

NOVEMBER, 2016

Warwick Community Newsletter

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Selectboard	6315
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Library	7866
Fire Station	3314
Animal Control	3402
Animal Contr.Pager	217-2681
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Community School	6310
Fire Dept Business	2277
Police Dept Business	2244
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Metcalf Chapel Office	2630
Warwick Broadband Trouble	
	413-676-9544

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING DONORS !

Betsy Alkins & Alan Berman Lois Coffin Robert & Asako Day
 Joyce Harris Emily Jones
 Barbara Edson-Greenwald Cheri Robartes



Total: \$285

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.

This year we can be proud of how the different town committees came together to make our **Old Homes Days** so special: the old standbys the Metcalf Chapel, the Historical Society, the Women’s Guild, the Arts Council, the Fire Department, Jim McRae with his open mike, the person of honor segment and the parade. What keeps it interesting is how so many more committees of the town keep coming up with new ideas to keep attracting new interest. The Broadband’s satellite toss, the Beach Committee’s cardboard boat race, the Abbot family’s children games, and new this year the Recreation Committee’s Sock Hop, and though Kenny is no longer with us to supply the Hubbard wagon rides, we are blessed that his nephew Brian Hubbard has been keeping up an important old tradition in his memory. We not only encourage these new events, they make our Old Home Days interesting and newsworthy as is noted in the write-ups in local papers, and we are thankful for them. All we ask is that any new plans organized are brought to our attention as soon as possible so that we can arrange the timing.—Larry Carey for the Old Home Days Committee

WOMEN'S GUILD

On Tuesday, November 1 at 1:00 pm, the Guild will welcome back Darlene Kilhart, Doctor of Physical Therapy and Director of Physical Therapy at Quabbin Valley Healthcare. Darlene will demonstrate exercises designed to increase strength and balance, building on her informative presentation last fall. Come join us in the Town Hall - all ages welcome! A short business meeting and refreshments will follow.

GUILD AT THE POLLS on NOV 8: The Guild will be selling coffee and donuts when the polls open at 7:00 a.m. Later in the day, you can take home baked beans and soup for your lunch or dinner! All proceeds benefit the local community work of the Guild, and your support is very much appreciated.

-Martha Morse

LIBRARY

The Library has a reading group that meets the second Wednesday of each month to discuss a book read by all. Books are provided by the Library and a facilitator helps move the discussion along. Stop by the Library for more information. 'Tis the heating season - don't forget the Library has an infrared camera that can show you where you are losing heat in your home. It's easy to use and you may check it out for a week at a time. New Books include: The Heart is a Nursery for Hope by Reardon, Bookshop on the Corner by Colgan, Book of Mysteries by Cahn, Presumption of Guilt by Mayor, Unseen World by Moore. New DVDs include: Dead Pool, The Shallows, 10 th Kingdom, Jungle Book, Ghostbusters: Answer the Call, Me Before You.—Nancy Hickler, Director

Foot Clinics

8:00 to 8:30 AM

At the Metcalf Chapel

Nov 18 and Dec 16

Sponsored by the Council on Aging

Suggested donation: \$2



THE GATHERING PLACE

The Gathering Place menu is available each week on the L, Warwick Website and TCC Facebook page. Gatherings are held Fridays in the Town Hall Dinning Room, from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Coffee for \$1.00 ready at 10:00 AM, cup of Soup for \$3.50, ½ Sandwich for \$2.00. Have both (Cup and a half) for \$4.50 starting at 11:30 AM. Desserts anytime. Need lunch to go, bring a container for soup a we'll pack lunch for you. Everyone is welcome. Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Tracy Gaudet, Outreach Coordinator for Orange COA and Shine Counselor, (Serving Health Insurance Needs for Everyone), is attempting to be more available to Warwick Residents. Tracy will be at the Gathering on Friday, 04 and 18 November Stop by and put her to work for you. Tracy can assist individuals with public benefits, fuel assistance, food stamps, Mass Health, etc. You may contact her at [978-544-3481](tel:978-544-3481) or tgaudet@townoforange.org, she will be bring application forms for various programs. Tracy will be at Town Hall twice a month during the open enrollment period, got questions, need assistance, stop in between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

No Gathering on 11 Nov. (Veterans Day) or 25 Nov.

-Diana Tandy

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

I am running for re-election to the Pioneer School District Committee. I ask for your vote at the November 8 election. If reelected I will continue my work to create a better and better educational environment that is as well, a good steward of our member town's scarce funding. -David Young, Old Winchester Rd.

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

NEW.....The recreation committee is offering classes EVERYDAY of the week

We have YOGA, STRETCH AND STRENGTHEN and FITNESS MIX , all free for 6 weeks !! Check with instructors for holiday cancelations .

* All classes are now at the school gymnasium . Bring water, mat /towel and indoor shoes .

The recreation committee hopes you enjoy these classes ! Please show us that we're on the right track by attending . The more people that come , the more classes we will offer . Please send feed back to Leannelimoges@gmail.com or call me -5553

STRETCH AND STRENGTHEN starting Nov.7

Mondays and Friday's 3:30-4:30

(Over 50 or not !) gentle cardio and light weights combine to increase strength and flexibility . Bring 1-5# weights if you have them . Taught by Susan Krieger Warwick resident she has taught yoga and led Aerobic classes in town for many years.

FITNESS MIX starting Nov. 10

Thursdays 6-7pm

Medium intensity cardio, floor work and stretching. Instructor ; Susan Krieger

YOGA starting Nov. 9

Wednesdays 5-6pm and Saturdays 9-10 am

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 .

Taught by Warwick resident Kalliope Kalombratsos she began training at the integral Yoga institute in San Francisco, CA and is currently finishing a certificate at Kripalu center in Stockbridge MA . She has been an active practitioner for over 10 years, integrating various teachings from yoga traditions and personal experience from a dance background as teacher and performer. She is also interested in teaching a modern dance class.

STRONG. Every Tuesday 6-7 pm

Be ready to sweat and see results ! This is a powerful new program that is not dance . It is music led interval training that will challenge you to be healthier and stronger . Amazing work out . New comers have commented that it is very forgiving with modifications to fit your level. \$5 Taught by Christine Rouleau

ZUMBA. Every SUNDAY. 8-9 am

Dance fitness performed to energetic music ; hip hop, samba, salsa, mambo, Brazilian funk and country !

Many people have enjoyed this class for the past 5 years .. New comers welcome , very fun . \$5 .

Instructor ; Christine Rouleau

WARWICKIANS ON-LINE -

How to subscribe

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

TOWN CLERK NOTES

The Presidential Election will be held on **Tuesday, November 8, 2016**. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

For those of you who may be contemplating staying home and not casting a ballot, please reconsider. If there is a particular race or issue that you just cannot bring yourself to vote, you can just leave it blank.

Besides the Presidential race, there are several local and regional offices on the ballot, including our Town members of the Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee, our Representative and Senator in the State Legislature, our Representative in Congress, Franklin County Sheriff, Councillor, and Council of Governments Executive Committee. There are also four ballot questions to consider.

As Americans we are fortunate enough to have the right to vote and our voices are heard in part through the ballots we cast. Please do not miss your opportunity to exercise your voting privilege.

VOTE on November 8th!



-Rosa Fratangelo

Mt. Monadnock Hike

Sponsored by Warwick Recreation Committee .

Led by Clare Green

Friday November 11

Meet at school 8:30 am to organize car pool to Dublin trail parking area. no fee

This is a moderate to challenging 2.2 mile hike. When the weather is clear the view is absolutely beautiful . It is the most frequently climbed mountain in North America , second most climbed in the world ! Please pack ; water, snacks, lunch, and an extra layer for the summit . Wear comfortable hiking shoes .

Any questions call ; Leanne at -5553 or Clare at - 7421



St. Patricks Church, 80 Main Street, Northfield, MA will be holding a

Lasagna Dinner on Saturday, November 19th at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

The menu includes lasagna, salad, rolls and dessert. Adults \$10.00 and children 12 and under \$5.00.

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.

WELCOME THE BARN OWL RESTAURANT TO OUR TOWN CENTER:

Hours:

Wed—Thurs 7am-12pm and 5pm-8pm

Fridays 7am-12pm and 5pm-9pm

Saturdays 8am—12pm and 5pm-9pm

Sundays 10am—2pm

Stop in and check out their pizza and salad menu and their coffee and pastry selection. Phone number for ordering is 978-544-3430

CLOSED THANKSGIVING WEEK

GREEN CORNER

By mid-October, most of us are likely to have our heating systems in place for the winter ahead. Still, this important issue is worthy of a second look or consideration for possible changes in the future. There are some points upon which most research agrees regarding pros and cons of each method.

Heating with wood is messier, more labor-intensive and likely to emit larger quantities of air pollutants. The wood needs drying time and large storage areas. Wood stoves require more frequent filling and are difficult to leave unattended for long periods of time. The units require an investment in both the installation and the maintenance of a chimney or flue. Wood also requires a greater storage area.

Though perhaps more difficult to control, wood heat has a superb intensity and ambience, and the units are quiet with a greater heat output. It's possible to cook with this type of stove, and industrious fans of this heating method value the ability to often obtain "free" fuel. Last but not least, wood stoves are unaffected by power outages.

Proponents of the pellet stoves cite their convenience, cleanliness, and high efficiency. They produce less air pollution due to higher combustion and burning of fuel; therefore, they generally produce less creosote and can be said to be safer. They can be free-standing or installed as fireplace inserts. No chimney is required, but an exhaust flue can be easily routed through a wall. A good pellet stove may only need to be refilled once a day and has a steady heating capability due to thermostatic control.

Some high-end models also have a small computer which controls the rate of pellets being fed into the combustion chamber. The pellets are sold in 40-pound bags and cost roughly \$3 to \$4/bag or about \$180-\$250/ton. If a homeowner were using this stove as their main heating source, this would be roughly two to three tons of pellet fuel per year.

The downside to the pellet stoves is that they are more complex and are made up of expensive parts that can break down. They require more cleaning – several times weekly by the user and annually by a professional. The fans (some of which can be fairly noisy) and other controls are run by electricity, so power outages can cause problems except in the case of a pellet stove with a battery backup. The cost of the electricity used to run an average pellet stove is approximately \$10/month. If the pellets happen to get wet, the fuel is ruined. Pellets can be dusty, and their prices have fluctuated more than that of cord wood. It's also important to note that there is an energy "cost" in the manufacturing of pellets, and it is slightly more than twice that of wood.

There is much information out there for those who still are making decisions about which way to go. Both methods can successfully keep your home warm safely with proper installation. Upgrades of both types of stoves to EPA certified units are recommended to ensure lower emissions and higher efficiency. The choice does not have to be either/or, as many people enjoy using *both* pellet and wood heat in their homes for different reasons. Lastly, remember that if your goal in heating your home is maximum efficiency and reducing your carbon footprint, proper insulation and air sealing are always very important.

This month's Green Corner topic of wood versus pellet stoves was researched in part at Energy.gov and we welcome your feedback, experiences, and comments! This article was submitted on behalf of the Warwick Buildings and Energy Committee by Mary Humphries

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Dockside Restaurant @ Brunelle's Marina

1 Alford Street

South Hadley, MA 01075

Open year round: Sun to Wed 11 AM to 10 PM

Thur to Sat 11 AM to 11 PM

<http://www.brunelles.com/dockside-restaurant-south-hadley-ma/>

Unfortunately my friends and I didn't go early enough in the season to catch a cruise on the Connecticut River as they closed about a week before. But we certainly will go back next year and take a cruise then have lunch. Dockside sits right on the water's edge of the Connecticut River and you can dine sitting in the window overlooking the river. They are open year round so your views will certainly vary with the seasons.

I started out with a cup of clam chowder (\$3.99) which was jam packed with clams and thick and creamy, just the way I like it. I opted for a Garden Salad (\$5.99) topped with Tenderloin Tips (for an additional \$5.99). The salad came in a huge bowl, topped with about 5 chunks of tenderloins cooked to perfection and very tasty. One friend had the Steakhouse burger (\$11.99) which had to be an inch thick topped with bacon and cheese and came with fries and pickle. My other friend had a cup of lobster bisque (\$4.99) and a Grilled Chicken Sandwich (\$10.99) which also came with fries and a pickle. Everyone loved their selections.

Down the road from Dockside we saw McCray's Farm so pulled in for some homemade ice cream for dessert. I had a cone of coffee crunch which had Nestle's Crunch in it. My friends opted for Heath Bar Crunch. We sat and enjoyed that then headed out to the Petting Zoo. Here we saw plenty of ducks and geese, goats, cows, donkeys, llama, and a peacock. It was a beautiful fall afternoon with friends and great scenery and food. Highly recommend a trip any time of year, but especially in the fall.

-Bon Appetite!

NEWS & TIDINGS

WARWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Elizabeth Musgrave, Principal

FIRE SAFETY: Last month, Warwick Fire-Fighters visited WCS to teach about Fire Safety. Much to everyone's delight they brought along their fire engine and fire-fighting gear! Thank you Warwick Fire Department!

WOW!!! The Annual WCS PTO Pasta Supper!

5:30 – 7PM Saturday, Nov. 12th at WCS

This is a very important community event and WCS fund-raiser! All of the ingredients and labor are donated, so 100% of your ticket price will be applied to field trips, special classroom supplies, special events such as garden club, author visits, family evenings, etc....all that makes WCS experience so special!

Ticket prices: \$8 for adults, \$5. for children ages 5-12,

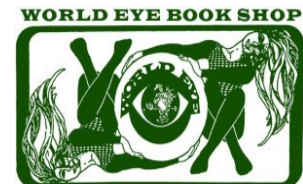
Hoorah! The WCS Book fair!

4:30-7PM Saturday Nov. 12th at WCS

Come see what is on offer at our Annual Book Fair during our pasta supper! Hosted by the Warwick Community School's PTO and just in time for Holiday shopping!

WORLD EYE BOOKSHOP

Once again we
welcome the....



OUR CLASSROOM BUZZ! This month we feature....

GRADES 2 & 3: It was with much excitement that the second and third graders started a new writing unit on personal narrative. With just the few lessons we've had so far, the children have shown tremendous skill and excitement towards writing. It will be thrilling to see what they create as the unit goes on!

Our class has been studying life cycles with a focus on apples in science. The children have explored apples with their senses, created apple science books with vocabulary, labeled parts, and observation and will be conducting a taste test.

Our new "walk to read" reader's workshop has been very fruitful so far. In our classroom, we have begun using a new reading program on the ipads as part of our listening center, which is something very new. Everyone has taken right to it and I'm eager to see how this new resource impacts our growth and enthusiasm for reading this year! **Ms. Kristyn Gibbs**

HOLIDAY FAIR

at Warwick Town Hall



Saturday, NOVEMBER 19, 2016

Coffee and Donuts starting at 8am Fair 9am – 2pm

*Crafts By Local Artisans, Gifts, Raffles, Baked Goods, Fair Trade Items,
Silent Auction THEMED GIFT BASKETS, and a delicious Hot Lunch!*

Bring the family and enjoy the spirit of the holidays!

Proceeds benefit the Trinitarian Congregational Church of Warwick

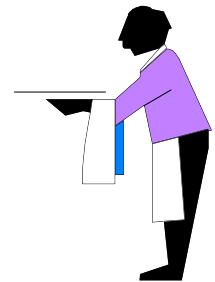
HUNTER'S SUPPER

(not just for Hunters!!)

Friday, December 2, 2016

Warwick Town Hall

Seating at 5:00pm and 6:00pm



Menu:

Homemade Onion Soup Braised Beef

Mashed Potatoes Squash

Coleslaw Homemade Pies

Tickets: \$10/adults, \$5/kids 12 & under,

Kids under 3 FREE

TAKE OUT ORDERS AVAILABLE

Proceeds benefit Trinitarian Congregational Church of Warwick



TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK

32 Athol Road, Warwick, MA 01378 Ph 978-544-2630

NOVEMBER
2016

Dear Friends,

The German Dominican monk and mystic Meister Eckhart (c. 1260 – c. 1328) said “If the only prayer you say in your life is ‘Thank You’, that will suffice”. To say, “Thank You”, and truly mean it, requires a humility that is becoming more and more rare in our public discourse and, sadly, in much of our private lives as well. To be humble is to be vulnerable, and that is not something we are encouraged to strive for in our society. But, if we don’t encourage humility and teach it to our children, will they be able to experience true thankfulness or will they simply feel entitled to anything they can procure in any way they can?

Richard Rohr, an ordained Franciscan friar and teacher, puts it this way;

“I have found the phenomenon of male initiation in every culture and on every continent until the modern era...Something that universal - and so uniform in its goals – was surely fulfilling a deep human and social need. It was deemed necessary for cultural and personal survival, it seems. Throughout history, men were more often in positions of power and privilege, whereas women were often unfairly subjugated. Women, therefore, more naturally learned the path of (self-emptying) through their “inferior” position to men. We recognize in initiation...the rather universal conclusion: Unless the male...in his early years... is led into journeys of powerlessness, he will invariably misuse power...The human inclination to narcissism has to be exposed, humbled and used for good purposes.

Jesus clearly taught the twelve disciples about surrender, the necessity of suffering, humility, servant leadership, and nonviolence. They resisted him every time, and so he finally had to make the journey himself and tell them “Follow me!” But Christians have preferred to hear something Jesus never said: “Worship me.” Worship of Jesus is rather harmless and risk-free; following Jesus changes everything.

The word ‘human’ comes from the Latin, humus, which means earth. Being human means acknowledging that we’re made from the earth and will return to the earth. For a few years we dance around on the stage of life and have the chance to reflect a little bit of God’s glory. We are earth that has come to consciousness. If we discover ... (a)s a human, I’m just a tiny moment of consciousness, a small part of creation, a particle that reflects only a fragment of God’s glory...that’s enough.”

The word you use, “God”, or if you prefer, “the Tao”, or YHWH, or Allah, or the “Great Spirit”, is not as important as the sense that there is something transcendent, that we are only a small part of and dependent upon, that grounds us and humbles us to the point where we can say “Thank You” with deep conviction.

Bishop John Shelby Spong says that prayer is not the words you say, directed at some outside entity, but the way you live your life. So, if your prayer, your life, is one of grabbing and hoarding, you can’t be very thankful, because you are the reason good things happen in your life and others are the reason bad things happen. If, on the other hand, your actions are generous and caring, compassionate and helpful, then you are embodying the thankfulness Meister Eckhart says is sufficient.

Some have told me they’re not into the touchy-feely, woo-woo stuff, they just see a need that they can address in some way. I would contend that that IS a manifestation of a thankful spirit at work in their lives. Call it “community spirit” if it makes you feel less woo-woo if you need to, but I will continue to see a greater, more universal Spirit at work and thank you for your expression of it in your lives, in our community. Thanks for the help with “wood parties”, with donations to the emergency shelter, with food and other items for the food pantry, for food for the sick, volunteering your time and energy to keep our community safe, to provide entertainment, food, a place to gather; so many small ways of helping others that add up to a healthy community.

I hope you will be enfolded in and contribute to a spirit of deep thankfulness in the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

In faith, Dan

UP COMING EVENTS at Trinitarian Congregational Church

HOLIDAY FAIR SAT, NOV 19 8-9am Coffee and Donuts, Fair is 9am—2pm

There will be a nice array of crafts and food for the upcoming holiday season. Come and shop, come and eat, come and enjoy the company of friends and neighbors. Our Themed Basket raffle is always a big draw. Don't miss out. Questions? Contact Andrea Woods 544-6844

ADVENT WORKSHOP SUNDAY, NOV 27 5 – 8 PM

Come make holiday decorations, wreaths, “gingerbread houses” and other crafts. This event is free and open to the whole community. Kids have a great time constructing “gingerbread houses” with graham crackers, frosting and candy while the adults make wreaths.

We begin at 5 Pm with soup and breads and dessert, then move into the crafts. Come ready to have fun and get messy! Questions? Call the Metcalf Chapel Office 544-2630

HUNTERS' SUPPER FRIDAY, DEC 2 seating at 5pm & 6pm

Come for a hot meal on a cold night with other community members. You don't have to be a hunter to come, but if you are, come loaded with your best hunting story, real or embellished. See Flier for more information.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AT THE METCALF CHAPEL - Chapel Phone Number 544-2630

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS


Nonperishable food, personal hygiene items and household cleaning supplies are collected in the front hall of the Chapel.

MEDICAL SUPPLY LIBRARY

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

You're invited:

**2016 Pioneer Valley
Transition Town Film
Festival**



Locally Made Films:
*“How communities are working
toward sustainable living.”*

Friday November 4th at 7:00 pm

**Greenfield Community College
Cohn Dining Commons**

Filmmakers' reception to follow
Admission is free. Donations appreciated.

The Film Festival's main sponsor since 2010 is the Pioneer Valley Institute with co-sponsorship by Transition Towns: Northfield, Amherst, Northampton, Wendell, Greenfield, Pelham and Longmeadow.
This Program is supported in part by grants from the Amherst, Leyden, Longmeadow and Northfield Cultural Councils.

For additional information contact: pvtruff@gmail.com, or call (413) 774-4288
or visit: <http://www.transitionnorthfieldma.org/pvtruff.php>

Note: Due to space constraints, the Selectboard minutes printed in the Newsletter will only reflect attendance and motions and votes. Full minutes can be found on the Warwick website www.warwickma.org or from the Town Hall. Electronic subscribers will get the full minutes. See "Newsletter Extra"

Town of Warwick
Selectboard Executive Session

September 19, 2016

Members present: Doc Pruyne; Jim Erviti; Dawn Magi, chair.

Prior to the board voting findings, the Town's legal counsel joined the session by phone and after discussion the Selectboard voted the following FINDINGS:

1. We find that this was a hazard tree and had the Selectboard been asked permission, we would have approved the removal of this tree.
2. We find that Mr. Brian Miner, in his capacity of elected Tree Warden, acted in good faith utilizing his knowledge and understanding of the technical aspects of hazard trees and their removal.
3. We find the Tree Warden in technical violation of the shade tree / scenic road acts and of established procedure and fine him \$20 for this first offense, payable to Town of Warwick.

The above findings were voted on a motion by Pruyne, seconded by Erviti. Results of roll call vote: Pruyne yes, Erviti yes, Magi yes. All in favor.

On a motion by Pruyne, seconded by Erviti the board voted to adjourn the executive session and return to regular session. Pruyne yes, Erviti yes, Magi yes. All in favor.

Town of Warwick Selectboard Minutes

September 26, 2016

Members present: Dawn Magi, Lawrence Pruyne, James Erviti

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary and Town Clerk Rosa Fratangelo, MCAP representative and Broadband Committee member Miryam Williamson, Broadband Committee Chair Tom Wyatt, James Kilroy, Jared Robinson (*Athol Daily News*)

Pruyne MOVED to approve the minutes of September 12, 2016 as printed. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Erviti MOVED to close the **Public Hearing for On-Premises Wine and Malt License for James Kilroy at 5 Orange Road** hearing at 7:46 p.m. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

At 7:54 p.m., Erviti MOVED to adjourn. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Town of Warwick
Selectboard

October 5, 2016 in boards room Warwick Town Hall

Members present: Doc Pruyne; Jim Erviti; Dawn Magi, chair.

Chairman Magi called the meeting to order at 2 pm.

The board read, approved without change, and unsealed the minutes of the executive session held to hear a complaint against the Tree Warden on September 19, 2016.

The board conducted a working session to continue review and rewriting the town's Personnel Policy and achieved close to a final draft. We expect a final draft upon which we can hold a hearing before adoption of revised policy at the Oct 11 meeting.

Documents consulted:

Exe session minutes of Sept 19, 2016

Draft in progress revision of Town of Warwick Personnel Policy

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Sr. Mealsite</i> 11:45 <i>Library Open</i> 1-8pm GUILD 1PM Strong 6-7pm	2	3 <i>Library Open</i> 5-8pm	4 <i>The Gathering</i> <i>Place 10am</i> <i>Town Hall</i> Transition Towns Film Festival at GCC	5 <i>Transfer</i> <i>Station 8-3</i> <i>Library Open</i> 10am to 12:30 pm
6 <i>Worship</i> <i>Service</i> 9:30AM Zumba 8am	7 <i>Library Open</i> 10-4 Stretch & Strengthen 3:30-4:30	8 ELECTION DAY 7am-8pm  <i>Library Open</i> 1-8pm Strong 6-7pm	9 <i>Reading</i> <i>Group at</i> <i>Library 10am</i> Yoga 5-6pm	10 <i>Library Open</i> 5-8pm Fitness Mix 6-7pm	11 VETERAN'S DAY School Closed <i>No Gathering</i> <i>Place</i> Mt. Monad- nock Hike 8:30am Stretch & Strengthen 3:30-4:30	12 <i>Transfer</i> <i>Station 8-3</i> <i>Library Open</i> 10am to 12:30 pm Yoga 9-10am WCS PTO Spaghetti Sup- per and Book Fair 5:30pm
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Executive Session Selectboard meeting minutes

September 19, 2016

Members present: Doc Pruyne; Jim Erviti; Dawn Magi, chair.

Others present: David Young Town Coordinator; Brian Miner, Tree Warden; Jeremia Pollard, Legal Counsel by phone.

Jim Erviti moved to go into executive session for the purpose of hearing a complaint against a public official; Brian Miner, Tree Warden; and further that the Selectboard would not reconvene to conduct any other business at the conclusion of the executive session. Doc Pruyne seconded. Roll call vote Doc Pruyne, yes; Jim Erviti, yes; Dawn Magi, yes.

The board reviewed the meeting notice which was posted at least 48 hours in advance of this session, Ruggiero's complaint; Miner's emailed reply, Planning Board chair Cady's memo, a segment of cherry tree bole comprised of wood, canker, rotten wood and insect holes. Mr. Ruggiero's letter charged that the tree taken was not a hazard tree and that the Warden should be fined under Public Shade Tree law.

Mr. Young stated that we have Scenic Roads which apply to all roads except Route 78 and the Shade Tree Act which applies to all town roads. The Shade Tree Act is enforced by Planning Board or Police. Selectboard referred the complaint to the Planning Board who met, offered clarification, and voted an amendment to the scenic roads cutting policy. P. B. did not move to fine the Tree Warden. P. B. noted that Warwick treats Hazard trees uniquely because we are so wooded and power outages are frequent and are a serious concern and note that neither state laws mention hazard trees.

Mr. Miner answered questions wherein the board learned that the tree in question was marked for 48 hours prior to it being cut; he estimated the charge to the Town for the tree removal by a contractor was between \$100 and \$200 and he personally worked the ground / directed traffic without compensation. Also noted was that Mr. Miner is not taking the stipend ordinarily paid a Tree Warden.

Prior to the board voting findings, the Town's legal counsel joined the session by phone and after discussion the Selectboard voted the following FINDINGS:

1. We find that this was a hazard tree and had the Selectboard been asked permission, we would have approved the removal of this tree.
2. We find that Mr. Miner, in his capacity of elected Tree Warden, acted in good faith utilizing his knowledge and understanding of the technical aspects of hazard trees and their removal.

3. We find the Tree Warden in technical violation of the shade tree / scenic road acts and of established procedure and fine him \$20 for this first offense, payable to Town of Warwick.

The above findings were voted on a motion by Pruyne, seconded by Erviti. Results of roll call vote: Pruyne yes, Erviti yes, Magi yes. All in favor.

The board concluded after discussion with legal counsel that the Selectboard's actions do not resolve any potential 268A issues raised by Mr. Ruggiero and that enforcement lies with the State Ethics Commission.

Moreover, the matter of an additional tree allegedly cut by highway department several years in the past, the board found this would have occurred prior to Mr. Miner becoming a town employee. The board took no action on Mr. Ruggiero's suggestion of wrongdoing.

On a motion by Pruyne, seconded by Erviti the board voted to adjourn the executive session and return to regular session. Pruyne yes, Erviti yes, Magi yes. All in favor.

Documents consulted:

Ruggiero's complaint

Miner's emailed reply

Planning Board chair Cady's memo

**Town of Warwick
Selectboard
September 26, 2016
Minutes**

Members present: Dawn Magi, Lawrence Pruyne, James Erviti

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary and Town Clerk Rosa Fratangelo, MCAP representative and Broadband Committee member Miryam Williamson, Broadband Committee Chair Tom Wyatt, James Kilroy, Jared Robinson (*Athol Daily News*)

I. Call to Order

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

Magi noted with sadness the recent passing of our neighbors Bert Ballou and Lisa Crosby.

II. Minutes

Pruyne MOVED to approve the minutes of September 12, 2016 as printed. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

III. Presentations and Discussions

1. **Accounting Update** —Young said that the next meeting with the Accountant was scheduled for Friday, September 30th. He noted that some progress is being made on recording revenue, which is now being done much more quickly than in the past. Young said that there was overall progress being made. He pointed out that because revenues to us need to be shown, which may be a reason to slow down on the closing of the books to boost free cash.
2. **MCAP Update**—Miryam Williamson said that at the September meeting two ideas were discussed, regarding the DPU and Berkshire Gas. She said there is the impression that DPU tends to rule in favor of the utilities they regulate, and that the records will be double checked and a statement will be issued if the impression proves to be true. Williamson noted that Berkshire Gas has declared a moratorium on new customers in reaction to the failure of the Pipeline. She said that the next MCAP meeting will be in November.
3. **Personnel Policy**—Magi said that the revisions are almost finished and that she will type up the changes once the review is completed.
4. **Broadband**—Tom Wyatt said that the Broadband Committee met last week at which time John Bradford made a presentation on the monitoring software. He said MBI was also discussed. Young said that our WBS build-out does not involve the need for an OK-letter from the DOR. He said he estimates hearing from MBI with a decision on the grant application in a couple of months. The amount requested in the grant application is \$450,000.00.

5. **Selectboard Reports**—Erviti wanted to know if he as a Selectboard member could have a “No ‘jake’ brakes” sign on the Barber Hill area of Route 78. Young suggested that Erviti ask the Chair to place the issue on the agenda for a future meeting. He also said that he would check to see if Erviti should recuse himself and sit in the audience rather than act on a decision because the noise from the “jake” brakes (engine brakes on 18-wheel trucks) affects him in his own home and therefore as a resident rather than a Board member.
6. **Coordinator Report**—Young said that Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney had mentioned the Municipal Small Bridge program under which grant funding of up to \$500,000.00 can be made available for bridges between 10 and 20 feet in length. Young said that there had been some discussion of reestablishing the bridge on Bass Road (formerly White Road) which has been closed for 15 years, and noted closest resident Mary Humphries opposes rebuilding the bridge.

Young said that Town Counsel Jeremia Pollard would not be able to attend the public hearing at 7 p.m. because he had a meeting in another town, but he did offer an opinion on the propriety of people making comments to Board members outside of an open meeting rather than offering testimony before the Board during the hearing. The gist of Pollard’s opinion was that the Board should not consider or base any findings on comments made outside of a public hearing, and that an anonymous comment is tantamount to no comment when the Board is making a decision as part of its official duties.

7. **Public Comment**—None.
8. **New and Other Business Unanticipated at Time of Meeting Posting**—Young said that PVRSD Superintendent Ruth Miller is eager to meet with the Selectboard and Finance Committee to begin the FY 18 budget discussions.

As the meeting had to remain open due to the scheduled public hearing at 7 p.m., discussions included how figures appear within the School budget and an explanation of the mechanisms and hours of Early Voting was given by the Town Clerk.

9. **Public Hearing for On-Premises Wine and Malt License for James Kilroy at 5 Orange Road**—Magi opened the hearing at its scheduled time of 7 p.m. It was determined that speakers would be limited to 4 minutes, and the floor was given over to Jim Kilroy. Kilroy said that he has been rehabilitating the old general store and had opened the Barn owl as a coffee shop in the morning and a pizza place in the evenings. He said that he would like the Barn Owl to eventually become an eatery that serves beer and wine to compliment the meals he serves between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. He emphasized the fact that he has no intention to run a bar or serve any cocktails or hard liquor. Kilroy noted that he is trying to reconnect with the community where he grew up and become a part of that community. Kilroy read aloud the requirements for a person to be allowed to be served alcohol which included the individual be at least 21 years of age and be known to be a person of good character in Town. Erviti asked about the TIPS training; Kilroy said that as manager of the Barn Owl he was going to complete the ServeSafe certification program. He noted that if he is

granted a license he will not be serving the alcohol but rather will employ a bartender who will have to complete the same certification.

Erviti pointed out that if the Board approves the application, the State takes about ten months to investigate and make its decision. If the State rules in the affirmative, the Selectboard has seven days to approve or deny the application as the actual issuer of the license. He noted that restrictions on the time alcohol is served can be placed as a condition of issuing the license. Kilroy said that he was aware of these facts, and said that he would be meeting with his insurance company tomorrow for the liability insurance. He said that he knows the process is slow and that he is looking at the license as part of a long term goal.

Pruyne said that he had heard some concerns of Kilroy's own alcohol use and that people were disturbed by things that have occurred here and elsewhere. Kilroy said that he has had a pretty rocky last six years, but that he is now sober and completed a 40-week/2 hours a week Moving Forward Program for men overcoming violence. He said that he is learning to communicate well with people and has done what he needed to do to become a better person. Kilroy stated that he realizes he has choices and can now make better ones. He said that he takes responsibility for his past bad choices and is growing and learning and looking onward and upward going forward. Kilroy said that this project of making the Barn Owl happen allows him to focus on what it is he really wants to do and that he will keep going regardless of whether the license is granted. He noted that his family is really strong and provides great support for him. He did say that he has been sober for 15 months save for one slip on January 31st of this year.

Erviti inquired if beer and wine would be a temptation for him; Kilroy replied "no" as alcohol is everywhere and every day he drives by stores that sell beer and wine. He stated that the choice to serve wine and beer is strictly a business decision to boost revenue. Kilroy said that if the license is granted he wants to connect with local brewers and serve mostly locally sourced beer.

Young disclosed that he is in the Barn Owl most every morning and senses the desire of the community is to see the Barn Owl work and succeed.

Wyatt said that while he would also like to see the business succeed, he had some public information on Kilroy's background that he felt was relevant to the Selectboard as the deciding body. He said that there were 15 pages of court records from the Northampton District Court and a press release from the Vermont State Police, and that he had written a one page summary of these documents that he asked the Board to allow him to read aloud. Wyatt handed out the packets to each Board member and read his summary aloud after Erviti said it should be heard in an open meeting. Wyatt said that he had no desire to jam up the application but felt the Board should be provided with information before making their decision.

Kilroy acknowledged that the things mentioned were true, is a part of who he is and would follow him forever. He said he has learned from his mistakes and has actively sought out rehabilitation and help.

Erviti pointed out that as the issuing authority the Selectboard has the right to suspend or revoke any part or all of the license if problems occur. Pruyne said that three years sober with no slips of alcohol consumption would be a better indicator that Kilroy could deal with alcohol on the premises every day. He said that he has legitimate concerns about the license. Kilroy said that most of the problems came from a toxic relationship that fueled his addiction, and that the relationship was over. He said that he feels fulfilled and able to take care of himself while keeping track of his goals and going in the right direction.

Young cautioned the Board that each member must be neutral and have not formed an opinion prior to the hearing. ZBA member Miryam Williamson said that discussions with anyone before a hearing is not appropriate. She said that the ZBA takes testimony in a sealed envelope that is opened and read only at the hearing.

Erviti MOVED to close the hearing at 7:46 p.m. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

10. Deliberation—Erviti said that Jim Kilroy’s application is an application for trust about what has been happening now and what he proposes will happen in the future for the benefit of both himself and the Town. Pruyne asked Erviti on what he is basing his trust. Erviti replied that the basis of his trust is what Kilroy said at the hearing. Pruyne said that many people in the community have serious concerns, and when pressed disclosed the number of people was four. Magi said that she tended to agree more with Erviti and that by looking at what Kilroy has done with the place so far she saw no problem with issuing the license. She pointed out that a bartender will serve the alcohol and Kilroy will bake and cook. Magi said that Kilroy had already demonstrated that he deserves a chance.

Pruyne said that tonight’s decision was not irrevocable and that Kilroy can apply again in the future. He said that someone who has difficulties like Kilroy has had needs to be provided the opportunity to prove over time that this will work and not be immediately put in temptation’s way. Magi pointed out that the State takes many months to investigate. She said that Jim Kilroy’s actions have shown his intent and that his hard work deserves consideration.

Williamson noted that Kilroy has the opportunity to earn Pruyne’s trust in the time it will take the State to go through its process.

Erviti MOVED to approve James Kilroy’s application. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-1-0: Magi and Erviti: AYE; Pruyne: NAY.

IV. Adjournment

At 7:54 p.m., Erviti MOVED to adjourn. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting:

*Draft Minutes of Selectboard meeting of September 12, 2016

*Coordinator Report

*Letter to the Selectboard from DOR District Highway Director Patrick J. Paul dated September 16, 2016 re: Municipal Small Bridge Program

*Town of Warwick, Massachusetts management Letter for the Year Ended June 30, 2015

*Town of Warwick, Massachusetts Report on the Examination of Basic Financial Statements for the Year Ended June 30, 2015

*Email to David Young from Town Counsel Jeremiah Pollard dated September 26, 2016 re: Anonymity

*A summary of public record information regarding James Kilroy submitted by Tom Wyatt, dated September 26, 2016

Selectboard meeting minutes

October 5, 2016 in boards room Warwick Town Hall

Members present: Doc Pruyne; Jim Erviti; Dawn Magi, chair.

Chairman Magi called the meeting to order at 2 pm.

The board read, approved without change, and unsealed the minutes of the executive session held to hear a complaint against the Tree Warden on September 19, 2016.

The board conducted a working session to continue review and rewriting the town's Personnel Policy and achieved close to a final draft. We expect a final draft upon which we can hold a hearing before adoption of revised policy at the Oct 11 meeting.

Documents consulted:

Exe session minutes of Sept 19, 2016

Draft in progress revision of Town of Warwick Personnel Policy