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Town Coordinator Report

David Young

AT&T wireless had their location scouts, a representative from Department of Conservation and Recreation permits and leases; and an environmental officer visit the fire tower. Neither ATT nor the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are comfortable with the idea that anyone would welcome a new communication tower. So last week a party visited the fire tower to assess potential of the site and the structure. This is a far stretch given that the engineering determined that the existing commercial tower is inadequate to the job. But some deployments involve hiding the communication tower and it appears they are considering replacing the fire tower with a new fire tower; and while the designs have this fire tower being a fake, kind of like the fake pine tree cell towers, this one will be a fake, fake fire tower because DCR use it as a fire tower. Based on my experience that wireless build outs, wireless construction, and most construction takes longer than you want, it remains to be seen whether they can accomplish the First Net build during the coming this summer's construction season.

Warwick Broadband is on the same timeline. We plan to be completed by the end of the calendar year. We have made progress reducing the latency on the network and we are continuing to work to improve performance. We have increased the amount of Internet connected. We have tested and proven that we are getting what we are paying for in terms of connectivity. And we have improved a lot of network connections. By mid-January we had reached 62% compliance with our build goal of 25 / 3 Mbps connections to homes. The next big push will be our implementation of radios in the CBRS mid-band range. We have used the frequency for years for 802.16 and we had a plan to implement LTE in the space. But we have changed to reusing the frequency using a more familiar Motorola product. We are working right now to comply with the location reporting to a national database that is required and we will use this mid-band radio solution to reach homes directly and importantly as upgrades to neighborhood pole sites which have been bottlenecks, not moving fast enough.

Our work on reopening Warwick Community School and maintaining local elementary continues. We are making efforts to publicize our progress because the decision to allow us to leave Pioneer is vested by the special legislation, necessary because of Pioneer's financial problems, in the Commissioner.

Withing the WCS building, contractors are working to repair and maintain the systems and to implement the Green Communities grant funded measures to air seal windows and doors; and implement a smart building management control system. This will increase comfort, lower operating cost, and meet our goal of lowering energy use. We are adding CO2 sensors which are indicators of occupancy which will trigger the ventilation system. We have added negative ionization injection in the duct work which causes charged molecules to attach to airborne particles. The ions damage viruses and bacteria and cause pollen, smoke, dust, etc. to precipitate out / drop to the floor.

A new outdoor Pavilion project is underway for which Community members have launched a fund drive to support creation of an outdoor pavilion at our Community School. A grant has been submitted and as of mid-January almost \$4000 in donations for the purpose have been received. Anyone interested in contributing may send a check to Warwick Pavilion Project at 41 Winchester Rd Warwick 01378.

About the sixth grade, Pioneer District is making big changes I consider ill advised. The SC voted in favor of 6th grade moving from elementary to Pioneer and then on reconsideration voted a tied 6-6 vote. This means no action to reverse the vote occurs. So, the school committee has decided that next year 6th graders will go to Pioneer. Like the decision to close Warwick School this approval belongs to the DESE commissioner and he backed a 7-5 vote to close our school.

Somehow during this global pandemic domestic markets have developed for recycling. The result is that the cost of recycling has been much reduced from having to pay \$90 a ton to tip recyclable material. That is \$20 higher than if it went in the trash. This month though we paid about \$50 per ton (plus trucking) to recycle. Glass is still a problem.

Take care on the roads and take special care on Northfield Rd where we are starting to see surveyors and engineers working on your Northfield Rd STRAP grant funded project.

Library

Library hours: Monday 10-4, Tuesday 1-8, Thursday 5-8, Saturday 10-12:30
 Contact: warwick@cwmares.org; 544-7866.

Covid operations update: Curbside delivery continues. Home delivery is also available to those in need. Limited browsing by appointment can be done Tuesdays from 3:30 - 7:30 and Saturdays from 10 am - noon; contact the Library to make an appointment.

Wowbrary e-newsletter: Contact the Library if you'd like to receive weekly notices of new items available for borrowing, with graphics and full description.

New Warwick book presentation by Harold Wolfson - Sunday, Feb. 7th at 3 pm (Zoom):
 Wolfson, a long-time Warwick resident, is the author most recently of "A Town Time Passed By: Warwick Massachusetts". His book was recently featured in the *Recorder*, and copies are available at the Library. Contact the Library to register by noon on Saturday, Feb. 6th to register and receive the Zoom link.

Scholarships List: Check out this great list of scholarships online at it. <https://www.mometrix.com/blog/scholarships-for-college/>. It's organized by popularity in web searches and contains a huge list in one location! The site also includes accessibility features. (Thanks to Amber Morrison)

Poets Seat Poetry Contest: Sponsored by the Friends of the Greenfield Public Library (FGPL), the contest is open to Franklin County residents and to students (ages 12 to 18) attending Franklin County schools. There are two categories: adults and youth (ages 2-14 and ages 15-18). Contest guidelines are detailed in the attached documents. The submission period is now open and will close on March 17. For details/guidelines, contact FGPL at info@friendsofgpl.org.

Chromebook laptops to borrow: The Town has acquired new computers to lend to students and people working at home. Warwick Broadband will support the devices. Contact the Library to borrow one.

State funding for libraries: Governor Baker signed the FY 2021 budget, vetoing some spending in the budget approved by the legislature, including funding in four MBLC lines. The Governor's vetoes were overridden by the House and Senate, restoring funding to the MBLC budget lines to the highest level in nearly two decades.

First crossword puzzle: On Dec. 21, 1913, the very first crossword puzzle appeared in a newspaper. It was the invention of a journalist named Arthur Wynne, who worked for *The New York World*. He called it a "Word-Cross," but the typesetter made a mistake and called it a "Cross-Word" and the name stuck. Early on, the editors found it difficult to avoid making errors in the puzzles, so they decided to drop it. Hundreds of addicted readers wrote in to protest, so it was reinstated after one week. A worldwide crossword puzzle craze followed publication of the first crossword puzzle book by Simon & Schuster in 1924 (their very first book - they took a chance!). (From *The Writer's Almanac*)

B o a r d o f H e a l t h

If anyone has any questions, please call Helen Whipple at 978-544-6838, Don Matthews at 978-544-3595, or Nancy Lyman at 978-544-8229. Winter Meetings are February 17 and March 17. The clerk is available from 1-4 on Mondays of meeting weeks.

Review

Kulick's Supermarket
Warwick Road (Rt 78)
Winchester, NH
603-239-4843

I am trying to think of different places to go to during the pandemic and thought of this place which is close and convenient. I have gotten their grinders on Tuesday's and that is a great deal. They use to be \$3.99 but recently went up to \$4.99 which is still a great deal. Only thing now, you have to call in your order; they use to set up the deli counter in the middle of the veggies. You get to pick a type of grinder roll (wheat or white) or a Wrap. Then you pick your meat (turkey, ham, roast beef, or Italian), then your toppings and you can have as many as you want. The grinder is enough for 2 meals for the average person. So plan accordingly. And you get a bag of chips and soda for the real deal.

I've also gotten the pizzas on Friday. Which I guess is in addition to the Pork Roast dinner. They make medium sized pizzas with one or two toppings and they used to be 2 for \$7. If you want pizza for a Saturday, go early and they are stacked on a cart at front for 2 for \$7 and one day, the cashier said "you want a soda go to with it" so they had Pepsi quarts. You bring them home and bake yourself.

I know people who go out of their way to get their Lasagna dinners. I have yet had a chance to try it but everyone I know, loves it.

Below is the menu for the week:

MON. BBQ CHICKEN - baked potato, vegetable \$5.99
TUES. GRINDERS - Call before 5pm for pick up \$4.99
WED. STUFFED CHICKEN - mashed potato, gravy, veg. \$7.99
THUR. MOZZARELLA CHICKEN - spaghetti, garlic bread \$7.99
FRI. PORK ROAST - mashed potato, gravy, veg. \$7.99
SAT. LASAGNA - with rolls \$7.99

During the pandemic, it's nice to have a place close by. Bon Appetite
Gloria Varno

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

***** ALL EVENTS ARE PENDING BASED ON THE CORONAVIRUS GUIDELINES*****

- February 2, 2021 Women's Guild monthly meeting will be held at 1 PM in the school gym, using the coronavirus guidelines, no more than 25 people, and 6 ft. apart and wearing a mask. Our presenter will be Beth Gilgun who will discuss Women's clothing in the 1750's. She will be displaying reproduction garments on a mannequin during the discussion.
- March 2, 2021 Women's Guild monthly meeting will be held at 1 PM in the school gym, using the coronavirus guidelines, no more than 25 people, and 6 ft. apart and wearing a mask. Think of some games we could play or stories we could tell. We can discuss some ideas at the February meeting. No speaker presentations this month.

*** Everyone, please stay safe and healthy ***

Warwick Council on Aging

Foot Clinic

February 12, 2021 March 12, 2021 April 9, 2021

At the Metcalf Chapel at 8 a.m.



Warwick School Renewal News - February 2021

The Warwick Education Committee has been busy with the school re-design planning. Some highlights:

- * Work on the Outdoor Pavilion and Amphitheater has progressed.
Warwick Education Committee (WEC) members met with the Police and Fire Chiefs and Selectboard members presenting a proposed location, on the right side of the school, at the north end of the existing playground. The Selectboard approved the location, which has visibility from the driveway and basketball court. The trapezoid-shaped pavilion would be 40' on the front side, facing a grassy apron and sloped hillside seating. The sides would be 30' and the back 20'. The structure will fit a classroom of 16-20 socially-distanced students, but also provide for a community performance center.
WEC members have been meeting with an architect from town who has donated their services, reviewing and refining structural drawings.
An extensive capital grant application was completed by WEC members for the Massachusetts Cultural Council; grant & foundation funding work continues.
A December fund appeal raised and over \$3800, see more info below.
- * The Education Committee developed an administrative proposal for the School Committee which will oversee the running of the school. The Selectboard approved the plan which specifies: a) the election of committee members at the May 2021 annual election, b) the first election of School Committee members would represent a slate of members of individuals involved in the re-design process, c) the committee shall initially consist of **nine** members to provide for the work needed for start-up, with the number of members be phased down to **five** members over the course of the first few years, d) the School Committee establish three standing sub-committees and e) a governance advisory committee be set-up to support the work of the School Committee.
- * The town trails group has shifted its focus to the 25-acre campus of the Warwick Community School (WCS). They have begun verifying boundaries and studying options for trails to natural features like the Lily Pond plus connections to nearby trails.
- * Selectboard member Brian Snell has been working with an Antioch New England University professor regarding setting up educational summer programs at WCS and long-term development of place-based and nature-based curriculum at our school.
- * Town officials continue to make meet and progress with Pioneer Valley Regional School District officials regarding a tuition agreement whereby Warwick students in grades 7-12 continue to attend the Pioneer junior & senior high school.

Interested in supporting the pavilion project?

Make checks payable to: Town of Warwick - Pavilion

Mail to: Town of Warwick, Pavilion Project 41 Winchester Rd, Warwick, MA 01378

For more info/questions: contact Adam Holloway: 978-501-0609 or Tom Wyatt 413-768-8641 or email: school-redesign@town.warwick.ma.us

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FEBRUARY 2021

Dear Friends,

Brian McLaren is an author and theologian who uses the term “framing stories” to describe the basis for our outlook on life. He is convinced that the world’s current framing story of political, economic and military domination is failing us and our inability to respond in any positive fashion to the growing existential crises facing humanity gives ample evidence of this failure.

“If it [our framing story] tells us that the purpose of life is for individuals or nations to accumulate an abundance of possessions and to experience the maximum amount of pleasure during the maximum number of minutes of our short lives, then we will have little reason to manage our consumption. If our framing story tells us we are in life-and-death competition with each other...then we will have little reason to seek reconciliation and collaboration and nonviolent resolutions to our conflicts...

But, if our framing story tells us that we are free and responsible creatures in a creation made by a good, wise and loving God, and that our creator wants us to pursue virtue, peace and mutual care for one another and all living creatures and that our lives can have profound meaning if we align ourselves with God’s wisdom, character and dreams for us...then our society will take a radically different direction, and our world will become a very different place.”

For the first three centuries after Jesus, the framing story for Christians was all about “aligning with God’s wisdom, character and dreams”. This was a threat to the Roman Empire and the followers of this new sect were mercilessly pursued, persecuted, tortured and executed. Then, in 312 CE, the Roman Emperor Constantine co-opted the Christian religion by making it the state religion and much of its Western hierarchy has been aligned with the culture of Empire ever since. In the name of Christianity, the western hemisphere was colonized, African and indigenous populations were enslaved and the resources of the “New World” were extracted and sent back to the powers of Europe. In North America, the white colonists rebelled against this usurpation for the benefit of distant empires, but the framing story remained the same; and it continues to this day with people of color, indigenous and poor populations remaining disenfranchised, displaced or have waste dumped into their communities.

The original framing story, contained in the very first chapters of the Bible, in which God declares creation to be “good”, and humans, created in the image and likeness of God, carrying within them the breath of God, are set to be caretakers of this very good creation.

McLaren asserts that, *“[Genesis and the Gospel of John] dare us to believe that the universe runs by the logic of creativity, goodness and love. The universe is God’s creative project, filled with beauty, opportunity, challenge, and meaning. It runs on the meaning or pattern we see embodied in the life of Jesus. In this story, pregnancy abounds. Newness multiplies. Freedom grows. Meaning expands. Wisdom flows. Healing happens. Goodness runs wild.”*

Pope Francis has recently stated that *“Looking to the common good is much more than the sum of what is good for individuals. It means having a regard for all citizens and seeking to respond effectively to the needs of the least fortunate... [Healthcare workers] are the saints next door, who have awoken something important in our hearts, ... They are the antibodies to the **virus of indifference**. They remind us that our lives are a gift and we grow by giving of ourselves: not preserving ourselves but losing ourselves in service.”*

As we enter Black History month and the beginning of a new administration in Washington, we would do well to look at our history, to discern what “framing story” is revealed there. We can change course if we want to. It will take time and work, but we can become better than we have been.

In hopeful faith, *Dan*

UP COMING EVENTS

“SOUPER BOWL” SUNDAY FEB 7 Most of the fund-raising events of the year have been cancelled due to Covid, but this is something we can do while well distanced from each other, and it is very much needed. We will again be collecting donations for the Orange Food Pantry and the Western MA Food Bank, both monetary donations and non-perishable 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 TCCW with “Souper Bowl” on the message line. Now that the Patriots aren’t playing in the off season, maybe what you would have spent on watch parties could be donated to the “Souper Bowl”. We will be collecting donations for the week leading up to Feb 7 & the week following.

PIZZA NIGHT Will be postponed! This is the one fund-raiser specifically for funding the Mission Committee’s work in the community and the world. AND it is a fund-raiser, so we hope to be able to do it in some form later in the year.

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP Starts **ASH WEDNESDAY Feb 17 6-7 PM**

We will start each week with a video followed by a discussion session. This will be a hybrid session; those who want to join in person at the Chapel (masked and distanced) will share the ZOOM conference with those at home via the large screen.

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 *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.*

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.*

FREE FOOD FRIDAYS **11 AM @ the school** Thanks to Cliff Fournier, Zac Marti, Brian Snell and many others, we have free food to give to those in the surrounding community who could use help stretching their food budget. Come check us out.

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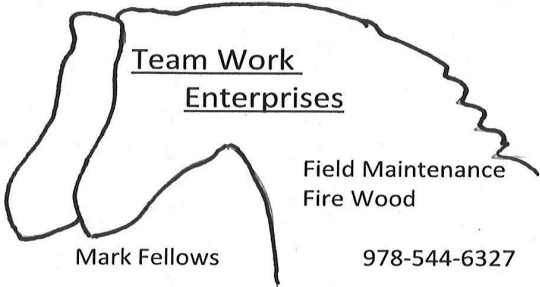
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