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Warwick Community Newsletter

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

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Emergency	911
	978-544-
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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Burn Permits	413-625-8200
Warwick Broadband Trouble	
	413-676-9544

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V O L U N T E E R S N E E D E D

Warwick Community School is seeking volunteers to fill some of the positions that were either decreased or eliminated to balance the Pioneer Valley Regional School District, 2018-2019 budget. Volunteer jobs will include a range of administrative duties from answering telephones to coordinating field trips. Volunteers could also provide student enrichment by way of classroom assistance, or a qualified community member might provide supplemental music lessons. For more information about volunteer opportunities at WCS, please E-mail Tom Ziniti, Volunteer Coordinator:

zinitit@pvrsdk12.org Thank you!

L E T T E R O F T H A N K S

Thank you for the many cards, visits, and well wishes. My triple by-pass was very successful and after a few other issues, I am getting back to normal. I am very appreciative of all that everyone has done for me. Rod Whipple

T H A N K Y O U

To the Warwick Highway Department:

Thank you, Thank you, THANK YOU!

For the much-improved surface on the Northfield Road. You are doing a great patch job with limited resources of time, labor and material. It's hard for a small town with a limited tax base to maintain the many miles of roads out to work, school, stores and the outside world in general. On behalf of my chewed-up tires, weary shocks and chipped teeth, thank you for your service. I really appreciate your work on the road. —Michael Humphries

T O W N C L E R K

Important Information on the **SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION** to be held on Tuesday, **November 6, 2018** same day as the General State Election for the purpose of filling a vacancy on the Board of Selectmen for a term until the May 20, 2019 Annual Town Election –

Last day to Obtain Nomination Papers: Friday,
September 14, 2018 5 p.m.

Last day to submit nomination papers to Town Clerk for certification: Tuesday, **September 18, 2018** 5 p.m.

Required Number of Signatures Required: 20

Last day to object or withdraw: Thursday, October 4, 2018

Last Day to Register to Vote: Wednesday,
October 17, 2018 8 p.m.

State Primary Election is **Tuesday, September 4, 2018**. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Please exercise your right to VOTE!

–Rosa Fratangelo

T H A N K Y O U !

I'm so grateful to be part of the supportive community of Warwick! Your making meals, beautiful flowers and visits with me were really appreciated.

–Betsy Lochhead

A big thank you goes out to the group of townspeople who turned out Sunday at 3:00 to tidy up the Warwick Cemetery. We worked for 3 hours and made a huge impact on the appearance of the grounds. When you drive by, take a peek!

Thanks to Leanne Limoges, Joshua, Tracey and Wayne Kirley, Brad Matthews and his dump truck, Jim Toth and his pick up truck, Bill Lyman, and Barbara Walker. Thanks also to Mel Kitchen for supplying cold drinks and fruit.

Be on the look out for the next work day so we can finish up. All are welcome, so join us for some tidying up and a lot of fun!

–Barbara Walker

Ed note: IT LOOKS FABULOUS!

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"Voices from the Past" - by Larry Carey

During World War II, when I was a young boy, there was a shortage of available men in town to fill some of the necessary jobs that needed to be done, such as when the town was getting ready to pave the Orange Road in the vicinity of Bakers Flat and Barber Hill. Lee Dresser, who was road boss at the time, recruited us boys to help. There was Donny Lincoln, Arthur Flag, Glen Copland, Mickey Brown, and a few others whose names I don't remember. We gathered at the old town barn and were loaded into the back of the truck that Clark Dunkley drove. We went down to a sand pit located on Wendell Road just up from across Shaw Road. There, Clark had us dig an area where he could back his truck in close to the sand bank.

He called the shovels he had handed out banjos because of the way they were shaped. It became very evident that most of us were not tall enough to shovel into the truck at ground level. Clark had us dig flat spots higher up on the bank to shovel from. This made it easy for us to reach the truck and we all started digging as fast as we could. After a few minutes Clark stopped us and said, "Now, I'm going to show you a way to shovel that will allow you to keep at it longer and get more done." He told us to go slower and straighten up as we threw each shovel full into the truck because if we kept shoveling like mad men bent over like that we would collapse in a few minutes and never get the truck loaded. After what seemed like forever we got the truck full and he chose two of us to go with him as another truck came backing in. I was chosen to go and was happy to leave the pit. When we got to the location to be tarred, Clark showed us how to shovel little piles every few feet, as he drove the truck along the side of the road. We did this on both sides of the road until the truck was empty before going back to the pit for another load. I don't remember how long it took to get as many sand piles as were needed but I do remember doctoring the blisters I got. After that was done well enough to satisfy Lee Dresser, he told us not to come in the next day and he would call when he needed us again.

A few days later we got the word to come back and when we got to the town barn they had a pile of sand off to the side. Clark called us over to show us how to use the shovels to spread the sand. There was a board a short way from the pile of sand and he showed us how to swing our shovels to spread sand just short of that board. He had us all practice until we could do it properly. Back at the Barber Hill site, he placed us by the little sand piles and when the tar truck came through spraying tar we spread those sand piles over the tar. After that side was covered we moved over to the other side to shovel those piles as the tar truck came back on the opposite side. Though some of the bigger boys went back to work once in a while, for us smaller boys this was our only experience working on the road gang. When I think of those times over 70 years ago, I remember how we used to think of Clark before then, as that grumpy old man who drives the town truck. Looking back now, I see him as a kindly man who had a lot of patience with us young boys, teaching us the true value of working hard and doing a job right. It was an experience I will always remember.

REVIEW

Devens Grille
4 Ryans Way
Devens, MA 01434
Monday- Saturday 11am-10pm
Sunday 11am-9pm
Bar Open Late

If you haven't been inside the old Fort Devens in a while, it's worth the trip. There are many companies built up in the area and some hotels and Devens Grille. I have a friend from Arlington, MA and this has become our meeting spot for lunch a couple times a year.

The lunch menu consists of salads, sandwiches and some entrees. The Devens Club is one of my favorites. You can select ham or turkey and it's piled with bacon, lettuce and tomato on your choice of bread, served with fries. I always choose the turkey and haven't been disappointed yet. Prices are very reasonable, with sandwiches running \$9 to \$11 dollars with burgers about \$13. Their entrees for lunch are between \$10 and \$15.

It's only a hop skip and jump from Leominster so if you are at the mall, stop by. I don't think you will be disappointed. And if you have time stop by the Fort Devens Museum at 9 Jackson Road, which is open Tuesdays and Friday's from 10 AM to 3PM and every third Saturday of the month from 10-3. Admission is free but donations are gratefully appreciated. It's a nice museum with lots of history of Camp Devens and Fort Devens over the years. So much history right in our own backyard.

Bon Appetite -Gloria Varno

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

ZUMBA CLASSES 6pm (Every Other WEDNESDAYS) taught by new town resident Nao Ishibashi . \$5 class fee. Super energetic, but you can adjust intensity to match your needs!

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 is taking a break in Sept.

Please join us

Any questions call Leanne -5553 or email

leannelimoges@gmail.com Leanne Limoges

LIBRARY

New Books: Don't Eat Me by Cotterill, Pieces of Her by Slaughter, AMCs Best Day Hikes in Central Massachusetts by Burk, Our House by Candlish, The Perfect Couple by Hilderbrand, The Trouble With Goats and Sheep by Cannon, All We Ever Wanted by Giffin, Clock Dance by Tyler, Mozart's Starling by Haupt, 1947: Where Now Begins by Asbrink.

New Audio Books: Let me Lie by Mackintosh.

New Music: American Folk Music Smithsonian – Ballads, Social Music, Songs.

Fall and Winter hours resume after Labor Day – First open Saturday September 8 10 to 12:30.

Stop by and introduce yourself to the new Librarian, Ivan Ussach

-Nancy Hickler

GATHERING

The next Gathering will be Friday, **07 September**, 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM. There will be soup, quiche, sandwiches and a variety of desserts. 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.

Tracy Gaudet, Outreach Coordinator for Orange COA and Shine Counselor, (Serving Health Insurance Needs for Everyone) will be at Town Hall Tuesdays, 18 September, and 02 and 16 October, from 10:00 AM until Noon. Stop by if you need help with health insurance or to talk about available programs. Contact her, 978-544-3481 or [@townoforange.org](http://townoforange.org), she will be bring application forms.

- Diana Tandy

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

The Guild we'll meet on Tuesday **September 11th** at 1 p.m. in the basement of the Town Hall. Remember that the first Tuesday of the month, September 4th, is primary election day.

—Martha Morse

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

The Warwick Historical Society will meet on Wednesday **September 19th** at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Town Hall. All are most welcome to join us as we plan programs for the fall and winter. Hope to see you there! - Martha Morse

Apple Pies

9" deep dish

Baked or unbaked

Sugar-free by request.

\$10 each. Pies will be

available October 4th,

5th, or 6th. All pies must be pre-ordered. Sign

the list posted at the Metcalf Chapel or call

978 544-6838.



**The COA Foot
clinic dates for
the rest of 2018**

All are on Fri-
days and at the Metcalf Chapel at
8 a.m.

Sept 14

Oct 12

Nov 9

G R E E N C O R N E R

The MA Dept. of Energy Resources (DOER) has recently awarded Green Community grant monies up to \$250,000 to improve energy efficiency in six individual towns in Franklin county and the North Quabbin area. Each of these towns had already spent down previous Green Community grants and they were eligible for additional competitive grant monies to continue their energy improvements in those towns. Orange and Royalston are new to the program this year, and will be eligible to apply for these competitive grants once they spend their initial grants.

Warwick was awarded \$225,807, and will be collaborating with Northfield, which was awarded \$244,929. Both of these towns were eager to address energy issues in their elementary and regional schools, but their efforts had been stymied by the way that operating expenses are shared across the district. Through these grants, they found a way to pool part of each of their grants to make improvements to the schools by upgrading motors and drives, insulation, heating systems and more.

"We're very happy to have finally found an equitable way to pay for energy saving improvements to our school", notes Janice Kurkoski, chair of the Warwick Buildings and Energy Committee. "We have tracked energy use in all of our town buildings for over ten years, and the Warwick Community School consistently uses almost twice as much energy as all of our municipal buildings combined".

Susan O'Connor, co-chair for the Northfield energy committee, notes that this is one of the first regional school districts to apply for Green Community grant money as a cross-town collaboration.

At the elementary school in Warwick, the grant will fund improvements to the HVAC system, upgrades to motors and drives, and a full weatherization project, while Northfield will concentrate on weatherization in their elementary school. Both towns will fund various energy upgrades at PVRs (the middle/high school), including new transformers, motors and drives, destratification fans in the gym, and weatherization.

This important energy work in these three schools is expected to reduce the regional school district's energy costs by \$80,000 a year.

Once these projects are complete, the towns can apply for more grants to address lighting, boilers, and other energy using equipment.

WARWICK BROADBAND UPDATE

The expansion & upgrade to Warwick Broadband Service (WBS) HAS been continuing, even though a number of subscribers have not seen improvements to their service yet. Some highlights:

- * 9 out of the 12 “masts” (large telephone poles) installed around town for internet signal distribution now have power to them. WBS is waiting on National Grid to install equipment on the remaining 3 masts. All the masts have relay radios, installed by Westfield Gas & Electric.
- * WBS has been communicating with State officials regarding options for upgrading equipment on Mt. Grace. The tower where we currently have distribution radios is owned by the State and managed by DCR. Photographs of the current equipment have been taken and a plan with the new radios is in process. This is a key step since there are many subscribers who receive signal from Mt Grace and the speeds are generally slower since it uses older equipment.
- * WBS staff have been using “heat maps” to analyze areas where service hasn’t been possible previously and make modifications for service to be now functional.
- * Rewiring has been done by contractors both at the Cell Tower and Mt. Grace.
- * In recent months several new subscribers have joined onto our 8 year-old ever-expanding network.
- * WBS has revamped the billing process, thanks to volunteer help from Selectboard member Jim Erviti. This upgrade makes it possible for WBS, operating as a town-owned business to be consistent with sending bills out and collection.
- * WBS staff, the Warwick Selectboard and Broadband Committees have been meeting jointly on a regular basis. Meeting minutes will be available online in the near future.
- * The plan is still to complete the upgrade and expansion of WBS by the end of 2018. It is hard to be patient with the ever-increasing need for high-speed internet, but we ask you to hang in there. Warwick Broadband is looking for more staff to complete the project. If interested, please contact David Young at 978-544-6315 or coordinator@town.warwick.ma.us
- * If you notice changes that decrease your service, please leave a message at 413-676-9544 and a staff person will be in touch soon.

Tom Wyatt,

Warwick Broadband Committee, Chair

TRANSFER STATION REMINDERS

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.



Reduce trash by **composting**: “Earth Machine” compost bins (\$45) and “Sure-Close” compost pails (\$5) are available at the Solid Waste District office in Greenfield: call for hours. Cash or checks only.

For more information about recycling or these programs, contact the District office at (413) 772-2438; email fo@franklincountywastedistrict.org; or visit: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org.

T O W N C O O R D I N A T O R

We are celebrating the Town's expansion of the town forest located on Wendell Road with an event on September 29 at 2 pm. Our special invited and confirmed guest is Stan Rosenberg who as state senator was key in the town obtaining funding necessary for this acquisition. Folks are invited to meet at the town hall at 2 pm Saturday September 29 and head down to the forest by vehicle. Folks who are able can hike in from the green steel gate across from the intersection of Hockanum and Wendell Roads and hike over to the new adjacent land. For others needing accommodation we will arrange transport across a neighbor's property by 4WD. Acquisition of this forestland adjacent to Town Forest was a long-standing goal of our Open Space Committee. This property, acquired by the Town from Victoria Shaw, is adjacent to the "Black Gum Swamp" and the 70 acre western portion of the Town Forest land acquired by the town in 1925 from J Oberg for \$598. The funding for this purchase was provided by the 2013 Environmental Bond Bill with support in the amount of \$100k. The town acquired the property after obtaining an appraisal, negotiating with the seller, closing, recording and making necessary disclosures. Please mark your calendars: September 29 at 2 pm Town Forest Walk.

Transfer Station Commissioners will meet in September to review the operation's pricing, consider suspending bulky and scrap metal for the winter, and find ways to do a better job defining for our patrons what is and what is not recyclable. Related to the operation of the transfer station is the annual household hazardous waste collection day (HHW). That day of collection is Saturday September 27 at the Orange Transfer Station. You must reserve in advance and by Sept 14. See the enclosed flier.

David Young, Town Coordinator

ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

The Franklin County Solid Waste District is holding its 2018 household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, September 22 at GCC Main Campus and Orange Transfer Station.

Residents and businesses must pre-register between August 16 and September 17. During that time, online registration will be open: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/hazwasteday.html. Paper registration forms will be available at participating town offices, transfer stations, and in ads in the Greenfield Recorder.

The collection is free for residents of most member towns. Businesses must pay for disposal costs. For business registration information, call (413) 772-2438.

This collection provides an opportunity to dispose of hazardous items that should not be put in the trash, such as leftover oil-based paints, stains, thinners, household cleaners, pesticides, herbicides, pool chemicals, motor oil, antifreeze, automobile batteries, and other household chemicals. For a complete list of acceptable items, see: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/hazwasteday.html.

Mercury-containing products such as thermometers, thermostats and compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) should never be put in the trash. At the 2018 Hazardous Waste Collection Event, only mercury-containing items such as thermostats and thermometers will be accepted; fluorescent bulbs will not be accepted at this collection. CFLs and other fluorescent bulbs are accepted at all municipal transfer stations. In addition, fluorescent light bulbs are accepted at Lowe's Stores (all types of fluorescents), and Home Depot (CFLs only). Questions? - 413-772-2438, info@franklincountywastedistrict.org

M O V I E N I G H T

Gordon & Diane Ellis are hosting a movie and discussion on **Wed, Sept 12, 6:30 - 9:30** at their house on Moore's Pond (12 Sammy Lane). The movie, "**I Can Only Imagine**", starring Dennis Quaid, recounts the inspiring story of Bart Millard, the leader of the band MercyMe, how and why he wrote the song, "I Can Only Imagine". The movie is filled with music and beautifully illustrates the power of forgiveness and God's love. Watch the movie and then discuss it with friends.

TOWN MEETING VOTES FINES FOR CUTTING SHADE TREES AND ALSO FOR UNREGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES

Ted Cady, Planning Board

Warwick has always been proud of its scenic beauty and in the last two years town meeting has voted to continue that tradition while simplifying the enforcement of zoning bylaws designed to keep our town beautiful.

A year ago town meeting voted to change the enforcement of the Scenic Roads Bylaw from a zoning violation (which is a criminal offense) to a non-criminal fine. The Scenic Roads Bylaw was adopted at the 1988 Annual Town Meeting and states it is unlawful to cut any tree growing in the Right of Way of a Public Road (except Route 78) that is 6 or more inches in diameter or breach any stone wall along the edge of a public way without a hearing and permit. A public way is much wider than just the width of the traveled way. The legal width was set up when the road was originally laid out, or when it was later upgraded. For town roads it is usually 2 rods or 33 feet wide and for county roads it is usually 3 rods or 49.5 feet wide. The Town Clerk has a record of the width of the road and if it is a really ancient town road without a stated width it is assumed to be 2 rods. County roads are usually the ones leading from our town to other towns such as Route 78, Northfield Rd., Wendell Rd, and Athol Rd. If you want to cut a tree in the town way or breach a stone wall bordering the road you should contact the Tree Warden or Planning Board to have the hearing for permission. The fine for cutting a Scenic Tree or breaching a wall without permission is \$300.

A characteristic of many low income, rural towns is junk cars sitting in folks' yards. When Warwick adopted zoning bylaws in the late 1970s more than one unregistered motor vehicle within sight of the road or neighbors was prohibited. Voters were strongly in favor of keeping "junk cars" out of sight of those travelling the roads and of neighbors. You may have the unregistered vehicles and junked cars but they must be out of sight of neighbors and the folks driving by. In our town the building inspector is the zoning enforcement officer and with all the job entails enforcing this provision of the zoning bylaws has been a low priority. At the 2018 Annual Town Meeting it was voted to make enforcement of this provision a non-criminal violation of a fine. A violator is given a warning as the first enforcement. A 30 day period is allowed to remove the violations from view. The second violation is a fine of \$25 per vehicle and again a 30 day period is allowed to remove or hide the unregistered motor vehicles. If this is not done, the third violation and subsequent violations are \$100 per vehicle. No enforcement shall be done during mud season, deep snow or other times when conditions make corrective action difficult. This town law is enforced by the Police Department, Building Inspector, or Planning Board.

If you have questions, you may call Ted Cady at 978-544-6410, or any member of the Planning Board: Nick Arguimbau, John Bradford, Brad Compton, Arthur Long, Suzanne Renna, John Williamson.

A N N U A L A R T S H O W

Yes, the 28th Annual Warwick Arts Council Art Show & Sale is gonna be here in the blink of an butterfly's eye! It's all happening Columbus Day Weekend in the Town Hall. Even those who've shown before ask about when, what, who, and so on. So here's the scoop:

Show hours: Friday October 5th 7-9pm with a gala reception! Saturday, Sunday & Monday October 6-8th from 10am to 3pm.

Art arrival times: Thursday October 4th 5-7pm, Friday October 5th 1-3pm at the Town Hall (we cannot guarantee hanging space for artwork arriving after 3pm Friday). 3 pieces per artist: please make sure all pieces are ready to hang (wire, hooks) or be displayed. Artists that have cards, matted prints or small artworks may submit them in addition to their 3 pieces. All levels of experience accepted. Friends/family may submit for others.

Pick up time: Monday October 8th - 3pm

We need help: Many shows have a submission fee, Warwick's does not, but we ask that all artists and/or their families lend a hand.

Tasks:

- *staffing the town hall (can you sit at the show on Sat., Sun or Monday between 10-3?)
- *setting up the show (Thurs. 5-7 and Friday 1-5pm),
- *providing refreshments
- *breaking down the show Monday October 8th at 3pm.

Let me know if you have other questions,

Tom Wyatt, Warwick Arts Council
tom@tomwyattphoto.com 413-768-8641

Warwick Cultural Council Seeks Funding Proposals

Warwick residents may want to request funds from the local Warwick Cultural Council. The online application will be available on September 1; the submission deadline is October 15. The application and supporting information can be found at www.mass-culture.org/lcc.

These grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Warwick– including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies, or performances in schools, workshops, and lectures. Programs can be in the arts, humanities, and science.

The Warwick Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

If you have questions not answered on the cultural council website, contact Susan Wright, chair of the Warwick Cultural Council (wrightsm175@gmail.com).

Town Forest Committee and Open Space Committee

A Milestone Celebration

It all started in 2014 when the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Legislature passed an Environmental Bond Bill. In this bill Senator Stan Rosenberg earmarked \$100,000 for the Town of Warwick to expand its town forest. The money was released in 2017 and Warwick's Open Space Committee and Town Forest Committee worked to purchase 88 acres of beautiful forestland west of the Shaw farm on the Wendell Road. What made this land important to the town was that it abutted the existing Town Forest and the Black Gum parcel, (which was acquired by the town in 2007). Town meeting approved this purchase in October of 2017 and the deed passed to the town in November 2017. This acquisition increases Warwick's Town Forest by 32%, from 277 acres to 365 acres. This project was spear headed by David Young, Town Coordinator.

Warwick's Open Space Committee and Town Forest Committee have planned a celebratory site visit with retired Senator Stan Rosenberg. Much to our delight he has graciously accepted our invitation. This special event will be held on **September 29, 2018** at 2:00 PM. Every-one is invited to see this beautiful addition to our town forest. We will meet at the town hall at 2:00 PM and car pool from there. Light refreshments will be served.

-A.George Day, Jr. & Christine Duerring

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK

SEPTEMBER 2018

Dear Friends,

“At that time the disciples came to Jesus. saying ‘Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?’ And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them, and said... ‘Whoever humbles himself like this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.’ “ (Matt 18:1-4)

The United States likes to portray itself as a “Christian Nation” and the current administration has claimed its focus is to “make America great again”. One of the pillars of political support for this endeavor is the white, evangelical Christian community. Their support seems to stem from a desire to abolish abortion, turn the US Supreme Court into a more “Christian Friendly” institution; allowing prayer in schools, the posting of the Ten Commandments in public places, like schools, courtrooms and government buildings, cutting foreign aid and cutting back on social welfare programs like SNAP.

To “make America great again” means that America was once great but is no longer. What is that in reference to? Most of the time the reference is to the US just after WWII, when the US was the “savior” of the world, the paragon of democracy and the economic and cultural center of western society. We have idealized those who were born in the early part of last century as “the greatest Generation”. They had a lot to overcome; economic disaster in the Great Depression, world war and yet they issued in a time of economic and social change. What is often ignored, or at least not mentioned, is that, at that time, the US provided a tremendous amount of economic aid to Europe and economic refugees (from Europe) were welcomed. This was also a time of domestic governmental generosity during which social welfare programs lifted many out of poverty and provided educational opportunities for working people to transition into a new labor market. The economic stratification of society was also very different; the disparity in income between corporate CEO’s and factory workers was about 40-1, compared to today’s ratio of nearly 400-1 and with some reaching 5,000-1. So yes, let’s make America great again, by reducing that economic disparity and becoming generous again.

A not-so-great element of post WWII America was the institutional racism that locked black families out of the rising prosperity of the times. The GI Bill was widely denied to black veterans and the policy of “red-lining” (restricting government and private funding for housing to black applicants in “white” neighborhoods) amplified the division of society along racial lines.

Humility and community were another hallmark of the times which don’t seem to receive much notice in the current conversation. Our social identity seems to have undergone a transition from “we’re all in this together” to our obsession with individual efforts; the “Rambo” delusion that the strong individual can take on the world and anyone who doesn’t is unworthy of any help. The ascendancy of this idea is reflected in Texas Representative Jodey Arrington’s comment, during House Agricultural Committee hearings this spring on funding of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. In defense of additional work requirements, he invoked 2 Thessalonians 3: 10 as saying that anyone who doesn’t work shouldn’t be fed. Not only is this sloppy exegesis, it refutes Jesus’ repeated calls to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, care for the poor. A few years ago, a favorite mantra of Christian Evangelicals was WWJD, What Would Jesus Do? Were he in that congressional hearing room, just before he was ejected, I imagine he would have said, “Woe to you... hypocrites! ...you tithe mint and dill and cumin and have neglected the weightier matters of the law, justice and mercy...straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel.” (Matt 23: 23-24)

I place a lot more trust in the words of Jesus than the misappropriated words of Paul.

In hopeful faith, *Dan*

UP COMING EVENTS

MOVIE & DISCUSSION WED, SEPT 12 6:30-9:30 PM

The movie *"I Can Only Imagine"*, starring Dennis Quaid and Trace Adkins, is the story of why and how the song of the same name came to be written by Bart Millard, leader of the band MercyMe. Running from a troubled home life and broken relationship, Bart found escape in music. This uplifting, music filled movie beautifully illustrates the power of forgiveness and God's love.

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2. Special Election—Pruyne said that a Special Election was needed to elect someone to the Selectboard to serve out the remainder of recently resigned Dawn Magi's term (until May 2019).

Erviti MOVED to schedule the Special Election to be held on the same date as the General Election: Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

3. Update on Verizon Warranty Covenant Right and Easement— Young said the document has been signed and notarized. He noted that Verizon is moving forward with the upgrades based on our assurance that we will better document the easement and record it with the Registry of Deeds. Young explained that the land has been owned by the Town for centuries, was never

taxed and no deed was ever created. Per Town Counsel the likelihood of any challenge to this is quite minimal.

4. Highway— Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney said that Chapter 90 project request forms signed by Board members at the last meeting have been all taken care of and are in the mail. He noted that generally it is about a 2-week turnaround for the approval letter to be received from Mass DOT.

Delaney said that FRCOG procured bids on our behalf for the road milling project, and that Lane was the low bidder. He said that he had played phone tag all day with lane and the paving company but hoped to speak with someone from each company tomorrow. Delaney explained that he is tentatively looking at dates in August, and that once DOT approves the project it can go forward. He estimated three days of milling for Orange Road.

Delaney said that while he was on vacation last week the crew did patching on the roads, and that now road shoulder clean-up will commence in anticipation of the milling and paving. He noted that while milling is not affected by the weather, it cannot be wet for paving to occur. Delaney explained that the paving will happen faster than milling, as milling takes two passes per lane while paving is done in one pass. He said that it will be best to have a couple of the roads milled before the paving begins.

Pruyne said that last night he hit a deep pothole before the bridge on upper Wendell Road and recommended that Delaney take care of that pothole. Erviti pointed out that there are a couple of potholes on the top of Barber Hill (Orange Road) with red or orange paint around them. Delaney said the paint likely came from the bicycle race, as it was not done by the Highway crew. Kristy Delfausse said that the worst potholes she has seen are on the Northfield Road by Jim Toth's house. Delaney suggested people drive more slowly in that area for now, and that it will be milled later. Delfausse said that as a taxpayer she is entitled to have roads that she can drive on. Delaney said that they are also filling potholes on Northfield Road.

Kevin Alden asked if there is money left over from Chapter 90 it could be used for another project this Fall. Delaney said that we never want to spend all the Chapter 90 funds we have. Young pointed out that should some storm event occur, and damage happen after the tax rate is set, extra Chapter 90 funds could be used for repairs and that is why funds should always be set aside just in case.

Bruce Kilhart inquired as to why no STRAP grant applications have been made recently. Delaney explained that Tim Kilhart got a STRAP grant in 2013 and that we were not eligible for another one until 2017. He noted that he was so busy last year that he did not have the time to get through all the paperwork (at least 60 – 80 pages) required for submission of the application. Erviti said that it seems we should attempt to get these funds, and that is a big part of the Highway Superintendent's job. Delaney agreed. Alden said that the Superintendent is not a secretary and that someone should be assigned to assist him with the paperwork to get it moving along. He suggested Young assist Delaney in this capacity. Pruyne said that we could possibly hire a consultant. Steve Ruggiero said that the Conservation Commission can help with certain portions of the application. Dan Dibble asked if FRCOG could provide any grant writing assistance; Delaney said he would call FRCOG and inquire about that.

Delaney ended his discussion by saying that he needed more time to review the DOT's bridge reports, which are quite technical and take time to read them through well.

5. Nuisance Dog Hearing—Pruyne opened the nuisance dog hearing at 6:30 p.m. and then called the Nuisance Dog hearing to order.

Animal Control Officer gave an overview of her summary of twelve separate reported incidents and her recommendations to the Selectboard, which were the installation of a 6-foot high chain link kennel big enough for 6 large dogs, and at least two cable tie-out/runs with tension springs on both the cable attached from the house to a tree as well as the cable that hooks to the dog's collar.

Pruyne asked Ross Nygard and Joe Kirley to come before the Board to tell their experiences with the dogs at 460 Richmond Road belonging to Catherine Findlay Stewart. Each boy gave their full name and address before telling the Board about their encounters with the dogs. Joe Kirley said that he was riding his bicycle past the house where a bunch of dogs came out trying to bite his butt and he climbed a tree while the dogs were trying to bite his shoes. He said he was scared. Ross Nygard told the Board that he and Joe Kirley were on the Kirley property building a fort and three or four dogs came running right at them. He said the dogs chased them into the hoop house where the ducks are, and one dog stood and watched them for a while. Ross Nygard said that the dogs then "crapped on the lawn" before running off. Erika Nygard said that she is genuinely concerned that her son and his friend were chased by a pack of dogs that could do damage. She said it is frightening.

Catherine Findlay Stewart said that her husband bought the house at 460 Richmond Road in May of 2013, and at that time they had two female Golden retrievers. She proceeded to list some of her husband's medical and health issues. Ms. Stewart claimed that the dog belonging to Wayne and Tracey Kirley came onto the property around August 7th of 2013 and mated with one of her dogs. She said she spoke with Wayne Kirley at the time; she also claimed to have contacted the Animal Control Officer, but the ACO had found no record of any contact from or with Ms. Stewart prior to December 18, 2014. Ms. Stewart said that the Kirley dog "Mogie" impregnated her second female dog as well and complained that the dog came onto her property without a collar. She cited growing and unchecked anxiety with the neighbors and that she had made complaints to Shelburne Control. Ms. Stewart stated that there is extensive damage to the property from the 48 puppies she alleged to have been sired by the dog "Mogie".

Erviti said that nothing of what she had said so far pertained to or addressed the twelve incidents outlined in the ACO report. Ms. Stewart admitted that per MGL Chapter 140 Section 157 her dogs certainly are a disturbance but went on to say that she and her family have been hurt and intimidated by the neighbors, and she demanded that be put on the record.

Ms. Stewart said that on April 26, 2018 her husband Stephen Stewart was throwing the ball to the dogs for exercise. She said that only four of the six dogs were there, as the other two were with her son's Julian's girlfriend in Hadley. Julian Findlay said that they could not handle all twelve dogs any longer because they were overwhelmed financially and emotionally, which resulted in their finding new homes for six dogs. He said the beginning of this issue was when the Kirley dog inseminated their females. Findlay said that he and his mother feel as though people want to exile them from this town and suggested that some of the reports filed with the

ACO were made up. He said he was apologetic if any of the dogs made people feel fearful and noted that he is a teacher and does not want any child to be afraid. Findlay said he doesn't want to see anyone hurt. Tracey Kirley said that everyone was just trying to keep the community safe. Findlay then asked for an apology from the Kirleys.

Pruyne said that we are all neighbors here and we want a respectful environment where people can be on the roadways without fear. Ms. Stewart said that she felt she was under high scrutiny and was experiencing high distress.

Erviti and Pruyne repeatedly tried to deescalate and refocus the comments made by the dog owners. Erviti went through each of the twelve incidents documented in the ACO report and each time asked Ms. Stewart if the reports were true. She acknowledged some were true and said she only became aware of the incidents involving a car being chased from the ACO. Ms. Stewart said that the obvious pattern emerging was no fencing.

Pruyne said that he had no objections to the corrective measures recommended by the ACO but thought 30 days a more suitable time frame than the 21 days suggested by the ACO. All parties agreed that 30 days was an acceptable amount of time.

Pruyne closed the nuisance dog hearing at 7:19 p.m.

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Ms. Stewart and Mr. Findlay left the meeting.

6. Highway (Continued) — Delaney stayed until after the conclusion of the dog hearing to have both Board members sign the contracts for Lane for milling and a contingency contract from Rafferty Fine Grading, Inc. in case Lane cannot get the work done in a timely fashion.

7. Selectboard Reports— None.

8. Coordinator Report— Young said that he had a nice vacation.

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

10. Public Comment— Ruggiero asked for a simple explanation of why the second vote was taken for Chair of the Selectboard. He noted that the first vote was never rescinded, and he wanted to know why Pruyne allowed another vote and why he changed his vote. Pruyne said that he realized he made a mistake; when pressed by Ruggiero to explain further, Erviti said that Pruyne did not have to voice his reasons publicly. Young said that neither a public meeting nor a public hearing compels answers. Pruyne said that he and Dawn Magi were remiss in voting without Erviti present and that he should have opted to hold off on voting any reorganization of the Board until Erviti's return from vacation.

Ruggiero asked Pruyne why he nominated Magi and then change his mind and second Erviti's nomination of Pruyne as Chair, as he did not understand why Pruyne would change his mind

once Erviti returned. Pruyne said that Magi had wanted to be Chair, and that he didn't really want to remain Chair as it is a lot more work. He noted that reorganization of the Board is a standard piece of business after each annual Town election, and that usually, but not always, the positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk rotate between the Selectboard members. Ruggiero asked Pruyne why accept a position when he didn't really want it, when leaving it he would have allowed Dawn Magi to retire as Chair next May when her term expired, as she did not intend to run for another term. Kristy Delfausse asked Erviti if he was aware that the vote was happening. Erviti said that he gave the initial vote no thought, as he was on vacation travelling cross-country on his motorcycle.

Young said that Magi's resignation means that we lost a highly experienced person whom he highly values. Pruyne said that he wished this didn't happen, that he enjoyed Dawn Magi's time on the Board and that he appreciated her quiet dignity. Pruyne stated that he has nothing against Magi and finished by saying that the way this was done was regrettable but not wrong.

Young said that the Selectboard has been invited to an event on Friday, July 20 at 1:45 p.m. in Winthrop for the Green Communities Competitive Grant Award announcements. He said that he did not know whether or not Warwick would be awarded any grant funds. Young noted that he also informed the Chair of the Buildings and Energy Committee of the announcements, as Warwick applied for a \$250,000.00 grant.

Issues for inclusion on the next agenda include an alternate to the FRCOG Planning Board, which can be important for grants. Pruyne wanted the Meeting Behavior/Civility policy revisited, and Young said there might be another update on the Verizon upgrades.

10. Executive Session— There was no executive session called.

IV. Adjournment

Erviti MOVED to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting:

- *Draft Minutes of July 2, 2018
- *Email from Andrea Woods of FRCOG to Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney dated July 11, 2018 RE: Road Milling Bid
- *FRCOG Warwick Cold Planing and Milling Bid #20180711 Bid Opening July 11, 2018 2 p.m.
- *Bid Signature Page Roadway Milling Town of Warwick Bid 20180711
- *Tax Compliance and Non-Collusion Statements
- *Certificate of Non-Collusion
- *Department Statement
- *OSHA Certification
- *Animal Control Officer Report for Nuisance Dog Hearing
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2. Highway— Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney said that the Chapter 90 paving projects were approved by Mass DOT, and that work will start on Monday, August 20th with Lane doing the milling for an estimated five days. He said that Mitchell would be doing the paving and pointed out that while milling is not affected by the weather, paving cannot be done if it rains. Delaney said that the five sections of road discussed at previous meetings will be repaired. He

expected to start on Winchester Road then go to Northfield Road and Athol Road, but depending on prioritization of the need for repairs, the order could be changed. Delaney said that the Gulf section of Route 78 was repaired to make it drivable for a short period of time. Bruce Kilhart made what he termed to be an official complaint about Northfield Road where no real patches were done. He said that his wife, even though driving slowly, was almost hit head-on by a car going fast and driving on the wrong side of the road to avoid the potholes. Delaney said that their compactor had broken down, but he could rent a roller when it stops raining. He explained that the roller cannot be used in the rain and we have had rain most days with more predicted almost daily in the near future as well. Young noted that it is illegal to drive on the wrong side of the road and that drivers need to slow down. Delaney said that we do not have a “rough road” or “bump” signs but he could possibly borrow some. He said that they could skim over the worst places on Northfield Road and quoted an approximate cost of \$3,000.00 for 40 tons of asphalt and the rental of a roller. Ted Cady thanked the Highway Department for repairing the Gulf. There was a consensus of the Board to have Northfield Road repaired.

Dawn Magi reminded Delaney that the lower end of Wendell Road is full of potholes; Delaney said that it would be one of the projects done in August but could move up the list of priorities. Kevin Alden asked if the ditches will be cleaned out to prevent future and further water damage. Alden also wanted to know if there was a more time and cost-effective way to get things done, as what the Selectboard has instructed Delaney to do is tantamount to giving him an impossible task because the approach being taken is not going to work. Alden said that a committee should be formed with residents from all parts of town to determine needs and priorities for road repairs. Delaney said that they plan to start cleaning ditches which will be done on the roads slated for Chapter 90 projects and will be completed prior to August 20th. Delaney said that he feels he is under-staffed and needs a fourth worker right now. Erviti prompted Pruyne to look into hiring a fourth man. Young said that he has been disappointed in the past with Delaney’s inability to keep four workers busy all day, and noted that there was a small amount in the budget that could be used to hire a part-time worker for now. Erviti asked Alden if he would be interested in meeting with Delaney to develop a written plan for FY 19 and to also form a committee. Alden said that he will help Delaney if he comes up with a plan. Delaney said that one person on the current crew may be leaving as early as the end of August and that it is difficult to find someone with the required licenses. Erviti directed Delaney to find out from the crew member in question just when he is planning on leaving.

3. Green Communities Grant—Janice Kurkoski said that we were awarded almost \$226,000.00 in a competitive Green Communities grant and that the Board needed to sign the contract with the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) and agree to have construction in place by March 31, 2019. She noted that the funds must be expended by May 31, 2019. Kurkoski said that grant funds were to be used at the Warwick Community School for motors and drives in the boiler room, HVAC upgrades, and weatherization. She said that PVRs would have a transformer replacement, motors and drives, and destratification of fans in the gymnasium. Kurkoski explained that the effective date of the contract will be when the DOER responds after the contracts are signed by the Selectboard members. She said that this was years in the making

and is expected to realize \$80,000.00 annually in energy savings in the Northfield and Warwick elementary schools and PVRS combined.

Pruyne said that it was his understanding that the Town would be on the hook if WCS is closed by the District, and that he was hesitant to sign the document. Young said that there was no indication that a change of use would leave us liable, and the building could be used as a senior center. Kurkoski said that page 70 of the contract states that we agree that no current plans exist to close, sell or dispose of the building for which the funds are designated within the next five years. She pointed out that the energy grant is for the Town building, not specifically for a school. Dan Dibble said the building could be used for town offices. Young said the building just needs to remain in use for the next five years.

Young said the figure would be around \$165,000.00 and that as a contingency the town could amortize the payment for five years should the school close and the building not be used for any other purpose, which he just did not see happening.

Kurkoski said that some of the work cannot be done when school is in session, and that school begins on August 27th, which makes this quite time sensitive. She said that 140 communities received grants and are sending in their contracts.

Pruyne said that he wanted to be absolutely certain that the Town would not be liable. Todd Dexter suggested calling someone in the morning. Young said that the person with whom Pruyne had been communicating, a Ms. Pfister, is a grant administrator and may not be comfortable answering his questions, as it is not her role to give an opinion. Young said that he had sent the contract to our Town Counsel, and his is the opinion that would matter.

Erviti MOVED to sign the contracts contingent upon a telephone call with Ms. Pfister and her acquiescence that all is OK with regards to the school building. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Pruyne said that he will also confer with Town Counsel, and that he will take as long as it takes to be sure that the Town will not have to repay the grant funds. Kurkoski said that the projects can be portioned out and divided into smaller chunks so that we never take any unused funds.

4. Selectboard Warrant for Animal Control Officer—ACO Fratangelo explained to the Board that the Form of Warrant to Officers in MGL 140:153 should be signed annually by the Selectboard as a directive to the Animal Control Officer. She noted that it had been done yearly in the past, but the practice had lapsed, and it was best practice to begin doing it again.

Erviti MOVED to authorize Pruyne to sign the Form of Warrant for Officers. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

5. Unfunded Recycling Mandates—Erviti read aloud portions of an Email he had received regarding an environmental bond bill and the possibility of unfunded recycling mandates. He pointed out that the bill is going to committee and that the Board should think about the matter and determine whether or not to support the bill.

6. Meeting Behavior Guidelines/Civility Policy — Pruyne said that the policy had been discussed at past meetings. Kevin Alden said that he did not think it is necessary to introduce yourself each time you speak at a meeting. He said that the Town should be more open and not become more closed up because there needs to be more discussion throughout the community, not less. Shauna Smith also favored a person introducing themselves just the first time they speak. Tom Wyatt said that he had drafted an initial set of guidelines a few years ago after ugliness at some meetings. He said things have improved, but people want to be respected. Pruyne said that he proposed to create the idea of a friendly atmosphere in meetings and civil dialogues with those out of town as well. Pruyne and Erviti both wished to change #3 under Public Meeting Protocol to read “Identify yourself the first time you speak”.

Erviti MOVED to accept the Town of Warwick Standards of Conduct policy with the change. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

7. Discussion of Dual Roles of David Young as Town Coordinator and PVRSD School Committee Member—Pruyne said that small towns are allowed to have one person serve in more than one position and serve more than one role. He said that Young has brought a lot of skills to the School Committee, but he wanted to discuss whether Young can maintain focus and his identity as Town Coordinator and if this could be compromised by his being on the PVRSD School Committee. Pruyne pointed out that the Town Coordinator must always represent the Town, while a School Committee member represents the interest of the District and not the town. He said that it is a difficult position to represent the interests of the Town while also working on the School Committee and serving the interests of the District. Pruyne stated that he is no longer comfortable with Young serving in both capacities. Pruyne said that as Town Coordinator Young holds a powerful place in the Town, and that as a Selectman he is much more comfortable if Young would work only for the Town and not also a totally separate entity whose interests may be very different from those of the Town. He said that he was not sure what to think about all this and felt this was a good discussion to have.

Young said that at any Selectboard meeting he is there as the appointed Town Coordinator and not an elected School Committee member. He said that he does understand and is cognizant of the different loyalties and expectations of both positions and he recognizes the potential for conflict. Young said that he has given the appropriate and necessary ethics disclosure forms to the Town Clerks. He pointed out that you can be elected to as many positions as you want and as the voters see fit. Young noted that if the Selectboard or Town Meeting votes contrary to his duties as School Committee member he would have to resign from the School Committee.

Erviti said that Young must be clear as to which position he is taking when speaking at Town Meeting. Pruyne said that Young has always been clear when he speaks whether it is as Town Coordinator or School Committee member and that he appreciates that from Young. He stated that Young, as the Town Coordinator, still has a responsibility to the Town even when acting as a member of the School Committee.

Jennifer Core said that what she finds most troubling is that the distinction is not clear and that as a result she does not understand which position Young speaks from. Core went on to say that his position as Town Coordinator and his attendance at all Selectboard meetings affords Young access and influence of what is discussed and how it is discussed. She said that she sees an inherent conflict of interest between the two roles. Dawn Magi said that Young has often said to her that School Committee members may have trouble realizing that their loyalty is to the District and not their town. She said that the Selectboard is the Town Coordinator's boss and as a member of the School Committee he could have access to discussions not yet made public and the act on it as Town Coordinator.

Cady said that people want transparency regarding which position he is speaking from and on whose behalf is he acting, and that public perception could be problematic. Magi said that Young obtains information and the Board can choose whether or not to act on it. Todd Dexter said that Young's roles have been clearly defined in meetings and that he has worked hard for many years in the Town's best interest. Kevin Alden said that Young has knowledge of Town government and how it works, but other people should take over some of his many roles in Town.

Young noted that he can educate and show both sides of an issue but cannot exert undue influence. He stated that he is concerned for the financial future of the District, and that the Town will have to pay for the past problems and future solutions.

Erviti pointed out that there may be times when the Town Coordinator interests and those of School Committee member will be the same, and when the two positions disagree Young can be honest in his dealings to serve in both positions.

Pruyne said that he had opened this matter up for discussion with no expectation of arriving at a solution at this time.

8. Review Town of Warwick Official Social Media Presence and Management Thereof—

Pruyne said that he and Young have been talking about this issue for a while. He explained that both the Warwick "L" and the official Town website are currently private properties that belong to individuals and not the Town. Pruyne said that he would like to see more control on the Town's part so as not to lose these valuable resources. Young pointed out that a vote of a previous Selectboard made www.warwickma.org the official website for the Town. He said that we can back up the website and import it to town.warwick.ma.us. Cady said that it is not the particular website but rather the method to maintain the website that matters. He also said that the Selectboard needs to plan for this job of posting minutes and all relevant documents should Ed Lemon decide to relinquish some or all control of the website.

Erviti said that someone needs to talk with Lemon and ask him what he thinks is the best way to maintain the website. Pruyne suggested the creation of a position to take care of all social media presences. Joe Delfausse suggested looking for someone who is web savvy to volunteer to work with Lemon and take on some of the burden. Magi also recommended approaching Ed Lemon with their concerns of how to keep the website up and running while relieving some of the

responsibility.

Dan Dibble said that the “L” is the voice of the people of Warwick and not of Town government, and that neither the “L” or the “L-ternative” page on Facebook started by Shauna Smith and her mother Sandy Mallet should be under Town control. Dibble strongly favored keeping the “L” and the “L-ternative” Facebook page managed by private citizens as a place for residents to freely voice their thoughts and concerns.

Firefighter Joe Larson said that he posts on the Warwick Fire Department’s Facebook page. Larson stated that he is aware of the rules of proper conduct when posting and that he adheres to those rules. He explained that certain types of information cannot be released and noted that he puts out useful information and promotes events. Larson added that he runs things by Fire Chief Ron Gates before posting items and felt that there is no need for any other control from the Town. He said that there is a need for accountability. Erviti said that he would be willing to speak with Ed Lemon privately. He agreed that the “L” is a private enterprise and not the government’s business. Tom Wyatt said that the Selectboard should put it out there that the “L” is a valuable thing and that they are seeking someone in Town to help out if necessary. There was a consensus of the Board that Erviti will talk with Ed Lemon. Shauna Smith said that she would put a disclaimer on the Facebook page that makes it clear that the page is run by private citizens and is not an official page for the Town or its government.

9. Reorganization of ZBA—Erviti, as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), said that the ZBA was unclear as to whether the Selectboard appoints members and alternates when there is a change in membership, or is it done internally by the ZBA itself. He explained that when an alternate is moved up he or she becomes a voting member or if a voting member chooses to become an alternate, there is a change in their status on the ZBA. Cady said that when there is a resignation, as was the case with Miryam Williamson’s recent resignation, the senior alternate moves up automatically. He also stated that the Planning Board was fully aware of the change of positions between Erviti and Renna and fully supported it.

Erviti MOVED James Erviti be a voting member of the ZBA and Sandy Renna become an Alternate. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

10. Selectboard Reports—Pruyne said that he attended a FRCOG Council meeting last week where a number of things were discussed. He noted that one issue was the hope to influence State legislators to bring more money to local schools. Pruyne said that there is 1.5 million dollars in rural school aid in the current State budget. He said that the FRCOG Council want local Selectboards to appeal to legislators for more funding for special education and noted that this is a new line of funding that can increase in the future.

11. Coordinator Report— There was nothing to add to the written report.

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

13. Public Comment—Todd Dexter said that the FY 19 Highway Department budget includes funding for a fourth man and wondered that since the fourth position has gone unfilled, we should either fill it or use the available funds for other purposes within the department. Erviti said that they have already discussed a part-time hire for the summer. Pruyne said that the money could be used to pay for grant writing assistance for Chapter 90 and STRAP grant paperwork. Young said that there are indeed funds in the budget for a fourth man and the unused funds have been used to offset the snow and ice deficit. He also noted that a three-man crew is less wasteful because there is not enough work to keep four men busy. Pruyne said that the unusually cold winter damaged the roads and we failed to anticipate the problems soon enough. Dexter expressed support for hiring of someone to provide grant writing assistance for Larry Delaney.

IV. Adjournment

Erviti MOVED to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting:

- *Draft Minutes of July 16, 2018
- *Town Coordinator Report dated July 26, 2018
- *Town of Warwick Standards of Conduct
- *MGL 140:153 Form of Warrant to Officers Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- *Green Communities Competitive Grant Contract
- *Commonwealth Terms and Conditions for Contracts