

January, 2014

# Warwick Community Newsletter

Welcome to the new format of the Warwick Community Newsletter and Happy New Year! The newsletter staff wishes everyone a happy and healthy New Year and thanks all of you who have donated time or money to keeping our newsletter going strong! January is the issue we always remind readers that the newsletter is not funded by the Town and everyone who receives it is asked to contribute \$7 per year subscription. Please cut out and send in the renewal slip below and mail it to WCN, 32 Athol Road, Warwick, MA 01378.

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## WARWICK BUILDING AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

The Committee is working on several projects.

### Highway Department Equipment Garage

Warwick Highway has a salt shed/equipment garage that was built in the 1990's. The space was adapted to store road equipment. This space is heated, and used as a work shop. Unfortunately, the building was designed to store salt, and was not insulated. Department employees insulated the ceiling a few years ago. Working with the Department, the B&E Committee has drawn up plans to install 6" insulating foam panels on the interior walls. Steve Kurkoski, Committee member and an electrician, has volunteered to remove the wiring from the walls, and re-install it over the insulation panels. Highway Department employees might install the framing and panels over the winter. David Young is buying the materials and securing permits. Jack Cadwell drew plans for the project. Janice Kurkoski came

up with the idea and organized the project. Tim Kilhart helped us plan the project by telling the Committee what the employees needed in their building. We hope to have the project complete by spring.

### Warwick Community School-

The Committee has been working on improving the energy efficiency and comfort at the School for several years. We are still spending more per pupil on energy than any other school in the district. We did some of the easy stuff first, like patching the 4' by 4' hole in the ceiling that was letting heat out. We did an analysis of the building envelope, and developed a plan to improve how tight and warm the building is, while increasing the interior air quality. Unfortunately, 90% of the money Warwick will save by improving energy efficiency in the school will go to the other towns in the district, because of the rules of the Pioneer Valley Regional School District

Agreement. All the other elementary schools in the district face similar structural barriers to improving energy efficiency at the school buildings in their towns. We are working to change the district agreement so that it is no longer a barrier to improving the energy efficiency of all school buildings. and it makes financial sense for each town in the district.

**Town Hall-** The Committee has restored the windows in the dining room, Clerk's office, and other places. The next set of windows to be restored are in the vestibule and Main Hall. The existing windows are original to the building, including the antique glass. They are mostly in good shape, but need to be re-glazed, and have the weights re-attached.. Because we installed energy efficient storm windows and insulated interior storms, the sash can be removed.

Donny Hayward of Greenfield is restoring the

Windows. At his shop in Greenfield, Donny steams the glass out of the sash, scrapes the loose paint off, treats the wood with wood preservative, then primes, glazes, and paints the sash. He re-installs the sash with new parting strips and weatherstripping. Donny has also been painting the jambs. existing sash have lasted for 125 years. With the new storm windows keeping them dry, the sash should be good for another 25 years before they need more paint.

### The Proposed New Safety Building

We have done some heat load calculations for the new safety building, based on the concept drawings that were given to us last February. We are still looking forward to being able to provide some input in the near future.

*Submitted by Jack Cadwell*

## MOORES POND BEACH COMMITTEE

The Beach Committee had a very busy 2013 and looks forward to another eventful year in 2014. It starts the new year with a new slate of officers: Dave Shepardson is President, Barb Walker is Vice-President, Diane Ellis is Secretary and Kathy Connelly is Treasurer

On Friday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ball will be held at the Town Hall. The Beach Committee has been asked to sponsor a Wine and Beer Bar. It's a great way to kick off the New Year. SO, mark your calendar, and we will see you there. . Watch the Newsletter each month for future Beach Events. HAPPY NEW YEAR. *Submitted by Kathy Connelly*

## BOARD OF HEALTH

The holidays are over and now we begin a new year. The Board of Health is back on schedule with meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month at 7:00 pm in the Board Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Town Hall. We look forward to working with you as you present your projects and concerns to us. *Submitted by Kathy Connelly*

## WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7 in the Town Hall. Warwick's webmaster Ed Lemon will be demonstrating how to access information on the websites for the town of Warwick([www.warwickma.org](http://www.warwickma.org))and the Historical Society Museum ([whs.steamkite.com](http://whs.steamkite.com)). There is lots of wonderful and useful information on both these sites, and his presentation will be helpful to both the computer novice and more experienced folks. Everyone welcome, including men! The program will be followed by the Guild's regular monthly business meeting and refreshments. *Submitted by Martha Morse*

**THANK YOU** to all who made the Hunter's Supper on December 6 a big success. \$113 was collected for the Cup Of Joe program and we already received one Thank You card from a grateful soldier. Thank you again! - *Paula Thorp*

**F R E E P U B L I C L I B R A R Y**

Beginning Monday, January 13 you will need a CWMARS library card to check books out of the Warwick library. If you have a card from another library such as Orange or Northfield these will work just fine. If you don't have one, I will provide

you with one. This means that circulation will be through the CWMARS network and you will be able to access your account on line. If you have already filled out a form for a card you may pick these up at the Library. Go to

[cwmars.org](http://cwmars.org) to see what can be accessed and how the website works.

*Submitted by Nancy Hickler, Library Director*



**W A R W I C K 2 5 0 <sup>T H</sup> A N N I V E R S A R Y S E C O N D S A T U R D A Y H I K E S - J A N U A R Y 1 1 , 2 0 1 4**

Tupelo gum, Pepperidge, snagwood, swampwood, wild pear, beetlewood, hornbine, hornpine, hornwood. These are all New England names for black gum or *Nyssa sylvatica*. A couple of years ago the town purchased an 8 acre landlocked parcel off Wendell Road, known as the black gum parcel, for open space and conservation. The

final 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Second Saturday Hike will be to hike into Warwick's Black Gum parcel. The black gum trees were not considered valuable so were rarely cut and the trees in this stand are old. The black gum is a distinct looking tree with branches that diverge at right angles so that even in the winter time, it is an easy tree

to identify. We are planning to take a 2 to 3 hour round trip hike. If there is snow, please wear snow shoes. We will meet at the **Town Hall on Saturday, January 11 at 10:00 am**, and will carpool to the trail head on Wendell Road from there. This way we will limit the number of cars parked on the side of Wendell Road. Although this

is our final 250<sup>th</sup> hike, the Conservation Commission will continue to host occasional hikes. We are already planning to head back to Tippin' Rock in the Northwest corner of Warwick this spring, for our annual vernal pool hike as the weather did not cooperate with us for the hike this past year. If there is a place that you would like to explore in the coming year, please feel free to let any of us know and we will try to organize a hike. In other news, the Conservation Commission is still looking for a seventh member. Our meetings are typically the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm and are open to the public (though in January, our meeting will be Tuesday after Martin Luther King, Jr. Day). Feel free to come and sit through a meeting if you think you might be interested. *Submitted by Karro Frost*

**T O W N C O O R D I N A T O R N E W S**

This month the Selectboard meets Monday Jan 6 and Tuesday Jan 21 at 6 pm at Town Hall. There is a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The open position of second alternate is a good way to learn the job. Contact me if interested in being considered. Contact regular members Rob Croke, Sandy Renna or Miryam Williamson to find out in more detail what the job entails. The Selectboard appoints.

The Women's Guild meets 2 pm the 7<sup>th</sup> and the meeting includes a presentation by webmaster Ed Lemon on the subject of the Historical Society's website and Town's website. The big screen and projector will be used. The Recreation Committee meeting is 7 pm at WCS on 1/8 Wed. The January Warwick Arts Council Wooden Fender concert / dance is Saturday 1/11 at 7 pm at the Town Hall. Finally there is a Rec Committee sponsored family movie night 1/17 (Friday) 6:30 pm at Town hall.

Committee, Department, and Commission chairs: it is time to submit your report for inclusion in the FY13 Annual Town Report. The report period ends June 30, 2013. Some reports are required by statute. It is nice to hear about all the goings on. It is also time to submit your FY15 budget request to the attention of town coordinator. The Finance Committee will begin meeting in January to review budget requests for the May 5 Annual Town Meeting.

*Submitted by David Young, town coordinator on behalf of the Selectboard.*

## NEWS & TIDINGS WARWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Elizabeth Musgrave, Principal  
December 2013

### WONDERFUL WINTER

**CONCERT!** We had a spirited concert on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> where the children shared their talents and enthusiasm with a packed house! Many thanks to our music teachers, Kim Wallach and Lynette Snedeker, to the children, to our PTO for the reception, and to our wonderful audience for coming out on a snowy night to make us feel so special!

### WARWICK TOWN CHARTER:

At our December All School Meeting, we shared the beautifully framed Town Charter loaned to the school by the Warwick Historical Society. The Charter was presented to the town at last summer's Old Home Days by Representative Denise Andrew and Senator Stan Rosenberg.

The children learned that "an act of creating a new plantation in the County of Hampshire called Roxbury Canada together with

sundry farms lying therein ..... in to a town by the name of Warwick" occurred on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 1763. This bill was "read through several times" by the House of Representatives, the Council and Governor on. The boundaries of this new town were clearly defined reminding us of this town's geography. This rare and fragile artifact has survived those 250 years and will continue to inform the citizens of Warwick of their town's inception.

**FIRE SAFETY:** Great excitement! We had our second visit and lesson from Warwick Fire-Fighter Adam Holloway today. Adam met with each grade level, teaching the children about smoke detectors and about important fire safety for the holidays. Thank you Warwick Fire Department!

**CLASSROOM BUZZ...**This month we feature our **MULTI-AGE CLASSROOM:** The multi-age classroom has been busy.

The children work daily on math and literacy skills, both in formal groups and during choice time.

The pretend center was transformed into an old time chores center. We have placed a washtub and laundry line in there, an ironing board and iron, some lanterns, baskets and grains. There is also a cauldron for cooking, a pretend fire and mortar and pestles for grinding, and a hand drill to name a few items. The children are exploring these activities through pretend play. We will be starting a unit on light, shadow and color after the holiday break. I hope to include many science activities in this area. Please contact me know if you have materials or activities that you feel may be helpful for the unit.

In social studies, we will be still exploring families and will start including concepts about jobs. We'd love to welcome any parent or community member

willing to come in and talk with the children about their job. We would like to learn more about what our friends and neighbors do at work. You can always contact me through Trish in the school office at 544-6310.

**Ms. Alison White**



### COMMONWEALTH CARE:

Even for households currently enrolled in Commonwealth Care, you must reenroll with the Health Connector if you would like to continue coverage.

### HEALTH CONNECTOR:

In addition, if you are unable to receive coverage through other means, the Health Connector was set up to accommodate you. To apply for competitive coverage, please visit: [MAhealthconnector.org](http://MAhealthconnector.org) **DO I QUALIFY FOR ASSISTANCE OR MASSHEALTH?** Those seeking premium assistance or tax credits, you will need to apply as well. Assistance is now available for households with Massachusetts Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) For households with MAGI below 138%, MassHealth is available to you. To apply, visit: [MAhealthconnector.org](http://MAhealthconnector.org)

## AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

### ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE

#### DO YOU NEED HELP?!?

If you are not sure what to do, please call for an appointment. It is best not to guess. If you need assistance with the process, please speak with a Certified Application Counselor (CAC). To find the CAC nearest you, please contact the Community Health Center

Family Size	Household Annual Income	Household Annual Income 400% FPL
1	\$15,281	\$45,960
2	\$20,628	\$62,040
3	\$25,974	\$78,120
4	\$31,321	\$94,200
5	\$36,668	\$110,280
6	\$42,014	\$126,360
7	\$47,361	\$142,440
8	\$52,707	\$158,520

of Franklin County and speak with Carolina and Peter at 413-325-8500 or email [carolina.kenny@chcfc.org](mailto:carolina.kenny@chcfc.org) or [peter.kuusisto@chcfc.org](mailto:peter.kuusisto@chcfc.org).

The last day to send in an application for reenrollment is March 23, 2014. The website to reapply is: [MAhealthconnector.org](http://MAhealthconnector.org)

## ANIMAL CONTROL

**HAPPY NEW YEAR:** Celebrate 2014 by spending more time with your companion animals! Make this new year better than ever for you and your pets!

**CATS GO GREEN :** Cats like to eat greens, including grass, dark leafy vegetables, lettuce, and parsley. House plants that are safe for cats include: basil, German chamomile, coriander, parsley, and dill. Garden plants that

are safe for your cat include impatiens, cornflower, petunias and zinnias. Follow this link for things that are toxic to your cat: <http://www.cfa.org/CatCare/HouseholdHazards/>

## WOODEN FENDER WINTER CONCERT SERIES

This winter we have four shows guaranteed to blow out the winter doldrums. Each event starts with dinner hosted by a town organization, featuring great local cooking. After dinner, Wooden Fender hosts music from a local area band. The first two shows feature bands with a reputation for getting audiences out of their seats and up on the dance floor, so put on your dancing shoes!



since 1994, always having a good time. They've had the good fortune to open for some great acts like NRBQ, Rat Dog, WAR, Little Feat, and Los Lobos. They even got to play two shows as Bo Diddley's backing band. An evening with Trailer Park has been called "A cross between a revival meeting and a jailhouse riot". Dancing is not only encouraged but also inevitable.

The band features Tom Mahnken (bass and vocals), James Robinson (guitar and vocals), Rick Page and Greg Lauzon (twin tenor saxophones), and Joe Fitzpatrick (drums). The band plays original music, songs from the New Orleans R&B canon, and much more; all of it designed to make you feel good and dance the night away.

At 6:00 PM the Warwick Arts Council will be serving their famous **Souper Supper**. If you like homemade soups, chilis, breads and desserts – and who doesn't? – this dinner is a must. The only frustrating thing about this popular event is that there are more delicious

selections than anyone can possibly sample. Enjoy dinner with family, friends and musicians, then join them again upstairs for an evening of fine music.

Prices: Adults \$5  
Children \$3

At 7:00 PM the concert starts in the main hall. Donations are gratefully accepted at the door to pay the band and support Wooden Fender's ongoing endeavor – in memory of Jeff Wallace - to keep live music happening in Warwick. *Wooden Fender is a project of the Warwick Arts Council – Matt Hickler, Jim McRae, Alan Morgan and Michael Humphries.*

### Warwickians On-Line

If you can send and receive email, you can sign up for the Warwick-L, our town's on-line discussion group. Anything that pertains to Warwick and the people who live here is appropriate. To join us, send an email to message to [miryam@mwilliamson.com](mailto:miryam@mwilliamson.com) including your full name, address, phone number, and if you are not a resident, a sentence or two saying why you want to join.

**Mark your calendars:**

*Jan. 11: Trailer Park, Arts Council soup supper*

*Feb. 15 – Blues Night: Wildcat O'Halloran, Trinitarian Church pizza dinner*

*March 15: To be announced, Trinitarian Church St. Patty's Day dinner*

*April 12: To be announced, Moore's Pond Beach Committee lasagna dinner*

**Dinner and Concert – Saturday, January 11, Warwick Town Hall**

Come and dance, or just kick back and enjoy the first dinner/concert of the 2014 Wooden Fender performance series. We don't often do it, but we had so much fun with Trailer Park last January that we just had to invite them back for a repeat performance this year. **Trailer Park** has been traveling the highways of New England

### TOWN HALL GATHERINGS

- Diana Tandy

The Town Hall Gatherings will continue on Fridays.

Diana Tandy and Kelly Chappel-Farley have teamed up to provide lunches. Watch for weekly menu postings on the Warwick L. Ingredient lists are available at the Town Hall.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Town Hall on Fridays, Coffee for \$1.00 ready at 10:00 AM, cup of Soup for \$3.00, 1/2 Sandwich for \$1.50. Have both (Cup and a half) for \$4.00 starting at 11:30 AM. Desserts (by donation) anytime.

Take out lunches are available - please bring a container for Soup.

### Did You Know?

Did you know our "little" town is made up of 37.6 square miles? The "big" town next door, Orange, is only 36 square miles.

## RESTAURANT REVIEW ZOE'S FISH HOUSE

A Christmas celebration with friends brought us to Zoe's in Hadley and we were all very pleased. We had a wonderful waiter who was so accommodating and gave us anything we wanted.

I had a special of Broiled Haddock with Crabmeat Stuffing which was excellent. It was served with your choice of potato and a choice of salad. The fish was cooked to perfection and very moist, served with a dollop of crabmeat stuffing which was also moist and tasty.

Others had Broiled Scrod with Toasted Hazelnut Crust; Deep Fried Jumbo Shrimp; Atlantic salmon; and Breast of Chicken Oscar and everyone said their meals were great.

I really didn't have room for dessert but they had Crème Brulee which is a personal favorite of mine, so I had to try it. It was so creamy and served with real whipped cream on the side and fresh berries.

Entrees ranged from \$17.95 to \$28.95 for the steak and

seafood combos. And all desserts were \$5.95. The menu for the Sunday brunch looked great and contains a lot of their dinner dishes so you could sample those. Price for brunch is \$19.95 and it includes Mimosa or Bloody Mary.

The restaurant is a little pricier than most but for a special occasion, I highly recommend it.

Bon Appetite. *By Gloria Varno*

*Zoe's Fish House*

*195 Russell Street (Rte. 9)*

*Hadley, MA 01035*

*413-387-0700*

*Lunch Mon-Fri 11:30 – 2:00*

*Open Daily for Dinner at 4:00 PM (Early Bird 4:00 – 5:00)*

*Sunday Brunch 10:30 – 2:00*

## SMOKIN HOT NEWS FROM THE FIREHOUSE

It's January, not June. But we made it through 2013, and we are stronger. The Fire Chief said we will have a new Public Safety Building This YEAR. "Soon as ground thaws," as I recall, "there will be work beginning."

Skepticism is easy, but it stands in the way. Skepticism means hesitation, lack of action, indecisiveness. Moving forward and believing and working together are very different. Our town's firefighters and police take action without hesitation, believing we can accomplish what we set our sights on, and gather our strengths to overcome the problem in front of us. We gather information and tools along the way, and improvise sometimes when the plan and problem don't match, but we get the job done.

Your new Public Safety Building will be built. It really is beyond overdue, and needed. I couldn't list the towns in Massachusetts that have gotten multi-million dollar public safety complexes since this town started discussing ours. Warwick does not want that debt-load, nor does it need an extravagant megalopolis to house our emergency apparatus. We do need to make sure skepticism doesn't push a reasonable project back another year.

Get the snow and the skepticism out of our way. We are determined. When other towns are putting hundreds of thousands and millions into their parks and playgrounds, we can't deny our town the pride of this project.

It's not June. But it is 2014- the Year Of Determination.

FYI: If you have a minor emergency, such as an elderly person needing lift assistance, being dangerously without heat, or being locked in by snowpiles in front of your door (happens this time of year), please call 544-2277. It connects you to the same 911 system non-emergency line. We get paged by the Shelburne Control dispatcher, and respond promptly. *-Bill Lyman*

## JANUARY & FEBRUARY

### BEDDING AND

### BLANKET DRIVE

Each year at this time, at Metcalf Chapel, we collect warm blankets and clean sheets and pillowcases for the Franklin Area Emergency Shelter in Turners Falls. Drop off useable, clean items in the front hall of the Chapel (32 Athol Road), and we will get them to the shelter.

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY** Donations to SOUPER BOWL Sunday go to the Western MA Food Bank to help feed people who are "Food Insecure". That's political speak for those who are hungry. There are a lot of hungry people in Western MA and the Food Bank and the Pantries it supports are saving lives that have been discarded by our political "leadership".

**BLUES NIGHT/ PIZZA NIGHT-** Watch for the coming of great pizza and great music in the heart of "Cabin Fever Season"



## **TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH** *of WARWICK*

January 2014

Dear Friends,

The month of January is named for the two-faced Roman god Janus, the god of beginnings and transitions. He had the ability to see into the future as well as view the past. New Year's Eve is traditionally a time of making resolutions about the coming year, but without the ability to view the past, what hope is there for the future? Or, "Those who don't know their history are doomed to repeat it"

Sometimes we get so caught up in, so convinced of the rightness, even the righteousness of our own world view that we can't even think about taking a critical look at what sort of collateral damage we might be leaving in our wake.

This is true of us individually and collectively. If we isolate ourselves, deny any responsibility to anything beyond our immediate, personal gratification, the world around us will continue to be dark and threatening. We reinforce this isolation by listening only to those whose views mirror our own. Hardened ideologies can accept and even condone violence, verbal and physical, in defense of "indisputable principles". Great tragedies, personal and global, can and have resulted from such blind adherence to unquestioned "orthodoxy".

Nelson Mandela is an icon of non-violent, systemic change, but he was not as committed to non-violent change for South Africa before he was sent to prison, for nearly a third of his life, as when he was finally released. He had an "epiphany" in prison, an awakening to the direction violent opposition to violent oppression was headed, and he was able to be open to genuine examination and transformation. This is a testament to the greatness of his being. Not many are able to go through the torture and abuse he was subjected to and not be broken or embittered and case-hardened into blind hatred. Instead, he came out of prison committed to justice for all and built a coalition of former adversaries that managed to dismantle the oppressive apartheid system.

I recently saw an article about a meeting of Nelson Mandela, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Honorable Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, three men who have suffered great abuse from powerful oppressors and yet the greatest image the photographer came away with was their laughter, their humor, their irrepressible optimism. These are people who do not deny the power of hatred and fear, but they have not given in to it. They believe that the power of compassion and love is greater than hatred and fear, but also that we must all be vigilant, we must live our lives "consciously" or the darkness of heart and spirit will creep in, make us dull and insensitive to the needs of the larger community we are a part of, isolate us in narrow self-absorption and ultimately make us more easily manipulated and controlled.

Living consciously needs the two faces of Janus, one honestly assessing what we have reaped from our past actions and the other looking forward to what seeds we need to sow (and how we sow those seeds) in order to reap a harvest of peace and deep, positive change. Living consciously also needs to be nourished by a faith in something above and beyond personal accomplishment and accumulation, something that opens us to the "greater common good". Living consciously is not easy, but it is the starting point of the answers to the very pressing issues of what sort of future we leave to our children and grandchildren.

In Faith,

*Dan*

***Firewood collection:*** we have gathered firewood for people who may run low before the winter heating season is over, but now we need help cutting, splitting and covering that wood. If you can help, please let Dan know. Or, if you can spare a few pieces of firewood ready to be burned this year please call the chapel (4-2630) or Dan (4-2663) if you want more information.

**THERE IS A BOX FOR FOOD (non-perishable) & PERSONAL CARE ITEMS FOR THE ORANGE FOOD PANTRY IN THE FRONT HALL OF THE CHAPEL.**

## S E L E C T B O A R D M I N U T E S

### November 12 2013

Members present: Dawn Magi, Nick Arguimbau, Patricia Lemon

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo Calcari, Ernest Horn, Fire Chief Ron Gates, Firefighters Bill Lyman, Mike Mankowsky, Brad Matthews, Brian Miner and Adam Holloway, Police Chief David Shoemaker, Michael Cloukey, Rod Whipple, Helen Whipple, Elaine Brown, Charlie Brown, Larry Carey, Chris Ryan, Jack Cadwell, Karro Frost, Cheryl Townsend, Scott Townsend, Nancy Kilhart, David Koester, Larry Delaney, Mario Tringali, Zak Marti, Jacob Cooke, Ryan Lambert, Jon Calcari, Paula Lundgren Robinson (*Athol Daily News*)

#### I. Call to Order

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

#### Public Comment

Jack Cadwell inquired if the Board had a response to the letter written by outgoing Highway Superintendent Tim Kilhart regarding the damage done to the road surface on Gale Road. Young said that the repair to the road did not cost the Town any additional money. Cadwell pointed out that Kilhart had asked that all private work on the road be stopped. Lemon said that the Board had already agreed to do this. Young said that while the final action for next Spring had not yet been taken, the Hurlberts had agreed to stop using the road as of October 17<sup>th</sup> and had been put in touch with the owners and abutters of the Old Athol Road stub to see if they can use that road next year.

#### Minutes

Arguimbau had some issues with item IV.1 of the October 15, 2013 minutes, and there was a consensus of the Board to return to this agenda item later on in the meeting.

#### IV. Presentations and Discussions

##### 1. **Recognition of Residents with Many Years of Service to the**

**Town**—Magi handed out certificates of recognition to several people with many years of service in various capacities to the Town. Magi read aloud the positions held and the total years of service for all positions held for several of the individuals who were unable to attend the recognition event held on November 2, 2013 as part of the Town's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Magi honored the following residents, each of whom were handed their certificates by Magi, who thanked each for his or her service to Warwick: Charlie Brown for 25 years of total service to the Town; Albert Alden for 78 years of total service; Janet Alden for 120 years total service in 17 different capacities; Larry Carey for 31 years of total service; Chris Ryan for 64 total years of service; Helen Whipple for 54 years in total; Rod Whipple for 21 years of total service. Young noted that George Day and Arline Lincoln Vanderstelt would be attending the next Board meeting to receive their recognition certificates.

Magi thanked the following residents for their special contributions to the November 2<sup>nd</sup> recognition event: Dana Songer, Ed Hawes and Miryam Williamson, Steve and Janice Kurkoski, Matthew and Kathy Connelly, Dana and Diana Tandy, Jacob Cooke, Beth Gilgun, John Bradford, Kelly Farley, Kerry Cooke, Ted Cady, Laura Bradford, David Young and Gregori Brodski.

##### 2. **Appointment to Board of Health until May 2014 Town Election** —

Lemon MOVED to appoint Helen Whipple to the Board of Health to serve out Dick Whiting's term until the next town-wide election in May of 2014. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

3. **Highway Department Vacancy**—Magi said that Tim Kilhart had resigned as Highway Superintendent to take the DPW Chief position in Hubbardston. Magi said that the options included the appointment of an interim Superintendent and the appoint-

ment of a part-time plow truck driver. Lemon said that she thought it best to take Kilhart's advice and appoint current truck driver/laborer Larry Delaney Interim Superintendent for the winter snow and ice season.

Lemon MOVED to appoint Larry Delaney as Interim Highway Superintendent. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Young pointed out that the Accountant is going to want to know the pay rate the Board voted for the Interim Superintendent. The hourly rate calculated based on 75% of the difference between the truck driver/laborer and the outgoing Superintendent rates of pay, which was \$21.90 per hour.

Lemon MOVED that the Interim Superintendent be hired at a pay rate of 21.90 per hour. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Lemon MOVED to appoint Brian Miner as part-time and seasonal truck driver/laborer at an hourly pay rate of \$16.94 per hour for the duration of the FY 14 winter snow and ice season. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

4. **Chapter 268 Section 20D Exemption**—Young explained that the position of truck driver/laborer needs to be designated as special municipal employee and that Brian Miner would need a MGL 268:20D exemption as he is also a firefighter and is contracted by the Town as a private snow plow truck driver.

Lemon MOVED to declare the position of truck driver/laborer a special Municipal employee and to grant Brian Miner a Chapter 268 Section 20D ethics exemption so that he may hold the posi-

Magi suggested the formation of a committee for the hiring of the new Highway Superintendent. Jim Toth and Karro Frost had already volunteered to be part of the committee; Magi volunteered to join. Young suggested that the committee review all applications and recommend the top two choices to the Selectboard for interviews in the Spring.

5. **Net Metering Credit Purchasing Agreement Assignment**—Young explained that Pequoig Energy had sent a letter requesting that the previously executed net metering credit purchase agreement for the solar PV facilities at Adams Farm in Athol now be assigned to Soltas Energy Corporation. He noted that Town Counsel had reviewed the documents.

Lemon MOVED to approve the assignment of the Town's executed net metering credit purchase agreement with Pequoig Energy to Soltas Energy Corporation and authorize the Chairman to execute on behalf of the Town. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion

##### 6. **Community Innovation Challenge Grant**—

Lemon MOVED to authorize Dawn Magi as Board Chair to sign the support forms for the FCRSWD Community Innovation Challenge Grant proposal to recycle agricultural plastics on behalf of the Town. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

##### 7. **Franklin County Fire Service CIC Grant**—

Lemon MOVED to authorize the Chairman to sign support forms for the FRCOG Community Innovation Challenge Grant fire service proposal on behalf of the Town. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.



**Selectboard Minutes cont.**

**8. FY14 MassDEP Small Scale Initiative Grant—**

Arguimbau MOVED to authorize the Chairman to sign the FY 14 MassDEP small scale initiative grant in the amount of \$500.00 on behalf of the Town. Lemon SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

**9. Electricity Aggregation with Hampshire COG**—Young explained that based on a requirement from the Attorney General's office, each town must have an individual agreement. This electricity aggregation project was approved at a prior Town Meeting.

Lemon MOVED that the Selectboard approve the Revised Agreement and draft Petition for Electricity Aggregation with Hampshire COG and authorize the Chairman to sign the revised agreement on behalf of the Town of Warwick. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

**10. Appointment of Fence Viewers—**

Lemon MOVED to appoint Brian Miner and Brad Matthews as Fence Viewers for a term beginning today and ending on June 30, 2014.

It was mentioned that Rod Whipple had served as Fence Viewer in the past and was familiar with the responsibilities and duties of the position.

Lemon MOVED to ask Rod Whipple to serve as mentor to the two new Fence Viewers. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

**11. Warwick Police**—Chief Shoemaker said that the Department was still investigating speeding issues and stepping up patrols. He thanked Brian Miner and Michael Gelinis for donating materials for some work being done at the Police Station.

The Chief introduced new resident Michael Cloukey and asked that he be appointed as a Police Officer for a term of one year. The Chief noted that the position is governed by the Town's Personnel Policy. He said that Cloukey is a part time Sheriff's Deputy in Franklin County and was well qualified and well trained as a certified police officer.

Lemon MOVED that Michael Cloukey be appointed a Police Officer for a term of one year ending on November 12, 2014. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

**12. State Mutual Aid Shelter MOA—**

Lemon MOVED to accept the State Mutual Aid Shelter MOA and authorize Dawn Magi to sign the MOA. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

**13. Vacancy on ZBA**—Magi announced that there was a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals and that we really need someone to fill the position. Jaylin Dibble recently resigned from the ZBA, creating the current vacancy.

**14. Ernest Horn and Fire Department Review**—Ernest Horn returned to go over the recommendations he gave in his review a couple of months ago. He said that he had been hearing and seeing positive things. He suggested going through the recommendations individually and having Fire Chief Ron Gates respond with an update on each one.

Horn said that the fire hoses should be pressure tested; Chief Gates reported that a company had been hired and came in to perform the tests. He said that he hired the same company that tested the hoses for the New Salem Fire Department, as he

wanted someone certified to perform the tests. Horn said that he had heard that everyone was trying to work together; Gates responded that there are still some small difficulties but they can be worked through. The Chief said that the department was pulling back together, and no one had been relieved of duty or left the department.

Arguimbau asked if it was time to lift the ban on Coordinator Young speaking with anyone in the Fire Department. Horn said that a good, constructive and respectful relationship between the Town Coordinator and the Fire Chief was necessary. Coordinator Young said that he was here to do his job, and Chief Gates said that he has no problem working with Young; both men were ready to move forward. Horn said that the fire department members should go through the Chief and no one else, and that Young and Gates must communicate effectively with one another. Lemon suggested a policy which is reflected in the motion and vote below.

Lemon MOVED that David Young and Ron Gates be directed to consult with each other as needed, and that any Fire Department member who contacts Coordinator Young be referred to Chief Gates, that Chief Gates be told that this person is coming and that Gates will let Young know when that person has come to him. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0

Gates said that he was working on getting the helmets replaced, and that all new turnout coats and pants should be obtained by the end of FY 14, and that helmets and turnout boots would be budgeted after FY 14. Horn suggested that the Chief give the Finance Committee and the Selectboard a list of the helmets and boots that need to be replaced and the estimated cost for replacement. Horn said that this should be done before the end of 2013.

Gates said that the ladders would be tested through the county at the beginning of 2014. Horn recommended the establishment of action plans with both long and short term goals that include the desired date for the completion of each goal. He said that the Finance Committee, the Board and the Fire Department members should all be kept apprised of all action plans. Young described action plans as a priority list with target dates.

Gates said that accountability tags are on the trucks and that one person outside the building at a fire scene handles the tags. He said that Ryan Lambert, son of former Fire Chief Gunnar Lambert would be asked to work on an action plan for safety officers. Horn noted that training on the recovery of downed fire fighters is crucial.

Horn said that the Chief has a good start on some operational issues and needs to delegate some tasks and have some fire fighters develop various action plans. Horn recommended that the Chief check in every couple of weeks with those developing action plans to keep the work on track.

With respect to the lost individual or child policy, Horn said that department members should be involved in the development of the policy. Gates said that he had purchased two GPS units and was going to ask the New Salem Fire Chief to come teach a class and include the Police Chief in this training.

Horn said that job descriptions must be developed for the Chief, Deputy Chief, Captain, Lieutenant and Firefighter. Chief Gates said that it can be difficult to tell volunteers that they have to do something. While Horn understood what the Chief was saying, he pointed out that these jobs come with honor and responsibility.

Horn said that departmental meetings must be held at least twice a year, as this is a very important way for all members of the department communicate, and that when everyone can be heard, it is good for their mental health. Chief Gates said that the monthly meetings provide such an environment.

**S E L E C T B O A R D M I N U T E S**

Horn said that by the end of this week there should be a 3-ring binder in the Fire Station for all policies, procedures and SOG's. He said that this binder should always be kept in the same place in the station and that every member of the department must initial each page after reading it. Horn explained that this is a good way to keep everyone updated and the Chief will know that everyone is reading the contents. Horn said that it is important for the Chief to attend seminars whenever time permits. Gates said that he took classes during his vacation time but has no time off left in this calendar year. Horn observed improvement in Gates' public speaking skills; the Chief said that he is getting better at it. Horn asked about capital planning and funding for items that are not covered by grants. Gates said that he has not yet spoken with the Finance Committee; Horn recommended that a liaison from the Fin Comm be assigned to discuss items with the Chief and report back to the Fin Comm. Horn recommended a five year prioritized plan.

Chief Gates said that he was looking forward to getting together with his department and see who wants to work on certain plans and projects. Horn said that it will be hard work but the department will end up where it should be. He encouraged the Chief to keep going and build upon the good work that has already been done.

Chief Gates asked Horn to come back in a couple of months for an update on the department's progress; Horn agreed to return after the holidays.

There was a consensus of the fire fighters present that things are moving forward and going better; all were willing to take a policy and work on it. Bill Lyman thanked Horn for his efforts and praised him for doing an excellent job. Horn said that his report and recommendations were just words, and that the department must now carry forward with the necessary work.

Horn said that there must be a good relationship between the Fire Chief and the Selectboard. Magi said that the Board wanted the Chief to succeed and had hired Horn to provide an expert review with recommendations on how to improve things. Horn praised Deputy Roland Weld for his exemplary maintenance of the fire trucks. Everyone thanked Horn for his work and his efforts.

After Horn left, Young introduced the newly appointed Interim Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney. Magi asked him how he felt about tandem plowing. Delaney said that he felt that tandem plowing saves time in the long run. He said that tandem plowing is used on Orange, Winchester, Athol, Northfield and Hastings Heights Roads, while the smaller trucks plow the narrower roads.

- 15. **Selectboard Reports**— There were no reports.
- 16. **Coordinator Report**—Young said that he would be taking 7 hours off from his Town Coordinator job this week because he worked 7 hours at the Transfer Station this past Saturday due to a tragic death of Transfer Station Attendant George Roaf's young grandson. He also noted that the Town Hall voicemail system was now fixed and working properly.
- 17. **Update on Highway Equipment Garage Insulation Project**—Young said that the project received no bids, so Interim Superintendent Larry Delaney agreed that the Highway crew could take on the work as a background winter task. This could extend the budget and allow for completion of the project before Spring. Young said that the materials need to be ordered.
- 18. **Minutes of October 15, 2013**—Arguimbau disagreed with the wording of part of item IV.1, and there was no consensus of the Board on the wording, so the approval of these minutes will be taken up at the next meeting. *Athol Daily News* reporter Paula

Lundgren Robinson offered to Email the Board members a copy of her recording of that portion of the meeting.

- 19. **New and Other Items Not Reasonably Anticipated Prior to Posting Notice**—Arguimbau brought up an Email sent to the Board by Planning Board member Brad Compton regarding road conditions on Gale Road. Arguimbau said that Compton recommended the placement of logs along the side of the road to halt further erosion of the road surface into the wetlands. This will also be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

V. Adjournment

At 8:17 pm, Lemon MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

*Minutes taken by Rosa Fratangelo Calcari*

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