

MARCH 2016

# Warwick Community Newsletter

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

All articles, ads and correspondence may be emailed to warwicknewsletter01378@gmail.com or left at the Library book/drop-box or the envelope just outside the kitchen on the first floor of the Metcalf Chapel by the 20th of the month before the article will run. Flyers for town events must be 1/2 page or less. If a full page event for news flyer is desired, the organization may print the flyer themselves for insertion (call Nancy Hickler at the Library for the number of copies required—544-7866) or email Andrea Woods, editor, if the information cannot be fit to 1/2 page and a waiver is desired. The price of advertising has not changed. Business card size ads are \$7/month or \$70/year. We no longer have room for Double size business cards. All material may be edited for length, ink intensiveness, or content and may not be anonymous. Some logs and minutes provided may only be available on the Warwick Website at [www.warwickma.org](http://www.warwickma.org) due to space limitations.

### PHONE DIRECTORY

<b>Emergency</b>	<b>911</b>
	9 7 8 - 5 4 4 -
Selectboard	6315
Treasurer/Collector	3845
Highway	6349
Library	7866
Fire Station	3314
Animal Control	3402
Animal Contr.Pager	217-2681
Clerk/Assessors	8304
Bd of Health	6315
Community School	6310
Fire Dept Business	2277
Police Dept Business	2244
Building Inspector	2236
FAX all depts.	6499
<b>Burn Permits</b>	<b>413-625-8200</b>

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please make your check out to WCN  
and mail it to 32 Athol Road, Warwick, MA  
01378

### PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

MARCH 1, 2016

POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 7:00 AM TO 8:00 PM  
AT THE TOWN HALL

This is a note from Nadia Marti, a Warwick resident in her final semester at Warren Wilson College in Asheville, North Carolina:

"I started training this week at the Swannanoa Fire Department for the NWCG (National Wildfire Coordinating Group) Wildland Firefighter certification. It feels so good to be involved with a fire department again, and I am incredibly excited at the opportunities I will have after I complete this program; I will be a member of the Buncombe County Fire Crew, here in North Carolina, but will be able to work for the US Forest Service, or Fisheries and Wildlife, for example. I am super grateful to the Warwick Fire Department for taking me on as a Junior almost seven years ago, and helping me realize how much I enjoy the world of firefighting and EMS!"

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

The Guild will meet on Tuesday, March 8 at 1:00 pm in the basement of the Town Hall. Note that this varies from the regular schedule of meeting on the first Tuesday of the month, due to the March 1 presidential primary.

On Tuesday, March 1 the Guild will be selling coffee and donuts at the Town Hall beginning when the polls open at 7:00 am. Later in the day you can buy baked beans, minestrone soup (both vegetarian and non-vegetarian), and corn bread or muffins to take home for lunch or dinner! As always, proceeds from this Guild fundraiser will benefit the Warwick community and we thank you for your patronage.

## P U B L I C L I B R A R Y

On March 6, 2016 the Library will be hosting Nick and Margot Fleck with a poetry reading, art display and refreshments. This will be a delightful program so please attend on Sunday afternoon, March 6th at 2:00 PM. This program is co-sponsored by the Arts Council and Mount Grace Land Trust.

April will also see more poetry at the Library - date to be announced. New books include: *After Birth* by Albert, *The Heart Goes Last* by Atwood, *The Road to Little Dribbling* by Bryson, *Morning Star* by Brown. New DVDs: *Bridge of Spies*, *Love Story*, *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, *The Graduate*. We have lots of items to borrow - Infra-red Camera, Ukuleles, Kill-a-Watt Meter, instruction booklets for tax time and tax forms to download and print out and passes to various museums.

[www.warwickma.org](http://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 Webmaster at [elemon@tiac.net](mailto:elemon@tiac.net).

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

The Warwick Historical Society will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16 at the Town Hall. Everyone is most welcome as we work on preserving the history of this community.

## WARWICKIANS ON-LINE - How to subscribe

If you can send and receive e-mail, you can sign up for Warwick-List, 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 [warwick-list-request@freelists.org](mailto:warwick-list-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 list owner, will approve it, and you'll start receiving list mail. Also, you will automatically get the Community Newsletter by e-mail.

## T H E G A T H E R I N G P L A C E

The Gathering Place menu is available each week on the L, Warwick Web and TCC Facebook page. Thank you all for your ongoing support. Gatherings are held every Friday in the Warwick Town Hall Dinning Room, from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Coffee for \$1.00 ready at 10:00 AM, cup of Soup for \$3.50, ½ Sandwich for \$2.00. Have both (Cup and a half) for \$4.50 starting at 11:30 AM. Desserts anytime. Need lunch to go, bring a container for soup a we'll pack lunch for you. Everyone is welcome. The first gathering was held 07 February 2013, come help us celebrate the third anniversary.

Tracy Gaudet, Outreach Coordinator for Orange COA and Shine Counselor, (Serving Health Insurance Needs for Everyone), is attempting to be more available to Warwick Residents. Tracy will be at the Gathering on Fri., 11 & 25 March 2016 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Stop by and put her to work for you. 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](mailto:tgaudet@townoforange.org), she will be bring application forms for various programs.

## A N I M A L C O N T R O L O F F I C E R

**2016 RABIES CLINIC:** Saturday, March 12 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Fire Station. *As long as you are in line by 11 a.m. your pet will be vaccinated!*

Rabies vaccinations are \$15.00. If you have proof of your pet's current rabies vaccination, the shot will be good for three years. If you have no proof of vaccination or this is the pet's first rabies shot, then it will be good for one year. Please note for those that can't find proof of rabies vaccination before the clinic but do so after, you can contact Gardner Animal Care Center directly and they will adjust the expiration date accordingly.

Dogs must be on leash and cats must be in carriers. Services once again will be provided by Brian Hurley, D.V.M. and staff from Gardner Animal Care Center.

\*\* 2016 Warwick dog licenses will be available at the clinic. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required to obtain a dog license. \*\* Please remember that the 2015 dog licenses expire March 31st!

## GREEN CORNER

### WHAT DOES THE TERM "SEALING AND INSULATION" MEAN?

When contractors talk to homeowners they often use the term "Sealing and Insulation," but what do those terms actually mean? Do they really mean the same thing? The answer is simple. They do not mean the same thing. "Sealing is quite different than "Insulating."

"Sealing" means plugging up air leaks. "Insulating" means preventing heat flows from one side of a surface to the other. It sounds complicated but these are concepts we all understand and use every day. Let's use an example. Think of a person going out to their mail box on a windy winter day. The house is chilly so they are wearing a toasty warm, bulky sweater. As they walk out to the mail box the wind drives through the bulky knit sweater as if it wasn't there and chills this person to the bone. They should have put on a wind breaker jacket before going outside. We all know this and buy winter jackets that stop the wind as well as insulate the body. The closely woven outer fabric stops the wind (and often water) while the inner layer of the jacket consist of a fabric that insulates. The outer layer of the jacket "seals" out the wind while the inner layer "insulates."

The same things happen in a house. Some houses are neither insulated nor sealed and it takes a lot of fuel to keep them warm. What do I mean by "sealing" a house, and is it important? It is important. Just as you zip up (seal) your jacket on a cold, blowy day, you should zip up (seal) your house. In some cases, sealing is more important that insulating your house, and many steps toward a good seal are inexpensive. You can tell if your house is poorly sealed. It is poorly sealed if there are cold drafts on windy days. It is poorly sealed if it is very dry in the house. Just as you are cooler on a warm, dry summer day with a slight wind blowing than on a hot, muggy summer day with no wind, you are cooler when air leaks reduce the humidity in your house (dry) and the draft you feel is the same as a cool summer breeze. It is costing you money to heat the air that is leaking out, and you feel colder.

In sealing, it is the little things that count. Like zipping up your jacket, it is not a big deal, but makes a big difference in your comfort. What can you do? The suggestions I will make are easy and the supplies are available at local hardware stores. Install gaskets on all light switches and receptacles on outer walls (an easy one screw job). Install gaskets on all doors leading outside to seal the crack. Using spray foam, seal where the electric power wire comes into the house, where TV and other wires leave the house, where the pipes and wires go into the attic. Seal the door or hatch leading to the attic. Using ribbon caulk or removable caulk (such as Zip Strip) seal the crack around the windows (be sure and use removable caulk if you will be opening the windows in summer). Move to the basement and seal with caulk or spray foam any cracks in the foundation that let air in. If you have a bulkhead entry way, you really should build a door in the basement to seal it. That will make a huge difference, but may be a larger project than you can easily handle.

-Warwick Building and Energy Committee

-Kindly submitted by Ted Cady

### Welcome to the Solarize initiative!

Warwick and Northfield together are applying to become "Solarize Mass" communities. This program pulls together homeowners interested in photovoltaic solar (PV) systems and can help lower installation prices for participants. Coupled with the new solar loans recently rolled out, the stars appear to be well aligned to own your own PV system.

Through the Mass Solar Loan Program, participating lenders offer low-interest loans for Massachusetts residents and property owners, including renters and those with moderate incomes or low credit scores. This includes a 20 - 30% buy-down of the principal if the household income is under \$80,000.

For more information you can visit:

<http://www.masscec.com/get-clean-energy/residential/solarize-mass> or

<http://www.masssolarloan.com/loan-support-incentives>

Janice Kurkoski, on behalf of the Buildings and Energy Committee

Thursday night pizza is back at  
the **Copper Angel** 5-8pm.

Place your orders  
at 544-1932.

Breads available Thursdays too!

Get Moving! at Town Hall, Sponsored  
by the Recreation Committee

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

## Traditional St. Patrick's Day Dinner



Saturday, March 19, 2015

6pm

Warwick Town Hall

Menu: Corned Beef and Cabbage, Carrots, Potatoes, Coffee/Beverages and Homemade Dessert

*\*\*Take out meals available- Bring your own container(s)*

Adults \$10.50

Children 12 and under \$5.50

Under 3 Free

Proceeds Benefit Trinitarian Congregational Church of Warwick

AND THEN STICK AROUND FOR.....

### Wooden Fender Presents



**rice - An American Band**



**7:00pm Saturday March 19, 2016 at the Warwick Town Hall**

**rice - An American Band** featuring Warwick's own Eric Engman on bass, and Phil Simon on guitar and vocals, will be joined by Rory Walsh on drums, Brian DiMartino on guitar, Courtney Parker on vocals, and Joshua Leach on guitar. These well-seasoned musicians will perform classic rock covers and original tunes influenced by the Flaming Lips, the Dave Matthews Band, the Grateful Dead, Woodbox Gang, Stevie Ray Vaughn, Frank Zappa, Fleetwood Mac, among others. Come and stir-fry your blues away!

**Shine your shoes. Light your fuse. Yes, you can lose them ol' winter blues!**

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

# RABIES CLINIC

Saturday, March 12

10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Warwick Fire Station

*If you are in line at 11 a.m. your pet will be vaccinated!*

Rabies Vaccination

\$15.00

**\* DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH \*\* CATS MUST BE IN CARRIERS \***

2016 Dog Licenses will be available as well. 2015 licenses expire March 31<sup>st</sup>

Further Information: Rosa Fratangelo 978-544-3402 animalcontrol@town.warwick.ma.us

**PLEASE Bring a Can or Bag of Pet Food for the Inmates of DOGGIE JAIL Thank**

## WARWICK COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENTS – MARCH 2016

### Wooden Fender Concert Series

A fine time was had by all at Wooden Fender's annual Blues Night. Rick King and his highly talented cohorts in Blue Rendezvous fired up the crowd at Town Hall and had friends and neighbors on the dance floor all evening. The band was joined on a few songs by our own Michael Humphries playing smokin' harmonica and George Roaf playing some tasty blues riffs on acoustic guitar. Many thanks to Blue Rendezvous and **Michael Humphries Woodworking** for helping us stage our best Blues Night yet! We still have two more great shows in our winter series that are guaranteed to get you on the dance floor and chase away the winter chill. As usual, they're coupled with some delicious comfort food and together they provide the finest dining and dancing that Franklin County has to offer.

### Mark your calendars:

March 19: **riCE** - An American Band, Trinitarian Congregational Church St. Patrick's Day Dinner

April 16: Shokazoba, Moore's Pond Beach Committee Lasagna Dinner

### Dinner and Concert – Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, Warwick Town Hall

Wooden Fender is pleased to present **riCE – An American Band**. This band was born in the summer of 2014 when a few friends got together for an informal jam and liked the results. Warwick's own Eric Engman on bass, and Phil Simon on guitar and vocals, will be joined by Rory Walsh on drums, Brian DiMartino on guitar, Courtney Parker on vocals, and Joshua Leach on guitar. These well-seasoned musicians will perform in a variety of styles from classic American rock to twangy Americana with some jam band in between. Rice will ramble from classic covers to lots of original songs written by Phil Simon over the last 30 years and reflecting influences ranging from the Flaming Lips, the Dave Matthews Band, the Grateful Dead, Woodbox Gang, Stevie Ray Vaughn, Frank Zappa, Fleetwood Mac, and many others.

In addition to **riCE**, Engman plays in **Mr. Noizy and the Sparkplugs**, Parker and DiMartino perform in **Llama Lasagne**, Walsh has appeared with **Don Cherry** and **Freddy Hubbard**. Simon is the founder of Warwick's **Old 78 Farm Fall Festival**, now in its 6<sup>th</sup> year.

Check out the band at <https://www.facebook.com/riceanamericanband/> and [www.simonsaysbooking.com](http://www.simonsaysbooking.com)



At 6:00 PM the Trinitarian Congregational Church will be serving their famous **St. Patrick's Day Dinner**.

At 7:00 PM the concert starts in the main hall. Donations are gratefully accepted at the door to help pay the band and 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.

**Warwick Arts Council News** - The Warwick Arts Council and Mt. Grace Land Conservation Trust are pleased to present: **Poetry By Nick & Margot Fleck** on **Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the Warwick Free Public Library**. Please join us for a special reading by this husband and wife duo from Northfield. Nick's new poetry book, "Natural Sustenance", will be available. In addition, artwork by Margot Fleck will be on display at the Library. This is a FREE event and refreshments will be provided.

Nick Fleck taught poetry and literature at Northfield Mt. Hermon School for over 25 years; his new book includes poetry from over 50 years of writing. Good poetry craft can enhance the quality of feelings in a poem, according to Fleck. His work covers the gamut from deeply emotional topics to descriptive and lighter reads including challenging rhyme schemes.

Margot Fleck also has a long history of poetry writing as well as visual art creation. Several of her drawings will be on exhibit at the Library. A Chekhov quote "...art exists to prepare us for tenderness..." provides the essential gist for her work. Margot's website <http://www.margotwfleck.com/> showcases many examples of her poetry plus drawings & collage. She describes some of her intentions as follows: "to bridge gaps, to reach others", "to detach, to yield to the process of becoming" and "seek essence in an individual" when representing human images.

**LifePath (Franklin County Home Care Name Change)** - Franklin County Home Care Corporation (FCHCC) has changed its name to LifePath, Inc.

The services LifePath provides will not change in any way, and the physical address (330 Montague City Road) and phone numbers ([413-773-5555](tel:413-773-5555) and [978-544-2259](tel:978-544-2259)) will stay the same. LifePath's voicemail will switch to the new name as of March 1, as well as email and website, which will be [info@LifePathMA.org](mailto:info@LifePathMA.org) and [www.LifePathMA.org](http://www.LifePathMA.org). After March 1, all correspondence will be sent from LifePath, Inc.

"We will continue to serve the community in the same way," says Roseann Martocchia, Executive Director of LifePath. "Please do not hesitate to contact our staff if you have any questions."

LifePath will continue to listen first and then help each person find the best options for their unique needs. LifePath will help elders and persons with disabilities maintain independence and quality of life in their own homes and communities, busy caregivers to find relief, and loved ones to choose the right path. As they have been for over 40 years, they'll be there offering options for independence.

**St. Patrick's Church Dinner** - The church will be holding a dinner on **Wednesday, March 16, at 6:00 p.m.**

The menu includes corned beef and cabbage, salad and dessert. Adults are \$10.00 and children under 12 are \$5.00. Reservations are recommended by calling 413-498-2728.

**CREATE A NEEDLE FELTED OWL**

Pin or Ornament

LEARN TO NEEDLE FELT

**3 HOUR WORKSHOP, 6 to 9 PM**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9TH**

**WARWICK TOWN HALL**

Sign-Up Sheet at Warwick Library

Limit 20 Participants

This Workshop is an easy project for beginners. Using a Felting Needle and pre-dyed merino wool participants will create a felted Owl pin or ornament.

Learn Needle Felting techniques to create a unique one of a kind Owl to take home.

Delight yourself, your family and friends with your colorful creation.

*Novice & experienced welcomed* **Adult or mature teens only** (Sharp needle used in creative process)

**Instructor Nicol Wander MFA**

[www.wanderfulcreations.com](http://www.wanderfulcreations.com)

This program is supported by a grant from the **WARWICK CULTURAL COUNCIL** a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.



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

March 2016

Dear Friends,

After more than a thousand years of vitriolic animosity, leaders of the Roman Catholic Church and the Russian Orthodox Church have met and talked and signed an agreement. I may be a Protestant Christian, but I have little to protest about Pope Francis. He has brought a strong dose of humility to an institution that had accumulated a lot of the trappings of worldly power and legalistic ossification. Francis can be generous in his forgiveness because he is bold and humble enough to ask for forgiveness, for both his institution and himself. While many who claim the title of "Christian" have gladly enlisted in the "Culture Wars" in a "take no prisoners", "death to the infidels" mode, this Pope embodies the proclamation Jesus made for his own ministry; *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."* (Luke 4: 18-19). Central to that proclamation is the principle of forgiveness and central to forgiveness is humility, not a concept held in high regard by our society which promotes individual celebrity and then devours the "fallen hero". The persona Pope Francis projects is not the authority figure who proclaims what is right so much as one who invites others to "come let us reason together" to find a way to embody compassion and peaceful coexistence in a world torn apart by fear, hatred and greed.

While most observant Christians think of Lent as a time of "fasting", giving up some habit or behavior, Pope Francis advocates taking on a new habit; that of being aware of our own privilege, being compassionate and forgiving, considerate of others, or, as the Buddhist tradition teaches it, "living consciously". *"Is not this the fast I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not hide yourself from your own kin?"* (Isaiah 58: 6-7)

Oh but what a hypocrite I am to even suggest this as a viable option for life in this world we live in. I occasionally help at the food pantry, but it's not MY bread I am sharing. I give clothing to the Salvation Army or take them to the emergency shelter, but it's what I no longer need. I give money and have worked with Habitat for Humanity, but don't take the homeless into MY house. I advocate for justice for the poor and the marginalized, but I don't give away all I have in the way of possessions and privilege, I share out of my excess. So what right do I have to "preach" to you or anybody about how to live?

None! All I can do is hold up others who are living more closely to the ideals I say I hold dear as alternatives to the Donald Trumps, "IS" and other terrorists who are ripping apart this beautiful world, and then try to move in the direction of living a more compassionate, more loving, more conscious life myself. This is a life-long journey, but worth the effort for myself and for our children and grandchildren. I know it isn't going to be easy and I know I will fall flat on my face at times, but I'm hopeful that some of you will hold me accountable and then help me up when I fall down.

In Faith,  
Dan

### **ON-GOING**

**BEDDING AND BLANKET DRIVE** Each year at this time, we collect warm blankets and clean sheets and pillowcases for the Franklin Area Emergency Shelter in Greenfield. Drop off useable, clean items in the front hall of the Chapel and we will get them to the shelter. Warm outdoor clothing is also needed.

### **SENIOR MEAL NOTICE-FUEL ASSISTANCE**

On Tuesday, **MARCH 22**, a representative from Community Action will come to the Town Hall from 10 AM through the Senior Meal to talk with anyone about Fuel Assistance. You don't have to be a Senior and you don't have to come for the meal, but we would welcome you to both.

-Dan

**NEWS & TIDINGS from  
WARWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL**  
*Elizabeth Musgrave, Principal*  
March 2016

**WARWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL COUNCIL:** School Council brings school staff, parents, and community stakeholders together to work for the continuous improvement of our school. Among other topics, this year our Council is considering the use and development of our new greenhouse and gardens, as an outdoor learning center. Please call Trish in the school office (978-544-9786) if you wish to attend. School Council meetings are open to the public; you are most welcome to join us on at 3:15p.m. on Mar 24, Apr 28 and May 19 in WCS Library.

**THE 2016 READ-A-THON HAS BEGUN!**

During the 8 weeks between the February and April school vacations, WCS holds an all school read-a-thon to raise money for a charity selected by our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Students log their at-home and in-school reading and earn pennies (provided by their teacher) for each chapter, picture book, or magazine article read! This year, all pennies earned will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Boston.

**FREE PLAYGROUP** for young children, birth to age 5, and their caregivers, Wednesday's 9:15 to 11:00 a.m., WCS Gym. Play, activities and story time. The playgroup follows the school calendar. Sponsored by the PVRSD CFCE, for more information contact Deb Wood @413-498-2660 or woodd@pioneervalley.k12.ma.us.

**STELLALUNA LITERACY EVENING** A very special event for early readers, ages 4-8, will take place 6-7 p.m. on March 10 at Warwick Community School. Children will share favorite stories, including *Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon, and build a bird house to bring home.





**A N N U A L T O W N M E E T I N G**  
**E L E C T I O N D A Y : M O N D A Y , M A Y 1 6 , 2 0 1 6**

**Polls Open: 12 noon – 7 p.m.**

Last Day to Obtain Nomination Papers: **Thursday, March 24, 2016**

Last Day to Submit Nomination Papers for Certification: **Monday, March 28, 2016**

Last Day to Object or Withdraw: **Wednesday, April 13, 2016**

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

**Tuesday, April 12, 2016**

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

Office and Length of Term

Incumbent

SELECTMAN	3 years	Dawn Magi
ASSESSOR	3 years	Beth Gilgun
BOARD of HEALTH	3 years	Lucinda Seago
CONSTABLE	3 years	A. George Day, Jr.
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER	3 years	George Roaf
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 years	D. Clare Green
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 years	Gregg Stone
TRANSFER STATION COMMISSIONER	3 years	Michael Mankowsky
TRANSFER STATION COMMISSIONER	2 years	Todd Dexter

*(appointed to fill term until May 16, 2016)*

**R E S T A U R A N T R E V I E W**

Metcalfe Chapel Dinner  
 Warwick Town Hall  
 March 2016

I usually review places after I have been there. However, this month I decided to review before I go.

Why you ask? So it will be fresh in your minds. If I was to review the Metcalfe Chapel's St Patrick's Day Dinner in March after I went, you would have to wait a year before attending again and you would forget, right?

So, since I have been going since I moved up here a few years back, I can honestly say it is the best corned beef dinner around.

The waiters and waitresses hustle to make sure all the family style dishes are hot and filled as many times as you wish. They serve extra tender corned beef (melts in your mouth), potatoes, cabbage, and I believe carrots or cole slaw. The pies are superb. My personal favorite is the chocolate cream.

So watch for the date of the dinner, which I believe is Saturday, March 19, 2016 and come enjoy the food, friendly neighborhood folks, and probably some entertainment after. You won't be disappointed.

Bon Appetite.

WARWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT			Daily Activity Log	JANUARY 2016
<u>DATE:</u>	<u>TIME:</u>	<u>LOCATION:</u>	<u>TYPE OF CALL</u>	
1/1/2016	1357	Wendell Road	Caller reporting past breaking and entering. Investigation opened.	
1/2/2016	0810	Orange Road	Motor vehicle crash.	
	1207	Wilson Road	Officer wanted. Caller reports that known parties are stealing wood from his lot.	
1/5/2016	1827	Orange Road	Medical call.	
	1918	Orange Road	Investigation – motor vehicle crash.	
	1940	Orange Road	Motor vehicle complaint – caller reports farm tractor driving without lights and was almost struck. Gone upon Officer's arrival.	
1/6/2016				
	1730	Orange Road	MVS – Citation / Warning issued.	
1/7/2016				
	1211	Orange Road	MVS – Citation / Warning issued.	
	1242	Athol Road	MVS – Citation / Warning issued.	
	1250	Orange Road	MVS – Citation / Warning issued.	
	1426	Allen Road	Officer out investigating illegal dumping.	
	1438	Hastings Heights Road	Follow up investigation.	
1/8/2016	1018	Winchester Road	MVS – Citation / Warning issued.	
	1127	Northfield Road	Officer wanted.	
	2113	Orange Road	Welfare check requested for party walking and swearing loudly.	
1/10/2016	1556	Robbins Road	Abandoned 911 call. Determined to be phone line issues.	
1/11/2016	1502	Winchester Road	Medical call.	
1/13/2016	1201	Royalston	Assist other agency.	
1/15/2016	1517	Winchester Road	Medical call.	
1/16/2016	1335	Shepardson Road	Tree on wires and smoking. Stood by with FD until arrival of National Grid.	
	1911	Orange Road	Alarm call.	
	2058	Winchester Road	Alarm call.	
1/17/2016	1959	Chestnut Hill Road	Suspicious vehicle reported. GOA.	
1/19/2016	0939	Bass Road	Suspicious vehicle. Found unregistered camper trailer off M&M trail, signs of occupancy. Investigation opened.	
	1140	Orange Road	MVS – Citation / Warning issued.	
	1504	Chestnut Hill Road	Animal complaint – caller reports deer carcass next to his property.	
	1904	Bass Road	Follow up investigation.	
	2244	Bass Road	Officer wanted.	
01/20/16	2214	Bass Road	Follow up investigation.	
01/21/16	0002	Bass Road	Suspicious vehicle investigated.	
	0856	Bass Road	Follow up investigation.	
	1054	Winchester Road	MVS – Citation / Warning issued.	
	1146	Bass Road	Follow up investigation.	
	1403	Wendell Road	Motor vehicle crash.	

## Police Log Continued

01/21/16	1541	Orange Road	Animal complaint – caller reports horse running in roadway.
	1920	Orange Road	Report of brush fire.
	2115	Winchester Road	Alarm call.
01/22/16	0035	Winchester Road	Alarm call.
01/25/16	0940	Kirk Road	Medical call.

**TOWN COORDINATOR'S REPORT—MARCH 2016— DAVID YOUNG**

The best self-help remedy available for your Warwick wireless broadband connection when it isn't working is to restart your home network devices. That fixes a common network problem with your Internet address. There are two ways to get an Internet address. They are: either configuring a fixed assignment, or a lease. Our system gives you a 48 hour lease. And while it often works to shut everything down at, for example, your power strip, and then turn it all back on at the same time, you won't get lucky every time. You will do more good by doing the dance in a particular order. Shut down your wireless router or home gateway. And shut down your devices. You can do this in any order because at this point it doesn't matter. These are your home network devices. They don't include the radio device we installed because it is a bridge and on a bridge an address conflict does not matter. It is routers, gateways, and end devices that depend on a unique Internet address. Assuming you didn't turn off your "radio" (if you did, turn it back on, wait three minutes, then proceed as follows:) the first thing to do is turn your router or gateway back on. Wait a few minutes while it introduces itself to the Warwick Broadband Network and gets an assignment, which is an IP address lease. Finally, after several minutes, turn on your computer, tablet, phone, connected TV, your devices. They are getting their IP address from your router or gateway and your router or gateway is translating it to our addresses. If that doesn't fix the outage please call us at 413-676-9544. Be sure to leave a message because the call gets turned into an e-mail to all of us who work to keep the system running, and lets us know that you have a problem.

Our new school superintendent at Pioneer Regional, Ruth Miller, and the District's Budget Sub Committee led by Warwick's Martha Morse brought in a budget recommendation for next year with the lowest annual budget growth to date in my eight years working as Town Coordinator. After the annual budget public hearing which was packed with school employees, the full committee did not take their Sub Committee's lead and instead voted a 2.5% increase. Enrollment in our District has fallen by 25% in the past seven years. We are not alone. School age population in Western Mass is in decline while educational spending is not. There will be both a requested and recommended column in the annual budget presented at Town Meeting and you will get to decide. David Shoemaker and I are the other Warwick elected School Committee members and we all three voted for the more modest 1.57% increased budget recommendation.

I've been working on a municipal financial transparency website to help our taxpayers better understand where their money goes, where it comes from, and how we compare with similar communities. The web address is [www.cleargov.com](http://www.cleargov.com) and by clicking on Massachusetts and searching for Warwick you will find our data, which goes as far back as 2011 and will soon include our future recommended budget. I'd like you to look it over and share your take.

One of the costs of Warwick town government services, and one that will be growing significantly unless we decide to make a change, is ambulance service and in particular our subsidy of the Town of the Orange Ambulance service. Currently we make a contribution of about \$8,800 per year, next year it will be \$17,500 and the year after that more than \$24,000. Beyond that the cost to our taxpayers will depend on the number of trips taken to Warwick by Orange Ambulance and how much they collect in insurance payments, plus an assessment for capital replacement. Orange characterizes our payment as an assessment and recently thought to consult with us because they want agreement on more financial support. The subsidy was \$2,000 in the 1980s and has grown since then. The purpose at the start was to help the host town with the cost of replacing ambulance vehicles, though the funding we have provided has, to date, gone into the pot, the town's general fund. This ambulance service is part of the Orange Fire Department. They contend that 61% of Fire Department costs are medical versus fire. I dispute the allocation and as well, the "approved methodology" to charge nearby towns. My objections are from both fairness and from a logical perspective. The agreement with the other towns and Orange is the sausage making of political compromise. Full disclosure: the compromise higher cost won't add a dollar to your tax rate as was reported in the newspaper. It takes \$73,000 of spending to add a dollar to our tax rate. My analysis says we will be subsidizing Orange for what they would be doing anyway and I think we are subsidizing their Fire Department as well. Your Selectboard has asked me to look at our options and while Northfield is probably our next best alternative, I can't yet argue that they would be Orange's equal.

Town Coordinator's Report — continued

In response to the proposed gas pipeline project our Planning Board is proposing a road preservation bylaw so that we can recoup the cost of damage done to our roads by this construction project if it occurs. In addition the Selectboard created a donation account for research and legal action which you may contribute to. Meanwhile the developers have filed with the state Public Utilities Commission seeking permission to survey upon land whose owner have not granted access. My reply is this doesn't make sense since FERC hasn't decided that the pipeline is needed. For a fuller rebuttal see Planning Board Chair Cady's nine pages of hearing testimony which I've posted on [www.blog.town.warwick.ma.us](http://www.blog.town.warwick.ma.us)

The effect of large construction projects on our roads is a big concern. We can't prohibit truck traffic that conforms to and abides by the law or statute no matter how inappropriate it seems to us. That includes the tractor trailers routed over 78 every day unless they exceed the legal length, width, or weight and need a permit. We are seeking approval of our neighboring towns to place signs at either end of Route 78 to inform truckers that Route 78 is not a state highway in Massachusetts and that their state or federal permit for over wide or over weight loads doesn't apply. That way truckers can avoid us and avoid getting to the town line to learn this fact at a point where there is no place to turn a big rig around. 78 is a Town road and they need to call our PD first for permission. I note that any local traffic that has no other option is highly likely to be permitted.

Recently the Governor's office told the state agency dealing with expanding rural broadband (MBI) to hold off spending money that will have to be borrowed. This is a matter of cash flow, and specifically the Baker Administration is trying to conform to the legislature's voted debt ceiling or limit. The Commonwealth spent bond money heavily during the recession which helped kick-start our economy and also has us pressing up against the Legislature's borrowing limit. Some folks will claim this is the result of the tension between WiredWest and MBI over the proposed fiber project. I think not. Moreover, the Town of Warwick itself has two legislative earmarks (designated appropriations) on the dock. One is for our principal highway, Route 78 to improve the "Gulf" and the stream crossing and the other for land protection / acquisition. These projects, we have been informed, face the same timing issues with respect to the level of the State's outstanding debt. I think this means we will have some extra time, past the July 1 deadline, to figure out how we want to accomplish broadband: to answer the question of fiber or wireless.

**Note: Due to space constraints, the Selectboard minutes printed in the Newsletter will only reflect attendance and motions and votes. Full minutes with discussion notes can be found on the Warwick website [www.warwickma.org](http://www.warwickma.org) or from the Town Hall.**

**Town of Warwick Selectboard Minutes January 19, 2016**

Members present: Dawn Magi, Lawrence Pruyne, Nick Arguimbau

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary and Town Clerk Rosa Fratangelo, Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney, Police Chief David Shoemaker, Broadband Committee Chair Tom Wyatt, Lloyd Goodnow, Chris Goodnow, Special Police Officer Bruce Kilhart Jon Calcari, Jared Robinson (*Athol Daily News*), Rachel Rapkin (*Greenfield Recorder*)

Pruyne MOVED to approve the minutes of December 21, 2015 as printed. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Arguimbau MOVED to appoint Miryam Williamson Warwick's representative to the Massachusetts Coalition against the Pipeline. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

**Meeting of January 19, 2016 - continued**

Arguimbau MOVED to repeal the cease and desist order from Town Counsel for “unauthorized vehicles”. Motion FAILED for Lack of Second.

Arguimbau MOVED to set up a Donation Account to fund opposition to the Pipeline to be administered by the Board of Selectmen. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Pruyne MOVED to have Tom Wyatt submit the letter under his signature. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Arguimbau MOVED to deny authority for voiding the contract. Motion FAILED for Lack of Second.

Arguimbau MOVED to add a regional ambulance study to the Massachusetts Community Compact Projects. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

At 8:40 p.m., Pruyne MOVED to adjourn. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

**Town of Warwick Selectboard Minutes February 1, 2016**

Members present: Dawn Magi, Lawrence Pruyne, Nick Arguimbau

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary and Town Clerk Rosa Fratangelo, Fire Chief Ron Gates, Broadband Committee Chair Tom Wyatt, Planning Board Chair Ted Cady, Representative to Massachusetts Coalition Against the Pipeline Miryam Williamson, Steve Ruggiero, Jon Calcari, Jared Robinson (*Athol Daily News*), Rachel Rapkin (*Greenfield Recorder*)

Pruyne MOVED to approve the minutes of December 21, 2015 as printed. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Pruyne MOVED to authorize the Chair of the Board of Selectmen to sign the DEP compliance order. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0

At 7:40 p.m., Arguimbau MOVED to adjourn. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

**Town of Warwick Selectboard Minutes February 9, 2016**

Members present: Dawn Magi, Lawrence Pruyne

Member absent: Nick Arguimbau

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, PVRSD Superintendent Ruth Miller, PVRSD School Committee member Martha Morse, Susan Wright, Steve Ruggiero, Jon Calcari, Rachel Rapkin (*Greenfield Recorder*)

At 7:10 p.m., Pruyne MOVED to adjourn. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

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