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LETTER OF THANKS

Warwick is a special place to which I can attest after my recent surgery. Many thanks for the acts of kindness, phone calls, cards, visits, delicious food and meals including Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings, the cleaning of snow off the car, sanding the icy driveway, and the loan of winter jackets necessary to accommodate a sling and wrap, and other much appreciated offers of help. Many thanks. - Cal Fellows

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Warwick Board of Health will begin a winter meeting schedule in January. For the months of January, February, March and April the board will meet only once a month. All meetings are at 7 PM. Meetings will be the 4th Wednesday of the month. In May, bi-monthly meetings will resume on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday for the remainder of 2015. If an emergency arises between meetings, BOH member Nancy Lyman can be reached by calling 978 544-8229.

THE GATHERING PLACE

See the Gathering Place menu each week on the L, the web and TCC Facebook page. Thank you all for your continued support. On Fridays at Town Hall, coffee for \$1.00 ready at 10:00 AM, cup of Soup for \$3.00, ½ Sandwich for \$1.50. Have both (Cup and a half) for \$4.00 starting at 11:30 AM. Desserts (by donation) anytime. Need lunch to go, bring a container for soup and we'll pack lunch for you. All are welcome. WE WILL NOT GATHER ON JANUARY 2ND.

Get Moving!

At Town Hall, Sponsored by the
Recreation Committee

Tuesdays and Thursdays 6pm and Sundays at 8am for **ZUMBA!** Drop in fee just \$5. Call Leanne if questions 544-5553

Circuit Training is 6-7pm on Wednesdays and is FREE! Contact Nan or Leslie for more info at 544-1974

ANIMAL CONTROL

In this new year, please be kinder to animals and to one another as well. All of us can make our community stronger by becoming better people and better neighbors who look out for one another and our animals.

Please remember that Dog Licenses expire on March 31, 2015. The Rabies Clinic will be held in late March, and licenses will be available then, as well as in the Town Clerk's office beginning January 6th.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

"We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals." -- Immanuel Kant
Rosa Fratangelo

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Guild will meet in the dining room of the Town Hall at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6. We will be joined by Tracey Gaudet, outreach worker and Shine counselor from the Orange Senior Center. Tracey will tell us about her work helping Seniors in accessing benefits and choosing health insurance plans. A business meeting and refreshments will follow Tracey's presentation. All welcome! - Martha Morse

WARWICK CULTURAL COUNCIL " Medicine Mammals "

A non-profit group, Medicine Mammals, from Wendell, MA will give a concert at the town hall in Warwick, MA **JANUARY 3, 2015 (THIS IS RESCHEDULED FROM DECEMBER) at 7pm.**

The Medicine Mammals presenters draw on story telling, traditional and contemporary American Indian music. Medicine Mammals is a non-profit org that rehabilitates wildlife for release back to the wild. Some of the volunteers and board members are also American Indian . We have formed a performance arts group our music to share our musical heritage and bring some awareness that part of what this group does is to bring a Native American perspective and awareness to the plight of wildlife, the caretaking of wounded animals, and environmental issues affecting the earth. We look for medical insights in our work with wild animals.

Their founder and director is Loril MoonDream, who spent her childhood on the Fort Apache Reservation in Arizona. Her grandparents told her that, ". . . animals are our elder brothers and sisters and must be cared for, as they have great lessons for us to learn." She is also a song-holder and story-holder and the resident storyteller for the commissioner of native affairs for the state.

Following her grandparents' advice, Ms. MoonDream works as a licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator in Central MA. A taxidermist, she uses traditional, chemical-free means to preserve animal bodies for study. She also works with local veterinarians to prepare injured and orphaned animals for release back to the wild.

Other performers from Medicine Mammals include her partner, Peter White Fox, from a White Mountain Blackfoot background, and musicians with Iroquois Indian ancestry.

Come and listen to the beautiful harmonies as they sing traditional and contemporary Native songs accompanied by hand drums, rattles, rain sticks and guitars. The songs are relaxing, haunting, spiritual and moving and must be heard to appreciate the complexities of modern Native American music being written and performed today. This performance is funded by the MA Cultural Arts Grant.

TOWN CLERK NOTES

The 2015 Street List forms were mailed out on December 16, 2014. **PLEASE** be sure to return them to the Town Clerk as soon as possible. Thank you!

2015 Dog Licenses will be available in my office as of Tuesday, January 6th. The current licenses expire on March 31st. Fees are as follows: Male or Female \$10; Spayed or Neutered \$5; Kennel (up to 4) \$25; Kennel (4-10) \$35; Kennel (over 10) \$65.

Annual Town Meeting will take place on Monday, May 4th at 7 p.m.

The 2015 annual Town Election will be held on Monday, May 18th. Polls will be open from 12 noon until 7 p.m. Anyone who wishes to take out nomination papers, I have them in my office. Please contact me during office hours (Tuesdays 12 noon - 2 p.m. and Thursdays 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. 978-544-8304) or telephone 978-544-3402 to make an appointment. Selectboard and Board of Health are among the offices up for election; a complete slate of offices will be published in the February newsletter and will be available on the Warwick website as well, along with a calendar of deadlines for taking out and filing nomination papers.

Happy New Year to all. -Rosa Fratangelo, Town Clerk

PUBLIC LIBRARY

New books at the Library:

Being Mortal by Gawande, Big Crowd by Baker, Everything I Never Told You by Ng, Gray Mountain by Grisham, Handsome Man's De Luxe Café by McCall-Smith, Hawley Book of the Dead by Szarlan, In The Kingdom of Ice by Sides, Lobster Kings by Zentner, Price of Inheritance by Tanabe, Station 11 by Mandel, Zone of Interest by Amis.

New DVDs include 100 Foot Journey, Malificent, Guardians of the Galaxy, Begin Again, The Wind Rises, The Giver. New Books on CD and music: Bela Fleck and Abigail Washburn, In the Blood by Unger, Boston Girl by Diamant, Spool of Blue Thread by Tyler, Burning Room by Connelly.

Coffee cookies are available on Saturday mornings. Stop by and see what's new.

-Nancy Hickler, Library Director

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

We wish to thank all who have been a part in trying to stop the Kinder-Morgan Pipeline expansion project from cutting through Massachusetts. For every letter and every phone call to the legislature, my congratulations to a step in the right direction.

Our farm—formally the Hubbard Farm in Warwick—was going to see the pipeline cross down our driveway and vineyard in its transit to Dracut. They now tell me that Kinder-Morgan is changing the primary route to pass through New Hampshire and relegating any Mass-route to a secondary role. For all that fought the fight, our thanks from the proud owners of The Old Dam Farm, 718 Orange Rd, Warwick MA.

-David, Debra, Thomas & Ian Kelly

W O O D E N F E N D E R W I N T E R C O N C E R T S E R I E S

This winter we have four shows guaranteed to shake 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 three 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!

Mark your calendars:

Jan. 10: Mistakes Were Made, Arts Council Souper Supper
 Feb. 14: Blues Night: Reprobate Blues Band, Trinitarian Church Pizza Dinner
 March 14: Melanie and the Blue Shots, Trinitarian Church St. Patty's Day Dinner
 April 11: Hillary Chase, Moore's Pond Beach Committee Lasagna Dinner

Dinner and Concert – Saturday, January 10, Warwick Town Hall

Wooden Fender is pleased to present **Mistakes Were Made**.

Mistakes were made, but not by you if you come out for these seasoned local musicians. Versatile and energetic, they will drive away all your worries and help you burn off a souper supper. The band plays original music, good danceable blues, rock and funk -- all of it designed to make you feel good and dance the night away.

The band features Henry Spadoni (guitar and vocals), Johnny Marino (harmonica, guitar and vocals), Steve Savaria (drums), Warwick resident, friend and neighbor Eric Engman (bass guitar), and Bob Toriani (keyboards). While the band members are all practiced bluesmen, they are not constrained by any style, but play what they love including original songs written by Henry Spadoni.

At 6:00 PM the Warwick Arts Council will be serving their famous **Souper Supper**. If you like homemade soups, chili, breads and desserts – and who doesn't? – this dinner is a must. Come and feast on this delectable local fare, but save some room for dancing. Enjoy dinner with family, friends, and musicians, then join them again upstairs for an evening of fine music. And remember, the worst mistake you could make would be to miss this great Warwick event!

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.

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

Announcing Second Tuesday Winter broadband workshops sponsored by WBS. Beginning on Jan 13, 2015 at 7 pm come and learn about Ubuntu Linux which is an open source operating system that can turn a grindingly slow XP computer into a racehorse. That is my experience. In February we will explore “the cloud” including Google and Microsoft hosted applications and storage. In March the meeting topic will be “Smartphones” and we will look at Android and Windows Phone options. All these workshops will take place at the town hall beginning at 7 pm and are offered at no cost to you, our residents, taxpayers and customers.

The town was awarded Green Communities designation in December by the Commonwealth. Many thanks to everybody who helped make this happen. The designation came with an initial award in the amount of \$138k to assist us to reduce our energy uses. While I for my part did passable work submitting documentation on four of the five criteria, the Building and Grounds Committee work, led by Steve and Janice, did such exemplary work on establishing our energy baseline and reduction plan that the state chose to post Warwick’s plan on their website as an example of “how to” for other communities. We got word that the Attorney General has approved our by-law adoption of the “Stretch Code” and our zoning by-law creating the by-right development district. Thank you Planning Board.

I reached out to five residents asking would somebody please join the Board of Health. Two said yes and one maybe. The Selectboard appointed the first to say yes, Lucinda Seago, who is an RN. We are also are down to one vacancy on the Recreation Committee. Think it over.

Interest and participation continue to build in Friday’s Gathering Place lunch at town hall. I hope you can join in and perhaps become a regular. Finally I want to say thanks as a resident and not town coordinator to those who wrote me in as a regional school committee member candidate. I have two meetings under my belt and have been assigned to the budget and building and grounds committees. Town and school budget process gets in full swing in January. -David Young

EDITOR’S NOTE: The Metcalf Chapel building hosted the FLOUR HILL FOOD CO-OP’s activities for over 20 years. When this organization dissolved, they generously donated their account fund balance to the Church in thanks. Paying it forward, the following is from the new local food co-op’s webpage and hope you will support them and their mission.

QUABBIN HARVEST FOOD CO-OP

12 NORTH MAIN STREET, ORANGE, MA 01364

WED - FRI, 8 AM - 7 PM SAT 8 AM - 4 PM

(978) 544-6784 northquabbinfoodcoop@gmail.com

FROM THEIR WEBSITE AT WWW.NQEATS.ORG

Our Co-op began in 2009 when a group of North Quabbin community members came together with the goal of increasing access to local produce. As a loosely structured group of volunteers, we started by offering sustainable shares: produce aggregated from local farms and distributed weekly.

As local support and community grew, so did the Co-op. In 2011, a small storefront was opened in Orange – 100% volunteer run – that offered healthy food products along with the weekly shares.

The Co-op continued to grow and it soon became clear that a larger store and paid staff were needed. As we searched for a possible site, a collaboration developed with the Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust. In 2014, Mount Grace purchased a building in downtown Orange which now houses our expanded market.

The mission of Quabbin Harvest is to provide healthy food at an affordable price, while building community, supporting local agriculture and respecting the natural environment. Achieving this goal would never be possible without the broad support of our members and our community, so we thank you. We are proud to be a part of the North Quabbin community, and we hope to see you soon in the store!



TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH *of WARWICK*

JANUARY 2015

Dear Friends,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It seems like we just got used to writing 2014 and now we have to put 2015 on all our checks. But who uses checks any more, aren't we all digitized and on-line by now? Well then, there we have a New Year's resolution. That wasn't so hard was it? I mean, making the resolution, not necessarily following through. Ah yes, the follow through. Well, maybe making others aware of our intentions is a good way of forcing us to follow through on our more important resolutions.

In that vein, here are a few intentions I have for the church in the coming year:

Care of Creation - The Bible says that God gave humans the responsibility to care for the creation out of which the human race was formed. We believe that means caring for it so following generations and other species may benefit from it, not exploit it, trash it and throw it away. We have made some changes at the Chapel to reduce our use of carbon based fuels; contracting with Viridian Energy for renewable generated electricity, having an energy audit and insulation and air sealing done, and a new high efficiency boiler installed. We have divested our stock in a carbon-based energy company. We have made a few "winserts" for some of the windows, but we can make more and hold a "workshop" so others in the community can learn how to make their own. We can look into some of the electric usage to see if we can further reduce our use of energy. We have teamed up with other groups to promote and fund projects that reforest areas hit by drought, pollution and industrial desecration. There may be other ways that we can pursue to reverse some of the damage and limit some of the worst effects of climate change that is due to human activities.

Care of Community - Jesus said, "What you have done for the least among you, you have done for me." We have worked with the Food Bank of Western Mass, the Orange Food Pantry and the Franklin County Community Meals Program to help those in the larger community who are "food insecure" (to use a term that attempts to mitigate our society's gross sin of indifference to the needs of the most vulnerable among us). We try to find families that are hard pressed to celebrate the holidays through our Adopt-a-Family and Christmas food baskets. We collect bedding and clothing for the Franklin Emergency Shelter. Could we do more? Probably, and we will continue to search out other ways to help.

One idea is to expand our **Community Garden** program. We have, for several years, been tending an organic garden space behind the Chapel with the vegetables raised going to the Orange Food Pantry. A few hardy individuals have kept this going, but there is a thought that it could be opened up to a larger group of gardeners by having a space where others could bring their excess and exchange it for different crops grown by neighbors with any surplus being added to what goes to the Pantry from the Chapel garden. Any interest, ideas, suggestions are welcome.

Care of the Individual - We have held workshops and discussion groups and presentations that have focused on what individuals are doing and can do to improve their own lives, expand their knowledge of critical issues and just see what is being done by others in the larger community. We will continue this year with another workshop in "Interpersonal Communication" with Suzanne Renna, a presentation by Steve and Janice Kurkoski about their work in Haiti and other ideas still "in process". We are also working on details for music events. So keep prodding us to "follow through"

In faith, *Dan*

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AT THE METCALF CHAPEL

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

FRANKLIN AREA EMERGENCY SHELTER *Donations of sheets, blankets, towels are collected in the front hall of the Metcalf Chapel and taken to the Shelter in Greenfield.*

WE ARE WORKING ON BECOMING OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED BY THE UCC AS:

AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING (ONA) CONGREGATION, welcoming people of all sexual orientation and gender identities.

A GREEN CONGREGATION, meeting criteria for energy efficiency and working to promote environmental justice awareness.

DID YOU KNOW? If you ever lose a newsletter, or want to look at an old issue, they are on the Warwick Webpage at www.warwickma.org along with things like *Permit Applications, Police Logs, Meeting Agendas, Town Hall Office Hours*, and lots of other very useful information! If you would like post something to the webpage, contact Ed Lemon, Webmaster at elemon@tiac.net.

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

King Phillip Restaurant
35 State Road, Rt. 2A
Phillipston, MA
978-249-6300
<http://www.kingphillip.com/>

For my retirement celebration, friends took me to the King Phillip for their Grand Prime Rib and Seafood Buffet. What an assortment of seafood, from fish and chips; steamers; salmon; fried scallops; fried clams; baked haddock and an assortment of chicken and beef dishes along with the carving station with the Prime Rib.

My favorites were definitely the prime rib and baked haddock but I tasted pretty near everything. I was so full I could barely move.

After they cleaned away our dishes they brought

over the dessert tray loaded with different cakes, pies and crème brulee. Of course, we made our selections. However, I must warn you. It is not included in the price of the buffet and they don't mention that. If they had I think we would have skipped it because we were so full. I had a few bites of my crème brulee and brought the rest home for another day.

\$22.99 for the buffet and there is plenty of selections but you would think for that price it would include dessert. The place is crowded by 6 PM so it is a popular event. We arrived at 5 PM and were seated immediately but when we left at 6:30 a line was forming. I believe they offer this buffet monthly so you may want to check their website for dates as it is not every week. Bon Appetite.

-Gloria Varno

**Benefit Dinner for Capt. Joe Paul
Of the Warwick Fire Dept.**

Jan. 10, 2015 at

The Orange American Legion

40 Daniel Shays Hwy

Orange, Ma 01364

**Dinner is Roast Pork, Mash Potato,
Green Beans and Dessert**

Door Prize and Raffle

Cost \$15.00

Dinner Served at 5:30

For those of you who may not know, Capt. Joe Paul is recuperating from two surgeries to repair torn ligaments in his left wrist. He sustained last January on a fire call. He is unsure at this time whether he will be able to return to carpentry. So please join us for a delicious meal as we try to help Joe and his family ease the financial burden of his long recovery

**For donations or tickets see any Warwick Firefighter
or call Chief Ron Gates At 978-544-8052**

Selectboard Minutes—November 10, 2014

Members present: Nick Arguimbau, Dawn Magi Member Absent: Patricia Lemon

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo Bill Lyman, Jon Calcari, Paula Robinson (*Athol Daily News*), David Rainville (*Greenfield Recorder*)

I. Call to Order Chair Arguimbau called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in Town Hall.

Bill Lyman announced that he was recording the meeting.

II. Public Comment

Bill Lyman said that he had brought a complaint against the Moderator Miryam Williamson to the Board at the October 14, 2014 meeting and was told to take his complaint directly to the Moderator. He said that he sent a certified letter to the Moderator on October 20, 2014 which was picked up on October 27, 2014. Lyman said that he had received no response to date, and that it was now near the deadline for him to file his complaint with the Attorney General's office. He said that he had spoken with former Moderator Al Mexcur, who told him that the town meeting agenda is set by the Selectboard, and that the Moderator mediates the meeting. Lyman said that Mr. Mexcur said that he believed that the Pledge of Allegiance is something that had been done in the past.

Lyman said that he wanted local recourse and asked if there was a mechanism for the removal of an elected official. Young said that a recall can be held, and said that the Town Clerk could check the Town's by-laws. Lyman said that he would be taking his complaint to the Attorney General's office, and asked if the Selectboard and Town Clerk had any official or unofficial communication with the Moderator on the subject of the Pledge of Allegiance, along with Selectboard meeting minutes, which could be disclosed to the A.G.'s office.

Lyman reiterated that his main complaint was that the Moderator told him "no" when he went to say the Pledge of Allegiance, and that he felt such actions do damage to a society and diminishes the honor and desire to be part of a community and a country. He also said that he felt intimidated in his free speech rights.

Jon Calcari said that Alan Genovese started calling for the Pledge to be recited at Town Meetings when he came on the Board. Young said that between 1978 and 1990 he was a member of either the Finance Committee or the Selectboard and that the Pledge was never said at Town meetings during that time.

Lyman said that he did not fault the Board on how they handled his petition and the decision not to put it on the September 22, 2014 STM warrant. Arguimbau wanted to direct Young to provide Emails that pertained to this issue. Magi said that the sense of her conversation with the Moderator was included in the Moderator's memo to the Board, which is part of the October 14, 2014 minutes.

Lyman withdrew his request from the Board and Town Clerk to disclose information to the Attorney General's office.

III. Minutes

Magi MOVED to approve the minutes of October 14, 2014 and October 27, 2014 as printed. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

IV. Presentations and Discussions

1. **MGL Chapter 268 Section 20C Exemption**—Young said that he had filed a disclosure form with the Town Clerk because he had been elected to the Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee, an uncompensated office. He noted that this needed to be done because he is also the appointed Town Coordinator. He said that on advice from Town Counsel, he would also file with the Ethics Commission. Young pointed out that the position of Regional School committee member had previously been designated special municipal employee. He also said that he will disclose when he acts as Town Coordinator or School Committee member in any dealings involving the school district.
2. **Execution of Contracts**—Young said that a former employee had been on worker's comp. for a long time, and that the Franklin County Workers Compensation Board had pushed for this individual to become eligible for disability. The Town's worker's comp. insurance carrier wants to enter into negotiations for a lump sum settlement for up to \$50,000.00, and Young said that this requires a Selectboard vote authorizing such action. He pointed out that the funds would be paid by the insurance carrier and not the Town.

Magi MOVED to authorize settlement negotiations in the workers compensation case. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Arguimbau signed documents for a \$500.00 DEP grant, and those for an EMPG grant. For the latter, the last paperwork had dawn Magi's signature as Board Chair, and because Arguimbau is now the Chair, the documents had to be resigned.

3. **CDBG Housing Rehab and Public Social Service Application** —Magi said that the number one priority is to get cell phone service in Town. She saw no need to spend more money on gathering places. Arguimbau said that the old fire station will be free soon, and we should consider it for a youth center. Young said that there are only 38 children from Warwick currently enrolled at WCS, and that not only have we had a small youth group, but leadership and supervisory roles are hard to fill. Magi said that, like the gathering place, everyone likes the concept, but in reality it does not take off. Lyman said that we are a small town with many competing interests. Young recommended setting the public hearing at 5 p.m. on Monday, November 24th, before as opposed to during the Selectboard meeting, as this would allow more time for input from residents.

Selectboard Minutes—November 10, CONT.

Magi MOVED to hold the CDBG public hearing at 5 p.m. on Monday, November 24, 2014. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Set Date for Tax Rate Classification Hearing—Young said that the snow and ice deficit for FY 14 had been reduced from \$39,000.00 to \$11,000.00. He pointed out the tax classification hearing is held annually to set the tax rate, which historically has been done in a Selectboard meeting. There was a consensus of the Board to hold the tax classification hearing on Monday, November 24th at 7:30 p.m.

5. Broadband Governance—Young said that Board member Patricia Lemon had called for this item to be placed on the agenda, who was absent from this meeting. He explained his billing practices for Warwick Broadband (WBS), in which an Email or hard copy bill is sent and is supposed to be paid by the first of the month. Young said he works with those who fall behind and very rarely shuts off service. He noted that the data base is now able to create a statement of past due accounts, and that he is working on a cleaner history report which will make things better.

Young said that since WBS went online five and a half years ago in April of 2009, he has issued 6500 invoices to customers totaling \$441,000.00, and issued 822 vendor invoices as well. He said the system currently serves 178 customers, which represents more than half the households in Warwick. Young pointed out that since WBS works off of an enterprise fund, no taxpayer revenue has ever been used to fund broadband in Town. He said that the Selectboard, as WBS Board of Governors, can decide to hire a bookkeeper or charge late fees as it sees fit.

Young explained the different types of radios used and their various capabilities. Examples of the equipment were passed around during the discussion.

6. Correspondence—Young handed out copies of the Kinder Morgan Tennessee Pipeline letter to the board members and press. He noted that the Town Boards meeting last week about the pipeline and a letter to FERC was well attended and garnered good input.

7. Selectboard Reports—Magi said that she will attend two meetings this week: the all Selectmen Pioneer Valley School District meeting on November 12th and the Veterans District meeting on November 13th. Arguimbau and Young will also attend the PVRSD meeting.

Arguimbau said that he had been working on understanding the Marcellus shale project in Pennsylvania, which is to be the source of natural gas for the proposed Kinder Morgan pipeline. He said that Marcellus has been growing at a slower rate each of the past several years, that it appears it will peak next year and presumably decline after that. Arguimbau said that people in shale oil or shale gas do not break even. He estimated that the minimum investment for Kinder Morgan would be \$400,000,000.00 to start the project, based on a payment of \$400.00 per foot for one million feet; this figure did not include pipe or surveillance costs. By Arguimbau's calculations, Kinder Morgan would pay out a minimum of \$400,000,000.00 for revenue of between six and eight million dollars per year. He noted that Marcellus will likely be shut down by the time the Kinder Morgan pipeline is finished, and that there is no way that Kinder Morgan does not know this. Arguimbau concluded that from all different angles, this project will not work. Young noted that the falling prices of crude oil will factor in as well. He recommended that the Selectboard be signatory on the Town Board's letter to FERC.

Magi MOVED that the Selectboard sign the letter to FERC. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Lyman said that he had spoken to the Fire Chief, and that public safety concerns are very high. He said that he thought Chief Gates would provide a statement of concurrence to be included in the FERC letter.

8. Coordinator Report—Young said that he and Senator Rosenberg went to a meeting hosted by the Solid Waste District. He explained that currently we receive \$23.00 per ton for recycled materials, and at this rate we lose money. A new contract negotiated by the DEP, which would require Town Meeting approval because it has a five-year term, would reduce the amount to \$10.00 per ton and over the course of five years, down to just \$6.00 per ton. Young said that he wanted to see if other Franklin County member towns wish to explore alternate ways to address the issue.

9. New and Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated Prior to Posting Notice —

Lyman said that with regards to the illegal dumping of trash, surveillance cameras could be installed at the entrances to Town and could help provide leads and identify suspects when the timeline can be narrowed down. Lyman estimated ten cameras would be sufficient. Magi suggested that Young speak with Police Chief Shoemaker about this idea.

V. Adjournment

At 7:47 p.m., Magi MOVED to adjourn. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Minutes taken by Rosa Fratangelo

Selectboard Minutes—November 24, 2014

Members present: Nick Arguimbau, Dawn Magi, Patricia Lemon. Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Assessors Clerk Beth Gilgun, Building Inspector Phil Delorey, Fire Chief Ron Gates, Firefighters Bill Lyman and Mike Mankowsky, Police Chief David Shoemaker, WiredWest Alternate John Bradford, Broadband Committee member Scott Seago, Jon Calcari, Jared Robinson (*Athol Daily News*)

I. Call to Order Chair Arguimbau called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in Town Hall.

Bill Lyman announced that he was recording the meeting.

II. Public Comment None.

III. Minutes

Magi MOVED to accept the minutes of November 10, 2014 as printed. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-1; Magi and Arguimbau: AYE, Lemon ANSTAINED as she was not present at the November 10, 2014 meeting.

IV. Presentations and Discussions

1. **Execution of Contracts**—Young said that although the Board authorized the Town's insurance provider to negotiate a workers compensation settlement for up to \$50,000.00, our insurance carrier increased the amount to \$62,793.12. Young recommended that the Board vote to authorize the new, larger amount.

Magi MOVED to authorize the amount of \$62, 793.12 for the workers compensation settlement. Lemon SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

2. **Annual Renewal of Class II and III Licenses**—Young explained that Rod Whipple had applied for the annual renewal of his Class II and Class III licenses. Young noted that Mr. Whipple had provided proof of insurance as well.

Magi MOVED to renew Rod Whipple's Class II and Class III licenses. Lemon SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Firemen's Association Update—Fire Chief Ron Gates said that the window of opportunity to begin construction of the new Public Safety Building has passed for this year. He said that work will commence as soon as possible next spring. The Chief said that the building permit had been obtained and that the plans have been approved by the engineer.

Warwick Police Department Report—Chief Shoemaker said that he had received a verbal resignation from Justin Gale, and that he was awaiting the written resignation. The Chief said that there had been one break-in reported on Northfield Road, and urged residents to report any suspicious activity to the Police. He also said that it is imperative to report any suspected crime immediately.

5. **Local Technical Assistance Planning Grants**—Young said that the Planning Board had drafted a document advising FRCOG as to what the planning priorities ought to be.

Lemon MOVED to submit the Planning Board's submission on behalf of the Town. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED

6. **Recruiting to Fill Vacancies**—Young said that he put a notice in the newsletter publicizing vacancies on several boards and committees. He said that there will be one vacancy on the Board of Health effective January 1, 2015, two vacancies on the Recreation Committee, one on the Conservation Committee, and the need for a representative, preferably a veteran, to the newly expanded Veterans District. Young said that he also sent out letters to individuals with health and/or past Board of health experience. He also mentioned that the Con Comm Chair has recruited a prospective new member.

7. **Tax Classification Hearing**—Assessors Clerk Beth Gilgun explained that every year a hearing is held to determine whether to have one tax rate or to separate the residential tax rate from the industrial/commercial rate. Gilgun recommended keeping to the tradition of setting one tax rate for all classifications.

Magi MOVED to continue the single tax rate for the Town. Lemon SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

8. **Building Department Options**—Building Inspector Phil Delorey presented a comparison of Warwick's current fee schedule and that of the Franklin County Inspection Program (FCIP). He noted that Warwick charges about 40% of what both FCIP and the Town of Orange charge. Delorey said that if the Town raised the fees to FCIP rates, revenue would be generated if three new houses were built in one year. He pointed out that revenue and expense fluctuates from year to year, and noted that Warwick's current fee schedule became effective July 1, 2005.

Delorey acknowledged that without new construction it would cost the Town more to keep the current building department than it would to go with the Franklin County program. He also said that he sees new housing construction on the rise. At Lemon's request, Delorey said that he would draft a schedule of higher fees and bring it to the next meeting.

Delorey said that while the cost to the Town could be lower going with FCIP, the residents who obtain permits would pay more, which means that the bottom line would be good for the Town as a whole but more expensive for those in need of permits. He also said that a local inspector would be more likely to be available more quickly and there would be no need for residents to travel to Greenfield to complete permit applications.

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Bill Lyman said that as a resident building a new home, he estimated that the cost of necessary permits could go from \$6,000.00 to \$15,000.00. He also expressed concern of having to charge his customers more due to much higher fees which would make it virtually impossible to keep costs low. Lyman asked that the Board proceed with residents in mind as many would find it difficult to afford much higher fees. He suggested raising some fees and keeping the current building inspector program in place.

Young said that despite the low cost of fees relative to FCIP and about 20 other towns in Franklin County, there has been low building activity in Town over the past four years. He recommended updating the fee schedule.

Arguimbau said that he favored keeping our current program and increase fees to be comparable with the FRCOG and Orange programs. Young recommended proposing a new fee schedule and holding a hearing before adopting any higher fees. Delorey said that the FCIP fee schedule is efficient, well thought out and covers costs of running the program.

In response to comments by Lemon that there had been complaints in the past that requests for building inspections had gone unanswered for days, and by Young that there had been one complaint within the past couple of weeks, Delorey said that he is available seven days a week and can be reached via Email, home phone and cell phone. Young said that FRCOG has 48 hours to respond or there is constructive approval for most inspections.

Young said that the fees collected by the building department over the past four years were as follows: \$1,700.00 in 2013; \$4,250.00 in 2012; \$2,250.00 in 2011; \$2,200.00 in 2010. Lyman asked that the Board look at raising fees by 150%, 200% and 250% rather than just raising everything by 250% to be in line with FCIP. Delorey said that he would compile something to bring to the next meeting.

Delorey ended by noting that we have no Plumbing Inspector, as the initial appointment of Casey Bashaw was only for two weeks and had expired. Delorey recommended the appointment of Bashaw as Plumbing and Gas Inspector so inspections could be conducted. Young pointed out that compensation for Plumbing and Gas Inspectors are paid from a revolving account and no additional funding is necessary.

Magi MOVED to appoint Casey Bashaw Plumbing and Gas Inspector for a term to expire on June 30, 2015. Lemon SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

- 9. Police Chief Evaluation**—Each Board member had prepared a written evaluation for Chief Shoemaker, which were given to him. Arguimbau characterized the job performance evaluation as “a rave review”. Lyman said that the public would want to know what was written in the evaluations and that they should be included in the minutes. Young read aloud the categories and some comments, calling this a “highly favorable performance review”.
- 10. Broadband and Fiber to the Home Update**—WiredWest Alternate John Bradford and Broadband Committee member Scott Seago spoke about this matter. Bradford said that WiredWest had come to an agreement with MBI, and that MBI is also talking with towns that do not wish to follow the WiredWest model. Bradford said that next month Wired West would be looking for a commitment from the Selectboard as to whether or not they wish to go with the WiredWest fiber project. This vote would pave the way for an Annual Town Meeting warrant article to authorize borrowing of an estimated 1.5 million dollars, which would require a two-thirds majority to pass, and a vote to guarantee repayment through our cherry sheet state aid payments. Young said that this would likely necessitate a debt exclusion override vote on the annual Town election ballot. Bradford said that if all of this goes forward, the projected timeframe is between 2017 and 2019, with the towns with the highest rate of return being served first. Bradford said that this is based on assumptions, spreadsheets and MBI models. Warwick would need a take rate (number of households subscribing to the service) of at least 50% to generate cash flow. Young pointed out that currently the Warwick Broadband take rate is above 50%, that the estimated cost of internet and phone will be \$65.00 per month, and that the new service has the potential to be anywhere from 100 to 1,000 times faster than WBS. Bradford said that he does not see any state funding after the initial outlay, so towns that do not opt in at the beginning will miss the opportunity. Young pointed out that even if the Board votes to become a WiredWest town, Town Meeting votes and a debt override vote would also be necessary for this to go forward, so the Board vote is just the first step in the process. Bradford offered to send the link to the WiredWest power point presentation for the Board member’s review.
- 11. Selectboard Reports**—None.
- 12. Coordinator Report**—None.
- 13. New and Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated Prior to Posting Notice**—None.

V. Adjournment

At 7:48 p.m., Magi MOVED to adjourn. Lemon SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Minutes taken by Rosa Fratangelo

Warwick Community Scholarship
A. George Day, Jr.

The Warwick Scholarship Committee has received a very generous donation from Pamela Johnson in memory of her father, Fred Johnson, Jr. This is Pam's way of "**paying it forward**". Pam remembers how much the scholarships meant to her and her family when she attended college.

The Warwick Community Scholarship is 53 years old. It started in 1962 when 5 or 6 civic organization in town pooled their money and awarded the first scholarship to Pam's aunt, Barbara (Johnson) Walker.

Since then the Warwick Scholarship program has grown and now awards funds from 3 different accounts. The Warwick Community Scholarship Fund has been blessed with bequests from the wills of Virginia Glennon and David Engman. The committee has investments that provides for some of the awards as well as receiving annual donations from 7 civic organizations. The committee also administers the Alice, Oscar, and Eric Anderson Scholarship Fund that is invested by the Town Treasurer. This fund was established by the bequest in the will of Alice Anderson. In the 1980's, when Anita L. Pike passed away, a memorial fund was established in her memory. Miss Pike was a long time serving member of the Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee. This scholarship is awarded annually to the Pioneer student who graduates with the highest scholastic average and will go on to higher education. **Pam received the Anita L. Pike scholarship in 1988.**

Because the scholarship program has grown so well, the students are allowed to apply for a second award after they are in college.

Recent years awards:

2014	\$4,600.00
2013	\$5,900.00
2012	\$1,700.00 (not many students applied)
2011	\$6,500.00

A request. The committee is asking that all prior recipients of our scholarships reading this newsletter consider making a donation. We will also gratefully accept donations from anyone. We would like to increase the investments so as to provide for this scholarship program to function well into the future.

Send donations to: Warwick Community Scholarships
c/o A. George Day, Jr.
313 Orange Road
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Or any other member of the committee.

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Martha Morse	Warwick Historical Society

Wooden Fender Presents

Mistakes Were Made

7:00pm Saturday January 10 2015 at the Warwick Town Hall

The weather is dreary. Holiday shopping leaves us with tired feet and empty wallets. You need something to put the sparkle back in your eye and the bounce back in your step! And we have just the remedy. Mistakes were Made, with Warwick's own Eric Engman on bass, will be playing their hearts out for Wooden Fender's first event of the winter. Eric is joined by Henry Spadoni (guitar and vocals), Johnny Marino (harmonica, guitar, and vocals), Steve Savaria (percussion), and Bob Toriani (keyboards). The band will play an eclectic mix of blues, rock, and funk; some original (written by Henry) and some known to us all. Remember what it is to shake a leg, bang the gong, or shiver your timbers on a Saturday night. Come out and join us at the Warwick Town Hall where we guarantee that at least once during the evening you will not be too hot or too cold.

Shake those winter Blues. Grab your dancing shoes and bring your best swinging moves... and hit the floor running.

Our concerts are funded by your donations (\$5 minimum suggested) and support our mission of bringing live music to Warwick.



Saturday Jan. 10

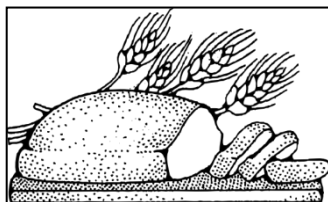
Mistakes Were Made Warwick Town Hall

Souper Supper 6:00pm

At 6:00pm 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.

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All proceeds support the Warwick Arts Council.

NEWS & TIDINGS WARWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Elizabeth Musgrave, Principal December 2014

WONDERFUL HOLIDAY CONCERT! What a delight-filled evening! It is always fun to see the children sharing their talents and enthusiasm for music - and they certainly did! Many thanks to our music teachers, Kim Wallach and Lynette Snedeker, to the children for their performance, to our PTO for the reception, and to our wonderful audience who braved a cold and rainy evening to celebrate with us!

WATCH FOR NEWS of our Math Blast! Coming up soon (Thurs., Jan. 29th) with games and activities for the whole family!

OUR CLASSROOM BUZZ...This month, we are featuring our 5th and 6th Grades!

In World Geography and Cultures, students have completed their Family Culture webs which are currently on display in the hallway outside our classroom. Please stop by to enjoy them. They are full of connections that the children have made to their own cultures in preparation for their studies of other cultures around the world. Students have also begun their studies of five of the world's major religions (Hinduism, Judaism, Christianity, Buddhism and Islam) and later in January we will begin our study of cultures and countries in Europe.

In science we are finishing our extended unit on the Earth's tilt and revolution around the sun and the causes of the seasons. We are graphing the hours and minutes of daylight each day in December 2014 and will be celebrating the Winter Solstice with our semi-annual solstice party. This is a time of year that is celebrated or recognized in some way by most cultures around the world.

Students have finished reading fiction books in small groups and have investigated elements of theme, story structure, symbolism, imagery, and character change as they apply to their novels. They have also identified aspects of their books that could be compared and contrasted and have written short essays on them. In January, students will be assessed on these skills in their own independent work before we move onto instruction in reading non-fiction.

In math, we have completed our units "Operations with Whole Numbers, Fractions and Decimals" and "Surface Area of Prisms and Pyramids". In January and February we will be working on "Expressions and Equations" - basic algebra.

All of this has kept the fifth and sixth graders very busy and engaged. I continue to enjoy the enthusiasm and intelligence of each and every one of them and appreciate the way in which this particular group of students support and encourage one another day in their learning.

Ms. Lynn Hansell

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i> <i>NEW YEARS DAY</i>	<i>2</i> <i>NO TOWN HALL GATHERING</i>	<i>3</i> <i>Transfer Station 8-3</i> <i>Library Open 10-12:30pm</i> MEDICINE MAMMALS
<i>4</i> <i>Worship Service 10AM</i> <i>Zumba 8am</i>	<i>5</i> <i>Library Open 10-4</i>	<i>6</i> <i>Sr. Mealsite 11:45</i> <i>Library Open 1-5pm</i> WOMENS GUILD 1PM <i>Zumba 6pm</i>	<i>7</i> <i>Circuit Training 6pm</i>	<i>8</i> <i>Library Open 5-8pm</i> <i>Zumba 6pm</i>	<i>9</i> <i>Town Hall Gathering 10am</i>	<i>10</i> <i>Transfer Station 8-3</i> <i>Library Open 10-12:30pm</i> FIREFIGHTER BENEFIT WOODEN FENDER EVENTS
<i>11</i> <i>Worship Service 10AM</i> <i>Zumba 8am</i>	<i>12</i> <i>Library Open 10-4</i>	<i>13</i> <i>Sr. Mealsite 11:45</i> <i>Library Open 1-5pm</i> BROADBAND MEETING <i>Zumba 6pm</i>	<i>14</i> <i>Circuit Training 6pm</i>	<i>15</i> <i>Library Open 5-8pm</i> <i>Zumba 6pm</i>	<i>16</i> <i>Town Hall Gathering 10am</i>	<i>17</i> <i>Transfer Station 8-3</i> <i>Library Open 10-12:30pm</i>
<i>18</i> <i>Worship Service 10AM</i> <i>Zumba 8am</i>	<i>19</i> MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY NO SCHOOL LIBRARY CLOSED	<i>20</i> <i>Sr. Mealsite 11:45</i> <i>Library Open 1-5pm</i> <i>Zumba 6pm</i>	<i>21</i> <i>Circuit Training 6pm</i>	<i>22</i> <i>Library Open 5-8pm</i> <i>Zumba 6pm</i>	<i>23</i> <i>Town Hall Gathering 10am</i>	<i>24</i> <i>Transfer Station 8-3</i> <i>Library Open 10-12:30pm</i>
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BROADBAND WORKSHOP—January 13

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