

Warwick Community Newsletter

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Note of thanks!

We wish to thank all our friends, relatives and neighbors for all the good wishes, cards, gifts and flowers we received on the occasion of our sixtieth anniversary. The cards were delightful, so varied. Janet wishes she knew where you bought them all.

Some of you we haven't seen in forever and it was especially nice hearing from you. It has been a joy to live here in the hills of Warwick all these years with all you good people.

Sincerely, Albert (Buster) Alden and Janet

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING—MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016 7PM AT TOWN HALL

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION— MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016 NOON-7PM

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

The Guild will meet at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, **May 3** in the basement of the Town Hall. We'll be working on final preparations for Archer Mayor's presentation scheduled for Friday May 6 at 7:00 pm. Everyone welcome!

-Martha Morse

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

Don't miss a very special program co-sponsored by the Women's Guild, the Library and the Warwick Cultural Council. Archer Mayor will be talking about his new book and writing in general. Join us Friday, **May 6th**, 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.



New books: At the Edge of the Orchard by Chevalier, Baby Birds by Zickefoose, Fool Me Once by Coben, Girls Guide to Moving On by Macomber, Iris and Ruby by Thomas, River Road by Goodman, Story of the Lost Child by Ferrante, Those Who Leave and Those Who Stay by Ferrante, Titans by Meacham, Waters of Eternal Youth by Leon, Millers Valley by Quindlan, The Summer Before the War by Simonson.

New DVDs: Concussion, Star Wars: The Force Awakens, The Revenant

—Nancy Hickler, Director

DON'T MISS!

Healing Expo at

The National Spiritual Alliance

on Lake Pleasant, #2 Montague Ave

in Montague. Sat., **May 14th** 11 to 5. Come check out alternative providers & local natural products. Vendors & questions can email

Kim Matilainen at LKM9092@yahoo.com

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 Dining 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.

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 **Friday, 20 May**. 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, she will be bring application forms for various programs. Beginning in May continuing through August Tracy will be at Town Hall the third Friday of each month, returning to a bimonthly schedule in September.

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

Place your orders
at 544-1932.

Breads available Thursdays too!
24 Athol Road.

St. Patricks Church, 80 Main Street, Northfield, MA will be holding a Lasagna dinner on Wednesday, **May 18th** in the parish hall.

Menu to include lasagna, salad, rolls and dessert.

Adults \$10.00 and children 12 and under \$5.00

For additional information or to make reservations please call the rectory at [413-498-2728](tel:413-498-2728).

-Donna Newton

N E D G R E E N S C H O L A R S H I P H I K E

15th Annual Ned Green Scholarship Hike will be **May 7, 2016** (always held the Saturday of Mother's day weekend) All ages are welcome! Meet at 10 AM at the Oscar Ohlson Memorial Field parking lot across from Highway Garage Rd. in Warwick. We will hike to the summit of Mt. Grace, while naturalizing along the way. Bring water, snacks, bug repellent, proper footwear and poles, as needed. Bad weather cancels the event. (Even though Ned once said, "There is no such thing as bad weather, only your attitude,") Come join the hike for fun. It is not required to make a donation, but contributions may be made the day of the hike or mailed directly to the Treasurer, Deb Mero, at Pioneer Valley Regional School, 97 F. Sumner Turner Rd, Northfield, MA 01360.

Checks may be payable to Ned Green Fund. Scholarships are presented during the PVRs Senior Awards evening. In advance, a warm thank you for all who participate. Eighteen scholarships have been awarded thus far, totaling over \$20,000. For more information, see www.nedgreen.com or call Clare Green at 978-544-7421.

To quote Ned, *"The M-M Trail was attractive to me because it floated silently over Mt. Grace which is located in my old home of Warwick. It has been several years, enigmatic, mysterious and a source of wonder.....To understand my human ecology which is bonded to spirituality, I felt it necessary to be in close contact with nature. Walking afforded me this connection...."*

At The Athol Public Library, on (Thursday) **MAY 12 2016**, 5:30-8pm, I am hosting a PRELAUNCH party for **UNIQUELY QUABBIN** which is a *NEW, *FREE *MAGAZINE coming to the towns of North Quabbin and South Quabbin. The very first issue of the magazine will hit the streets the 3rd week in May. It will publish 3 times a year. The actual launch of the magazine will take place the following weekend, over the course of 4 days **May 19-22**.

Town Historical Societies/Museums, Libraries/Art Centers etc... in the 20 towns that make up North Quabbin and South Quabbin, have been invited to serve as distribution sites for the magazine during the launch. We are calling the launch, "UNIQUELY QUABBIN WEEKEND".

Almost all 20 have not only signed on to be open during the launch and hand out magazines but have additionally created or scheduled special exhibits, readings, or musical performances to take place or be on display during the launch. Each site will have a lawn sign indicating that they are part of "Uniquely Quabbin Weekend".

I was commissioned by the magazine project to create a symbolic map painting of each town. The artwork is utilized among the pages of the May issue, and prints of the maps will be given inside "Swag Bags" as "thank you's" to each participating site in the launch. I reached out to the Historical Societies/Commissions/Museums, to get input on what each town map should contain. I wanted to highlight a few of the things that make each of these towns "unique". And

now, the work is complete, and the swag bags are ready! So in part, this event is a thank-you to them AND is where they can pick up their swag bags and lawn signs for the launch weekend.

This event will serve as a platform for all involved in the magazine, all involved in the launch, and for the general public, to create synergy around and through this new magazine. *The editorial board of the magazine will be there to share information about the magazine and the launch.

*Original Map paintings will be on Display

*Refreshments will be served

*Prints and Postcards will be available for purchase

*Folks will be hanging out, having a good time!

I look forward to meeting all of you at the beautiful Athol Public Library May 12! Please RSVP

justjoandj@gmail.com or call 857-294-6067

Sincerely, Casey Williams

Special Projects coordinator / Uniquely Quabbin Magazine Artist / DJ / Athol resident

MOORE'S POND NOTES

The ducks, geese, osprey and eagles are enjoying Moore's Pond. Hope you are too.

Fishermen are now catching Rainbow Trout. The pond was stocked about 3 weeks ago.

The osprey and eagles are also fishing. The great Blue Heron (2) are back to catch frogs and smaller fish.

Thanks to the town for turning out and supporting the Lasagna dinner April 16th. Thanks to all who helped set up, serve and clean up. and our great cooks! Thanks for donations from a few who did not attend. Proceeds are for the required water testing.

The annual Beach Party is scheduled for June 18, the Saturday after school closes. Hope students will attend. The Fun-icellos will provide music between 1 and 2. Watermelon, pop corn and lemonade will be available. For those who enjoy a walk in the woods, meet at 12 noon at the north end of the cemetery. We will take North Holden Road and will follow the discontinued Holden Road to South Holden Road and the beach. Notes on the history, animals and plants will be discussed. Water testing will begin on the Monday before Memorial Day- the beginning of the swimming year.

Upcoming at Old Home Day will be the annual "Corregatta" cardboard boat race on Sunday at Moore's Pond. More details next month.

Time to enjoy the beach, fishing, swimming and bird-watching.

-David Shepardson



JOIN US FOR SOME FREE CLASSES!

Zumba is for all ages, gender and physical abilities.

ZUMBA
FITNESS

8 free Zumba classes, every Tuesday at the town hall.

Starting May 3rd -- June 21 st 6pm

FREE And open to all

Sponsored by Warwick recreation committee. Call Leanne if you have questions 544-5553

PUBLICIZE YOUR EVENTS!

I work with the North Quabbin Community Coalition and they are interested in branching out to provide support for many of the smaller towns. One of the ways they are looking to do this is provide Warwick with a link to their comprehensive up-to-date calendar of all activities that are happening in the towns. If you have events that could be listed in their calendar, please send them to admin@nqcc.org.

View their calendar at www.nqcc.org/events.html

- Amanda Mankowsky

WARWICKIANS ON-LINE - How to subscribe

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.

BUILDINGS AND ENERGY COMMITTEE
"GREEN CORNER"

The new Solar Bill just was just passed and signed by the Governor. It lifts the "cap" by 3 percent for public, private, and utility owned projects. The old cap had been reached months ago and many larger solar installations had been stalled. So raising the cap, even this little bit, is good news, but there are may other parts of the bill that are not so good.

The bill lowers the reimbursement rate for electricity generated from most large new projects by about 40% - from the current retail rate of 19 cents on avg. to about 12 cents per kilowatt hour. Projects owned by governments and municipalities, such as those at schools, public landfills or town buildings, will still be reimbursed at the retail rate, as would residential and small commercial projects. So homeowners installing solar panels now would not see any change. However, larger projects - including those that are shared by a community or built for affordable housing complexes - would get reimbursed at the lower rate. It is estimated that 80% of homes in this state are not well situated for solar, so buying into a community shared project will now have a longer payback than in the past.

Existing projects that are already connected to the grid would be grandfathered in under the old rate for 25 years.

The bill allows the Department of Energy to charge solar generating customers a minimum monthly bill. This is a way to ensure that customers who do not take energy from the grid are still paying something toward the cost of maintaining transmission lines and infrastructure. In a more just and sane world, the proposed minimum bill should favor those who use less electricity to begin with, otherwise it will discourage people with smaller bills to go solar.

The new bill also directs the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources to craft a new version of an incentive program referred to as SREC in a way that provides a financial incentive for low-income solar projects. The current SREC program is favorable to residential and small commercial system owners and will stay in place until the beginning of 2017

Ben Hellerstein of Environment Massachusetts said that the minimum monthly bill and the cuts to reimbursement rates will slow the growth of solar energy.

"The conversation this year has been totally focused on how much will we cut the program, but that's the wrong way to look at it. Solar has brought so many benefits to Massachusetts, the environment, the economy, we should think about how do we keep growing as quickly as possible."

The bill is not a long-term solution.

Senator Ben Downing cautioned that even with a 3 percent cap lift, the cap will likely be hit again around the beginning of 2017.

"We need to come up with a long term framework that allows reliance on programs."

He noted that lawmakers raised the cap in 2010, 2012, 2014 and now 2016. "That stop and start doesn't lead to good planning. It doesn't lead to a healthy market."

Our own senator, Senate President Stan Rosenberg said "Our climate is changing and we must work towards an energy future that reduces our reliance on fossil fuels while promoting the use of clean energy alternatives."
 -Janice Kurkoski

WARWICK TOWN ELECTIONS
CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

My name is **Jim Erviti** and I am running for the select board's open seat for one year. I have served this town in several capacities as volunteer firefighter, EMT, police officer and for the past 15 plus years (kind of lost count but it's better than 15 years) as the Emergency Management Director. I am now asking for your vote to allow me to serve the town in yet another capacity. I am committed to keeping this town as a strong and viable community that maintains the character of this town as well as moving gently into the complexities of our new millennia. There are challenges before us as there always have been and I, with your vote, will aid in discovering those solutions that do not unnecessarily subvert the values and ideals of our community.

My name is **Dawn Magi** and I am running for re-election to the Warwick Selectboard. I am writing to ask for your vote.

I believe this work is important, and I have the time to dedicate to the job. I am an active member of the Board and have served often as Chair. I am willing to serve another three years and look forward to meeting our town's challenges.

I am experienced. My work background includes personnel management in a corporate setting; long service on the Finance Committee prior to my six years on the Selectboard. I am involved with the Franklin County Regional Council of Government and other regional efforts to deliver services more efficiently, because I have learned the value of these partnerships.

I don't have any hidden agendas. I oppose the pipeline. I will continue to work to preserve all that is good in our town (there is a lot), and I will continue to work to improve all that I can. I do not approve new expenses without scrutinizing the matter carefully. I think we can meet our need for adequate Internet service with no additional cost to our taxpayers by expanding our town-owned wireless system. I support our schools, though not uncritically. I view finding our way forward to affordably meet our responsibility to educate our children as a top priority.

Being an elected official in this capacity is a responsibility that I take very seriously. If you reelect me, I will continue to be a steward, seek to get more from less; to get more out of fewer of your tax dollars wherever possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. I ask once again that you give me your vote so that I can continue.



WARWICK TOWN ELECTIONS CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

My name is **Denyse Dar** and I am a resident of Warwick running for the 3-year Selectboard seat. I am volunteering to run for the board to lend my professional executive management and financial skills at this time. As many in town know, last year I did a strategic analysis to check the viability of senior and single-parent sustainable housing in Warwick. The analysis revealed Warwick has a median age of 64 - with a disproportionately high number of Baby Boomers now reaching retirement age and virtually no supporting income producing/tax paying families underneath to support the town when they are gone. This presents a myriad of future issues for remaining residents - including a declining population, tax revenues at the highest possible rate which will still not even remotely cover operating costs and home values plummeting. As a business woman, I feel the need to be proactive by diversifying our towns financial portfolio and formulate solid strategies to address the situation BEFORE the problem presents itself (7-10 years.) It is my hope that you'll support me in being proactive about the future and direction of Warwick by checking that little box on the ballot next to my name.



As a first time candidate for anything ,I feel it is time for change in the governing of this town, to reach out and include more residents in the decision making process. We have turned from a town of volunteers when i got here 8 years ago to a general government funded bureaucracy. note the word (cracy) in that word,although a slight misspelling.

While taxes have increased dramatically over the past 8 years, the fact that we have lost 10% valuation in our homes in the last 6 years, is even more disconcerting. This is not the direction this town should be going if we want to stay viable as a town.

We have a dwindling population and no young people moving in, 50% or more of retiree's on fixed income, and property that keeps dropping in value. As a one time small business owner I know this is a recipe for disaster.

I would like to take this town in a different direction and bring it back to being a beautiful little piece of Americana where beauty, peace,and a connection to wildlife, and its solitude is affordable and sustainable. You might say those are the special interests i serve. **-Steve Ruggiero**



WARWICK MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

Saturday, May 28, 2016 at 1PM

Location: Unitarian Meeting House

Come honor Warwick's veterans, sing, march in the parade, recoil at musket firing, eat delicious treats from the Women's Guild, and have a great time.
See you there!

T O W N C L E R K N O T E S

Annual Town Election will be held on Monday, May 16th. Polls will be open from 12 p.m. - 7 p.m. Absentee Ballots must be requested by 12 p.m. on Friday, May 13, 2016.—Rosa Fratangelo

To Vote for a Candidate Mark a Cross (X) in the Square at right of Name and Designation

SELECTMAN for Three Years		Vote for One
DAWN MAGI		<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate for Re-Election		
DENYSE DAR		<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate for Re-Election		
SELECTMAN for One Year		Vote for One
JAMES ERVITI		<input type="checkbox"/>
STEPHEN RUGGIERO		<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate for Re-Election		
ASSESSOR for Three Years		Vote for One
BETH GILGUN		<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate for Re-Election		
BOARD of HEALTH for Three Years		Vote for One
LUCINDA SEAGO		<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate for Re-Election		
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER for Three Years		Vote for One
GEORGE ROAF		<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate for Re-Election		
CONSTABLE for Three Years		Vote for One
A. GEORGE DAY, JR.		<input type="checkbox"/>
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Candidate for Re-Election		
GREGORY STONE		<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate for Re-Election		
TRANSFER STATION COMM for Three Years		Vote for 1
MICHAEL MANKOWSKY		<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate for Re-Election		
TRANSFER STATION COMM for Two Years		
TODD DEXTER		<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate for Re-Election		

HOME SOLAR IS READY FOR YOU
Sat, May 7, 10:00am Warwick Town Hall

This is an excellent time to purchase your home solar electricity system

Costs have come down.
Incentives are still high.
You do not need a perfect site.

Federal investment tax credit of 30%
Can be rolled forward if necessary.
Reduces your effective purchase price.

State investment tax credit of \$1,000

Mass. Solar Loan Program
Interest rate is reduced by 3%.
Pays 30% of principal if your family income is less than \$66,866.
Pays 20% if less than \$80,240.

Solar Renewable Energy Credits: SRECs
This incentive pays you a bonus for producing solar electricity.

Net Metering Credits
You can bank surplus electricity from the summer as a \$\$ credit on your bill and use it to pay wintertime bills.

Reduce your electric bill and also give yourself a small income
A correctly sized system will reduce your yearly electric bill to near zero.
The SRECs will more than cover the loan payments, giving you a small income.

For more information:
Come to the Solar Is Ready talk
Sat, May 7, 10:00am
-Submitted by Elaine Reardon

Proposal to upgrade & expand Warwick Broadband

-by Warwick Broadband Committee: Tom Wyatt, Scott Seago, Andrea Woods, and Brad Compton with Warwick Broadband's David Young and John Bradford

In 2009, Town Meeting voted to borrow \$40,000 to begin Warwick Broadband, a town-owned enterprise tasked with providing wireless internet to Warwick residents. Over the past seven years, Warwick Broadband has built a wireless internet network that serves 180 households. The original loan was paid back from operating revenue, as promised, within three years.

Although our current system provides pretty good internet to many households in town, antiquated radio technology (much of it state of the art back in 2000) and challenges of terrain leave a few households unserved, and some households with very slow service (on the order of 0.5 Mbps*). We have an opportunity to upgrade our system to increase reliability, and increase the speed of service to most households by a factor of 10. The new system would provide at least 5 Mbps to nearly all households, and 25 Mbps or more to the majority. The loan will be paid back from operating revenue, with no effect on our tax rate.

Why does Warwick Broadband want to borrow money? We are trying to improve service and over the last year have talked to various wireless companies and wireless equipment suppliers about the best upgrade path. This led us to hire a wireless consultant to assess what we currently have and how to upgrade it in a cost effective manner. His recommendation, after evaluating our information and current technology, is to replace most of our electronics, much of which is over a decade old, with newer more technologically advanced equipment and to upgrade a number of our relay sites with 50' tall poles and add two relay sites to expand coverage to reach all residents. We will retain our current best gear, WiMAX, which is newer and capable of delivering up to 10 Mbps service, and we have already bought some new electronics out of the operating budget. In order to complete the designed buildout we need funding for new radios and labor to install them. Due to the integrated nature of our wireless network this can not be done efficiently or equitably in a piecemeal fashion going forward.

Why aren't we pursuing a WiredWest fiber option? Serving every home in town with fiber would be very expensive: \$2.4M total (\$1.6M of town borrowing plus \$800k in state subsidy). The likelihood of fiber being a reality within 5 years does not seem realistic since the state and nonprofit WiredWest have not yet reached any agreement. Fiber service may be an option for the town in the future and we should look at it again when it is time for us to consider a subsequent round of replacing electronics.

What about the MBI (state) contribution? The experience of Leverett (which received funding from MBI for its fiber buildout after-the-fact) and of Warwick with our MBI WiMAX grant leads us to expect that MBI is more likely to provide funding to towns with projects that are moving ahead than those that are simply waiting. MBI is only interested in successful and sustainable projects. Warwick Broadband's history has been successful and we believe MBI will support the expansion of our established venture with more funding. While we are not counting on it in the budget, we will seek grant support from MBI for this upgrade. We will also seek MBI funding for a second phase of upgrade to replace our WiMAX equipment (currently our fastest radios), probably with LTE.

Why can't residents on Route 78 use the fiber that's right there? The contractual rights to that fiber belong to the network operator (Axia) and they are not interested in pursuing "to the home" fiber at this time. The fiber is there, but we can't legally touch it, and this is unlikely to change soon.

***What is Mbps?** The speed of data transfer is measured in megabits per second (Mbps). Dial-up is typically 0.05 Mbps. The federal definition of "broadband" is 25 Mbps. Internet telephone requires around 1 Mbps. Streaming standard video requires about 3 Mbps, while streaming hi-def video requires 5 Mbps. Warwick Broadband currently provides between 0.5 Mbps and 10 Mbps. The new system should provide 25 Mbps to most households in town, with a minimum of 5 Mbps to the hardest-to-reach houses.

What is the financial picture? Warwick Broadband Service (WBS) has proven to be a valuable asset to the town. WBS paid for itself, provided residents with broadband service, and did not increase the cost of this service even as the amount of data users transmit has increased dramatically. Here is some basic financial information:

Initial borrowing (with town backing): \$40,000
MBI funding for WiMAX: \$50,000
Labor costs since 2009: \$77,000
Income from subscribers through 12/31/2015: \$545,000
Historical surplus (income minus purchases, labor, consulting, etc.):
 FY 2013 - \$27,382
 FY 2014 - \$36,518
 FY 2015 - \$43,458
Additional Equipment (purchased out of revenue): \$265,000

In 6 years WBS has covered all operating costs and spent \$265,000 to upgrade and improve equipment. While doing this \$43,000 of surplus has accrued. If the purchased new equipment recommended by the consultant has a lifespan of at least 5 years (and it does), history predicts that, even with no increase in customer base, WBS will have little difficulty paying back the requested loan and interest.

Why do some households get 10 Mbps, and others get as little as 0.5 Mbps? It's a matter of geography, population distribution, older single channel electronics and terrain. At present sites with a clear view of a tower can use our older higher frequency dual channel radios such as WiMAX, which provides up to 10 Mbps and serves about a quarter of customers. Sites with vegetation to penetrate have to use radios at lower frequencies that can propagate through trees, but do so at a much slower speed.

The proposed upgrade would provide significantly faster service to all, even the hard-to-reach houses, thanks to newer dual channel radio technology and number of improved repeater stations on taller poles. Additionally, some base station radios on the towers serve too many households, dividing limited bandwidth among many users. The new design will arrange radios to share bandwidth more equitably. With the current equipment, it is possible for a single user to max out the connection on the base station, potentially slowing down internet service to many other users on that base station. The new equipment will have greater capacity.

How will this project benefit me and improve my internet experience? The consultant's plan was developed based on the assumption that the least advantageous wireless locations will receive 5 Mbps and the best sites should see in excess of 25 Mbps for downloads. More engineering needs to be done and the borrowing will pay for this engineering prior to deployment. A system which is planned out in advance rather than developing organically will be more stable and more predictable which will also enhance end user experience.

How much will it cost me to use the upgraded system? There will be no price change--broadband will continue at monthly fees of \$50, or \$30 for reduced speeds. There will be no installation cost to existing subscribers--new subscriber equipment will be paid for as part of the project. There is a \$100 installation fee for new customers. There is no deposit or contract.

We urge you to support this project at Warwick's Annual Town Meeting on May 2.

APRIL NEWS & TIDINGS

WARWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Elizabeth Musgrave, Principal

2016-17 WCS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

WHEN: April 11 - May 6 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. WHERE: WARWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

WHO: Children who will be five years of age by Sept. 1, 2016

The Warwick Community School PTO invites you to our PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

Saturday **May 14th 2016** - 8:30-10AM (last serving 9:45AM) Adults \$8, Children ages 3-13 \$4 (2 and under eat free!) Please purchase tickets in advance! (Very limited tickets available at the door.)

Tickets on sale before event from: WCS Students, Warwick Library, PTO members, or by calling Trish in the WCS Office 544-6310. *And get your car washed while you enjoy your pancakes!*

5th and 6th Grade CAR WASH!

Saturday, May 14, 2016 9:00 - 10:30AM

\$5 per wash \$3 for interior vacuuming and glass cleaning Proceeds support overnight trip to Cape Cod!

A BIG THANK YOU TO WARWICK ARTS COUNCIL for sponsoring a visit from former **WBZ** reporter and local resident, Jack Borden, to deliver a presentation he calls, "Look Up, For Spacious Skies." After talking with the children about Looking Up to appreciate the beauty and majesty of the skies, Mr. Borden brought everyone outside for sky watching. Special thanks to Tom Wyatt and Clare Green for their assistance, and to town members, Martha Morse, Suzanne Renna and Judy Phillips for joining us.

OUR CLASSROOM BUZZ...

This month we feature KINDERGARTEN and PRE-K: Children spent the last month exploring water, rainbow, colors and mixtures in science. Preschoolers worked on telling nursery rhymes with puppets. This activity transferred to a center in the classroom where all children can use puppets to act out poems.

This month Diane Ellis, Clare Greene and Martha Morse joined us for Senior Reading Time. The theme was water. They read stories about water with and to the children and then had a tea party together with their partners. The children were the hosts and hostesses, and practiced using manners and using polite conversation. Thanks to all who attended! You can see pictures of this event at <http://mswhites.blogspot.com/>. This month we will take walking field trips to places in the community. We will be planting and tending plants in the greenhouse. We will continue our Forest Friday walks with a focus on new growth and water, rocks and soil. **Ms. Allison White**

WOW! 9,371! That's the number of picture books and chapters from longer books that 54 WCS students read over 8 weeks. The children read for charity, earning a penny for every chapter or picture book they read and \$1. for every "Lovely Long Book" of 100 pages or more they finished - all donated to their cause. This year, they will send a check to the Ronald McDonald House, Boston for \$147.71! BRAVO! Never let it be said that kids don't do really big and important things!



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Dear Friends,

There is a list of “Seven Deadly Social Sins” attributed to Mahatma Gandhi;

Politics without principle

Wealth without Work

Commerce without morality

Pleasure without conscience

Education without character

Science without humanity

Worship without sacrifice”

It is pretty easy to look at this list and say, “It’s hopeless!” I’m pretty sure that has popped into your mind at some point because it has come into my mind. I recently read an article in “The Sun” magazine by Brian Doyle. He was remembering his sister’s involvement in “Woodstock”, August 1969.

“It seems to me now, nearly fifty years after the Music & Art Fair, that the stories told are mostly about the famous musicians, and the drugs, and the epic crowd, and the political and financial wrangling over money...perhaps the deeper story, the better story... is how a sudden city of young Americans arose briefly on a hillside for one summer weekend, and no one got beaten up, and hundreds of people like my sister handed out water and sandwiches and blankets.

People still do that sort of thing all the time, every day, in every city and country in the world, and we never talk about it, because most of the time we are hearing and talking and arguing about the reverse.

I am weary of the reverse. I do not think that evil and greed and violence are the definitive characteristics of our species. Many readers will sneer at me for this, and they are right to be cynical and skeptical, for evidence of evil and greed and violence is everywhere at hand. Yet there are also millions of people who hand water and sandwiches and blankets to millions of other people. What are we to make of that?”

Brian goes on to explain that Max Yasgur (the farmer who let his farm be used for the festival), when he saw the number of people and the need for food, instructed his kids to give out free milk and cheese. For his efforts, some neighbors never spoke to him again, he sold his farm two years later and two years after that he died of a weak heart he’d struggled with all his life. Brian continued;

“...I believe Max had a great heart. He said just before he died, that if people would join together in the spirit of that sudden city on his farm, America could push past its problems and fears and become a new sort of country. I think he was right. How easy it is to sneer, how easy to snicker and deride; but there is my wry and remarkable sister, handing out water and sandwiches and blankets, and there are Max’s kids, handing out free bottles of milk and wedges of cheese, and there are millions of people all over the world, in every city and every country, handing out water and bread and blankets, and what are we to make of that?”

What are we to make of that? Just before I submitted this letter, news of Kinder Morgan’s decision to suspend their North East Direct pipeline project was announced. KM said it was due to a lack of customer commitments, but without the efforts of hundreds of dedicated opponents (thanks Leigh, Ted and others in our own town) it would have proceeded. It is the efforts of the few, working for the good of the many, that bring change; the end of slavery, Women’s suffrage, Civil Rights, environmental regulations. Our task now is to keep watch; to prevent the slow erosion of the good by those who would undermine the progress for personal gain or hateful prejudice.

In Faith, *Dan*

Orange Community Meal The Franklin County Community Meals Program serves a meal every Monday and Thursday at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Orange to about 45-50 people. For much of the time, Cliff Fournier pulls this together, but churches, clubs and organizations and individual people also help. **On Thursday June 9**, the Mission Committee of the Metcalf Chapel will provide and cook the meal. We will have hot dogs and hamburgers, potato salad and more. If you would like to donate food or help prepare the dinner, please contact the chapel at (978) 544-2630 or contact a Mission Com. Member (Andrea Woods, Clare Green, Karro Frost, Jaylin or Dan Dibble)

ON-GOING

BEDDING AND BLANKET DRIVE Drop off useable, clean blankets, clean sheets and pillowcases and outdoor clothing at the Chapel and we will get them to the Emergency Shelter.

ORANGE FOOD PANTRY The Orange Food Pantry needs both donations and bodies. The Pantry distributes food to about 400 families or individuals each month. Donations can be dropped off at the Chapel. Volunteers can call the Pantry (544-2140) or the Chapel (544-2630) to offer help.

PRAYER SHAWLS We are looking for people who like to knit, crochet, sew, embroider, to make shawls we consecrate during Sunday worship for people in need of prayerful care.

WELCOME-TO-WARWICK "BASKETS" The Deacons have resumed a tradition of giving new residents in town a bag of items with information about Town organizations, the school, the Newsletter and local businesses and artisans. If you would like to be included, (with a business card or merchandize) please let us

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1 West Street, West Hatfield, MA.
Monday-Saturday: 8:00am-7:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am-5:00pm

There is another location in Northampton where the bus station is located and I have been to both but prefer the Hatfield location by far.

The place is small with about 6 tables and during the lunch hour when I was there, a lot of take-outs. Soups and chowders are homemade and delicious. I and a companion had the seafood chowder and it was excellent. Another companion had the tomato bisque and said it too was excellent. They have sandwiches, salads and popovers.

I opted for a grilled cheese on sourdough and it was grilled to perfection, lightly grilled with plenty of melted cheese. One companion had the BLT and said it was very good and the other had a popover and said it was 'better' than Judie's so next time I have to try that. I always thought Judie's was the best!

We sat at a table in front of the cupcake display so had to try one. We split an "almond joy" cupcake which was a chocolate cupcake, very moist with plenty of white frosting and sprinkled with almonds, chocolate chips and coconut. They had about a dozen different flavors and all looked delicious.

It is located on Route 5, about ¼ of a mile off Route 91, very easy to find. Prices seemed reasonable, a cup of chowder and a sandwich was under \$10 and it included a bag of chips. They have a pitcher of ice water so you don't have to buy a beverage if you don't want to. I'll definitely stop again for more chowder and more cupcakes whenever I'm in the area or passing by I can stop and bring it home.

Bon Appetite. —Gloria Varno

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 or from the Town Hall. Electronic subscribers will get the full minutes. See Newsletter Extra .

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At 7:50 p.m., Arguimbau MOVED to adjourn. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Town of Warwick Selectboard Minutes March 28, 2016

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At 8:37 p.m., Pruyne MOVED to adjourn. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship Service 10AM Zumba 8am	2 Library Open 10-4 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 7PM	3 Sr. Mealsite 11:45 Library Open 1-8pm GUILD 1PM FREE Zumba 6pm	4	5 Library Open 5-8pm Zumba 6pm	6 Town Hall Gathering 10am Archer Mayor @Town Hall 7pm	7 Transfer Station 8-3 Library Open 10-12:30pm NED GREEN SCHOLARSHIP HIKE 10AM Home Solar Program 10am
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WCS Pancake Breakfast and Car Wash—May 14

Town Elections —May 16

Memorial Day Event—May 28

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I. Call to Order

Chair Magi called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Town Hall.

II. Minutes

Pruyne MOVED to approve the minutes of February 16, 2016 as printed. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

III. Presentations and Discussions

- 1. MGL 268:20D Exemptions**—Tom Wyatt, Broadband Committee Chair and WiredWest Representative, needed to be granted an MGL 268:20D exemption to allow him to also serve as an election worker.

Pruyne MOVED to grant a MGL Chapter 268 Section 20D exemption to Tom Wyatt so that he can serve as an Election Worker on March 1st. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

- 2. Election Worker Appointment**—Town Clerk Rosa Fratangelo had asked the Selectboard to appoint Tom Wyatt as an Election Worker.

Pruyne MOVED to appoint Tom Wyatt an Election Worker for a term expiring August 31, 2016. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

- 3. Warwick Police Department**—Police Chief David Shoemaker requested that the Selectboard appoint Matthew Karpeichik as a Police Officer. He explained that Karpeichik had completed

the Police Academy and while attending the Academy he participated in cruiser ride-alongs and departmental training. The Chief also said that Karpeichik will continue his field training after being appointed; noting that he would be a great asset to the Town and his appointment would bring the department closer to optimal staffing. The Chief noted that all officers in the department, including himself, are part-time, and no one can work over nineteen hours per week

Arguimbau asked if more people from Town could be trained rather than those from out of town. Young explained that the Police Chief nominates officers for appointment as a Strong Chief, and the Board ratifies those nominations by voting to appoint them to the Police Department. He noted that we have a small, rural department with a low budget. Chief Shoemaker made it clear that the appointment of another officer would not impact the budget. He also said that in order to remain active in the department, each officer works a minimum of two patrol shifts per month. Currently there are six patrol officers, and the addition of Officer Karpeichik would make it more likely that someone would be available to work a shift.

Pruyne MOVED to appoint Matthew Karpeichik as a Warwick Police Officer as per the recommendation of Chief Shoemaker. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

The Chief said that a bicycle race in Warwick is scheduled on Saturday, April 23rd. MIT cycling team member Anne Raymond handed out two maps of proposed routes for two separate sets of races. She explained that the first race will be a single file race down Route 78 and back that would take place between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. The larger races would involve multiple times around a route that involves Athol, Hotel, Northfield, Wendell, Shepardson, White, Leland Hill, Flower Hill, Winchester, Robbins and Old Winchester Roads and take place between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. She said that there would be a total of between 200 and 300 riders expected, mostly college students.

Chief Shoemaker stated that the race will be fully insured with a full medical and EMT staff, and that the Warwick Police Department would accept no liability. Young said that we should ask that the Town of Warwick be additionally named insured so that MIT's insurance will also cover the town. Chief Shoemaker said that five officers have been requested by race administrators, and suggested exempting local traffic from any temporary one-way designations on certain roads while the races are underway. All three Board members welcomed Ms. Raymond to Town and were glad that the race would occur here. There was a consensus of the Board that the race should proceed on April 23rd.

- 4. MOA with Solid Waste District**—Young said that the grant funding has been spent for collecting and recycling pellet bags at the Transfer station, so to continue this practice the Board must authorize a contract. Young said that the FY 17 cost will be \$175.00.

Pruyne MOVED to approve the execution of the Memo of Agreement with Franklin County Solid waste Management District for pellet bag collection for a cost of \$175.00 annually. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

- 5. Highway Chapter 90 Report**—Young said that Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney forwarded him an Email he had received from the DOT saying that the Town cannot use Chapter 90 funds to pay the salaries of town employees. Young replied to the DOT Email

saying that Warwick understands that Chapter 90 funds cannot be used to pay municipal employee salaries, but we use Chapter 90 money to pay documented hourly wages of municipal employees only when working on approved Chapter 90 projects. He said that someone alerted the DOT saying Warwick is using Chapter 90 funds to pay the salaries of town employees, but a DOT representative assured him by telephone that everything is being done legally here.

Arguimbau said that the Highway staff needs to know their protection against layoffs comes from Chapter 90 projects and not the Town, and that there must be sufficient funds in the Highway Department budget to cover the standard work of the department to keep roads in operation. Young said that in FY 17 he is looking to have 60% departmental budget and 40% Chapter 90 projects. Arguimbau expressed concern over the timing of Chapter 90 project approvals and wanted to revisit his desire to have the Selectboard vote a policy that a project must be approved by all relevant departments including the Highway, Planning Board and Conservation Commission prior to it being put into the departmental budget or being applied for as a Chapter 90 project.

Miryam Williamson suggested that Arguimbau draft a policy and bring it before the Board for discussion and vote at a future meeting.

6. **PVRSD Budget**—Young said that there will be another School Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 2nd. He explained that a two-thirds vote is required to pass a budget in which the towns' assessments are determined. He said that three members of the 12-member School Committee are employees of the District and therefore have a conflict of interest that precludes them from voting. Young said that all three of Warwick's members voted against the budget with the increase of 2.5% for our assessment. He said that he hopes that the budget with 1.57% increase will pass, and pointed out that not all funds in a budget has to spent.
7. **Town Park (Common) Hazard Trees** —Young said that there are three very aged maple trees that Tree Warden Brian Miner proposes to have removed. Miner characterized one tree as dangerous to be removed right away and said that two that should be removed very soon. He said that the most dangerous tree is definitely a safety hazard that has been dropping sizeable limbs where people congregate which is why it needs to be removed immediately. Miner is looking to replace the trees, and is working with local nurseries in an effort to obtain donated trees. Young said that he is looking for funds to pay for the cost of the tree removal and replacement, and hoped that the Town Hall Maintenance account could be a source. The estimated cost of removal of trees, stumps and lawn repair is \$2,211.00.

Arguimbau MOVED to authorize removal of three Town Park (Common) maple trees located along Hotel Road between the sidewalk on the Common and the rear driveway of the Town Hall. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

8. **Gas Pipeline**—Miryam Williamson reported that the Coalition Against the Pipeline will hold a meeting on March 1st, and that she will come back to the Board with a report on that meeting if warranted.
9. **Vacancies**—Young said that he wanted to publicize vacancies including two Recreation Committee spots, Field Driver and Warwick representative to the Solid Waste District.

10. Broadband Reports—Magi said that there will be a meeting in Wendell on March 10th at 7 p.m. to discuss sub-regional hybrid broadband network. Towns joining the discussion include Warwick, Wendell, New Salem and Shutesbury.

Young said that Warwick Broadband is continuing to work with a consultant to identify the best model for the town.

Tom Wyatt said that MBI is starting to meet with various towns, and that MBI and WiredWest will have a negotiating meeting on March 11th. Wyatt said that he feels WiredWest is beginning to understand what towns are saying and hopes MBI will follow suit.

11. Ambulance Update—Young said that Chief Gates met with the Northfield ambulance last week. Chief Gates told Young that Northfield has paramedics on one shift six days a week, and the rest of the time they are on call. Young said that Winchester service is not paramedic. He said that he has yet to talk with Athol ambulance; Bruce Kilhart said that he wanted to know what Athol would offer.

12. FY 17 Budget—Young said that there will be a requested column and a recommended column in the omnibus budget presented at the May 2016 Annual Town Meeting. He said that if the School Committee approves the budget with a 2.5% increase then he will put a 4.5% wage increase for town employees in the requested column so the voters can have the option of awarding our employees the same raise as given to those who work for the School District. Young gave a “guestimate” of under \$10,000.00 for the 4.5% increase.

13. Selectboard Reports—Arguimbau announced that he will resign from the Selectboard effective May 15, 2016. He said that he has become “tired and unreliable” and characterized 2014 as a largely lost year for him during which he was replaced as Selectboard Chair. He said that it was probably better for the Town to vote someone in to replace him.

Pruyne said that he, Steve and Janice Kurkoski, Gregory Brodski and Elaine Reardon attended a meeting to formulate a questionnaire designed to assess the desirability to townspeople for solar projects in their homes. He noted that there would be a 7% discount from installers affiliated with the Solarize Mass project.

14. Coordinator Report—Young had nothing to add to his written report.

15. Public Comment—Bruce Kilhart said that he wanted the Town Coordinator to find out about Athol’s ambulance service and their possible willingness in serving Warwick. He suggested that Young contact either the Town Administrator or Fire Chief in Athol. Kilhart noted that Athol is staffed 24/7 with paramedics, and that they serve Petersham at no cost to that town. Magi said that we should plan to keep exploring other options but probably pay Orange in FY 17. Nancy Kilhart asked if we can decide the amount to give to Orange Ambulance because historically we have considered the annual fee to be a donation. Young said that Orange will likely look for a contract in FY 17 and that we should appropriate the \$17,500.00 even though we might not spend it.

16. New and Other Business Unanticipated at Time of Meeting Posting —None.

IV. Adjournment

At 7:50 p.m., Arguimbau MOVED to adjourn. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting:

- *Draft Minutes of the February 16, 2016 Selectboard meeting
- *Town Coordinator Report
- *Letter from Warwick Police Chief David Shoemaker to the Selectboard dated February 22, 2016
- *Emails between Town Coordinator David Young and Recreation Committee member Denyse Dar dated February 24, 2016
- *Maps of proposed bicycle routes in Warwick for the MIT Bicycle Race scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2016

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legal expenses. She asked the Selectboard if they feel it is in Warwick's best interest to contribute as well, and asked for a one-time \$5,000.00 transfer from the snow and ice budget.

Young urged the Board to consider funding apart from the suggested funding source as they cannot transfer from the snow and ice budget. He noted that if the snow and ice budget were to be reduced, it become ineligible for deficit spending. Young confirmed that a donation account for legal defense against the Pipeline exists. He suggested a transfer from the Mary Ann Hastings fund, as historically Annual Town Meeting votes to replenish funds used from this account. Young said that the sum of \$1,500.00 has been encumbered to our Legal Defense fund, but for the zoning case against Wagon Wheel Campground.

John Gagliani expressed concern over the possibility of State ethics violations if the Selectboard dictates funding sources rather than waiting for the Annual Town Meeting vote. Ruggiero said that the vote should be done at the ATM and not by the Selectboard. Williamson reminded everyone that the Coalition is working for the interests of all 11 towns. Betsy Alkins noted that although the Pipeline is not slated to go through Gill or Wendell, as neighboring towns they care about preventing the Pipeline. Elaine Reardon listed concerns of the Pipeline's potential negative impact on things ranging from public health and safety to air and water quality, and increased danger for devastating fires. Williamson noted that the purpose of Montague's intervener status is to examine the relationship between Berkshire Gas and Kinder Morgan, not to actually stop the Pipeline. Janice Kurkoski said that individuals in town have been making private contributions to the donation account over the past couple of years, and that she felt it is important to follow up on the 2014 non-binding referendum by making a monetary contribution as a Town.

Magi said that she does not want the Pipeline, but cautioned that we need to be mindful of the Town's budget. She said that she did not believe the Town could afford \$5,000.00 and favored the amount of \$2,500.00 as a reasonable figure for the size of our town.

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Young said that he will consult with Town Counsel for the appropriate wording for the article.

- 2. ZBA Article for 2016 ATM** —Young explained that currently if a ZBA member misses a meeting he or she cannot vote or otherwise act on the matter before the Board. Miryam Williamson has suggested that the Town accept MGL 39:23D which allows a Board member to miss one session of an adjudicatory hearing and be able to vote or otherwise act on the matter as long as that member certifies in writing that he or she has reviewed all evidence from the missed hearing. Young was in favor of adopting this local option law.

Pruyne MOVED to place an article on the May 2, 2016 Annual Town Meeting warrant to accept MGL Chapter 39 Section 23D. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

- 3. Appointments and Nominations**—Young said that Leanne Limoges has agreed to serve on the Recreation Committee, and that it was time to nominate Rosa Fratangelo to the Department of Agriculture as Inspector of Animals.

Arguimbau MOVED to appoint Leanne Limoges to the Recreation Committee. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Arguimbau MOVED to nominate Rosa Fratangelo Inspector of Animals. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

- 4. Delayed State Aid**—Magi said that the Accountant was late again with filing the Schedule A with the DOR. Young noted that this lateness was habitual and that he needs to work with the Accountant to establish better expectations for the future. Andrea Woods suggested looking into FRCOG’s accounting program. Young said that the cost might increase about 50% were we to go with FRCOG. Jon Calcari said that Accountant Janice Barrett should be present at a meeting where her work is being discussed, and asked if she had been asked to attend tonight’s meeting. Young said that he had invited Ms. Barrett two weeks ago but she declined to attend a Monday night meeting. Magi said that a meeting needed to be scheduled with the Accountant, the Town Coordinator and the Selectboard to discuss matters further. Young noted that the late filing of Schedule A presents a cash flow problem, as we will not receive State aid until it is filed, but that once the filing is completed we will receive funds. Young will set up a meeting with the Board and the Accountant.
- 5. Broadband**—Magi said that she and John Bradford attended a meeting in Wendell for several area towns involved in the Sub-regional Broadband group. She said that while all towns are interested in having internet, financial and topographical issues make it difficult to have all the towns agree on one way to proceed.

Tom Wyatt said that MBI has released funds for 7 towns that are partially served by Comcast. He said that grants from MBI for fiber and hybrid models may become available.

Young spoke about the map of wireless band assignments. He said that out of 430 potential residences in Warwick, all but 23 sites can receive broadband. He said that a proposed interim measure for the ATM would be a warrant article authorizing the \$46,000.00 surplus from the Broadband Enterprise Fund be put towards wireless upgrades which could begin immediately.

Wyatt read aloud the five points of Warwick and Fiber to the Home – Discussion of Decision Path. He said that he wanted to talk with both Young and Bradford before the next Broadband Committee meeting.

- 6. Arguimbau Policy Proposal**—Arguimbau had submitted for the Selectboard’s consideration the following draft policy: “It is the policy of the Selectboard that if a Highway Department project is planned to be carried out by Highway Department employees with Chapter 90 funding of their wages and salaries, all necessary reviews and approvals of that project by town agencies and officials shall be complete prior to approval and submission of that portion of the

Annual Meeting warrant stating tax-funded wages and salaries of the Highway Department, and prior to approval and submission of a Chapter 90 application relating to that project. This policy will be enforced to the extent feasible given time constraints for projects to be built in the year 2016-17, but will be enforced fully thereafter.”

Magi asked if the policy is redundant, as the DOT closely monitors how Chapter 90 funds are spent. Arguimbau stated that if we are going to use a percentage of Chapter 90 money to pay Highway Department workers we need to know what it will be used for prior to an ATM vote.

Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney said that the problem has been that having to hit such a large target has kept him from planning other non-Chapter 90 projects that need to be done. He said that 104 days of work were budgeted for Chapter 90 projects this fiscal year which resulted in late gardening the roads last fall, as everyone worked on Chapter 90 projects.

Young said that there was a failure to plan ahead and that he was not happy with the speed at which Delaney addressed things that had been brought up. Young said that Delaney needed to make better plans. Delaney said that he preferred a fully funded budget as that would still allow for the ability to execute Chapter 90 projects.

Woods said that the intent of Chapter 90 was for construction projects to maintain roads, not to pay wages for the Highway crew. She noted that over time our roads will deteriorate because we will be unable to pay for the necessary construction equipment and contractors to repair the roads and cautioned that eventually very costly repairs will become necessary. Woods pointed out that no other town in Franklin County does what Warwick did this fiscal year. Arguimbau said that 100% budgeting returns control to the Highway Department. Woods suggested banking some Chapter 90 funds each year to save towards a large project as many other towns do.

Arguimbau MOVED to fully fund the Highway Department for FY 17 and table the proposed policy. Magi SECONDED. Motion FAILED 1-1-1: Arguimbau – AYE; Pruyne – NAY; Magi – ABSTAIN.

7. Report on Actions Taken —Young said that the Town executed amendments to the Seaboard Solar net meter credit purchase contract. He said that he was contacted by DCR requesting a report on a small grant for the Fire Department, and that he forwarded the request to Fire Chief Ron Gates.

8. Authorizations—

Pruyne MOVED to authorize David Young to bid and contract FY 17 fuel oil and diesel and to allow the Town Coordinator to make the decisions on the contract and instruct FRCOG to bid and contract on our behalf. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Pruyne MOVED to authorize the Town to apply for bullet proof vests. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

9. Acceptance of FY 17 Enterprise Fund Budgets—Young reminded the Board that every year the Selectboard needs to vote to accept the proposed Enterprise Fund budgets for inclusion on the ATM warrant.

Pruyne MOVED to accept the FY 17 Transfer Station Enterprise Fund of \$30,400.00. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Pruyne MOVED to accept the FY 17 Broadband Enterprise Fund budget of \$104,400.00. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

10. Report on FY 15 Annual Town Report—Young said that the FY 15 Annual Town Report is almost done, with only three reports outstanding. He said that the third and fourth grade class at WCS will provide the cover artwork.

11. FY 17 Budget and Articles—Young had included the first draft of the FY 17 omnibus budget and warrant articles for the ATM. He said that the current draft underfunds the Highway Department, includes the PVRSD Superintendent's budget, and a 1.25% wage increase for town employees. Young said the requested column reflects a 4.5% wage increase for town employees, which is the same increase that the school employees receive each year, and the School Committee voted PVRSD assessment for Warwick.

Magi said that she wanted PVRSD Superintendent Ruth Miller's budget in the recommended column, as it was well thought out and reasonable. Magi hoped for passage of the lower assessment.

Pruyne MOVED for the 1.57% increase in the amount of \$833,318.00 for the recommended column for the Pioneer assessment, a 1.25% wage increase for Town employees and a fully funded Highway Department budget. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Magi suggested a separate article that if the requested PVRSD assessment is approved, then Town employees would also receive a 4.5% wage increase.

12. Selectboard Reports—Pruyne said that he spoke with the Fire Chief and found out that between unspent funds in a savings account and a CD that has yet to be cashed in, there will be sufficient funds to complete the new Firehouse building.

13. Coordinator Report— Young had nothing to add to his written report.

14. Public Comment—Ruggiero asked if funds from the Recreation Committee budget could be used to repair or build a new shed to store the Rec. Committee equipment. Magi and Pruyne wanted a member of the Rec. Committee to come to a meeting to discuss the matter further.

15. New and Other Business Unanticipated at Time of Meeting Posting —None.

IV. Adjournment

At 8:37 p.m., Pruyne MOVED to adjourn. |Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting:

- *Draft Minutes of the February 29, 2016 Selectboard meeting
- *Town Coordinator Report dates March 23, 2016
- *News Release from Town of Montague Board of Selectmen dated January 13, 2016
- *News Release from Town of Montague Board of Selectmen dated February 2, 2016
- *Support Montague's Intervention on Local Gas Distribution Contract with NED Berkshire Gas – DPU Docket 15-178
- *What if FERC finally meets a Pipeline it DOESN't like?
- *Letter from DLS Senior Deputy Commissioner Sean R. Cronin to David Young dated March 4, 2016
- *Emails between Town Coordinator David Young and Broadband Committee Chair Tom Wyatt dated March 22, 2016 and between Monica Webb and WiredWest dated March 21, 2016
- *Email from David Young re: Map of Wireless Band Assignments dated March 24, 2016
- *Warwick and Fiber to home – discussion of decision path
- *Draft Policy of the Selectboard by Nicholas Arguimbau
- *Email from Massachusetts DOR to David Young re: Notification of Free Cash Approval – Warwick dated March 8, 2016
- *Transfer Station Enterprise Fund figures FY 11 – proposed FY 17
- *Proposed FY 17 Broadband Enterprise Fund budget
- *Draft of FY 17 Omnibus budget and ATM warrant articles