

Warwick Community Newsletter

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PHONE DIRECTORY

Emergency	911
	9 7 8 - 5 4 4 -
Selectboard	6315
Treasurer/Collector	3845
Highway	6349
Library	7866
Fire Station	3314
Animal Control	3402
Animal Contr.Pager	217-2681
Clerk/Assessors	8304
Bd of Health	6315
Community School	6310
Fire Dept Business	2277
Police Dept Business	2244
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Warwick Broadband Trouble	
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MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION Saturday, May 27, 2017 at 1PM



Location: Unitarian Meeting House

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

See you there! - Frederick Abbott

DCR Proposed Harvest and Vernal Pool walk at Bass Swamp: Warwick Con Com is sponsoring a walk with DCR Forester Keith Dinardo to look at the proposed salvage cutting of red pine in the Bass Swamp area at 10:00 am on **May 6.** We will break for lunch (bring your own!) at the Williamson's house on Bass Road, then spend the afternoon looking for and certifying Vernal Pools in this area from 1 pm on. Meet us at either 10 am or 1 pm at Bass Road and the New England Trail intersection. - Karro Frost, Conservation Commission

LETTER OF THANKS

Thank You

Today is my last day as a resident of Warwick. Tomorrow morning we depart for the airport and then on to Atlanta. I can't even begin to tell everyone how grateful we are for all of the love and support we've received in the aftermath of these unspeakable events. It's been almost a month, and the healing has only just begun.

I'm sure I'm forgetting many here, but I want to thank everyone in the local community (and beyond) who have reached out to us with kind words, with prayers, with hugs, with material support, and in many other ways. Thanks to the Warwick Fire Department, the dispatchers, the many other fire departments that responded to the call, and all other first responders. Thanks to those who helped Vivian and me in the hospital, including the ER staff at the Cheshire Medical Center, the Red Cross, and my parish priest, Fr. Sean O'Mannion who dropped everything that Saturday afternoon to come to the hospital. Thanks to everyone at Warwick Community School (faculty, staff, students, and parents) not only for the reception but also for all the work to help Vivian cope in the days following the fire. Thanks to the Warwick Broadband team for getting me set up with a new phone, laptop, and internet access in the apartment. Thanks to everyone who was involved in providing a temporary well-furnished apartment which allowed us to stay in Warwick for our last month up here. Thanks to everyone who donated clothes for us and books, stuffed animals, and art supplies for Vivian. Thanks for everyone who contributed financially both locally and online. There are far too many names to name here, and I'm probably not even aware of the majority of them.

I can't begin to describe what this has all meant to me. I can't say that I'm necessarily comforted, as for much of the last month I felt as if *nothing* could truly comfort me. I will say this: rather than a question of comfort, all the support from the community (and beyond) made it *possible* to go on. I don't want to think about where we'd be right now without all the love, support, and prayers we've received in the midst of this tragedy.

For all of you here in Warwick that I may not see again, thanks again, and know that you will not be forgotten. I hope to visit Warwick again in the near future, but time will tell.

-Scott Seago

THE GATHERING PLACE

The Gathering Place menu is available each week on the L, Warwick Web and TCC Facebook page. Gatherings are held Fridays in the Town Hall Dinning Room, from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Coffee for \$1.00 ready at 10:00 AM, Cup of Soup for \$3.50, ½ Sandwich for \$2.00. Have both (Cup and a half) for \$4.50 starting at 11:30 AM. Desserts anytime. With the warmer weather I will be offering quiche and salads as well. Need lunch to go, bring a container for soup and 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, 12 and 26 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. Got questions, need assistance, stop in between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

I have local honey, pure and natural from Hagerman's Apiary: 8 ounce bottle \$3.00; 16 ounce bottle \$6.00. Stop by a grab a bottle to help fight that Spring cold naturally. -Diana Tandy

LIBRARY

The Library once again has passes to many local attractions – State park passes, Eric Carle Museum, Magic Wings, Historic Deerfield, Mass MoCA and Tower Hill Botanic Gardens. This year we will be offering passes to Trustees of Reservations properties. There are some beautiful houses and gardens available-over 100 in all. There will be a book available describing the properties with directions.

New Books” Earthly Remains by Leon, Simple Favor by Bell.

New DVDs: Sing!, Jackie, Fences, Hacksaw Ridge.

-Nancy Hickler, Director

Brush Valley 4-H is a new 4-H club in town with 11 members. The youth have created many crafts to enter in 4-H and agricultural fairs. They learned about sheep and lambs with Alyssa Weld. Our first community service project has been helping out at the Senior Meal where the youth made Snickerdoodles (a kind of sugar cookie) and a craft project to give to each senior who attended the meal. They also cleaned up sticks on the town common. In May we will focus on the community garden behind the Chapel where the youth will plant vegetables and flowers to share with the community. 4-H fair season starts in June with the Franklin County 4-H Fair at the Heath Fairgrounds on June 24. For more information about Brush Valley 4-H contact Julie Severance weldsheep.mom23@gmail.com.



25th Annual Meals on Wheels Walkathon

Carol Foote and I want to say Thanks to everyone who has supported us as we walk for Meals on Wheels. All donations collected are used in Franklin County and the North Quabbin region.

Thanks, Virginia Fellows and Carol Foote

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.

Warwick Council on Aging

Foot Clinic Schedule for 2017

Metcalf Chapel – 8:00-8:30 AM Note:
These dates are THURSDAYS

May 18	June 15
July 20	Oct 19
Aug 17	Nov 16
Sept 21	

ARTS COUNCIL

The Warwick Arts Council is very pleased to present the film: *"I Know A Man...Ashley Bryan"* on **Sunday May 7th, at 7pm in the Town Hall**. This 74 minute movie, by Richard Kane and Robert Shetterly, is a story about a beloved 93 year old artist who skips and jumps in his heart like a child, yet is a spiritually, deep creative genius and poet/illustrator of more than 50 award winning children's books, maker of magical puppets and sea-glass windows from found objects inspired by his African heritage. Ashley lives on Islesford, the remote Cranberry Island of Maine, and has been using art his entire life to celebrate joy, mediate the darkness of war and racism, explore the mysteries of faith, and create loving community. His life story and the art he makes from his wellspring of experience is an inspiration to people of all ages. Ashley is a winner of the New York Public Library Literary Lions and the Coretta Scott King Book Award among many others.

A trailer for the film can be seen at: <https://ashleybryanfilms.org/> Warwick's Clare Green has known Ashley for 14 years and will be on hand at the showing. Question & answers after the film with Clare and hopefully also Ashley via Skype. Popcorn by some of Warwick's gourmet popcorn makers will be provided. Free showing, though donations for future Arts Council events will be gratefully accepted.

Hope you can come!

Tom Wyatt, Warwick Arts Council

SMOKIN HOT NEWS FROM THE FIREHOUSE

Hello Warwick,

As I stated in the last newsletter, it is so very important, and I can't stress this enough, that you have working smoke/CO detectors and that you practice a plan of escape from your home.

If purchasing a new one is a financial hardship, the fire department has free smoke/Co2 detectors, If you would like one please contact a member of the fire department and we will get one to you.

The WFD has purchased 100 "911" street number signs. On my way to a recent inspection, I passed by 4 houses in a row that did not have a clearly visible house number for their address. That slows down our response time tremendously.

They are green reflective signs that you put your number (which is reflective too) on both sides. We will have them available at the station, chicken bar-b-que and old home days. They are \$15.00 each and we strongly recommend that you purchase one. We are willing to help you install them if need be.

On Sunday April 23 Don Matthews will be starting the excavation work for phase 2 of the new station and the foundation will be poured on April 25, we are on our way!! This portion of the building will be an office for the chief, training room, communications room, kitchen and bathroom.

We are still seeking donations to complete this project. I am assuming approximately \$40,000.00 would be our goal. Thank you so very much to those that have already generously donated to this endeavor.

Our annual chicken Bar-B-que is going to be held on July 15, 2017 at the station. We will have a limited amount of tickets available and encourage that you purchase them in advance so we can have an accurate count when making the purchases. The cost is \$12.00, which includes, chicken, baked potato, corn on the cob, a beverage and a slice of watermelon. You can contact Roland Weld, 978-544-5427 or Chief Gates for tickets.

As always any questions or concerns, please call me at 978-544-8052

Stay Safe

Chief Ron Gates



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WARWICK BROADBAND COMMITTEE: The upgrade/expansion of the Warwick Broadband wireless internet system is moving forward. There is much to do now that weather is not an obstacle. The committee and the Broadband staff are very aware that many subscribers have not seen improvement in the internet speeds that they are getting. Unfortunately we can't predict when individuals will get faster service, but it is coming - for EVERYONE!

The town was awarded a \$450,000 broadband grant from the state (MBI). This will enable the town to fully complete the project (providing 100% true broadband to all permanent residents) - going further than we thought at last May's town meeting. Meantime the Selectboard and Town Coordinator are finalizing a contract with a Western MA provider to install the additional poles needed for the project. A new wiring harness and other equipment is being installed at the cell tower on Orange Road. Once this is complete we can move forward upgrading the network sectors that are served by the cell tower. The other main distribution point is a tower on Mt. Grace. Because the tower is owned by Mass DCR we need to work through the appropriate channels to get permissions and work out agreements. The Town Coordinator is working on this, so we can then go ahead with upgrading the rest of the town.

This past winter Broadband staff developed a much better monitoring system tailored to our needs which should aid them in identifying and fixing problems quicker. It has been deployed at Mt. Grace and the Town Hall, with the cell tower to follow. We realize that many are impatient to see faster service and the staff are working fast but also as smartly as possible to get there. As with any construction project, there will be times when the service needs to go down on a temporary basis, but the Town Coordinator will be communicating to subscribers via messages on the Warwick listserv. We will also be sending out periodic newsletter updates.

Tom Wyatt, Chair Warwick Broadband Committee

The 16th Annual PVRSD Ned Green Scholarship Hike

Up Mt. Grace will be Saturday, May 13, from 10 to noon.

Meet at Oscar Ohlson Field Parking Lot across from Highway Garage Rd. on Rt. 78 in Warwick. Families are welcomed. Contributions may be made, but not required, made payable to PVRSD Ned Green Fund, the day of the event or mailed directly to PVRSD Treasurer, 97 F. Sumner Turner Rd. Northfield, MA 01360.

Come enjoy this hike with friends and family. Bring water, snacks, sturdy footwear, bug repellent and adventuresome spirit. Springtime flowers are often in bloom and various birds and nature sightings occur. Storms or pouring rain cancels this event.

Contact Clare Green 544-7421 with any questions. Graduating seniors of PVRSD may apply for a scholarship by filing an application at the Guidance Office.

"The many essences of May enlighten my outlook on life," Ned Green, age 10.



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

REMINDERS: If you have not already done so, please submit your 2017 Street List/Census Forms.

Dog Licenses are now due for 2017 and are available from the Town Clerk during her office hours, or by mail. Please remember that proof of current rabies vaccination must be provided along with the fee for the license. If you need an appointment outside of my regular hours, please call [978-544-3402](tel:978-544-3402).

Annual Town Meeting Monday, May 1 at 7 p.m.

Annual Town Election Monday, May 15 Polls open 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Offices on the 2017 Ballot:

Selectman

Town Clerk

Assessor

Board of Health

Board of Health (2 years)

Cemetery Commissioner

Constable

Library Trustee (2 offices)

Transfer Station Commissioner

Tree Warden (1 year)

WARWICK RECREATION COMMITTEE

Warwick Recreation Committee sponsors 5 exercise classes per week to help you meet your fitness goals

We welcome newcomers and all instructors have modifications to fit your level .

Most classes are held at our beautiful school gymnasium.. we encourage you to take these classes and use this space .

It is yours to enjoy . Bring towel/mat , water and indoor shoes .

STRONG Tuesday's 6-7 pm \$5

Be ready to sweat and see results this is a powerful new program that is sweeping across the country. Not dance , but music led interval training that will challenge you to be healthier and stronger. This class is becoming very popular, come see what the buzz is all about ! Taught by Christine Rouleau

YOGA Wednesday 5-6 :15 pm at **town hall (THIS IS A CHANGE)** / Saturday 9-10:15 am town hall \$5

An all level Hatha yoga class to meet students needs . With an emphasis on proper alignment. Pranayama breathing techniques, deep relaxation, and meditation . A dynamic, yet harmonious approach to cultivate strength , physical awareness, and inner balance. Taught by kaliope Kalombratsos

Two ZUMBA classes ; \$5

This is a dance fitness class performed to energetic music .

Thursday's 6-7 pm taught by Susan Krieger. Congratulations to her ! She is now licensed to teach Zumba

Sunday 8-9 am taught by Christine Rouleau

Introduction to Meditation, a 6 week course

Monday nights, 7-8 pm, **Beginning May 8.** At Warwick library

Please arrive 6:45 to allow time to settle in. Doors will be closed at 7 so that class can begin with out distractions. Meditation will use chairs, you may want to bring something to make the chair more comfortable. Suggested donation \$5-10 (scholarships available)



Each week will introduce and lead a different style of meditation. We'll notice what style we are more comfortable with, and where we'd like to explore more deeply. You will be guided through the meditation, and see which style may suit you. Meditation is great for folks of all ages, and has health benefits. For example, we'll notice what we feel in our bodies, and if that change. Some of us will notice how much our mind jumps (NORMAL!) and some will notice feelings of constriction' tightness in our bodies. We'll work with those things to your comfort level. he meditation experience can benefit the flow of energy through he body/mind. We'll have a short time set aside for questions.

Who I am: (Elaine Reardon). I'm a Massage Therapist/ Herbalist that has lived in town since 1983. I've attended The Australian College of Phytotherapy & Texas Chiropractor College, for certification/specialization in Herbal Therapy. I'm also a trained massage therapist, and have studied reiki as well. I've been a meditator for many years, and I've taught meditation as a guest teacher at Fitchburg State College, Cambridge College, and other schools/ venues.

Tracy Alden , a reiki practitioner will also join the last two classes to facilitate reiki blended with our meditation course that will be an overview of various styles of meditation .Tracy has been working with reiki & meditation with clients in Easthampton. You can email me with any questions ear@crocker.com.

R E V I E W

Warwick Fire Department
Spaghetti and Meatball Supper
March 25, 2017

WOW. The firemen outdid themselves this year with their spaghetti supper. It was overwhelming the amount of people that showed up in support of our firefighters. They ran out of space even setting up the downstairs and upstairs for seating; people were still waiting outside waiting to be seated.

And plenty of food was served. They piled on the spaghetti with meatballs, salad, bread, beverage and dessert for \$8. I think you fellows need to up your price next year to \$10. Well worth it.

If you missed the dinner, plan on coming next year. It's a great community gathering and you get to thank the firefighters for doing such a great job all year. In the aftermath of the horrific fire this year, it was great to see the community and surrounding communities gathering and support our little town.

A huge 'thank you' to our firefighters and hope you all come next year. Bon Appetite.
- Gloria Varno

T O W N C L E R K

CANDIDATE STATEMENT: Three years have gone by very quickly and it is hard to believe that my first term as Town Clerk is almost over. I learned so much and successfully handled the many challenges of the office, including running seven elections and three By-law submissions to the Attorney General's office. Along with MTCA and WMCTCA training, I am most grateful for the help I received from election workers and members of other departments and boards as I navigated through uncharted waters.

Looking ahead I welcome the chance to work hard in a second term that will bring new challenges and more opportunities to learn and improve my job performance. As always I will meet each new day in a job I love with enthusiasm and determination to do my very best.

I have demonstrated dedication throughout my service to Warwick, and it would be my honour and privilege to serve you as Town Clerk for the next three years. Asking for your vote is a very important thing and not something to be considered lightly. Your vote for me on May 15th would be greatly and deeply appreciated. As an elected official I answer to all the townspeople, and I pledge to continue to proudly serve each and every one of you as Town Clerk in the manner you expect and deserve.

Even though there are no contested races on the ballot, it is important to come out and vote to insure your candidates of choice will be elected! It is worth the effort to cast your ballot at every election because your participation in the democratic process is what keeps our town government going. Don't just stay home -- please vote on May 15th. - Rosa Fratangelo

Rosa Fratangelo

The Green Corner

SAVING ENERGY SAVES MONEY

Energy saving, money saving and comfort improving changes have been happening gradually at the Town Hall. And more are planned for the near future (perhaps by the time you read this newsletter).

Through the "Green Communities" program, new, highly efficient "mini-splits" (air-to-air heat exchangers) will soon be heating and cooling the front offices. This will allow each office to be controlled for the needs of the users instead of heating the whole building regardless of what office is being used. In the same general timeframe, new, efficient ceiling fans will be installed in the main hall to make that space more comfortable year around.

Working with the Council on Aging and Life Path (formerly Franklin County Home Care Corp), we are in the process of up-grading the major appliances in the Town Hall kitchen. A new, more efficient range is already in use and we should already be seeing a reduction in electric usage from that. Thanks to the persistence of Helen Whipple, we are now expecting a new, state-of-the-art refrigerator to replace the old unit (nearly 40 years old) to be delivered and installed and the old taken away at no additional charge. It had been suggested that the old unit could be sold or donated, but the reason we are getting it replaced is because it is very inefficient and expensive to run. In 2007 it was tested and found to be using 180 kwh/month (more than \$30/month), or about 1/3 of an average Warwick household's total electric usage. That's why a small refrigerator was brought in to keep what little food needed to be stored through the week and the big unit shut off. The new unit is expected to use about 48kwh/month (about \$8/month), so we will be able to use it full-time and retire the small fridge as well.

It was brought to our attention that the cost of disposing of an old refrigerator at the transfer station would be \$20, but a Mass Save program is now offering homeowners a \$50 rebate and will come pick the old unit up for free, to cut down on electric usage state wide. You GET \$50, someone else picks the old refrigerator up and your new, efficient refrigerator will cost less to run. What's not to like?

Happy Earth Day everyday.

Dan Dibble for the Warwick Buildings and Energy Committee

T O W N C L E R K

Here is a SAMPLE ballot for our Annual Town Election MAY 15, 2017

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
JAMES ERVITI	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Candidate for Re-Election</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>
TOWN CLERK for Three Years	Vote for One
ROSA FRATANGELO	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Candidate for Re-Election</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>
ASSESSOR for Three Years	Vote for One
ANN KENDALL	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Candidate for Re-Election</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>
BOARD of HEALTH for Two Years	Vote for One
	<input type="checkbox"/>
BOARD of HEALTH for Three Years	Vote for One
HELEN E. WHIPPLE	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Candidate for Re-Election</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER for Three Years	Vote for One
	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONSTABLE for Three Years	Vote for One
BRIAN PETERS	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Candidate for Re-Election</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>
LIBRARY TRUSTEES for Three Years	Vote for Two
FREDERICKA FELLOWS	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Candidate for Re-Election</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>
ELAINE REARDON	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Candidate for Re-Election</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>
TRANSFER STATION COMM for Three Years	Vote for 1
DAVID KOESTER	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Candidate for Re-Election</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>
TREE WARDEN for One Year	<input type="checkbox"/>
SHARON L. MATTHEWS 422 Orange Road	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

The Guild will meet on Tuesday **May 2** at 1:00 pm in the Town Hall. Our regular monthly meeting will be followed by refreshments. ALL women of Warwick are most welcome!

-Martha Morse

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.

SELECTBOARD MINUTES (ABRIDGED FOR PRINTED NEWSLETTER) MARCH 20, 2017

Members present: Dawn Magi, James Erviti

Member absent: Lawrence Pruyne

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Fire Chief Ron Gates, Finance Committee member Steve Ruggiero, Jon Calcari, Jared Robinson (*Athol Daily News*)

Erviti MOVED to approve the minutes of March 2, 2017 as printed. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Erviti MOVED to grant MGL Chapter 268 Section 20D exemption to Sue O'Reilly McRae permitting her to serve on the PVRSD School Committee, HEART Study Committee and the School Council. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Erviti MOVED to nominate Rosa Fratangelo to MDAR for their official appointment as

At 6:34 p.m., Erviti MOVED to adjourn. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

SELECTBOARD MINUTES (ABRIDGED FOR PRINTED NEWSLETTER) MARCH 27, 2017

Members present: Dawn Magi, James Erviti, Lawrence Pruyne

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Police Chief David Shoemaker, Moderator David Koester, Finance Committee member Steve Ruggiero, Jon Calcari, Jared Robinson (*Athol Daily News*)

Erviti MOVED to authorize the Chair and Town Coordinator to execute DEP recycling grants.

Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Erviti MOVED to approve applying for DOT/FRCOG Bicycle Rack grant. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0

At 6:33 p.m., Erviti MOVED to adjourn. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

SELECTBOARD MINUTES (ABRIDGED FOR PRINTED NEWSLETTER) APRIL 3, 2017

Members present: James Erviti, Lawrence Pruyne, Dawn Magi (arrived at 4:15 p.m.)

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Police Chief David Shoemaker, Fire Chief Ron Gates, Lori Gates, Moderator David Koester, George Day, Finance Committee member Steve Ruggiero, Colin Killay, Jon Calcari, Jared Robinson (*Athol Daily News*)

Erviti MOVED to open the Annual Town Meeting warrant now (Monday, April 3, 2017 at 4:03 p.m.) and close it on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 7 p.m. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0

Erviti MOVED to authorize the Chair to sign the MBI grant contract. Pruyne SECONDED Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

At 5:57 p.m., Pruyne MOVED to adjourn. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.



TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH *of WARWICK*

MAY 2017

Dear Friends,

We have just finished celebrating Easter, and the week leading up to Easter, in our Christian churches. For us it is a time of great holy expectation and celebration. God has acted in our realm of time and space to give us new hope for the future; should we accept it. But before this happens we need to be open to the transforming love that is the power God is and is passing on to us.

I have heard that Easter, and especially Good Friday has not been a time of celebration and hope for the Jewish community. There are tales of Jewish children being harassed by Christian children for “killing Jesus”. What a perversion of the commandment Jesus gave to his disciples on Maundy-Thursday, “to love each other as I have loved you”. (Maundy-Thursday comes from the Latin word for command, mandate; “I give you this commandment, to love each other...”.) The story of Maundy-Thursday is that Jesus taught his disciples, by example, to love and serve one another in humble service. He further taught that we should love our neighbors. How does that square with harassing others? It doesn't and that is what was so dangerous about Jesus. He was executed by the powers of the religious and the political hierarchy because he so strongly and convincingly talked and lived an alternative to their world view of division, intimidation and suppression. That is still the threat that is confronted by those who proclaim the wrath of God as a means of keeping people divided against each other to this very day.

Good Friday is the day when Jesus was executed. What is so “good” about Good Friday? It is “good” that Jesus lived, to the bitter end, the truth he preached. It is “good” that he was not intimidated by fear or seduced by the offer to be released, but trusted in his faith in God to be with him in and through the pain and agony and to be there on the other side of death. It is “good” that Jesus exposed the lie of those who held death as the ultimate threat.

Another “good” thing about Good Friday is the reiteration of the connection between God and creation. The crucifixion stories tell of a period of darkness, of earth quakes; the “groaning of creation” at the arrogant injustice and turning away from the Kingdom of God; the kingdom of love and care for the integrated whole of creation, in favor of the seductive power of avarice and greed.

I have heard it said that we live in a “Good Friday World”, meaning that the powers of avarice, intimidation and violence still have the upper hand. It would seem to be true. Every morning brings more news of hatred and violence against ordinary people; collateral damage from some military operation, the destruction of ecosystems and the resultant degradation of the surrounding air, land and water, and the denial of accountability for that degradation and any responsibility for repairing the damage. When profits speak louder than prophets, all but a very few suffer and crucifixions of one form or another become commonplace.

We may well live in a “Good Friday World”, but we don't have to be “Good Friday People”, we can choose to be “Easter People”, resolutely working to restore and resurrect the world that was created by God, in love, and called “good” by God. I have heard some, who call themselves Christians, say that God will not let the earth be destroyed so don't worry about what appears to be happening, just sit back and enjoy the wealth we derive from the “gifts” of God. That is as ironic as the harassment of Jewish people in the name of Jesus (himself a Jew). As “Easter People” we are called to be the ones who care enough about the health and the wholeness of the “Kingdom of God” to stand against the powers of death and destruction, avarice and denial that constitute the “Good Friday” authorities. The “gifts” of creation are not for us alone, they are for us to use with loving care, in such a way that those coming after us will also know and have access to the blessings of God's good earth. Resurrection and restoration IS possible.

In hopeful faith, *Dan*

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**Town of Warwick
Selectboard
March 20, 2017
Minutes**

Members present: Dawn Magi, James Erviti

Member absent: Lawrence Pruyne

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Fire Chief Ron Gates, Finance Committee member Steve Ruggiero, Jon Calcari, Jared Robinson (*Athol Daily News*)

I. Call to Order

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

Magi called for a minute of silence for the Seago family.

Magi noted with great sadness the passing of members of the Seago family and of Joann Shatos Shepardson.

II. Minutes

Erviti MOVED to approve the minutes of March 2, 2017 as printed. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

III. Presentations and Discussions

- 1. MGL 268:20D Exemptions**—Young said that the position of School Council member had already been designated special municipal employee but a MGL 268:20D exemption needed to be granted to Sue O'Reilly McRae as she has been appointed to the PVRSD School Committee to finish the term of David Shoemaker, who recently resigned.

Erviti MOVED to grant MGL Chapter 268 Section 20D exemption to Sue O'Reilly McRae permitting her to serve on the PVRSD School Committee, HEART Study Committee and the School Council. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

- 2. Recommendation to HEART Committee**—Magi said that this had basically been covered at the last HEART Committee meeting. She noted that while our PVRSD assessment may decrease slightly we are facing an increase in the Tech School assessment and we cannot afford to keep having the assessments rise. Magi said most towns are in agreement that the continued increases in assessments are not sustainable. Young said that the PVRSD School Committee between \$500,00.00 and \$600,000.00 has been cut out of the overall budget.

3. **Conservation Commission**—Young said that due to the current snow cover and the fact that Karro Frost needed to meet with the Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney, this will be placed on a future agenda. He noted that the water issues near the cemetery may fall under the purview of the Cemetery Commission rather than the Selectboard.
4. **Update on Tow Forest Management and Planned Harvest**—Young said that he thought this project will happen in two stages. He said the cutting plan had been approved and interest in bidding exists, including one by a horse logger.
5. **Gale Road Bridge Grant Update** —Young said that the small bridge grant announcement event had been cancelled due to a major snowstorm. He said that even though we have yet to see a grant letter, he was optimistic that we will receive funding, and that he anticipated official notification within the next couple of weeks.
6. **Selectboard Reports**—Erviti said that he had checked on two references for the Westfield Gas & Electric. He noted that one reference had done business with Westfield for 34 years, and that both references were exceptionally happy with them. Erviti explained that both references said that Westfield gas & Electric provides more services than expected, are always on time and always on budget. Erviti was satisfied with the references.
7. **Coordinator Report** — Young said that the State had sent out the nomination form for the Inspector of Animals and recommended the Board vote to nominate current Inspector of Animals Rosa Fratangelo. This nomination is done annually, and the official appointment is made by the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture (MDAR).

Erviti MOVED to nominate Rosa Fratangelo to MDAR for their official appointment as Inspector of Animals. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Young asked the Board to once again vote to authorize him to work with FRCOG to obtain bids for diesel and heating oil as they have done in the past.

Erviti MOVED to authorize the Town Coordinator to work with FRCOG to bid diesel and heating oil for FY 18 and to authorize the Town Coordinator to initiate the contract. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Young said that he had received a report on FCRHA housing rehab portfolio, and that the Town has outstanding housing rehab mortgages totaling \$750,000.00. He said there would be an article for Town Meeting to decrease the tax levy somewhere between \$11,000.00 and \$13,000.00.

Magi read aloud a letter sent by the Town of Royalston Selectboard: “To the Seago family, the Select Board, the Fire Department, and all the people of Warwick: Know that the hearts of your neighbors in Royalston ache with you. To the firefighters of Warwick, who not long ago gave service at a tragedy in Orange, we honor you – your job is never easy, but recently it has been heartbreaking. Stay strong – your community and your neighbors need you.

To all the residents of Warwick, you have lost good people. Our people mourn with you.

To the family who has suffered unimaginable loss – your town came to help and grieves immensely that they could not save you all. Your town – and all the people from across Franklin County who answered the call, all the people in Royalston and Keene and Richmond and Orange and Athol and Northfield who woke the next day in sorrow – we all want to tell you what words can’t say, we all want to hold your hands.

Individuals, families, towns, broader communities – they are living entities, and they stand with each other in love, respect and grief. They stand with you.

Yours truly, Christine Long Chair, Royalston Select Board and Linda Alger Clerk, Royalston Select Board

Young said that he anticipates a 2-year contract with MBI for the last mile grant will be signed in the first week of April.

8. **Public Comment**—Fire Chief Ron Gates thanked Young and the Selectboard for support and the card and for supporting the Fire Department through the recent tragedy. He noted that he thought that the Finance Committee had agreed the FY 17 Fire Chief pay would be raised from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00. Young explained that we are a Strong Chief town but the Selectboard sets pay rate and establishes the Chief’s pay. There is a line item in the Fire Department budget for stipends, and the Chief’s pay is figured in that figure. Chief Gates confirmed that the funds are in the account.

Erviti MOVED to establish that, effective for FY 17, the Fire Chief pay is \$1,500.00 per annum. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Finance Committee member Steve Ruggiero noted that one of the Police cruisers was snowed in on Town farm Road in Orange and therefore unavailable to the Town from March 14th to the 17th. He said that the cruiser should be parked at the Police Station when not in use rather than at Officer Stewart’s house in Orange. There was a consensus of the Board that Ruggiero should speak to Police Chief Shoemaker before bringing this before the Selectboard. Young said that it is more efficient to have the cruiser at Stewart’s house when he is on call. Both Magi and Erviti wanted Ruggiero to speak with Shoemaker about PD policies regarding where cruisers are parked when not in use.

Ruggiero also wanted to speak on behalf of two elderly people who wanted to complain to him rather than attend a meeting. The issue involved people parking in front of the mailboxes outside Town Hall, and the inconvenience it causes older residents. Ruggiero suggested posting a sign by the mailboxes that there be No Parking allowed Monday – Fridays between 8a.m. and 6p.m.

Ruggiero inquired about the report from the firm that audited the Town's books. He said that the Board had previously agreed that someone from the firm should come before the Board to discuss the auditors' findings and recommendations. There was a consensus of the Board to have someone from Scanlon be contacted to appear at a future meeting.

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

IV. Adjournment

At 6:34 p.m., Erviti MOVED to adjourn. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting:

- *Draft Minutes of Selectboard meeting of March 2, 2017
- *Coordinator Reports dated March 1, 2017 and March 9, 2017
- *Emails from Conservation Commission member Karro Frost to David Young dated March 6, 2017
Re: Selectboard Meeting
- *Notice of Timber Showing: Spring Lot Town of Warwick Hockanum Road/Wendell Road Draft 1
Dated March 7, 2017 by Michael Mauri, Forester
- *Locus Map Land of Town of Warwick 89 acres Town of Warwick
- *Forest Stand and Boundary Map Land of Town of Warwick, MA 89 acres
- *Newspaper article from *Greenfield Recorder* dated March 7, 2017 by Recorder Staff entitled
"Towns hear broadband service pitch"
- *Emails from David Young to Jim Erviti and from Aaron A. Bean to David Young dated
March 2, 2017 Re: Warwick Wireless poles
- *Letter from Town of Royalston Selectboard dated March 7, 2017 to the Seago family,
the Selectboard, the Fire Department and all the people of Warwick

**Town of Warwick
Selectboard
March 27, 2017
DRAFT Minutes**

Members present: Dawn Magi, James Erviti, Lawrence Pruyne

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Police Chief David Shoemaker, Moderator David Koester, Finance Committee member Steve Ruggiero, Jon Calcari, Jared Robinson (*Athol Daily News*)

I. Call to Order

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

II. Minutes

Approval of the March 20, 2017 minutes were put off until the next meeting as Magi's corrections had not been received by the Town Secretary.

III. Presentations and Discussions

- 1. Police Department Report**—Police Chief David Shoemaker said that he and Fire Chief Ron Gates went to Shelburne Control to present plaques to the dispatchers who worked the early morning hours of March 4, 2017. He commended Colleen Walker and Amanda Fleshing for their work in dispatching 18 units from three states to help battle the fire on Richmond Road. The Chief also expressed gratitude to all the dispatchers for the work that they do every day. He also thanked Metcalf Chapel for making a cake for the Firemen's Association spaghetti supper held on March 25th. The Chief passed around a photograph of the cake.
- 2. Gale Road Bridge Grant Update** —Young said that there will be a ceremony held at the Nurses Hall of the Massachusetts State House on Wednesday, March 29th at 2 p.m. and that Warwick is one of the 36 communities with successful applications for a Municipal Small Bridge Program grant. He said that the grant could be for as much as \$500,000.00 for the Gale Road bridge.
- 3. Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request**—Young presented the Board members with documents to sign for the Chapter 90 reimbursement request in the amount of \$84,475.00 for the purchase of the John Deere 410L backhoe. The project was previously approved on November 11, 2016.
- 4. DEP Recycling Grant Approval and Execution** —Young said that he needed the Board's approval to apply for and accept a couple of grants. He said that there would be at least one DEP recycling grant which required the Selectboard's approval and execution.

Erviti MOVED to authorize the Chair and Town Coordinator to execute DEP recycling grants. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

- 5. DOT/FRCOG Bicycle Rack Grant** —Young said that the deadline for submitting an application for the DOT-funded and FRCOG administered grant for a public bicycle rack. He said the grant would be for up to \$1,000.00 to purchase bike racks on Town property. Young suggested the Town Common or improving the racks at WCS.

Erviti MOVED to approve applying for DOT/FRCOG Bicycle Rack grant. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Magi signed the appropriate grant documents.

- 6. Selectboard Reports**—Erviti said that during a recent small snow event, basically a dusting of snow, he saw a town truck loaded with salt and sand while travelling north on Route 78. He noted that some sand and salt had been distributed on the road. Erviti said that he later passed the same truck that was sanding and salting a bare road. He pointed out that there was no indication of more than a half inch accumulation and no rain forecasted. Erviti expressed concern for this use of sand and salt in light of the snow and ice budget being in a deficit and wanted to review the Highway Department's use of resources. Young said that spot sanding curves and hills is a common practice for public safety. Chief Shoemaker noted that it is incumbent upon the driving public to use common sense, obey the laws, drive at a safe rate of speed, and be sure the tires are in good condition and appropriate for the time of year. Magi asked Young to schedule Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney to come before the Board and speak on this matter at a future meeting.
- 7. Coordinator Report** — Young said that Axia has filed for bankruptcy, referring to an article in the *Greenfield Recorder*. He noted the MBI last mile grant for Warwick Broadband should be signed by April 1, 2017. Young said the auditing firm will have someone attend the April 24th Selectboard meeting to review the results of the most recent audit of the Town's books.
- 8. Public Comment**—Steve Ruggiero inquired as to when the Finance Committee meets to review the omnibus budget. Young said that the members contact one another and set a time to meet. It was established that the other current, active Finance Committee members were Bill Foote and Eric Engman.
- 9. New and Other Business Unanticipated at Time of Meeting Posting** —None.

IV. Adjournment

At 6:33 p.m., Erviti MOVED to adjourn. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting:

*Draft Minutes of Selectboard meeting of March 20, 2017

*Coordinator Report dated March 23, 2017

*Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request for John Deere 410L Backhoe

*Mass DOT announcement of 1st Municipal Small Bridge Program Awards Ceremony 3/29/2017

*Memo from Fire Chief Ronald P. Gates to Warwick Selectboard and Town Accountant Re: stipend pay for Fire Chief, Deputy, Captain, and Lieutenant

*FRCOG Bicycle Parking Program Participation Guidelines

**Town of Warwick
Selectboard
April 3, 2017
Minutes**

Members present: James Erviti, Lawrence Pruyne, Dawn Magi (arrived at 4:15 p.m.)

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Police Chief David Shoemaker, Fire Chief Ron Gates, Lori Gates, Moderator David Koester, George Day, Finance Committee member Steve Ruggiero, Colin Killay, Jon Calcari, Jared Robinson (*Athol Daily News*)

I. Call to Order

Vice Chair Pruyne called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

II. Minutes

Approval of the March 20, 2017 and March 27, 2017 minutes were put off until the next meeting as they were not included in the Board members' meeting packets.

III. Presentations and Discussions

- 1. Open Annual Town Meeting Warrant**—Young said the purpose of this vote was to advise the residents of Town that the window is now open to submit petition articles.

Erviti MOVED to open the Annual Town Meeting warrant now (Monday, April 3, 2017 at 4:03 p.m.) and close it on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 7 p.m. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

- 2. Grants** —Young said that the Selectboard was informed by letter that our FY 18 Chapter 90 apportionment is \$224,061.00. He noted that the bond authorization was passed today in the House.

Young said that we were awarded a \$500,000.00 small bridge grant last week, and that the \$450,000.00 MBI grant contract was ready to be signed by the Chair.

Erviti MOVED to authorize the Chair to sign the MBI grant contract. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

- 3. Review of ATM Warrant** —Fire Chief Ron Gates said that the Fire Department would like an article on the warrant asking the Town to vote to get a brush truck that would also be used for rescue/medical calls. He said that the plan would be to take the old brush truck and the Tahoe, currently used for medical calls, out of service. Gates said this would mean that all Fire Department vehicles would run on diesel. The Chief said both vehicles were “quite beat” and noted that the 1983 brush truck shakes as it is being driven. Chief Shoemaker concurred that the 1999 Tahoe is also in bad shape. Chief Gates said that they have been looking at used brush trucks and for what we need the price will likely be between \$80,000.00 and \$150,000.00 and he would like the warrant article to be for \$100,000.00 and he will try to obtain a used brush truck for less. He noted that this would also serve as the main truck because 80% of calls are medical in nature.

Pruyne inquired what the advantage was for a brush truck; Gates replied this type of truck is used for brush fires in fields or woods and is able to get much closer to a fire than a tanker truck.

Ruggiero suggested to the Chief that he look at a website with municipal equipment for sale, and asked if an estimate for repairs to the current brush truck had been or could be done. Erviti asked that estimates be done to repair both the brush truck and the Tahoe. Young noted that we have yet to make the first payment on the new fire truck and that the projected tax rate is already at \$21.00 per thousand. Erviti recommended to Chief Gates that he be ready to present figures both for a new truck as well as estimates to repair the old ones.

The warrant articles were reviewed. Young noted that the first four are done annually, and that there were no new revolving funds under Article 5. Available funds articles 7-11 included articles to reduce the FY 18 tax levy. Articles 10 and 11 were Enterprise Fund articles, while articles 12-17 were borrowing articles that require a 2/3 vote to pass. Articles 19-24 were tax funded articles. Young said these included \$15,000.00 for WCS improvement account, \$2,500.00 for the Revaluation account, \$2,000.00 Landfill Monitoring fund, \$2,000.00 to audit Town accounts, \$1,200.00 household hazardous waste expense, and an FY 14 prior year bill of \$742.00 for library salary that was discovered to have never been paid.

- 4. Review of FY 18 Omnibus Budget** —Young said that this budget is predicated on no wage increases and that the budget is level funded up to lines 27 and 28, which were requested increases for meetings and conferences and mileage for the Town Accountant. Young noted a \$1900.00 reduction in the Town Clerk budget due to only one scheduled election in FY 18. He pointed out that the Town Hall expense overall is down. Young said that FRCOG fees are increasing, as are the FRCOG radio costs for both Police and Fire. He said Orange Ambulance costs will be \$24,800.00. Pruyne inquired how many calls come from Warwick each year; Chief Gates replied about 60. When the subject of using Northfield ambulances came up, Chief Shoemaker noted that he recently heard three tones to the Northfield ambulance for a woman with chest pains and difficulty breathing, which means at least 10 minutes. Chief Gates noted that Northfield is not fully staffed and Shoemaker pointed out that each town is committed to its own calls first.

Chief Gates said that he needed to review the Fire Department budget as he expected level funding rather than decreases in certain line items.

The Highway Department budget will be discussed along with the use of salt and sand at the next meeting.

Young said that the veterans' benefits account may be insufficient even though it is the figure recommended by the Veterans District. As for education, Young said that while the Tech School assessment will double due to twice the number of Warwick students attending next school year, the PVRSD assessment will decrease by about \$40,000.00. He said Debt Service and Insurance Benefits are up by \$5,300.00 and \$40,630.00 respectively. The total amount of first draft of the FY 18 omnibus budget is up by \$56,048.00 over FY 17, which represents a 2.9% increase. Young said more work needed to be done to refine the figures.

As Board Chair, Magi signed the appropriate documents for the MBI grant. Jared Robinson took a photograph for publication in the *Athol Daily News*.

5. **Selectboard Reports**—Magi said that due to an issue with her back which makes sitting for prolonged periods difficult, she may have to resign from the HEART Committee. She noted that things are not moving forward as she expected, and that the committee had deemed itself an advisory group without a mission.
6. **Coordinator Report** — No report given this meeting.
7. **Public Comment**—George Day said that he was first appointed Caretaker of the Town Clock in July of 1967, and he requested not to be reappointed for FY 18. He gave out copies of his own compilation of the history of the Town Clock from his 50 years of service as its caretaker.
8. **New and Other Business Unanticipated at Time of Meeting Posting** —None.

IV. Adjournment

At 5:57 p.m., Pruyne MOVED to adjourn. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting:

- *Letter to Dawn Magi from MassDOT dated March 31, 2017 Re: FY 18 Chapter 90 apportionment
- *DRAFT FY 18 Omnibus budget
- *DRAFT Warrant for May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting