

Warwick Community Newsletter

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Animal Contr.Pager	217-2681
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Community School	6310
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THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING DONORS !

Parker Edson Ginny and Oliver Fellows Judy Johnson
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Total: \$225

Please help us keep the Newsletter going! If you would like to make a donation, please make your check out to WCN and mail it to 32 Athol Road, Warwick, MA 01378.

Thank you to the 26 known and several more anonymous Roadside Cleanup Volunteers who collected 18 trash bags, assorted tires, old electronics, plastic tarps, etc. plus 18 bags of recyclables that have been left on our roadsides over the past year. Your care of the Earth gives us all hope for the future.

-The TCC Mission Committee.

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

There will be no regular Women's Guild meeting in May. The Guild will next meet on June 5 at 1:00 pm.

-Martha Morse

LETTER OF THANKS

Thanks to all contributors of the annual MEALS ON WHEELS walkathon. Through your monetary help Carol Foote, Ginny Fellows, Nancy Kilhart and Betsey Lochhead were able to raise approximately \$820. It was held at Lifepath's new location on Munson St. in Greenfield, Saturday April 28th. Due to this fundraiser we helped certain elders (about 500) receive a meal on a daily basis and stay home. It is not just the food but a friendly face checking in. Thanks again. - Carol Foote

THE GATHERING IS BACK

The Gathering has returned to Warwick Town Hall as a monthly event. The next Gathering will be Friday, 04 May, 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM. There will be soup, quiche, sandwiches and a variety of desserts. Looking forward to seeing previous attendees and hopefully some new faces as well. Watch for the menu to be posted on the Warwick -L email list and Warwick L-ternative Facebook page, Wednesdays prior to the The Gathering.

All are welcome. -Diana Tandy

LIBRARY

New Books – Temptation of Forgiveness by Leon, Alternate Side by Quindlen, American Marriage by Jones, Circle Around Monadnock by Clark, Every Note Played by Genova, Flight Attendant by Bojalian, Great Alone by Hannah, Nantucket wedding by Thayer, Woman's Hour by Weiss, Two Girls Down by Luna.

New DVDs - Between Two Mountains, The Post, The Greatest Showman, Phantom Thread, The Shape of Water, Lady Bird.

New Audios- Leonardo.

Nancy Hickler, Director

ANIMAL CONTROL

An Animal Control Officer can only act within the confines of the law. If a situation does not present violations, suggestions can be made and follow-up can ensue, but remedies cannot be ordered unless the law has been violated.

The MSPCA has the State's most highly trained animal law enforcement officers. When they concur with an ACO, then you know the law is being properly followed.

Even if out-of-town people may create chatter online or elsewhere and rumors circulate, please know this: When a call comes in it is answered – it is still an answer even when the answer given is not the answer you want.—Rosa Fratangelo

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

"Views from the Past from the Warwick Historical Society"

In an attempt to elicit and invite new membership, the Warwick Historical Society (WHS) is embarking upon this monthly column to be featured in the Warwick Town Newsletter. We hope that Warwick folks, young or old, newbies or old-timers, will consider joining the Society. We meet quarterly and the yearly dues are \$10.00. We welcome any new ideas and interests. Larry Carey is President and his son, Michael Carey, has graciously accepted the position, as voted, to fulfill Charlie Brown's vacant seat as Vice President until the election of officers in the Fall. Ed Lemon is Curator, Martha Morse is Secretary and Arline Lincoln is Treasurer. Contact Michael Carey as Chairman of Historical Events, with any of your concerns or questions about the History of Warwick or the Society. The Society Building is open Sundays during the summer months from 2-4 PM or by appointment. We are planning to do a **Cemetery Tour 3:00-4:00 PM on August 25, 2018** during Old Home Days. If you have a particular request of a person/gravesite for that tour, please mention it to a member of the Society.

The following is a tiny bit of Warwick's past: Aunt Zylpha/or Zilpha Smith lived from 1815 to 1885. She was known as a recluse since she was jilted at the altar, never married and remained close to home tending to the cow and fields. She continued to live alone in a cabin along Rt. 78 (about 1 1/2 miles North from the center of Town) by Mt. Grace Brook, even after her sister and parents died. (There had once been a plaque where her house stood but it was probably pilfered for its bronze. I had seen it marking the spot years ago.) Aunt Zylpha, wearing a dark green woolen cloak, walked once a month at dawn or dusk, so as not to be seen, the 7 miles to North Orange to give her woven palm leaf hats to a carriage driver who came from Amherst. In return Zylpha received compensation and more palm leaves in order to make more hats. She carried them in her carpetbag. Massachusetts made over 3 1/2 million of those hats by the 1850's. Amazing. Examples of them are on display at the Historical Society. Zylpha lived her final days at the Alms/Poorhouse which is currently Ted Cady's home. She died February 3, due to pneumonia. There are more stories to weave about her life, but those threads will be picked up another time. We hope you have enjoyed dipping into Warwick's rich past!

-Clare Green

17th Annual Ned Green Scholarship Fund Hike

Saturday, May 12, 2018 10:00 to noon

The 17th Annual PVRSD Ned Green Scholarship Hike up Mt. Grace will be Saturday, May 12, from 10 to noon. Meet at Oscar Ohlson Field paved 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](mailto: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.

- Clare Green



T O W N C L E R K

On Monday, **May 21, 2018** from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., then and there to cast their votes for the following town officers:

SELECTMAN for Three Years
MODERATOR for Three Years
ASSESSOR for Three Years
BOARD OF HEALTH for Three Years
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER for Three Years
CONSTABLE for Three Years
LIBRARY TRUSTEES for Three Years (vote for two)
TRANSFER STATION COMMISSIONER for Three Years
TREE WARDEN for Three Years

BALLOT QUESTION:

“Shall certain provisions of chapter thirty-two B of the General Laws, authorizing any county, except Worcester county, city, or town or district to provide a plan of contributory group life insurance, group accidental death and dismemberment insurance, and group general or blanket hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health insurance for certain persons in the service of such county, city, town or district and their dependents, be accepted by this town?”

Incumbents are running unopposed for Selectman, Moderator, Assessor, Board of Health, Constable, and both Library Trustees. As no one turned in nomination papers for Cemetery Commissioner, Transfer Station Commissioner or Tree Warden, these 3 offices will require write-in votes.

PLEASE come out and let your voice be heard with your votes at the Annual Town Meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 7th and our Annual Town Election May 21st.

Thank you, Rosa Fratangelo, Town Clerk

FROM THE TOWN COORDINATOR:

Town Meeting is Monday May 7 at 7 pm. Town election follows two weeks later, on May 21 and we are voting on a section of law that needs explanation. The words that appear on the ballot are prescribed in law. We are seeking to clean up our records by taking action that may only be taken on an election ballot vote. This has to do with health insurance. The Selectboard has been looking for ways to cut employee and employer health insurance costs including changing plans, contribution levels, and insurer. In the end we made no changes for the upcoming year, including deferment of benefit lowering changes for a year. During that process which involved looking at our options, we discovered that we can't find evidence that the Town accepted the most general provision of the health insurance law, Section 10 of the optional Chapter 32B Law, even though we have offered insurance for decades. We do find that we accepted 32B section 7 in 1977 which allows Warwick to contribute more than 50%, which has been happening for years. 32B Section 7 relies on Section 10 being passed which simply authorizes offering insurance. Rather than keep on digging we are submitting the question for passage, after which we can easily document our eligibility to work with other insurance offerings. We hope this passes, as it supports what we have been doing for years.

-David Young

4-H

Brush Valley 4-H is a group of 10 youth who meet once a month to do crafts and community service projects. We are undertaking a community service project to help Operation Gratitude, a non-profit organization that ships care packages to enlisted military, veterans, and first responders.

We are collecting care items:

("Sunscreen (1 ounce), Lip Balm (with a seal), Deodorant, Lotion/Healing Ointment (1 ounce), Individual Body Wipes, Individual Serving Drink Mix Packet (Crystal Light, Kool Aid, etc.), Gum, Mints, Socks (black, crew length)" to help Operation Gratitude fill Care Packages. Each 4-H family is seeking to contribute 15 items to our project.

Donations from community members are welcome, as are monetary donations to help us ship our contributions. For more information, contact Julie Severance at (978)544-5427. Thank you!

RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

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

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

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

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

Clinical Somatics classes are coming to Warwick on Sundays! Learn how to resolve even long-standing pain and mobility issues, improve your posture, and gain surprising awareness of your body's potential for function and peace ... whether you are a teenager playing sports or long past retirement. Anyone can do it (though younger children are not quite ready), and you get to take what you learn home with you! Clinical Somatic Reeducation is not massage, energy work, or dance. It is a fascinating process that enables us to functionally reconnect our cortical/front brains to our muscles, resolving patterns of contraction (most of which we have no awareness of) from injury, repetitive use, and generally unhelpful habits. Some results are nearly instantaneous, some take longer, but the benefits are virtually endless.

Come dressed comfortably/to move (no jeans), and please refrain from wearing fragrances. You'll need a body-length blanket or towel, optimally with a yoga mat underneath, if you have one. Classes will be at the Warwick Town Hall on **Sundays from 1:00-2:30pm starting May 20th**. Cost is \$10-15 sliding scale. *PLEASE check the Facebook page regularly in case a class gets canceled for any reason and/or connect with me by email for class updates.

Katherine Kendall is a local dancer and athlete who explored every healing modality in the book after a car accident in 2004. In 2005, she tried Clinical Somatics, finally finding something that really helped chronic pain and lost mobility. Somatics offered such healing and empowerment that Katherine trained for over 700 hours to become a practitioner. She feels extremely blessed to have found this work, considers it to be the next step in human evolution, and loves sharing it with others. Thomas Hanna is the founder of Somatics and the original source of the term. (This is not Somatic Experiencing, Somatic Movement, etc.) You can learn more about Clinical Somatics at the institute web site: Somatics.org.

*Connect with Katherine on Facebook at "The Somatic Solution" and/or email info@somaticsolution.com. Private sessions are available. -Leanne Limoges

Town of Warwick Selectboard March 12, 2018 Minutes

Members present: Dawn Magi, Lawrence Pruyne, James Erviti

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Treasurer Beth Gilgun, Town Forest Committee member Keith Ross, Planning Board member Ted Cady, Tree Warden Sharon Matthews, Fire Chief Ron Gates, Lori Gates, Elizabeth Lochhead, Gary Lochhead

Magi MOVED to approve the minutes of February 26, 2018 as printed. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Magi MOVED to approve the contract in the amount of \$3,990.00 for Vadar software license. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Magi MOVED to change our health insurance from Hampshire COG to MIIA. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Magi MOVED to pay \$75.00 for the HEART Committee special meeting in Greenfield on March 24, 2018. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-1; Pruyne and Magi: AYE; Erviti: ABSTAIN

At 7:47 p.m. Magi MOVED to adjourn. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

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Erviti MOVED to table this matter until feedback is received from Town Counsel. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Magi MOVED to approve the minutes of March 12, 2018 as printed. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Erviti MOVED to open the Annual Town Meeting warrant now and close it on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 1 p.m. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Magi MOVED to direct David Young to work on this provisionally barring Email notification by any Board member of any objection and the scheduling of a meeting within the next week. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Erviti MOVED to hold the DTC Hearing on Verizon in Town Hall at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, 2018. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0

Magi MOVED to nominate Rosa Fratangelo as Inspector of Animals to MDAR. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Magi MOVED to ask the Board of Health to lead the data collection for salt in drinking water. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

At 7:31 p.m. Magi MOVED to adjourn. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Brent Walker

*Exterior Painting *Staining

*Pressure Washing

978-544-2925

Warwick, MA

Smokin Hot News From the Firehouse

Hello Warwick,

Thank you for attending the spaghetti suppers. It was so nice to see all of you.

1) Update on the new fire station:

We will be asking the townspeople to vote to take over the building at the May 7th town meeting.

Up to this point the apparatus bay, which houses the six fire trucks is complete.

It was built with energy efficiency in mind. It is extremely well insulated, it has all LED lighting and has a new energy efficient heating system.

The reason we are turning over the building to the town before the addition is complete is the association is almost out of funds. We started out with about \$115,00.00 and we are down to about \$10,000.00. By turning the building over to the town we will be able to use the \$44,000.00 donation from Vermont Yankee to the fire department for our time spent training for the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant. At that time it was turned over to the emergency management director. It was decided way back then that the money would be put aside to go toward the new fire station. We are only able to acquire these funds if the building is turned over to the town. This amount of money will help us to complete the addition this year.

The members of the department will still build this addition. They will be paid their normal salary, out of the \$44,000.00, although we have all stated that we will be donating the pay back into the building fund. The association will still be raising money to help with the cost. When we were ready to start building we looked into a grant to build. The lowest price we were quoted was 5 million dollars for the same building the town is getting donated to them.

We had hoped to raise enough money to give you a completed building before turning it over, unfortunately, it would take about another 6 or 7 years to raise \$44,000.00. The addition will allow us to have a communication room, full bathroom with shower, training room, kitchen area and chief's office.

Please keep in mind, when you vote, that there is not another town that has worked so hard to give their town a building of this magnitude. I am very proud of our department and I sincerely hope you are as well. If you have questions before the meeting we would love to talk with you, in order to help get through the town meeting at a reasonable hour. You can also call me or talk to any fire officer as well.

2. We applied for a VFA grant for new brush gear. Not granted as of yet, still waiting to hear.

3. We applied for a AFG grant to replace our out of date, non compliant self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) for \$99,000.00. I am sorry to say this was unsuccessful this year I will try again next year.

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

Stay Safe

Chief Ron Gates

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK

MAY 2018

Dear Friends,

“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. (those) who abide in me and I in (Them)... bear much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing” John 15:4-5

I believe this analogy holds up well whether we apply it to the secular world, or the spiritual world. If the word “community” is inserted in place of “vine”, we can imagine all the “veins” in the vine as being the various civic groups that make up a community; the first responders, the Council on Aging, the Arts Council, the Cultural Council, the school, the church, the Newsletter, The “L”, the “L-ternative, 4H, etc. These all bring sustenance and support to the branches and leaves; the people. Without the vine, the leaves fall off & die. In reverse, the leaves and branches feed the vine and without leaves the vine dies. Vibrant communities are those that have a strong vine of groups and services that keep the leaves healthy and enough leaves to keep the vine fed.

I’m wondering how others perceive the Warwick vine’s health. Our overall size hasn’t changed, but the “faces” of those numbers has changed, and I wonder how well the mutually beneficial connections are being made between the vine and the leaves. That’s not a rhetorical question; I would really like to know. If the silver truck with the rusting lumber rack is parked at the chapel, I’d love to have you drop in, or call (978 544-2630) and let me know.

In a spiritual sense, the vine is the Divine; the source and sustenance of all life. The branches are the various religious traditions and the leaves are, again, the people. When I hear Jesus call himself “the vine”, I don’t have to exclude the other spiritual traditions to say, “Yes, that’s true.” I understand Jesus to have been the human embodiment of the Universal Christ and that after Jesus died, the Universal Christ arose from death. That divine Christ is a vine that has many veins and Christianity is one.

To some, that statement is heresy, but how can the Divine be confined to one human institution, one human definition, one culture? We are like the ten blind men encountering an elephant, each at a different spot. One feels a tail, one a trunk one a foot and so on. Put them all together and you get a fair picture of the elephant. God is bigger and much more complex than an elephant.

The name of “Christianity” has been attached to some pretty horrific acts and policies; from the crusades and the Inquisition, the Doctrine of Discovery (Google “Doctrine of Discovery” for a classic example of cultural arrogance.), the “civilizing” of the New World, to current abuses of power and influence. The Christian community has much to examine, repent (or turn back from) and heal.

The individual leaves, the people in congregations, may feel we have nothing to repent of, but we are part of the larger branch and have some responsibility to “nourish” the branch. Do we feed racism, classism, sexism or any other ‘isms to the branch? Do we nourish the branch with open and extravagant, healing love? Do we bear fruit of reconciliation and respect to those other branches of the vine? Do we assume a place of privilege in relation to other branches?

One of the questions we are exploring at the Metcalf Chapel is, are we reaching out to other faith traditions in honest inquiry? How can we dialog with people who are “spiritual but not religious”? Our Christian Ed committee is attempting to find those connecting branches that make up the Warwick shoot of the vine. Hopefully, we will learn about and from others in the community and the wider area, using literature, movies, discussion groups and an occasional speaker, and collaborating on local events. One such collaboration is the “North Quabbin Healing and Wellness Fair” coming up on May 12th. There is a wealth of healing arts practitioners in the North Quabbin area and we are excited to host the first fair, one step toward widening the yield of the “fruits of the Spirit”.

In hopeful faith, *Dan*

UP COMING EVENTS

NORTH QUABBIN HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR

SATURDAY, MAY 12 (Mothers' Day weekend) We will be hosting, at the METCALF CHAPEL, 32 ATHOL RD, the first annual "North Quabbin Health & Wellness Fair" with workshops, vendors and practitioners of alternative medicine. Come learn about what, is available in our area, how they work, and who is providing the services.

If you would like to help with set up, parking, clean up or any other task, let us or Tracey Alden know.

Hope to see you there!

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AT THE METCALF CHAPEL

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

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

MEDICAL SUPPLY LIBRARY

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

SHEETS & BLANKETS FOR THE EMERGENCY SHELTER

Single-size (twin) sheets and blankets, pillowcases, towels, washcloths can be brought to the Chapel. We will take them to the Emergency Shelter in Greenfield.

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

Pasta E Basta
26 Main St
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(413) 256-3550
Monday: Closed (Open on holidays)
Tuesday - Thursday: 11am - 9pm
Friday - Saturday: 11am - 10pm
Sunday: 11am - 9pm

Found a neat place for lunch or dinner in Amherst. We were there at lunch and the dining area upstairs was not open till 4 PM. The area downstairs is more of a take-out service with a few tables and a bar overlooking Main Street, but the food was excellent.

What I found fascinating was the young man who worked the kitchen. He was so organized and handled take-out orders, in-house orders, and answering the phone without hesitation and always a smile. Nothing seemed to rattle him.

I had Chicken Parmesan which was a huge piece of chicken served with penne pasta (I had a choice of pasta). The bread he served us with an oil dipping sauce was fabulous. So we snacked on that till our platters of food arrived. We all were able to bring home another meal with our leftovers.

Prices were reasonable. My chicken parmesan was \$13.95 and I got 2 meals out of it. I'd like to go back and be seated upstairs overlooking the Common in Amherst and enjoy the ambience of Italian music, some wine and food. Another gem opened in Amherst. Bon Appetite.

-Gloria Varno



NORTH QUABBIN HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR

SATURDAY, MAY 12TH 10AM-4PM RAIN OR SHINE!

METCALF CHAPEL 32 ATHOL RD. WARWICK, MA

Bring **Mom** for a special treat to meet local holistic practitioners, attend a workshop, sign up for some healing therapy or a CSA, shop with local vendors & farmers, and grab some seedlings or a healthy bite to eat while listening to live therapeutic music! **Entry is FREE!**

Holistic Practitioners Include – Massage, Reiki & Sound Tuning, Acupuncture, Craniosacral, and more! Sign up for a private session!

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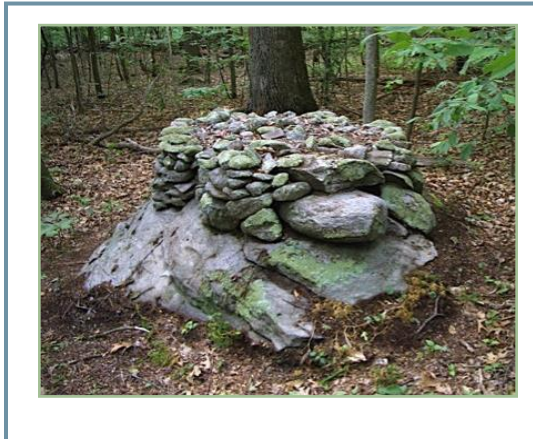
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THE IMPORTANCE AND MEANING OF THE INDIGENOUS CEREMONIAL STONE LANDSCAPE

FEATURED SPEAKER: **Doug Harris**, Deputy Tribal Historic Preservation Officer,
Narragansett Indian Tribal Historic Preservation Office

The Indigenous Ceremonial Stone Landscape is of cultural significance to the Tribes of the northeast. Mr. Harris will explain why these ceremonial features should be preserved, and what to do if you would like to help protect this important landscape.



SUNDAY MAY 20, 2018
3:00PM-5:00PM
TOWN HALL, 12 ATHOL RD.
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This program is supported in part by a grant from the
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supported by the Massachusetts
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**Town of Warwick
Selectboard
March 12, 2018
Minutes**

Members present: Dawn Magi, Lawrence Pruyne, James Erviti

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Treasurer Beth Gilgun, Town Forest Committee member Keith Ross, Planning Board member Ted Cady, Tree Warden Sharon Matthews, Fire Chief Ron Gates, Lori Gates, Elizabeth Lochhead, Gary Lochhead

I. Call to Order

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

Young suggested that Betsy Lochhead be allowed to go first. Ms. Lochhead presented the Board with a copy of the test results of her drinking water. Young spoke about the next steps and explained that because there is no State Highway here the State cannot get involved financially. He said that they can help with how we operate -- for example be sure not to go over the same section of road multiple times and can also review procedures and give advice on best practices. Young said we need to provide a map of the properties affected by high salt content in the drinking water, including the location and type of well on each property. Erviti said that he has worked on a map from the center of town north and noted that both he and Olivier Flagollet agree it is important to gather as much data as possible and to test wells frequently. Erviti said that both he and Flagollet are quite busy and hoped someone with more time to devote to the project would step in. Sharon Matthews and Ted Cady both suggested that the Board of Health be consulted as a source of information on wells. Young said he would work with Board of Health clerk Nancy Lyman. Cady noted that he believed the Advisory Committee on Salt in Drinking Water has disbanded.

II. Minutes

Magi MOVED to approve the minutes of February 26, 2018 as printed. Erviti SECONDED.
Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

III. Presentations and Discussions

- 1. Comments on Solar Project to be located adjacent to Town-owned Wilbur Lot** —Keith Ross came before the Board as a member of the Town Forest Committee and said this committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Selectboard. He spoke about a proposed solar project in Orange that is adjacent to the 80-acre Town-owned Wilbur lot, which spans from the town line northward. Ross said that this solar plan for a proposed solar array came to his

attention, and that he had provided the Selectboard with his written comments on the matter. Ross wanted a 100-foot buffer between the land parcels, which he noted had been put into the new plans up for discussion at the Orange Planning Board meeting scheduled for March 13th. He said that the 47-acre area where the solar panels will go is slated to be clear cut and the stumps will remain. Ross stated that there needs to be an evaluation of water run-off after the thin soiled area has been clear cut. He advised that the Town should hire an outside expert to evaluate the drainage on the property. Ross pointed out that any activity on more than 50 acres of land needs to go through a Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency (MEPA) review. He also said that the Town needs to establish some kind of bond to guarantee removal of the solar array when and if the project ends, fails, or becomes obsolete. Ross was seeking the Selectboard's approval to attend the Planning Board meeting in Orange and make recommendations as a representative of our Town Forest Committee on behalf of the Town.

Young said that according to Alan Berman there is good oak and timber on the Wilbur lot. He also said that Open Space Committee member George Day has proposed trading several small parcels of land to the State for land contiguous to the Shaw lot. Ross said that lands are managed for either wilderness or timber for long-term monitoring and comparison. He said the Wilbur lot is not specifically monitored but is currently managed as wilderness.

Erviti said that he found Ross's three recommendations to be very good.

Erviti MOVED that Keith Ross represent the Board of Selectmen and Town Forest Committee at the Planning Board meeting in Orange. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Ted Cady said that we should have an evaluation of all Town owned wooded properties.

- 2. Tree Warden**—Tree Warden Sharon Matthews came before the Board to discuss several trees in town. She said that the maple tree across the street is a “big old nice tree” that is still 80% healthy, and therefore had National Grid remove the damaged parts of the tree. Matthews spoke about an issue on Old Winchester Road where a resident has placed several “No Trespassing” and “No Hunting” signs on public shade trees using non-aluminum nails. Both she and Young pointed out that placing notices on public shade trees is illegal. Matthews said that she has left telephone messages for the resident but has not received a return call. She noted that she can, per Mass. General Law, remove the signs, and that she intends to write a letter and can eventually fine the offender. Matthews said that she will send a copy of the letter to the resident via regular mail as well as a certified copy and will provide the Selectboard with a copy as well. Matthews said that the dead white pine leaning towards the north end of the stone wall next to the Warwick Cemetery would, if it fell, land on the cemetery's equipment shed and could also potentially damage the road as well as take down electrical and telephone wires. She explained that this dead tree is not a public shade tree, but rather a tree on privately owned property, and as such she as Tree Warden cannot act on this matter directly. Matthews said that she wants the Cemetery Commission to have the property owner release the tree to them or else have the tree taken down himself, as if the tree falls it will likely damage Town property. She noted that she has sent numerous Emails to the Cemetery Commission but has yet to receive a response.

There was a consensus of the Board that Young send property owner Brian Peters a letter to inform him about the tree's imminent fall and expected damage to Town property. Matthews asked for clarification for the roadside tree and wood flagging color key. She said she was still using solid blue flagging but will switch to the blue and white previously approved by the Selectboard. Matthews asked for updated and correct information for the flagging color key.

- 3. Update on Contracting for Town Accounting Services**—Erviti said that he received an Email from Justin Cole regarding a contract with Vadar software. The bill for the software license is \$3,990.00, which will allow BMAG to migrate our Town Accounting to this software to begin with FY 2019.

Magi MOVED to approve the contract in the amount of \$3,990.00 for Vadar software license. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Young said that he got the budget template from BMAG for using budget sub-accounts which will allow departments to track more specific line items with their budgets. Young said that Broadband should utilize this; Erviti said that the Police and Highway Departments should as well.

- 4. Perpetuating the “L” and Official Town Website**—Young said that we should find a way to keep both the Warwick-“L” and the official Town website going. He explained that website webmaster Ed Lemon and the “L” moderator Miryam Williamson are both currently experiencing some health issues. Young said that warwickma.org website could be put on town.warwick.ma.us, and someone could be found to perpetuate the “L” if need be. Pruyne said that a position could be created, and someone could be assigned to manage these in the future, if Lemon and Williamson agree. There was a consensus of the Board to talk with Miryam Williamson and Ed Lemon for their input and suggestions.
- 5. Opportunity Zones**—Young explained that the new Federal tax structure allows for the creation of Opportunity Zones. He said that neither he nor Ted Cady think this is something for Warwick, but Erving wants to pursue the designation. Erviti said that our town is meant to be the way it is and is not one for development. Young recommended seeing if we can assist Erving in their efforts to redevelop old mill buildings.
- 6. Meeting Behavior Guidelines**—Pruyne said that he is still in the process of simplifying the guidelines and will come back in two weeks with a new, shorter version. Magi volunteered to provide input.
- 7. Health Insurance Carrier and Benefit Changes**—Treasurer Beth Gilgun said that our current health insurance provider, Hampshire COG, is raising their rates for FY 2019, so she contacted MIIA to compare pricing. She said that MIIA's overall rates are 9.61% lower than Hampshire COG and recommended the change to MIIA. Gilgun explained that Hampshire COG must be notified by April 1st if we intend to change carriers. Young concurred with Gilgun and advised the Board vote to change carriers.

Magi MOVED to change our health insurance from Hampshire COG to MIIA. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

- 8. Fire Department**— Fire Chief Ron Gates said that he has obtained a 1984 GMC tanker to replace the 5-ton 1968 Mack, in a trade with the State. He noted that Mike Mankowsky checked out the 1984 tanker and found it to be safer and in better shape than the current one. Chief Gates said that the only issue is that the transmission is a 10-speed and he wants it changed to an automatic so that everyone on the Fire Department can drive it. He said that he has an automatic and that he wanted to use funds previously appropriated by Town Meeting vote for the 1964 Mack to pay for the installation of the new transmission. Young pointed out that the 2018 Annual Town Meeting could re-vote if the language is so specific that funds may only be spent on the Mack. Chief Gates said that only four people know how to drive the 10-speed but with an automatic transmission whoever is there can drive the tanker. There was a consensus of the Board that the ATM appropriation for the Mack tanker can be used on the GMC tanker.
- 9. Selectboard Reports**—Pruyne said that Sue O'Reilly McRae requested that the Board pay one quarter of the expenses for a special HEART Committee event being held on March 24, 2018 in the amount of \$75.00. He said that this would cover the expenses of renting the meeting space and refreshments. Both Magi and Erviti said that they needed to know more. Young said that \$75.00 is not much when considering all that the HEART Committee has done.

Magi MOVED to pay \$75.00 for the HEART Committee special meeting in Greenfield on March 24, 2018. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-1; Pruyne and Magi: AYE; Erviti: ABSTAIN.

- 10. Coordinator Report** —Young said that tomorrow's joint meeting of the Selectboards of Warwick, Bernardston, Leyden and Northfield scheduled to be held in Bernardston was cancelled due to weather. He said that there will be a joint meeting of the Selectboard and Broadband Committee on March 19th at 5 p.m. which Young will be unable to be present due to having to attend another meeting. Pruyne wanted to reschedule the March 19th joint meeting so Young can attend. Young said that the DOER Green Communities grant deadline was March 9th at 5 p.m. and the Buildings and Energy Committee worked on it right up until the last minute. He said the application was filed in time and that just under \$250,000.00 was applied for by Warwick for WCS weatherization, HVAC upgrades, as well as PVRSD motors and drivers, transformer replacements, and weatherization. Young said that Northfield and Bernardston also each applied for \$250,000.00. Young said that there will be a PVRSD Budget Hearing on March 15th at 7 p.m. at PVRSD. He said that the budget recommended to the School Committee puts \$124,000.00 back into the budget and represents about a \$25,000.00 increase in Warwick's assessment. He predicted staff reductions will occur. Young noted that the Tech School assessment will increase by about \$15,000.00.

- 11. Public Comment**—None this meeting.

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

IV. Adjournment

At 7:47 p.m. Magi MOVED to adjourn. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting:

- *Draft Minutes of February 26, 2018 Selectboard meeting
- *Coordinator Report dated March 9, 2018
- *Drinking Water Test Results from Elizabeth Lochhead
- *Town of Warwick DRAFT Standard of Conduct/Civility Policy
- *Notes on Conversation with MA DOT Salt Reduction Staffer (Laurene.pollard@state.ma.us)
- *Email from Keith Ross to David Young, Christine Duerring, Alan Berman, Helen Whipple
Re: Heyes Desmond Solar Proposal with DCR Mgt Designations Orange.pdf

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I. Call to Order

A joint meeting of the Selectboard and Broadband Committee began at 5 p.m. and continued until 6:13 p.m. when the Broadband Committee adjourned.

Young asked the Board to first take up the matter of a Chapter 268A:20D exemption for John Rodgers. Rodgers introduced himself as a PVRS custodian, an employee of F.M. Kuzmeskus Bus Company and a PVRS School Committee member from Leyden. He requested an ethics exemption under MGL 268A:20D and presented his conflict of interest disclosure form. Pruyne said that he failed to contact Town Counsel and wanted his feedback before taking action.

Erviti MOVED to table this matter until feedback is received from Town Counsel. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

II. Minutes

Magi MOVED to approve the minutes of March 12, 2018 as printed. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

III. Presentations and Discussions

- 1. Annual Town Meeting Warrant** —Young explained that the Selectboard can place anything on the ATM warrant up until the time of the legal posting deadline, and that voting to open and close the warrant referred only to petition articles brought forth by residents.

Erviti MOVED to open the Annual Town Meeting warrant now and close it on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 1 p.m. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Young said that proposed changes to the District Agreement have been made by Bernardston resident Debra Gilbert. Proposed changes include reducing the School Committee from 12 members to 7 (2 each from Bernardston and Northfield, and 1 each from Warwick and Leyden), and three-year terms rather than the current four-year term. Young pointed out that this is problematic as all four towns must elect School Committee members on the same day which is why the elections follow the State General election cycle. Young said that another proposed change is the prohibition of District employees to serve on the School Committee. The Board will review the proposed changes before directing Young to follow up with Ms. Gilbert and the other member towns.

Town Secretary Fratangelo read the motion aloud before the vote.

Magi MOVED to direct David Young to work on this provisionally barring Email notification by any Board member of any objection and the scheduling of a meeting within the next week. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Young spoke about the PVRS supplemental appropriation, which would be over and above the quoted assessment. He said that as far as the accountants are concerned the lunch debt is a serious deficit, due to an inadequately funded lunch program. Young said that Warwick would be responsible for 10% of the debt, which would be about \$8,000.00 for FY 19. Young said that Bernardston and Northfield wish to pay down the debt by one-third for each of the next three fiscal years. Erviti said that the school should be level-funded period and said that we have had enough of the towns giving them money to solve their problems instead of letting them figure out how to solve their own problems. Magi said that she tends to agree; Pruyne said that we cannot keep giving them more money, especially as fixed income residents cannot continue to afford a property tax increase every year. Erviti said that we can bail out the lunch program and that's it – no more after that. Young said that the debt gets addressed this way. There was a consensus of the Board to put the supplemental appropriation on the ATM warrant.

There was a brief discussion of the first draft of the FY 19 omnibus budget. Young said that net meter host income of \$25,500.00 is listed in the revenue column.

- 2. Set Venue for DTC Hearing**—Young said that a hearing has been scheduled with the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable on Verizon. The hearing will be on Wednesday, April 25th at 5 p.m., and Warwick is allowed to choose the venue. Young suggested Town Hall.

Erviti MOVED to hold the DTC Hearing on Verizon in Town Hall at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, 2018. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

- 3. Appointments** —The Board needed to nominate someone to the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture for Inspector of Animals, which is done annually in March.

Magi MOVED to nominate Rosa Fratangelo as Inspector of Animals to MDAR. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

- 4. Progress or Action on Contracting for Town Accounting Services** —Erviti said that he has not heard anything further from BMAG. Young said that he sent the firm the forms for sub-accounting on budgets and is awaiting further word. He said that the contract for the Vadar software license has been executed.
- 5. Salt, Salt Committee and Letter to Residents**—Pruyne recused himself and left the room for the duration of this discussion. Young said that Ted Cady resigned and that there is no Salt in Drinking Water Committee meeting scheduled. He said that the next step is to map the location and type of wells and get that information to the DOT. Erviti said that any letter to residents should not come from the Selectboard and noted that this matter falls within the Board of Health’s purview. Young said that Board of Health funds will pay for the bottled water for affected residents with documented health issues due to excessive salt as well as water testing. Erviti reiterated that the Selectboard should not be involved.

Magi MOVED to ask the Board of Health to lead the data collection for salt in drinking water. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Pruyne returned to the meeting once the discussion concluded.

- 6. Annual Town Meeting Continued**—Young said that Capital Stabilization, will be at \$76,332.00 as of April 10th. He noted that the purchase of the segmented plows can be moved out of snow and ice to reduce the deficit. Young said that with respect to Free Cash can be positively impacted by revenue that exceeds expectation or unexpended funds from departmental budgets. He said that we are “in fair stead” on free cash. Young pointed out that capital and debt payments will decrease between FY 19 and FY 21.
- 7. Perpetuating the “L” and Official Town Website** —Young said that he had not been able to meet with Ed Lemon or Miryam Williamson regarding the perpetuation of the Warwick website and Warwick “L” respectively but would likely be able to do so in the near future.
- 8. Opportunity Zones**— Young said that the Town of Wendell is joining us in our willingness to assist Erving in achieving Opportunity Zone status.
- 9. Meeting Behavior Guidelines**—Magi had written a draft of Standards of Conduct for the Town of Warwick which the Board will review and discuss at their next meeting. Erviti wanted to add “as it pertains to employees” under the second point of the Reporting and Enforcement section.

10. Selectboard Reports—Pruyne said that he and Young attended a meeting hosted by State Representative Paul Mark, who represents Bernardston, Northfield, Leyden and Greenfield. The meeting was about long-term problems with the Pioneer Valley Regional School District. Pruyne said that there is a need to propose to legislators that they work on better appropriations from the State for transportation, and that they need to recognize the unique characteristics of rural school districts and the need for more State aid. Young pointed out that 60% of regional school districts in Massachusetts are rural but have only 3% of the student population. Pruyne noted that there are chronic long-term difficulties, that we are facing lean times that will likely continue to get worse.

11. Coordinator Report —Young spoke about the C2.energy net meter purchase agreement and hopes to get them to honor their contract. He mentioned a letter from Doug Harris, Deputy Tribal Historic Preservation Officer of the Narragansett Indian Tribal Historic Preservation Office regarding an illustrated presentation he will be giving in Town Hall on Sunday, May 20th. The presentation is sponsored in part by the Warwick Cultural Council.

12. Public Comment—Fire Chief Ron Gates wanted to add a line item in the Fire Department budget for Class A dress uniforms. He said he would like to add \$2,000.00 which would purchase about three uniforms. The Chief explained that the cost of each uniform is between \$600.00 and \$700.00 and consists of pants, shirt, t-shirt, hat, coat and shoes. He said that and the dress coat alone costs \$500.00. Erviti said that it was a lot of money to spend when we don't have money to spend. Young suggested that the Firemen's Association pay for the uniforms. Chief Gates noted that those in the Department who have uniforms paid for them out of their own pockets. He said that he wanted all members of the Fire Department to have dress uniforms and pointed out as it stands now those who do not have them will not attend official functions where others would be wearing the dress uniforms. Erviti said that he wants to level fund the school and cannot support spending \$2,000.00 on uniforms. Magi said that at this time, it would be better if the Firemen's Association can raise funds for uniforms. Young said that if there is any money left in the Fire Department budget at the end of the fiscal year could be used towards the purchase of uniforms. The Chief said that he wanted to be able to represent Warwick at official functions such as the funeral of a firefighter. There was a consensus of the Board that this is too much money. Young said that he will work with Chief Gates to find uniforms at a lower price.

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

IV. Adjournment

At 7:31 p.m. Magi MOVED to adjourn. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting:

*Draft Minutes of March 12, 2018 Selectboard meeting

*Coordinator Report dated March 22, 2018

- *2018/2019 Operating Budget Assessments FY 19 Budget Superintendent and Subcommittee Recommendations, No Increase
- *Email from DOR to David Young dated March 15, 2018 RE: Notification of Free Cash Approval – Warwick
- *PVRSD Fund Balances 2017-2018
- *PVRSD Historical Budget Data
- *Letter to Warwick Selectboard from Debra Gilbert dated March 21, 2018 RE: Proposed changes to PVRSD Regional Agreement
- *Aggregation of Major Departmental Cost Centers/Capital and Debt Payments
- *First Draft: FY 19 Warwick Omnibus Budget
- *Free Cash Available for Appropriation to Reduce Tax Levy by Year Appropriation 2008-2018
- *Warwick Capital Stabilization Sources and Uses
- *FY 19 Proposed Broadband Budget
- *Town of Warwick Standards of Conduct Draft by Dawn Magi
- *Letter from Doug Harris to Warwick Selectboard RE: illustrated presentation on cultural significance and importance of the Indigenous ceremonial stone landscape to the general public