

Warwick Community Newsletter

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Selectboard	6315
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Thank You!

RABIES CLINIC 2018: Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the new Fire Station. Rabies vaccinations \$20.00. Services will be provided by Adams Animal Hospital.

Two volunteers are needed to help fill out paperwork. Please contact me at 978-544-3402 or animalcontrol@town.warwick.ma.us to volunteer. You may volunteer for one hour or two, whatever you prefer. If I am unable to get volunteers I will need to fill out paperwork for the vet and therefore will be unable to put on my Town Clerk hat and issue 2018 Dog Licenses at the clinic.....

—Rosa Fratangelo

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

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

A performance of "The Haverston Mills Town Meeting" - A comedy in one act, by Steve Henderson will be hosted by the Warwick Women's Guild and Warwick COA at the Town Hall on 15 Athol Road on March 6, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. A thoroughly fun comedy performance, free and open to the public. This program is supported in part by the Warwick Cultural Council, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

-Martha Morse

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

The Warwick Historical Society will meet on Wednesday, March 21 at 7:00 pm in the basement of the Town Hall. Program arrangements are still pending. Light refreshments will be served and everyone is most welcome to attend!

- Martha Morse

T O W N C L E R K

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

2018 Dog Licenses are available from the Town Clerk. Current licenses expire March 31, 2018; new licenses will expire March 31, 2019.

License Fees: \$10 intact male or female; \$5 spayed or neutered.

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

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

NOMINATION PAPERS MUST BE PICKED UP FROM THE TOWN CLERK BY FRIDAY, MARCH 30th AT 5 p.m. and RETURNED TO THE TOWN CLERK BY TUESDAY, APRIL 3rd at 5 p.m. Please remember candidates must sign their nomination papers where it says "I accept the Nomination"!

** Also, the Sharon L. Matthews who is currently the Tree Warden is married to Donald Matthews.

—Rosa Fratangelo

T H E G A T H E R I N G

The Gathering will return to Warwick Town Hall as a monthly event. It will be the first Friday of each month, 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM. The first one will be Friday, 06 April. There will be Soup, quiche, sandwiches and a variety of desserts. Looking forward to seeing previous attendees and hopefully some new faces as well.

All are welcome.

-Diana Tandy

L I B R A R Y

New books: Beneath the Mountain by D'Andrei, Need to Know by Cleveland, The Grave's a Fine and Private Place by Bradley, House of Unexpected Sisters by McCall-Smith, Sing Unburied Sing by Ward, When: The Scientific Secrets of Perfect Timing by Pink. New Audio Books: Lincoln in the Bardo by Saunders, Robicheaux by Burke. New DVDs: Wonder, Mars (National Geographic) Don't forget the museum passes that we have - Worcester Art Museum, Eric Carle Museum, Clark Museum, Magic Wings all free.

-Nancy Hickler, Director

PART-TIME LIBRARIAN POSITION

The Warwick Free Public Library is seeking a part-time Librarian/Director approx. 22 hours/week, salaried \$20,355/yr. with benefits. 4 year college degree required. Position begins Sept. 2018. Interested applicants will find the application process at: <http://blog.town.warwick.ma.us/warwick-librarian-job-description-2018/> Due by March 22, 2018. Warwick is EOE.

Just a Quick Note from the MOORE'S POND BEACH COMMITTEE.

The Beach Committee will be sponsoring a Lasagna Dinner to support the weekly Water Testing during the Summer Beach Season. Once again, the dinner is in conjunction with a WOODEN FENDER event. **Mark your calendar for SATURDAY, APRIL 21ST. Lasagna Dinner will begin at 6 pm and Music at 7 pm.**

Watch for more information in the April Newsletter.

BULKY WASTE COLLECTION

Please save the dates for these 2018 collection events. Please post these dates on town calendars, in newsletters, on town websites, and anywhere else appropriate. As you may know, residents appreciate these opportunities to get rid of unwanted materials.

Spring "Clean Sweep" Bulky Waste Recycling Day: May 5

Annual Household Hazardous Waste Day: Sept. 22

Fall "Clean Sweep" Bulky Waste Recycling Day: October 20

For more information, please visit www.franklincountywastedistrict.org, email info@franklincountywastedistrict.org, or call 413-772-2438. MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD).

Amy Donovan, Program Director, Franklin County Solid Waste Management District, 50 Miles Street, Greenfield, MA 01301
(413) 772-2438, Fax: (413) 772-3786, amy@franklincountywastedistrict.org, www.franklincountywastedistrict.org

Member, Springfield Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) Advisory Board (MAB) www.springfieldmrf.org

Learn about winter composting and countertop water filters in my Winter 2018 "Going Green" column:

<https://view.publitas.com/the-recorder/going-green-winter-2017-18/page/20-21>

Warwick Scholarship Committee

George A. Day, Jr.

The Warwick Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for the scholarship awards for 2018. Students who have been accepted as a full time student in an accredited post-secondary school and have been a resident of Warwick for 1 year or more are eligible.

- (Article 11 Eligibility)
- a. The applicant must have been a resident of Warwick for 1 year or more preceding application.
 - b. Seniors in the graduating class at Pioneer Valley Regional School, Franklin County Vocational Technical School, other secondary schools and home-schooled students are eligible.
 - c. Students in Accredited Post-secondary schools are eligible.
 - d. A student is limited to two scholarships awards from the Warwick Community Committee, either from the Warwick Community Scholarship fund or the Alice, Eric, Oscar Anderson Scholarship fund.
 - e. The Anita L. Pike Memorial scholarship is awarded to the Warwick graduating senior from Pioneer Valley Regional School with the highest scholastic going on to college.

Application forms and current by-laws are available at the guidance department of Pioneer Valley Regional School or at the Warwick Public Library. Applications must be received prior to April 15th. The application form can be sent to any committee member.

Scholarship Committee Members

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| A. George Day, Jr. | Warwick Firemen's Association |
| Kathy Connelly | Trinitarian Congregational Church |
| Erica Nygard | Warwick PTO |
| Linda Gale | Women's Auxiliary to Fire Dept. |
| Arline (Lincoln) VanderStelt | First Parish and Religious Society |
| Martha Morse | Warwick Historical Society |
| Carol Foote | Warwick Women's Guild |

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

Warwick recreation committee sponsored classes:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

-Leanne Limoges

R E V I E W

Partner's Restaurant

485 Springfield Street

Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Hours: Mon-Sat 6 AM to 2 PM

Sunday 7 AM to 1 PM (breakfast only)

If ever you are in the West Springfield or Agawam area during breakfast or lunch, I highly recommend finding Partner's Restaurant on Springfield Street, a main road in Feeding Hills. My nephew and I were looking for a place close to the Veterans Cemetery in Agawam and a friend who lives in West Springfield, said I should try Partner's. It's very popular with the locals and I can see why.

We went on a Sunday AM and we had about a 15 minute wait. The place was packed and they continued to come in well after 12:30 PM before they closed at 1 PM. On Sunday, they only serve breakfast but that was fine with us. The menu is huge and we read so many things we wanted, we both ended up getting the Partner's Benedict. The waitress asked if we wanted the regular order or just one (that is one benedict not one order)? I said "oh the regular" and my nephew did too.

Should have gotten "just one" because I could not finish my regular order and neither could my nephew. The Partner's Benedict is 2 homemade biscuits, topped with a huge slab of ham, topped with shredded hash brown potatoes, topped with poached eggs, topped with hollandaise sauce, AND served with home fried potatoes. The plate was overflowing. Endless coffee and I also had a glass of fresh squeezed orange juice. Maybe if we hadn't shared a homemade cinnamon bun, we might have been able to finish the breakfast. However, their homemade cinnamon buns are to die for! We shared one huge bun with our coffee while waiting for the benedicts.

I can hardly wait to go back for breakfast and maybe try lunch soon. The price on the Partner's Benedict was \$9.95 for the regular order and \$8.95 for the "one". My juice was a full size glass for \$2.29 and I don't remember coffee. But I think we both left \$15 and that covered tax and tip with about a dollar and change leftover which my nephew thru in the animal shelter donation jar. I think everyone would enjoy this place. Bon Appetite.

-Gloria Varno

WOODEN FENDER

Winter Concert Series

A warm and wonderful evening began on February 10th in the Town Hall dining room with large sheet pans of hot homemade pizza fresh out of the oven and an array of delicious desserts, provided by the Mission Committee of our very own TCC of Warwick. The tables were festively decorated with colorful hearts, and clearly a lot of heart went into the making of dozens of pizzas (along with a long list of scrumptious toppings, as well). A large portion of revelers then moved and grooved upstairs to celebrate Blues Night with The Patty T Blues Band. Many thanks to Patty Tuite and her cohorts for providing us with an ample helping of the blues, and for bringing fellow Wooden Fenderites Michael Humphries and Jim McRae onstage to add even more local flavor into the mix.

Dinner and Concert – Saturday, March 17th, Warwick Town Hall

This year, the Trinitarian Congregational Church's St. Patrick's Day feast will be graced by The Tommy Filiault Band. Made up of Tommy Filiault on guitar, Bo Henderson on guitar, John "Klondike" Koehler on bass, and Jeff Thompson on drums, the band will bring its own flavor of the blues to the foot of Mt. Grace. If a little rock sneaks in, well, it is New England.

Tommy has played alongside Otis Rush and Ed Vadas, and opened for Orleans, James Montgomery, James Cotten, Jan Pousette Dart, Rick Danko, Commander Cody, David Bromberg, Dickie Betts and has jammed with many more fabulous performers over his 40 year career. The rest of the band is equally as well seasoned. Who knows, a little reel might sneak in - it is St. Patrick's Day.

Whatever the case, bring an empty belly and your dancing shoes 'cause we are going to cut the rug with old man winter, and go home full and happy. Please join us!

Check out the band at: https://www.facebook.com/pg/TOMMY-FILIAULT-BAND-110920844731/posts/?ref=page_internal

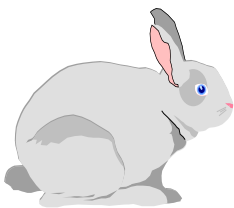
Mark your calendars:

March 17: The Tommy Filiault Band, Trinitarian Congregational Church St. Patrick's Day Dinner

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

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

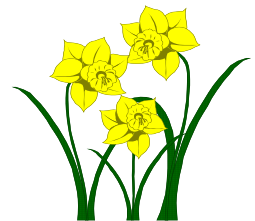
At 7:00 PM the concert starts in the main hall. Donations are gratefully accepted at the door to help pay the band and support Wooden Fender's ongoing endeavor - in memory of Jeff Wallace - to keep live music happening in Warwick. Wooden Fender is a project of the Warwick Arts Council.



Easter Sunday Breakfast

April 1, 2018

7:00-9:00 am



Warwick Town Hall

MENU:

FRENCH TOAST / SYRUP, SAUSAGE, FRUIT,
COFFEE / TEA / JUICE / MILK

Adults: \$8.00

Children 12 and under: \$3.00

Sponsored by Trinitarian Congregational Church of Warwick Metcalf Chapel



St. Patrick's Day Dinner



Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 6:00 pm

Warwick Town Hall

Menu: Corned Beef and Cabbage, Carrots, Potatoes,
Bread/Rolls, Dessert and Beverage

Adult \$10.00 Children 12 and Under \$5.00--Under 3, Free

Proceeds Benefit Trinitarian Church of Warwick

After Dinner, be sure to go upstairs to enjoy a **WOODEN FENDER** musical event by The Tommy Filiault Band who will fill the evening with dancing, rocking blues.



The Tommy Filiault Band

7:00 pm Saturday March 17th 2018 at the Warwick Town Hall

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**Get in the groove and get in the green on Warwick's only solar-powered dance floor!
Wooden Fender's concerts are funded by your donations (\$5 minimum suggested).**

COFFEE HOUSE CONCERTS

First Universalist Church of Orange
31 North Main Street
*Wheelchair friendly building

The first is Saturday, March 10, 2018 7:00-9:00 pm. Dan Kennedy, who played for us during Starry Starry Night this year, will be performing. Dan's a Professional Pianist, Composer, and recording artist. He trained at Oberlin and New England Conservatories. He'll be playing a set influenced by Classical, Jazz, and Contemporary music, featuring his original compositions. Dean's Beans coffee, and tea are free. Decadent baked goods will be on sale. \$10 suggested donation at the door.

The second is Saturday, April 21, 2018 7:00-9:00 pm. The Green Sisters, who played at the Congregational Church during Starry Starry Night this year, will be performing. These four sisters grew up on the family farm perfecting their melodies and harmonies. Although only officially forming in 2015 they are swiftly acquiring a loyal following in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Their acoustic instruments are cheerfully swapped as often as who is singing lead. They have a charismatic banter that blends well with their range of songs from 50's barbershop, to folk, Celtic, and originals. Dean's Beans coffee, and tea are free. Decadent baked goods will be on sale. \$10 suggested donation at the door.



Comedy for the Ages – Senior Players Presents..... The Haverston Mills Town Meeting By Steve Henderson

The citizens of Haverston Mills may range from sensible to eccentric to downright zany, but they are invariably fun to watch. And now the town faces a very important decision and everyone has an opinion. If only the Town Moderator can keep it together.

A thoroughly fun comedy performance, free and open to the public.

Warwick Women's Guild and Council on Aging
Town Hall -15 Athol Road
Warwick, MA

Date: March 6, 2018.

1:00 p.m.



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



Lovers and Fools Discussion: Spiritual seekers, regardless of your spiritual perspective, are warmly invited to a series of discussions of the new daily devotional, *Lovers and Fools*, published by *The United Church of Christ*. Discussions will be held on 4 Wednesdays (2/21, 3/7, 3/21, and 4/4) at 7:00pm at the home of Gordon and Diane Ellis, 12 Sammy Lane, Warwick. Booklets are available at the *Trinitarian Congregational Church at Metcalf Chapel*. Share what you like, what you don't like, alternative views and resources, inspired memories and thoughts about the daily reflections, or just listen to others. For questions call Diane or Gordon at [978-544-3616](tel:978-544-3616) or Dan Dibble at [978-544-2630](tel:978-544-2630).



TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK

March 2018

Dear Friends,

“There was a king of Babylon named Nebuchadnezzar... Nebuchadnezzar was a narcissistic maniac who made everything about him. He made a golden tower...and he had a dedicatory service for his golden image...and ordered that everybody under the reign of his kingship had to bow (to it).”

That is how the Rev. Dr. William Barber II begins his article “Make Babylon Great Again” in the March 2018 issue of Sojourners magazine. He recalls the biblical story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, three young Hebrew men who refused to “...accept the religion of the king, the religion of greed, racism and hate.” They were arrested and thrown in to a fiery furnace for their refusal to bow down to power and intimidation.

The biblical story says they were saved by God’s presence with them in the furnace. To argue over the veracity of the story is to completely miss the point of the story, which is that there are times when bowing down is not an option if you believe in a God of justice and compassion. With all the power, all the hubris and ego of the ruler and the hostility of his fawning, servile appointees aligned against them, to stand in opposition to injustice, avarice and narcissism was an act of great courage and faith.

Rev. Barber continues; “(When) politicians, with insurance paid for by the people, try to take health care from millions of Americans...(when) 400 families in this country make \$95,000 an hour while we are locking up people who simply want \$15 an hour and a union... When government decisions and corporate greed poison and weaponize water and air, from the Rio Grande to the rivers of Flint, MI...(When) voter suppression is alive and well...(When) Racist gerrymandering has allowed people to win offices... they use to hurt the very poor whites who voted for them...Bowling down is not an option.

It’s not just about a president, it’s about an entire web of money and influence that has been working to tie up American democracy forever.

Our deepest values are not Republican or Democrat. They are moral issues. Lifting up the least of these, making sure people have living wages and an education, making sure there’s fairness in the criminal justice system and that equal protection under the law, regardless of your race or color or sexual identity, is non-negotiable. These are moral issues, and we can’t stand down.”

Nebuchadnezzar appointed people to power that he assumed would be loyal to him, but three stood up and created the opportunity for change. We live in times where loyalty is more of a prized political commodity, in both parties, than moral integrity. And yet, people are standing up, or taking a knee, and opportunities for change are erupting and disrupting systems of oppression. Women are challenging the status quo of the men who have occupied the seats of power. Athletes are identifying with people who live in fear of the criminal justice system. They are facing venomous attacks from those who benefit from the status quo and it takes courage and hope and faith to press ahead.

Rev. Barber is president of the organization, Repairers of the Breach, which is working for all poor people through out the country. He is also a co-chair of the Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. He is reviving a movement started 50 years ago by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It is a movement that is trying to gather people of moral courage from all races, faiths and classes to stand up for justice, equality and freedom from the tyranny of “the religion of the king, the religion of greed, racism and hate.”

In hopeful faith, Dan

UP COMING EVENTS

LOVERS & FOOLS Discussion Group

This is a group we hope will interest those in the wider community who have a spiritual interest but find it difficult to be part of “organized religion”. We will be using a book of daily devotional from the UCC called, “Lovers & Fools” to start our discussions. We welcome questions & comments that might not come up in “church Talk” that is genuine and heart-felt. We will meet at Gordon & Diane Ellis’s house at 12 Sammy Lane @7 PM March 7, 21 & Apr 4

St. PATRICK’S DINNER SAT, MARCH 17 6 PM Come to the Town Hall for a hearty meal and stay for some music and Dancing at 7 PM

NuDay Syria is an organization that is attempting to help Syrian refugees in camps in Lebanon. Lebanon is a poor country itself and the influx of more than 1 million Syrians fleeing the war in their country is more than their government can support. NuDay Syria is collecting food, personal care items, sewing machines, money and more to help make the lives of the mostly women and children in the make-shift camps a little more hopeful. The Mission Committee will be collecting items at the Metcalf Chapel for the month of March. For more information, contact the chapel (4-2630).

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Maundy- Thursday worship	March 29	7 PM	Metcalf Chapel
Good Friday Worship	March 30	7 PM	Metcalf Chapel
Easter Egg Coloring	March 31	10 AM	Town Hall
Easter Sunrise Service	April 1	6 AM	@ Michael Humphries’ on Royalston Rd.
Easter Breakfast	April 1	7 – 9 AM	Town Hall (egg hunt ~ 8:30 AM)
Easter Worship	April 1	10:30 AM	

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AT THE METCALF CHAPEL

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

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

MEDICAL SUPPLY LIBRARY

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

SHEETS & BLANKETS FOR THE EMERGENCY SHELTER

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

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

SYRIA DRIVE

Please consider helping the women and children displaced by the on-going 7-year war in Syria. The Metcalf Chapel Mission Com. is sponsoring a drive to collect desired items and financial support until the end of April 2018. Checks payable to Inter-faith Council of Franklin County. It is a 501.c3 org. Items requested are the following: dry food, rice, beans, cans, protein bars, new blankets, sleeping bags, women's hygiene, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, powdered detergent, layettes, diapers, new unisex clothing for infants under 2, socks, hats, mittens, gloves, backpacks, school supplies, stuffed animals, soccer balls, toys, new packaged underwear including thermal, non-prescription pain medication, Advil, children's Tylenol, Neosporin, bandages, walkers, canes, crutches, wheelchairs, winter coats for adult and children in very good condition, sewing machines and textiles, letters of love and hope.

Charlene Golonka who is coordinating the efforts for Franklin County wrote: "I spoke with Nadia Alawa of Syria in January and she confirmed that, despite the bombing of civilian areas we are hearing about in media reports, the containers NuDay Syria is sending are still getting through to the displaced Syrians they serve in Idlib Province. NuDay cleaned out their former warehouse and sent 8 containers in December. Most have arrived safely. The blankets Sara and her friends collected have arrived. The container we helped to fill that was shipped on December 30th should arrive this week. Nadia will confirm with me when that happens. The new warehouse in Derry, NH is empty so all new donations are welcome. Nadia noted that NuDay operates 5 schools in Idlib Province and none have been bombed. She said they deliberately work in more remote areas outside the city of Idlib where most of the bombing has occurred. Nadia noted that news reports don't differentiate well between the city of Idlib and the wider Idlib Province.

Of note, the collection from Shelburne Falls Bowling Alley netted \$1,000 in cash and several boxes filled mostly with beautiful warm coats and jackets. Tony Hanna and his wife made a delivery to our storage unit last week. Thank you Tony and league members."

Thank you in advance. Collection box is located in the Chapel entry. Donated items can be picked up by calling Dan Dibble at the Church 978-544-2630, leave message please.

TOWN COORDINDATOR

Our community will celebrate its fond memories of and friendships with the Seago family with a Remembrance and Open House at Warwick Community School on Sunday March 4 from Noon to 3 p.m. Planned are a pot luck lunch at noon and activities for all ages to follow inside and out including Kite flying – Snowshoeing – Sledding - Crafting – Knitting Painting & Drawing – Puzzles & Legos – Make-a-Prayer-Flag, Planting Bulbs & visiting with friends. We hope you will join our gathering and note that outdoor activities are weather permitting. Finger foods are requested for pot luck. Most activities will be in the school gym.

The town highway department is minimizing its road salt use. This is in response to residents in the village center reporting salt in their drinking water wells which can pose a health risk in some individuals. For those who provide a doctor's note we are supplying bottled water while we investigate the cause. The Town has reached out to MA DOT for advice and possible assistance on salt mitigation. By the state standard, if it is determined that poor well construction allows surface contamination to readily enter the well they do not accept responsibility.

Boards and townspeople had a productive meeting about salt use with Bay State Roads from UMASS and the Town has implemented several of their recommendations including using the minimum effective application of straight salt on the paved roads (240# per lane mile) as a baseline and not mixing salt and sand except for the purpose of keeping the sand from freezing because the sand negates the salt melting ability. We don't use salt on the dirt roads except to keep the sand from freezing in the trucks as a rule, though there may be exceptions. A third measure we have taken is we have upgraded to a magnesium chloride treated salt which is effective to lower temperatures and reduces the quantity needed to achieve the same melt. With these changes, other things being equal, we will reduce the amount of sand and salt applied by as much as a half going forward.

The Salt in Drinking Water Advisory Committee recommended a ban of salt use on roads in the village center. The Selectboard did not adopt this policy. Something needs to be applied to keep snow and ice from bonding to the pavement, so banning salt without an alternate solution at the ready was not acceptable. The Committee continues to collect data and advocate their interest; and the Board of Health has been involved at the request of the Selectboard.

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TOWN COORDINATOR - CONTINUED

At Warwick Broadband we remind our customers to take care to make sure the Ethernet cable that their Warwick Broadband comes into the house on is plugged into the WAN or Internet port of your home router. Yes, it will work even if improperly plugged into a LAN port, but you just went behind the back of your firewall and security, and become vulnerable to intrusion. If your broadband is plugged into a single computer, keep Windows Security running and let it update. On the rebuild we are nearing the half way point and are working this winter on the neighborhood masts at the nine of twelve new poles which have grid power provisioned so far. Our new billing system will be issuing the March bills. The number for service is 413-676-9544.

Town meeting is May 7 and that means we need department's submission of Town reports for FY17 (the period ending June 30, '17) and budget requests for FY19 (beginning July 1, '18).

T O W N C L E R K

2018 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING and ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

Last Day to Object or Withdraw: **Thursday, April 19, 2018 5 p.m.** Last Day to Register Voters for Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town Election:

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 8 p.m.

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

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN**THORNY SALT ISSUES**

Difficult circumstances have developed in the center of Warwick. Many homeowners in the area around Town Hall have found salt in their well water, and a few suffer health issues from drinking salty tap water.

The source of the salt? It might be our Department of Public Works.

There's the first rub. The DPW spreads salt to keep the roads safe in winter. If salt from the roads is appearing in well water, and making people sick, do we want to use salt on the roads? Of course not. But if we stop salting icy roads we may see more car accidents. Accidents may result in fatalities.

The Board of Selectmen is very concerned with this issue. We have authorized that bottled water be provided to any resident with salt in their drinking water, who requests it. We have also authorized the Salt In Drinking Water Committee, a citizens committee, to send a very short survey around to all area residents, asking about concerns with salt in wells, town wide.

The Board has given DPW Director Larry Delaney a directive to experiment with alternatives to sodium chloride (rock salt) on the roads. Options include salt treated with calcium and magnesium, salt brine mixtures, and treated salt mixed with organic compounds. Organic compounds include the waste products from brewing beer and distilling vodka, molasses, and commercially produced treatments.

A further complication is the legal liabilities for the Town. There is 'informal' evidence of salt in well water, but no definitive link indicating the salt is from the DPW. Confirmation that DPW road salt is contaminating drinking water wells can only be secured by a professional hydrologist. Damaged and leaking wells may be admitting surface run-off into drinking water. Septic discharge may also be leaching into drinking water wells, salt being a 'flagging' contaminant that signals the presence of other compounds.

The Board of Selectmen is aware of our responsibility to the interests of all town residents. We do not want the Town to assume liability for these salt-related difficulties if they are, in fact, not the Town's fault. Further complicating an already complex situation, a resident recently sold a house in downtown Warwick, only to see the buyers insist that a house-wide filtration system be installed to remove salt found in a water test. Thus the salt contamination may have impacts on assessments and/or involve some type of tax abatement.

This is a complex issue. The Board is aware that government seems to move at a glacial pace, but we need to sort this out properly, make adjustments in DPW procedures, be empathetic to the needs of affected residents, and shield the Town from undeserved liabilities.

Please be patient with our efforts. This involves many more people than just the Board of Selectmen. As a group, we'll figure out the best actions to take.

Thanks,

Doc Pruyne

Chair,

Board of Selectmen

Town of Warwick
Selectboard
January 16, 2018
Minutes

Members present: Dawn Magi, Lawrence Pruyne, James Erviti (arrived at 6:12 p.m.)

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney, Finance Committee member Steve Ruggiero, HEART and School Committee member Sue O'Reilly McRae, Citizens Committee on Road Salt members Ted Cady, Olivier Flagollet and Bob Croke, Police Chief David Shoemaker, Elizabeth Lochhead, Gary Lochhead, John Gagliani, Amy Killay, Colin Killay, Gail Beauregard, Carol Foote, Nadia Marti, Kaila Woodson, Shelby Ashline (Greenfield Recorder and Athol Daily News)

Magi MOVED to approve the minutes of January 2, 2018 as printed. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Erviti MOVED to table this issue until Mike Smith meets with the Board. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Magi MOVED to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and not to reconvene in open session except to adjourn. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0: Pruyne – AYE; Magi – AYE; Erviti – AYE

At 8:03 p.m. Magi MOVED to adjourn. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0: Pruyne – AYE; Magi – AYE; Erviti - AYE.

Town of Warwick
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Magi MOVED to approve the minutes of January 16, 2018 as printed. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Magi MOVED to accept the petition as written. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion FAILED 1-2-0: Pruyne AYE; Magi and Erviti – NAY.

Erviti MOVED to provide bottled water for households in need due to salt in wells. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Magi MOVED to grant David Shepardson a one-day beer and wine license for February 24, 2018. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Erviti MOVED to table the guidelines. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0

Erviti MOVED to grant a 1-month forbearance of providing the requested assessment to PVRSD member towns. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

At 7:57 p.m. Pruyne MOVED to adjourn. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Library Open 5-8pm</i> Zumba 6pm Town Hall	2	3 <i>Transfer Station 8-3</i> <i>Library Open 10am to 12:30 pm</i> Yoga 9:15 Town Hall
4 <i>Worship Service 9:30AM</i> <i>Seago Family Remembrance Noon-3pm-WCS</i> Zumba 8am Tully	5 <i>Library Open 10-4</i>	6 <i>Library Open 1-8pm</i> <i>Sr. Mealsite 11:45</i> <i>GUILD 1PM for Hamilton Mills Town Hall Performance</i> Strong 6pm Tully Meditation 6:30 Town Hall Hist. Society 7pm Town Hall	7 <i>Fools and Lovers Discussion Group - Ellis Home - 7pm</i>	8 <i>Library Open 5-8pm</i> Zumba 6pm Town Hall	9	10 <i>Transfer Station 8-3</i> <i>Library Open 10am to 12:30 pm</i> Yoga 9:15 Town Hall
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March 4 - Seago Family Remembrance - Noon to 3pm - Warwick Center School

March 6 - Haverston Mills Town Meeting Performance - 1pm - Town Hall

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day Supper - 6pm - Town Hall

March 17 - Tommy Filiault Band - 7pm - Town Hall

April 1—Easter Sunday Breakfast - 7 to 9am - Town Hall

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I. Call to Order

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

II. Minutes

Magi MOVED to approve the minutes of January 2, 2018 as printed. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.
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III. Presentations and Discussions

- 1. Update on Bike Race in April** —Young explained that the organizers of the race are concerned about sand on the roads. The race is slated for a Saturday in late April; Young believed the date to be the 21st.
- 2. Committee Proposed Salt Ban in Village Center**—Citizens Committee on Road Salt Chair Ted Cady said that the committee was unanimous in its opinion that the fastest way to reduce the salt in wells is to enact a salt ban and voted unanimously to request the Selectboard declare the village center as a no salt area. He said that while he was aware that this would make more work for the Highway crew, every well from Carol Foote property to the State Park has well contamination. Cady said that the EPA considers anything under 20 milliliters per liter to be safe, and that the DEP guidelines are the same as for bottled water.

Olivier Flagollet said that he went to visit a few houses and tested 15 wells. He used the EPA guideline of 200 parts per million (ppm) and noted that the fountain in front of the Library, which is not affected by road salt has 18 ppm. Flagollet listed off the readings from the wells tested, in parts per million, as follows: 78,80,81,91,175,190,271,190, 360, 390, 408, 426, 490,567,960, and 195. He said that most of the wells tested were shallow, but some were artesian. Flagollet said that several people with whom he spoke complained of abnormally high blood pressure, and point to excess salt in the drinking water as the cause. He said that he also did a quick survey and found that 28 of the 29 residents with whom he spoke would like the center of town designated as a no road salt area.

Cady said that an Annual Town Meeting warrant article may be drafted. He noted that the Planning Board has a salt meter available to anyone who wants to test their well water for salt content. As Citizens Committee Chair Cady thanked Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney for his cooperation in doing what he can. He then said he felt that this was important enough for the Selectboard to act on it prior to the meeting next week with Mike Smith.

Young recommended that the Board not make a decision until the meeting with Mr. Smith. He said that if a salt ban is adopted and an exception needs to be invoked it would result in 3 times as much material being used on the roads. Young said that it would be best to hear from Mike Smith before enacting a ban.

John Gagliani suggested that the center of town be plowed more than it has been to remove more snow and alleviate build-up. Delaney explained that after plowing there is always some residue left behind, and that there is a bit more left every time the road is plowed because plowing does not get all the snow off the road. He said that he is working on using just half of the recommended amount (125 lbs. per road mile instead of 250 lbs.) with some success.

Elizabeth Lochhead said that people who live here with wells in front of their houses and close to the road are more important than those driving on the road. Young said that he could find no liability cases against sanding/salting/plowing if reasonable maintenance is performed and signs are posted. Delaney said that without the aid of some salt the new segmented plows will not completely clear all snow and residue from the roads.

Flagollet said that careful driving and respect for the weather and road conditions make him feel safe on our winter roads. He said that he has photographs of low salt signs and wanted to know who in town could instruct the Highway crew to remove those signs. Flagollet said that high blood pressure, especially in older residents is a serious health issue, and that no road salt expert can lower the high blood pressure of affected residents. He stated that it was time for the Selectboard to make a decision on this issue.

Magi said that she had read about an under-sink filter that will filter out salt and that she needs to research this further to see if it is a viable option. Bob Croke said that removing salts from water is much more expensive and difficult than other materials such as rust. Young said that there is a tension between doing all we can to keep the roads clear and compromises based on what we can afford. He noted that there have been 11 motor vehicle accidents so far this winter, and that some vehicles were totaled. Young said that if the salt ban is enacted, alternative road treatment must be found. He said he was willing to drive as slowly as necessary and that he would eventually get to work, and therefore has no problem if a salt ban is put in place.

Croke said that the center of town gets lots of sunshine, which will melt the snow in several days, and that drivers will simply have to drive more slowly. Colin Killay, the Highway Superintendent in Orange, urged the Board to first sit down with Mike Smith. He said that Mr.

Smith possesses a great deal of knowledge of good alternatives, has resources from the State, and has handled this issue in other towns. Young said that Mike Smith will meet with the Board on Tuesday, January 23 at 3 p.m. in Town Hall.

Flagollet said that it takes a very long time for the wells to flush, and that even a small amount of salt on the roads on a regular basis would mean that the wells might never get back to normal.

Police Chief David Shoemaker said that none of the previously mentioned motor vehicle accidents occurred in the center of town, and that it seemed to him that people expect to be able to enjoy the same road conditions on December 1st as on July 1st. He said that public expectations need to be addressed. The Chief said that he did not believe signage would make a large percentage of drivers pay attention or slow down in a no salt zone.

Cady said rock salt doesn't work below 15 to 20 degrees. He noted that we could use alternatives with significantly lower impact, but the Highway Department does not have the equipment to distribute such materials. He said of magnesium, calcium and sodium, sodium is the worst. Cady said that the Board can evaluate what Mike Smith has to say, but they should stand with the citizens and ban salt use now or give bottled water to residents with affected wells. Delaney said that when no salt was used earlier this winter there was at least one car went off the road and he has seen numerous tracks of vehicles that bounced off the granite curbs.

Elizabeth Lochhead said that she spent five days in the hospital due to the salt in her well. She said she has been treated for high blood pressure. She noted that her blood pressure must now be checked regularly at home and not just at the doctor's office, and stated that this is caused by road salt. Gail Beauregard said that she has also had a dramatic increase in her blood pressure and decided it had to be caused by the salt in the well water.

Steve Ruggiero said that the town should look into purchasing a solar powered sign that lights up with the capability of displaying different sayings including "no salt area". Chief Shoemaker said that he had looked into applying for a grant because such signs cost around \$10,000.00, as it is a great idea but the issue would be the cost. Young said it would be a large ask for a small town. He also said that we are learning a lot and he understands there is mistrust.

Erviti MOVED to table this issue until Mike Smith meets with the Board. Magi SECONDED.
Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

- 3. Planning for Meeting with Mr. Smith Regarding Winter Snow and Ice Practices** —Young said that Ted Cady had suggested this meeting be open to including those from other towns, and he asked the Board if they would like to extend an invitation to other towns. There was a consensus of the Board to invite people from other towns.
- 4. HEART Committee Report: Sue O'Reilly McRae**—Ms. O'Reilly McRae said that she was checking back in with the Board with an update. A \$25,000.00 grant was awarded in August of 2017, and she said that the State awarded the Gill/Montague District a \$110,000.00 grant. O'Reilly McRae said that the PVRSD School Committee voted to collaborate with the Gill/Montague District within the larger grant. She said they are working on regionalization, lower enrollment and increasing costs, and noted that it seems similar issues and problems are

the same throughout Franklin County. O'Reilly McRae said that there will be a meeting on March 24, 2018 at GCC where they will be asking for suggestions on topics of discussion. O'Reilly McRae said that the District Agreement is being looked at and will be brought up at this month's School Committee meeting. She said that the HEART Committee has remained very active as it meets every two weeks, but pointed out that she is the only active member from Warwick and that Warwick should have a full working group within the committee. She said that Alan Genovese had been very helpful through last August but has not been available since then due to his Superintendent job in Winchester, NH.

O'Reilly McRae said that transportation, special ed., sports and transportation for special ed. are among the major questions for which they are trying to find answers. She pointed out that as a rural district we have different issues and concerns from the urban districts, and that Massachusetts is almost the lowest of all states in State funding for rural districts. Erviti suggested that certain aspects of the urban model be looked into to see if they could be adapted to the rural model to increase efficiency. O'Reilly McRae said that all Selectboards are being asked if volunteers should be allowed to vote, or if only appointed HEART Committee members should be voting. Pruyne said that he thought only members appointed by the Selectboard should be voting members on the HEART Committee.

- 5. Contract for Outsourced Town Accountant**—Erviti said he received a response from the owner/operator of Baystate Municipal Accounting Group (BMAG). He noted that the owner said it was wonderful news but as the firm is currently quite busy with the MMA they would not be able to move forward until late this month. Erviti said that BMAG is definitely on board and will be ready to go. He estimated the contract would be signed some time in February of 2018.

- 6. Codifying Behavior Guidelines**—Pruyne handed out copies of the Standards of Conduct/Civility Policy from The Town of Foxborough's Personnel Policies. There was a consensus of the Board that each member will study the document and discuss the matter further at the next meeting.

- 7. Selectboard Reports**—There were no reports this meeting.

- 8. Coordinator Report**—There was nothing to add to the written report.

- 9. New and Other Business Unanticipated at Time of Posting Meeting** —Young brought up a memo from PVRSD Superintendent Ruth Miller to the Selectboard Chairs of the four member towns. He said that each Board is requested to have one member serve as a representative in collective bargaining negotiations. There was a consensus of the Board that they will decide who will represent Warwick.
Young said that the Chair of the budget subcommittee has requested that the Selectboards of the four member towns to allow the assessment numbers to be presented by late March. The subcommittee would like, by agreement of the four Selectboards, to extend the time to work on the PVRSD budget. He noted there will be a pre-hearing on February 8, 2018 to hear what the communities' priorities are. Young said that 80% of the PVRSD budget is rising between 4 and 5 percent.

10. Public Comment—Finance Committee member Steve Ruggiero suggested that the Board deal with the Telecommunication Department within the State rather than file legal action in court. He pointed out that the State licenses Verizon, and for this reason Verizon will likely not be willing to go up against the State.

11. Executive Session—

Magi MOVED to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and not to reconvene in open session except to adjourn. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0: Pruyne – AYE; Magi – AYE; Erviti – AYE.

IV. Adjournment

At 8:03 p.m. Magi MOVED to adjourn. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0: Pruyne – AYE; Magi – AYE; Erviti - AYE.

Documents consulted at this meeting:

- *Draft Minutes of January 2, 2018 Selectboard meetings
- *Coordinator Report dated January 11, 2018
- * HEART Committee Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2017
- *Emails from David Young to Dave Charbonneau and Charbonneau to Young, dated January 8, 2018
Re: Warwick 2.0 Status
- *Emails from Dave Charbonneau to David Young dated January 4, 2018 and June 28, 2017 Re:
Warwick 2.0 Status
- *Memo to Chairpersons, Boards of Selectmen: Bernardston, Leyden, Northfield and Warwick from
PVRSD School Superintendent Ruth Miller dated January 11, 2018 Re: Collective Bargaining:
Participation of municipal officials
- *Town Coordinator Activity Log January 2 -12, 2018
- *Town of Foxborough Personnel Policies Standards of Conduct/Civility Policy

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I. Call to Order

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

Pruyne noted with sadness the recent passing of Warwick residents Ralph Hills and Phyllis Bigwood, and former resident Donald Hubbard.

II. Minutes

Magi MOVED to approve the minutes of January 16, 2018 as printed. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

III. Presentations and Discussions

1. **MGL 268:20D Exemptions** —Young explained Jim Bell had previously been granted an exemption, and the documentation needed the Selectboard Chair's signature. He noted that Sue O'Reilly McRae would require one more exemption and said that she will bring the appropriate paperwork before the Board.
2. **Follow-Up on Winter Snow and Ice Practices Workshop of January 23, 2018 and Proposed Salt Ban**—Magi began the discussion by saying that it was her understanding from what Mike Smith said at the workshop that it is much better and more effective to treat the roads before the build-up of snow and ice, as waiting makes it more than twice as difficult to remove. She said that salt and sand in combination was not recommended, that the use of straight salt is recommended, and pre-treating roads results in the use of even less salt, especially if the salt is mixed with a material such as magnesium chloride. Magi said that Smith could not definitely say that road salt is the cause for the salt in private wells, and that storage of salt could be the source of pollution. It was pointed out that while that could have

been true in the past, the manner in which the road salt is now stored would no longer pose this problem.

Citizens Committee member Ted Cady said that Mike Smith avoided the issue of polluted wells, that the use salt and sand on the roads is within his purview, and that he did not offer much in the way of alternatives to salt and sand. Cady said that the workshop was exceedingly good with respect to the use of salt and sand but was equally deficient on the issues of public health, wells, and alternatives to salt or sand.

Pruyne said that salt breaks the bond between the road and the snow and ice and that the reason salt and sand are not recommended in combination is because salt creates heat and the sand absorbs the heat, thereby reducing the effectiveness of the salt. He said that 95% of well contamination is from salt storage rather than road salt. Pruyne said that he doubted our storage at the Highway Department would affect wells as far away as Nadia Marti's home.

Young said that the DOT has people that study the science of all of this. Bob Croke said that we should recognize that road salt is possibly causing problems in residents' wells, and that salt storage was not a likely source for the salt in his well. Croke said that when he tested his well a couple of weeks ago it was at 175 ppm, and now it tested at 195 ppm. He posited that salt from the roads is settling into the ground as winter progresses and pointed out that the Highway is the only source of salt in this town.

John Gagliani said that common sense dictates that salt travels but does not travel upstream, and that it is a fair assumption that road salt is the root of the problem. He suggested that a salt ban be put in place for the center of town for a couple of years and then test the wells to see if there is any change in salt levels.

Young said that he does not deny that road salt is the probable cause. He pointed out that the DOT has hydrologists and said that we should avail ourselves of the DOT experts.

Pruyne said that, upon the recommendation of Mike Smith, he contacted Mark Valente in Lexington. They discussed a solution of 23% salt brine mixed with beet juice and molasses which reduces salt use by about 25%. Pruyne noted that we would have to mix our own salt brine, as this is not produced commercially. He said that it should not be a big expense since the area of the village center is relatively small. Pruyne pointed out that effects of salt on the health of our residents is the prime consideration.

Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney said that a liquid product can be used on the mix pile for use on dirt roads as well as what is used for paved roads, and that he will conduct further research on the cost of the necessary equipment.

Cady said that he has data proving that there is a loss of 5% per year when salt is stored outside. He also said that 35% of the chloride put on the road ends up in the ground water and those most greatly impacted are the ones with a well within 20 feet of the road. Cady pointed out that many wells in the center of town are within that distance from the road. He went on to say that it is documented that there was a high salt problem about 20 years ago, and that a no salt zone resulted in the salt levels in wells returning to acceptable levels. He said that some of the data supporting this was privileged, but that there was anecdotal evidence as well. Cady said that in the past the Board of Health was involved, and their meeting minutes reflect this. He stated that the wells cleared up during the past when a no salt zone was in effect. Cady pointed out that there has been turnover within the Selectboard, Board of Health and Highway Department, so we are now in another salt crisis as we were 20 years ago. He said that there have been no complaints of the conditions on our dirt roads where only sand and no salt is used and many of those roads have more shade.

Erviti said that we have pathetically little data on whose wells are doing what and why, and that assumptions are being made with no specific data on whether these wells clear up during other parts of the year or if any of the wells were damaged. He pointed out that residents are the ones who drive on the dirt roads, that they are familiar with the roads and the conditions because they are used to driving on them, but the paved roads are the main roads and not all drivers may know to expect icy conditions. Erviti stated that he could not sleep at night if someone, especially a child, dies on icy roads; he said that he could not accept it.

Magi said that even with a salt ban in the center of town, there are areas, especially the hill that need some treatment. Pruyne said that there has been a reduction in the amount of salt used in treating the roads. Delaney said that there were two accidents yesterday due to black ice, neither of which were in the town center.

Young said that according to Police Chief Shoemaker there have been 14 accidents this winter, and that between 900 and 1,000 vehicles per day travel on Route 78. Cady said that none of the motor vehicle accidents have occurred in the center of town.

Young suggested that MA DOT be invited to come out and help diagnose our problems.

Gagliani said that there are two issues in play here: road safety/accidents and salt in private wells. He said that no one pays attention to the speed limits and that there is no police presence on Route 78 to slow people down. Gagliani said that something needs to be done for road safety while still addressing health issues from high salt in wells.

Pruyne said that both Smith and Valente say it would not be safe to put no salt down. Cady said that all Smith spoke about was sodium chloride and sand and not any of the other, better albeit more expensive, options. He said that treating the roads before a storm makes sense, but the method of treatment does not have to be salt. Cady stated that there are three people under a doctor's care due to salt in their wells causing high blood pressure. He also said that some people are now tasting salt in the water when they did not before. Cady said that he agrees completely that we should have testing and analysis of the wells done by DOT.

Pruyne suggested that Mike Smith come out to train our Highway crew on application techniques. He went on to say that he does not know if this is truly a black and white issue and asked if there is a compromise.

Young said that he was not sure if the Highway crew has yet defined the lowest effective amount of salt and felt it was too soon to give up on salt completely. He pointed out that George Day found an advisory from 20 years ago to use as little salt as possible in the center of town.

Cady said, speaking as an individual and not as a member of any board or committee, that there are other chemicals to break the bond between snow and the road, which should be an important part of the situation. He said that a good alternative would be magnesium acetate, which he estimated to be about 10 times more expensive than salt.

Olivier Flagollet said that Jim Erviti expressed doubt about not knowing where, why and how there is salt in the wells, however about a year ago people started talking about it and asked what else could the source of the pollution be? He said that official testing of wells by labs should be the next step. Flagollet stated that there is a problem and people are not making it up. He said that he understands the safety issues, but driving is dangerous, and people can die anytime regardless of the conditions. He said that ice is dangerous, but lack of police presence is not helping, as there is no incentive not to speed.

Magi proposed to use the minimum amount of salt while looking into alternatives such as beet juice or magnesium acetate in the center of town, and have a hydrologist test the wells and

identify the source of salt contamination. She said that we still need more data, as we have no absolute answers at this point. Magi said that because we can't divorce road safety from the salt, we need to look at other chemicals and monitor the salt levels in wells.

Zak Marti said that with regards to the issue of safety, there were problems yesterday, that there were car accidents outside the center of town, and therefore we are without a huge safety difference in the center of town. Cady said that the section of Route 78 known as the Gulf presents the highest safety issues for driving. He said that use of material other than sodium chloride in the center of town can be effective without using any salt, period. Gagliani also supported an alternative to salt in the village center and mentioned using U. Mass. Students or requesting bid proposals for a hydrologist.

Young said that generally the DOT does not charge and that he would contact them. He said that, with no admission of guilt, the town should provide bottled water for the 3 individuals most affected. Pruyne asked Young to contact those most adversely affected to be sure they stop drinking their well water. Young also said that the Board of Health ought to be involved and those affected by salt in the wells should go to the Board of Health. He said that he will contact the DOT and see if someone will come out and talk to us.

Croke said that the DOT is in the business of transportation safety and are currently proponents of heavy salt use. He said that staying on track for a non-sodium solution for the town center is crucial.

Cady said that many other towns have no salt areas and that there is no reason we can't do the same, especially as our traffic loads are generally lower. He said that sodium and chloride are both bad, but at least calcium chloride as a pre-treat is easier to monitor and would help to assuage stressed families. Young said we should look at anything that can be used in small quantities and gets away from sodium and chloride.

Pruyne gave Delaney contact information for a company with alternatives to look into and asked him to see if someone could come out and demonstrate the products to the Highway crew. Delaney said he is open to anything and that his goal is to keep people from getting hurt. Cady said that the Board had been petitioned by the Citizens Committee and he wanted the petition voted on. He pointed out that in the petition the word "salt" meant "sodium chloride" only, Delaney asked the Board not to vote a no salt policy as he is still working to reduce the amount of salt put down on the roads, and that so far, he has reduced the amount used by almost half. Cady said that the Board owes it to the folks with salt in their wells to take this seriously especially when no car accidents have occurred in the center of town.

Magi MOVED to accept the petition as written. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion FAILED 1-2-0:
Pruyne – AYE; Magi and Erviti – NAY.

The petition on which the Board voted reads as follows:

"The no salt area is defined as from the center of town West to Mt. Grace Ave, South to North Holden Rd, East to Old Winchester Rd, North to the School driveway and should include Hastings Pond Rd to the big boulder.

If an emergency ice situation develops the Chair of the Selectboard, or any Selectboard member if the chair is not available, or the Chief (or acting chief) of Police if no Selectboard member is available, or such other person as the Selectboard may appoint, upon request from the Highway Superintendent, may declare an ice emergency and authorize the minimum amount of salt application for the center of town to alleviate the emergency situation.

It is recognized that adopting this policy will require the Highway Department to plow and sand more frequently in the designated area than normal procedure would dictate.”

Erviti said that we have no idea how salt gets into a particular well and that in the best interest of the town, as we try to identify best practices, it was inadvisable to enact a salt ban.

Cady asked the Board members if they need the advice of the Citizens Advisory Committee at this time. Pruyne said their advice could be useful in drawing up a Town Meeting warrant article, for providing more information and keeping attentive to well testing. There was a consensus of the Board to keep the committee active and collecting data.

Erviti MOVED to provide bottled water for households in need due to salt in wells. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Erviti thanked the committee, saying he was truly appreciative and that he valued their important work.

- 3. One Day Beer/Wine License** —Young said that David Shepardson of the Moore’s Pond Beach Committee has requested a one-day beer and wine license for an event to be held in Town Hall on Saturday, February 24, 2018. He explained that the license must be granted to an individual, and that all proceeds must benefit a Town entity, in this case the Moore’s Pond Beach Committee for the purposes of conducting water testing

Magi MOVED to grant David Shepardson a one-day beer and wine license for February 24, 2018. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

- 4. Contract for Outsourced Town Accountant** —Young said that this matter needed to be put off until the next meeting. Erviti said that he hoped to have significant progress with the contract for Town Accounting services with BMAG.
- 5. Meeting Behavior Guidelines**—Erviti said that the Foxborough policy was a bit odd and was not well suited to our town. He suggested expanding upon the Tom Wyatt guidelines to include more than just Selectboard meetings. There was a consensus of the Board to pursue this matter further. Pruyne said that he will continue working on the guidelines.

Erviti MOVED to table the guidelines. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0

- 6. Selectboard Representative to PVRS Negotiations**—Young said that Northfield Selectboard member Tracy Richardson has agreed to serve as the representative for all four towns during PVRS negotiations.

7. **PVRSD Assessment Deadline**—Young explained that a Selectboard vote is required for the assessment deadline term of the District Agreement to be extended by one month.

Erviti MOVED to grant a 1-month forbearance of providing the requested assessment to PVRSD member towns. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

8. **DLTA Funding**—Young said that the Town Technical Assistance Request would be for an update in our Open Space Plan. He noted that FRCOG usually provides the outside technical assistance, and he said that the Planning Board will make a recommendation for action by the Selectboard at the next meeting.
9. **Selectboard Reports** —Erviti apologized for not being able to attend the road salt meeting on January 23rd, but his absence was unavoidable. He said that he had purchased a refurbished computer with Windows 7 and is now able to input data for Warwick Broadband billing and service updating.
10. **Coordinator Report**—There was nothing added to the written report.
11. **New and Other Business Unanticipated at Time of Posting Meeting** —None.
12. **Public Comment**—None.

IV. Adjournment

At 7:57 p.m. Pruyne MOVED to adjourn. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting:

- *Draft Minutes of January 16, 2018 Selectboard meeting
- *Coordinator Report dated January 25, 2018
- *Participation Guidelines for Selectboard Meetings – Draft by Tom Wyatt
- *Town of Foxborough Personnel Policies Standards of Conduct/Civility Policy
- *Letter to Warwick Board of Health from David Young dated January 24, 2018 Re: Inspections of multi-family dwellings and evidence of salt in private wells in the village center
- *Letter from David Shepardson dated January 23, 2018 Re: one day beer and wine license
- *Letter from PVRSD Superintendent Ruth Miller dated January 23, 2018 Re: request for approval of a change in the regional agreement for this fiscal year only
- *Email from David Young to Pam Lawrence, Hugh Campbell, Bob Hardesty, Willie Morales, Ruth Miller and Pat Shearer dated January 23, 2018 Re: Request to Towns
- *Letter to Emily Jones from David Young dated January 25, 2018 Re: Boston Post Cane
- *Letter from Ellen M. Cummings of Verizon to David Young dated January 10, 2018 Re: Service issues in Warwick