transfer Station Attendant George Roaf. The Commissioners are working on establishing a check list which will need completion at the end of each Saturday shift, including trash bag counts and money to balance the spread sheet. DEP wants a letter of correction on how the facility will be cleaned up, and Young will work with the Commissioners to draft the letter. Young also reported that trash bag fees will increase January 1, 2019. Currently bags cost \$3.00 at the Transfer Station and will increase to \$5.00, while bags sold at the Library will increase from the current \$2.50 to \$3.00. Young reported the reopening of the composting area. Pruyne asked that this information be posted to the "L" and printed in the next Newsletter for public awareness.

4. Highway Department — First issue discussed was an update on road salt usage. Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney reported for FY18 the department applied 950 tons over the course of 51 storm events, and for FY17, 1300 Tons over 48 storm events. Erviti asked about the use of the segmented cutting edges on the snow plows, and why the Highway Advisory Committee voted to remove them. Delaney stated he was against removing the edges. He explained they do a much better job cleaning the roads. The Advisory Committee wanted them taken off because they were under the impression the edges were tearing up the black top. Delaney said that was not the case, and that he took the committee out in the garage at their last meeting and explained how they worked. After a better understanding the committee said they may rescind their decision. Erviti asked what he thought was causing the roads to break up. Delaney replied the constant freezing and thawing caused the break up; Erviti agreed.

Young continued the conversation on salt usage. He said the mixing of salt and sand decreases the effectiveness of using straight salt. Delaney said salt does not provide traction and pointed out that there are times sand must be applied. Young has suggested Delaney keep a running log of the amount of salt being applied each storm. Erviti would like to see temperatures also being recorded for trending history.

Pruyne asked how much salt fits in the loader bucket. Delaney said around 3 cubic yards, or 3-4 tons.

There was no report from the Highway Advisory Committee.

5. Overview of December 5th Forum PVRs, HEART Committee, Towns—PVRSD School Committee Chair Sue O'Reilly-McRae reported that the School Committee will meet on December 13th at PVRs to discuss the recent meeting. Pruyne expressed his concern regarding the spread sheets presented at the Forum. He noted that in the presentation given by Mark Abrahams, of the Abrahams Group and Steve Hemman, of MARS there was a discussion about the closing of Pearl Rhodes in Leyden and WCS, and said it was difficult to understand the savings shown. Pruyne expressed the need to attend a School Committee meeting to ask questions about expenses, the cost of the extra kindergarten class at Northfield Elementary, and teacher expense. He expressed the need for realistic numbers for school choice impact on WCS. O'Reilly-McRae stated that there was a need for a count on how many school choice students would follow to Northfield Elementary if WCS was closed.

Pruyne spoke with Rick Kingsley from the State recently and discussed PVRSD teacher's contractual step and longevity raises. Pruyne stated that the District needs to cut these down as none of the four member towns can afford to continue funding them. Dexter asked about contacting State Representative Susanna Whipps about attending some of the PVRSD school committee meetings, and also meeting with the Warwick Selectboard to discuss State mandated funding and Chapter 70 transportation funding. O'Reilly-McRae noted that the conversation of shared services with the Franklin County Technical School and the Gill Montague system is still being looked at. O'Reilly-McRae, as a Warwick resident, brought up the idea of the town sharing space at WCS with town offices occupying one area while the school uses another section of the building. This idea of sharing space and instead of remaining solely as a school was thought of as a way to cut costs.

Pruyne brought up the fact that the PVRSD transportation issue has not been brought up by the school committee yet. He noted that Diana Noble had looked at this issue and has suggested several ways to cut costs. O'Reilly-McRae said this issue is also being looked at, but right now another area the School Committee is concerned with is that 70% of school costs are staff and materials. Pruyne noted that Rick Kingsley has said salaries for our area are low, but the state health insurance is extremely high. Young said the state only has three insurance vendors for municipal health insurance and currently GIC is the vendor in use.

6. BMAG Accounting Report and Update— Young reported that the Town books are closed. He also said that the tax rate has been set at \$21.24, which has been approved by the state DOR. Schedule A will be submitted at the beginning of January 2019. Erviti said the accountant Justin Cole is supposed to be on site here in Warwick once per month. Cole has not been showing up and he feels it is a breach of contract by not doing so. Erviti further noted that he wants a face-to-face meeting with Cole. Young said that he will contact Baystate Municipal Accounting and arrange a meeting.

7. Town-Wide Holiday Hunger Abatement Issues— Pruyne wanted to make sure all families in town were not without a meal during the holiday season. Young suggested that he contact WCS Principal Elizabeth Musgrave for a list of any families in need. Dexter proposed also contacting the Orange Food Pantry to see if they could assist with meals if needed. Pruyne said that he will check into this.

8. Alternate Meeting Date to Monday, December 24th— There was a consensus of the Board that the next Selectboard meeting will be after New Years on its next regularly scheduled date of January 7, 2019.

9. Town Hall Christmas Eve Day Hours or closing of Town Hall for Christmas Eve— The Board agreed that Town Hall will be closed on Christmas Eve.

10. Selectboard Reports— Pruyne reported that he had spoken to Rick Kingsley from the State regarding PVRSD Teacher's salaries and related expenses. Neither Dexter nor Erviti gave a report.

11. Coordinator Report— The report was accepted as written, with no questions from the Board.

12. New and Other Business Unanticipated at time of Meeting Posting— None.

13. Public Comment— Magi asked why the outdoor lights have not been put up around the Town Common yet. Young reported they are a bit late but will be put up this week.

Erviti MOVED to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Dexter SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.