Warwick Community Newsletter

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

All articles, ads and correspondence may be emailed to warwicknewsletter01378@gmail.com (or call Beth Gilgun at 544–3464) or dropped off in the black box in front of Town Hall by the 20th of the month before the article will run. Please note that we are no longer accepting FULL PAGE inserts at all for commercial ads, and are asking every organization in Town to keep their event flyers to 1/2 page or less. If a full page event flyer is desired, the organization may print the flyer themselves for insertion (call Beth for the number of copies required) if the information cannot be fit to 1/2 page and a waiver is desired. Business card size ads are \$7/month or \$70/year. All material may be edited for length, ink intensiveness, or content and may not be anonymous. Some logs and minutes provided may only be available on the Warwick Website at www.warwickma.org due to space limitations. ELECTRONIC SUBSCRIBERS WILL GET FULL SELECTBOARD MINUTES. ANOTHER REASON TO SUBSCRIBE ELECTRONICALLY AND HELP US SAVE MONEY!!

PHONE DIRECTORY

Emergency	911			
Selectboard	6315			
Treasurer/Collector	3845			
Highway	6349			
Library	7866			
Fire Station	3314			
Animal Control	3402			
Animal Contr.Pager217	-2681			
Clerk/Assessors	8304			
Bd of Health	6315			
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Fire Dept Business	2277			
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Warwick Broadband Trouble				

413-676-9544

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Greg & Kerry Stone, Bruce Benoit, Susan & Raymond Legace,
Richard & Margaret McGowen, Betsy Lochhead
\$150



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

Letter of Thanks

Thank you everyone who visited, brought gifts, flowers and goodies, and sent cards and messages. I have always loved living in Warwick these sixty plus years and mostly because of the wonderful Warwickians who live here. The people at Applewood rehab were always exclaiming over all my company. Thank you so much! Janet M. Alden

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild will meet on Tuesday, January 8 at 1:00 pm in the basement of the Town Hall. Bring with you three scratch lottery tickets for a game that's planned after our business meeting! And remember, all women of Warwick are most welcome!

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Voices from the Past

The Warwick Lithograph Co. (1951-1964) 160 Richmond Road. It was located across the street from the house now owned by Lynne Manring.

In 1908 the property was purchased by Oscar and Ellen Carlson. They lived there with their children Ivar, Grace, Adele and Elsie.

In 1935 Edwin Gillespie married Adele and a year later bought the small farm from his father-in-law Oscar. They lived there with their children Edwin Jr., Kristin and Priscilla. Edwin was a lithographer by trade, learning his craft at Forbes Lithograph in Boston. He commuted to Boston for a few years and later worked for companies closer to home. At the same time, he and Adele raised mink part time. This enterprise continued until WWII when they were unable to buy tires for their truck which was needed to go to Boston to buy fish for the mink.

In 1951 Edwin decided to start his own company. He had a building built and The Warwick Lithograph Co. was started. He bought a large camera and did color separation for greeting cards doing work for companies in the Springfield and Holyoke, MA area. Photos were taken of the projects; the film was etched onto a metal plate on which ink was rolled then printed. His son Edwin Jr. worked for the company a few years before going on to start his own company.

Sadly, like so many small companies the economy didn't let it continue after 1964 and the company was closed. Edwin went on to work for Tru Color in Greenfield and worked there until his retirement in the early seventies. Years later the building was torn down. Another part of Warwick History forgotten.

Kristin (Gillespie) Wallock

Smokin' Hot News ... From the Fire house

Hello Warwick,

With winter upon us, just a reminder to have your heating sources in good working order, your smoke/co detectors are working and your chimneys cleaned.

Again, I want to stress the importance of having a reflective street number visible from the road. We still have number signs for sale if anyone is in the need for one. \$15.00 for sign \$20.00 with a post. Contact any one of your firefighters. These signs help us to find your home quickly, in the event of an emergency.

On Sunday January 20th, the WFD will be installing free smoke/co detectors. If you need one, there will be a sign up sheet at the library and the town hall.

We would like to wish all of you a prosperous New Year

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

Stay Safe

Chief Ron Gates

GATHERING

First Friday Gathering will be held in the Town Hall, Friday, January 4. Stop by. I will be serving soup, sandwiches, salad and quiche. Look forward to seeing some new faces in the New Year along with old friends. Watch the Warwick L and the Facebook page for the menu the Wednesday before.

Tracy Gaudet, Outreach Coordinator for Orange COA and Shine Counselor, (Serving Health Insurance Needs for Everyone) will be at Town Hall Tuesdays, January 8 and 22, from 10:00 AM until Noon. Stop by if you need help with health insurance or to talk about available programs. Contact her, 978-544-3481 or @townoforange.org, she will be bringing application forms.

Diana Tandy

BOARD OF HEALTH

The BOH meets once a month from October through March. Meetings are scheduled:

January 16 Februrary 20 March 20

In April, meetings go back to twice a month.

Warwick Council on Aging

The Tuesday exercise class at the Warwick Town Hall will begin at 9:45 AM. It will be followed by a Chair Yoga/Tai Chi class at 11:00 A.M. This program will continue throughout the winter and spring months. Chair yoga/Tai Chi will be offered by certified instructor Marcia Gobeil. One will get all the benefits of yoga without getting on the floor. All poses and exercises will be done while sitting. The second half of the class will be tai chi warm-up and poses. One can attend the 1st or 2nd half of the class or both sessions. The class is funded by Life Path at no cost to those attending, however a donation can is available and donations are gratefully accepted.

www.warwickma.org is the Town's website. Along with things like *Permit Applications, Police Logs, Meeting Agendas, Town Hall Office Hours*, you can find this newsletter and lots of other very useful information! If you would like post something to the webpage, contact Ed Lemon, Webmaster at elemon@tiac.net.



The COA Foot Clinic Dates For 2019

January 11th February 8th

March 8th

April 12th

May 10th

June 14th

July 19th

August 9th

September 13th

October 11th

November 15th

December13th

All at the Metcalf Chapel at 8 a.m.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Introduction to Belly Dance for Fun and Fitness

with Karen Traub aka Hadama Seshat
Four Fridays
starting January 25, 2019 6pm-7pm
Warwick Town Hall

Dancing is fun and good for you! Chase away the winter blues

*No experience required *Ages 10 and up welcome *Burn calories

*Build core strength and good vibes

*Gentle warmups *Easy to follow as the Hokey Pokey

\$10 drop in per class or

sign up for all four in advance for \$30 PayPal.Me/happydancermom

Hadama/Karen started belly dancing as a teenager and has performed at Jacob's Pillow, Café Lebanon, Springfield Museum of Fine Arts, Northampton's Academy of Music and schools and libraries throughout New England. Visit me on Facebook hadamadance.com or call 413 367-9826

MEDITATION Monday 6:30-7:30 with Tracey at Warwick Town Hall \$10 ZUMBA Thursday 6 pm with Susan at Warwick Town Hall \$5 YOGA Saturday 9:15 am with Kalliope at Warwick Town Hall \$5-10 BELLYDANCING Starting Friday January 25 6pm

Back by popular demand!

Tracey Dawn Alden - Energy Therapist, will again be offering a therapeutic meditation class Monday evenings January 7th thru March 25th from 6:30 -7:30 at the Warwick Town Hall.

This 12 week class will be guided using Reiki and Solfeggio Sound Therapies in a group setting. We will also explore other healing and meditation modalities throughout the winter months. Including but not limited to aromatherapy, chanting, crystals, plants, journeying, partners and more.

This is a great way to contribute to your individual health goals as well as gathering within the community to create universal peace and well being.

Tracey has been practicing meditation for approximately 10 years and uses it daily in her life and with clients in her practice. Her scientific and teaching background lend an interesting "energy based" perspective to her work; guiding others to a more complete understanding of themselves in Body, Mind, Spirit and their connection to all things.

Attend weekly for best results, or drop in at your leisure.

Weekly suggested donation \$10

Trash Bag Price Change

After much consideration the Transfer Station Commission is raising bag fees on the 33-gallon large bag. Formerly, large bags were \$2.50. Beginning January 1, 2019 these bags will be \$3.00 each when purchased at the Town Hall (Mon. – Fri. 11-5pm) or Library (Mon. 10-4pm, Tues. 1-8pm, Thurs. 5-8pm, Sat 10-12:30pm)

To reduce cash handling at the transfer station, these same bags purchased at the Transfer Station will be \$5 each, beginning 1/1/19.

If your trash is not contained in our imprinted green Warwick bag, it will be priced as bulky waste. There is a black contractor bag that can be purchased, at the Transfer Station, for same day on premise use for \$10.

There is a complete and updated price list for all Transfer Station items available at the Library and Town Hall.

Here's some information to help you understand why this is necessary.

This price change is largely in response to admonishment from both Department of Revenue and Department of Environmental Protection with respect to what has become an annual \$3K Transfer Station operational deficit. DOR needs us to be completely self-sustaining and DEP needs us to run a considerably cleaner operation. The change will help pay for that.

Our current pricing has been in effect for the past six years and has proven to be inadequate to support the operation of our Transfer Station. While the price increase was a difficult decision, it will allow the Town to close the annual deficit and provide more oversight of the operation of the facility. It will assure that the appearance of the facility always meets our permit requirements, and reduce the risk of us being fined. It will also assure we have capacity so that all reporting, and the necessary handling of receipts, is completed weekly. These changes offer a positive outcome for our Town and Transfer Station.

Any good news?

Yes, we are adding composting in the spring. We are adding more scrutiny of recycled items and in the end, you will have fewer questions about what is and what is not recycling. We are stopping the hording. And, we are going to pick up the wind-blown-trash and keep it picked up.

Transfer Station Commission

Michael Mankowsky, chair

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK

JANUARY 2019

Dear Friends,

In a time of discord and disruption at many levels of society, it becomes ever more critical that we find some place of community that pulls us out of isolation and "forces" us to be in relationship with others. At times, this may be the last thing we want, and solitude is something that can heal places that have been difficult in our lives, but continued isolation, especially when it is in reaction to a perceived threat, injustice or overt attack, can lead to a dangerous narrowing of the Spirit and a deepening malice toward others. This sort of isolation is what groups like ISIS and white supremacists thrive on.

We tend to think of isolation as a condition of individuals, but groups and even nations can become malignantly isolated. We are especially vulnerable now, through the internet, with virtually unlimited access to a tsunami of information and opinion. The problem is that we increasingly choose to read and respond to (unless you're an internet "troll") those opinions and information that support our already formed view of the world. So we think we are well informed when in fact, we are more and more isolated from the "others". This allows us to demonize those we disagree with and justify acts of public humiliation and sometimes even violence.

There is now, in our library, a book written by Hans Rosling (thank you Martha Kitchen) entitled "Factfulness". In it, Rosling argues that this misuse, purposeful and unintentional, of mass data is causing a great deal of misjudgment and resulting harmful actions, both locally and at the global scale, which endanger all of us. It is rare that an ordinary individual can effect global change, but we can change our local community.

I am thankful that we landed in Warwick forty years ago. When I tell people we live in Warwick, they either know nothing about the town or they say things like, "That is such a great community!" "People there work together so well." "For such a small place, so much goes on." I know that there are disagreements and some hard feelings get aired, but, for the most part, enough are willing to work for the good of the community, even when what we want may have to be adjusted, that it remains a good place to live.

Volunteerism is still alive and active here. It keeps the Senior Meal Site available to anyone in town to join with others each Tuesday noon. (You don't need to be over 60, but the cost of the meal goes up somewhat if you aren't.) For those who come, the direct interaction with others is more of a draw than the food. *More under-60 volunteers would be greatly welcomed.*

There are two exercise classes, at 9:45 & 11 AM, which happen before the noon meal each Tuesday, again, thanks to volunteers. Town government works best when volunteers work on committees that deal with issues from taxation to recreation, land use planning to conservation, highway issues to energy use. Those who volunteer their time and risk their lives as first responders are invaluable to the life and safety of the town. There are always some, who will sit on the sidelines and complain, but it is those who step up and volunteer to work on the issues they feel strongly about who get the work done and enable Warwick to be "such a great community."

Volunteers can get the work done and create opportunities for "Community", but it takes people coming together, physically, to be a true community. Virtual communities are easy; you can participate in the comfort of your own space, at your own convenience, often anonymously. Actual communities are more inconvenient. They take some effort to gather. There will probably be some differences of opinion and expectation, but that is what makes them so valuable. Sharing work, sharing concerns and joys, bumping up against other perspectives can be enriching and can enable bonds to be formed that span some of our differences. It takes caring enough to show up. Thanks to all of you who show up and make this a great community.

In faith, Dan

UP COMING EVENTS

EPIPHANY BONFIRE

The Twelve Days of Christmas end on Jan 6. This is celebrated in the church as Epiphany and is the day set aside to honor the Magi, the Three Wise men or the Three Kings, who arrived to honor Jesus' birth.

On Sunday, Jan 6 at 5 PM, we invite you to come to the Metcalf Chapel with your stripped down Christmas tree. We'll have hot soup, hot mulled cider and hot chocolate, maybe some marshmallows and chocolate and we might even do some singing around the fire. Come even if you don't have a tree ready to burn yet.

HELP FOR YEMEN

The people of Yemen have suffered untold devastation and destruction of cities, homes and lives. Hopefully by the time you read this there will still be a de-escalation of fighting to allow aid groups access to civilian population centers. The Mission Committee will be raising money for this effort in the coming weeks. We will put information on the "L", the "L-ternative" and the church website as we develop it. If you don't access any of these and want to be informed, please contact the Chapel at (978)544-2630, by email at metcalfucc@gmail.com or drop off a note.

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. The personal & household cleaning items are especially needed as they cannot be purchased with "food stamps".

BLANKETS/SHEETS/PILLOW CASES/ ETC

<u>SINGLE &TWIN SIZE</u> sheets (the shelters only have twin beds and mattresses) blankets and pillowcases, towels and washcloths are collected and taken to the area shelters. Bring clean and useful items to the Chapel and we will get them to the shelters. **PLEASE, NO MORE CLOTHING ITEMS.** The shelter no longer accepts them and I end up taking them to "Hazel's Closet" in Orange or Salvation Army.

MEDICAL SUPPLY LIBRARY

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

Library

Greetings - Before we get to the new stuff (lots for kids!), here's a brief one-of-a-kind story (sort of). A striking book of colorized historical photographs called *The Paper Time Machine* was on display when I began, and the time came to switch it out with one of the many other impressive large format art-related documentary volumes from the shelf below. Before putting this one to bed I opened it at random (of course) to a photo c. 1912 titled "A young woman uses a hand-cranked battery charger to power her electric Columbia Mark 68 Victoria automobile." The accompanying text notes: "At the beginning of the 1910s, around 38 percent of all cars in America were electric."

I decided to take it home and found it needed to be catalogued. When I tried to catalog it I learned it was the only copy of the book in all of Central and Western Mass! And on the following page—a photo of the massive iceberg thought to have sunk *The Titanic*.

Newly Arrived - for Kids:

<u>Pre-school - Grade 2</u>: *The Patchwork Bike*, by Maxine Beneba Clarke; and *Zola's Elephant*, by Randall De Seve.

<u>Middle Grades</u>: What Do You Do With a Voice Like That? The Story of Extraordinary Congresswoman Barbara Jordan (Gr 3-6), by Chris Barton (non-fiction); Dolores Huerta Stands Strong: The Woman Who Demanded Justice (Gr 5-8), by Marlene Targ Brill (non-fiction); Connect the Scotts: The Dead Kid Detective Agency (Gr 4-8), by Evan Munday; Swallow's Dance (Gr 5-8), by Wendy Orr; and It Wasn't Me (Gr 5-8), by Dana Alison Levy.

Young Adult: Iron River, by Daniel Acosta (Gr 7 Up); The House of One Thousand Eyes (Gr 10 Up), by Michelle Barker; The Color of Lies (Gr 8 Up), by CJ Lyons; FTL, Y'all! (Gr 7 UP), ed. by Amanda LaFrenais (graphic novel); and On a Sunbeam (Gr 7 Up), by Tillie Walden (graphic novel).

Newly Arrived - for Adults:

Non-fiction: Mother American Night: My Life in Crazy Times, by Perry Barlow; Disrupters: Success Strategies from Women Who Break the Mold, by Patti Fletcher; Reporter, by Seymour Hersh; American Overdose: The Opioid Tragedy in Three Acts, by Chris McGreal; and Above & Beyond: John F. Kennedy and America's Most Dangerous Cold War Spy Mission, by Casey Sherman and Michael Tougias.

<u>Fiction</u>: Campaign Widows, by Aimee Agresti; The Dakota Winters, by Tom Barbash; The Atomic City Girls, by Janet Beard; The Immortalists, by Chloe Benjamin; Monk!, by Youssef Daoudi (graphic novel); An Absolutely Remarkable Thing, by Hank Green; At the End of the Century, by Ruth Prawer Jhabvala; Unsheltered, by Barbara Kingsolver; The Crooked Staircase, by Dean Koontz; Bound for Gold, by William Martin; Noir, by Christopher Moore; The Song of Aglaia, by Anne Simon (graphic novel); and Upstate, by James Wood Audio Books: Outsider, by Stephen King; and The Potlikker Papers: A Food History of the Modern South, by John Edge

<u>DVD films</u>: Avengers - Infinity Wars, Black Panther, Captain America 3, Crazy Rich Asians, Fight Club, Guardians of the Galaxy 2, Hotel Artemis, Mission Impossible - Fallout, Searching, Skyscraper, and Some Like It Hot.

Digital Collection Update: I've been trained in the basic operations of Overdrive, the digital platform used by many CWMARS library system patrons to download e-books and audio books for free. A recent check showed 20 titles on hold (waiting list) by Warwick residents, not including those currently in use. Please let me know if you have questions about Overdrive, or are interested in using it. All you need to get started is a library card—or at least your account # (on file).

On a related note, I also recently discovered Overdrive's Advantage program, which allows a library to purchase digital titles for use *only* by its resident patrons—who can avoid long wait times on popular digital titles. But the purchase costs are substantial and may not make sense for the Warwick Library and its resident community. I signed the Library up for a special low-cost introductory rate to get a feel for how Advantage works and will be learning more about it. I've been able to meet many Western MA librarians lately and, for what it's worth, the other day one said: "In 5 years, half of my circulation will be digital." Well, that may not be the case for Warwick, but it certainly has got me thinking. And I'd like to know what you all are thinking!

I'll have more on that in the January newsletter. New Year's wishes to all! Ivan

NEWS & TIDINGS WARWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Elizabeth Musgrave, Principal December 2018

WINTER HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG & CELEBRATION, WCS rong in



the winter hollday season with an evening sing-along celebration on December 11th. We sang seasonal favorites, decorated cookies, made cards, and learned to play dreidel! A wonderful gathering of WCS families and community members warmed the evening with laughter, sharing and song!

LOCAL HEROES! Did you know that volunteers come in every week to help us out in a myriad of ways to keep the WCS classrooms humming with learning and productivity despite recent personnel cuts? We'd like to thank and honor Beth Anderson, Jaylin and Dan Dibble, Jessica Foote, Andrea Kilroy, Pam Lawrence, Jessica Gilmore-Morris, and Gloria Young for their dedicated service. By helping out with office, library, playground, and dismissal, our volunteers have allowed our teachers to keep their time and energy flowing into the classrooms and children. And we at WCS are so very grateful. Please thank a volunteer when you see him/her. They are helping WCS continue to give our children the very best education we can provide!

OUR CLASSROOM BUZZ...

PRE K and K: In the multi-age classroom we are working on a unit in Mystery Science called Plant and Animal Secrets. This unit teaches why animals do the things they do and why they have different body parts -- to help them survive. We will continue the Plant portion of this Mystery Science in the spring.



We are also reading many versions of the story of the Gingerbread Man. We will compare and contrast the different stories, have book discussions, look for patterns in the text, and create our own version. Next week we will bake gingerbread ourselves.

Children are learning letter sounds with a program called Lively Letters. Children will be using these letter sounds and characters to extend their reading and writing skills. Ms. Allison White



GRADES 3 and 4 have been engrossed in a fairytale unit this fall. On Dec. 14, we hosted a publishing party and shared our own adaptations of classic fairy tales. This week, we are thinking about classic tales from the evil villain's perspective. Soon, we will write persuasive editorials in the villain's voice.

We continue to tackle multiplication and division at math time. Third graders are working hard to learn their math facts and fourth graders are using their skills to multiply and divide larger and larger numbers.

This month, we began informational reading and writing and practiced research skills to launch Genius Hour in our classroom. Genius Hour is based on Google's Passion Project idea where employees are given 20% of their time to work on projects and ideas they are passionate about. We have many topics we want to learn more about. Students have chosen a topic of interest, developed essential questions for that topic, and gother research to answer to their questions. In January, we will turn our research into projects and presentations to share with classmates. The students are highly engaged! Genius Hour has been a great way to use our informational reading and writing skills.

In science, we just wrapped up a unit on flower and plant reproduction and have a begun a new unit in social studies. We are gathering information and creating maps to learn about our local area. This will lead into a larger unit on Mossochusetts history. In the spring, we will visit local historical societies, Ms. Christine Mullen

99 Restaurants

Three locations near Warwick
Greenfield on the rotary
Brattleboro on the rotary
Fitchburg on Summer St.
And soon to be one in Gardner near Tippany Plaza

I haven't done a review of the 99 Restaurants in quite a few years so decided it was time since their menu has changed quite a bit.

I've discovered 2 dishes that I have loved whenever I get them and suggested to friends who also love them. First one is the newest entrée, Short Rib Pot Pie, which is short ribs in Red Wine sauce, with carrots, mushrooms and onions, topped with a flaky crust and Vermont Cheddar Cheese and Applewood bacon, served with a side of mashed potatoes for \$11.99 and I couldn't finish it so brought enough home for lunch.

The 2nd one is the "real size" entrée for \$9.99, Chopped Grilled Angus beef served on mashed potatoes and topped with Red Wine sauce, mushrooms and crispy onion petals and served with a vegetable side. This one is so good I never have leftovers!

On their featured menu which changes seasonally, my party shared an appetizer; Boston Lager Tater Tots. Handmade tater tots infused with Samuel Adams Boston Lager, Applewood smoked bacon and Monterey Jack and cheddar cheeses, served with a horseradish sour cream dipping sauce. Yummy, we got between 6-8 tots.

I don't think you can go wrong with anything on their menu and the prices are very reasonable. Looking forward to the one opening in Gardner on the corner near Tippany Plaza, might be a stopping point for me before or after my bowling league. Bon Appetite and Happy New Year 2019!

Gloria Varno

Wooden Fender Winter Concert Series

We all know that Old Man Winter encourages our "hunker down" habits. Inundated by swirling snow, lashing sleet, and teeth chattering chill factors, we sink deep in our recliners with warm cuppa in hand and try to wish away the wind howling outside. Shake off that lethargy and come gather with friends, eat good food, dance and drive the cold and dark right out the door. For the fourteenth year in a row, Wooden Fender has a concert series that will heat up the dance floor at Town Hall and compel you to ditch the recliner, sled on down to Town Hall, and force Old Man Winter to the border. As is our tradition, we will start the evening with dinner hosted by a town organization featuring your friends and neighbors serving up a nourishing feast with beverages and dessert included. After a delicious repast, Wooden Fender hosts hot happenin' music from a local area band. If you find yourself seriously stuck to that old recliner, give us a call. We have volunteers standing by to help pry you out.

Mark your calendars:

January 12: She Said, Arts Council Souper Supper

February 10: Our famous "Blues Night" with Spacebar, Trinitarian Church Pizza Dinner

March 17: To be announced, Trinitarian Church St. Patrick's Day Dinner

April 21: To be announced, Moore's Pond Beach Committee lasagna Dinner

Wooden Fender is a project of the Warwick Arts Council brought to you by the hard work and unrelenting persistence of Matt Hickler, Michael Humphries, Mike Italia, Jim McRae, and Alan Morgan.

Dinner and Concert – Saturday, January 12, Warwick Town Hall

Come and dance, or just kick back (we dare you to try!) and enjoy the first concert of the 2019 Wooden Fender performance series. We are pleased to welcome the Franklin County-based band, **She Said**, featuring Tanya Bryant (guitar and harmonica), Torie O'Dell (acoustic guitar), Margaret Fitzpatrick (keyboards), Nina Rossi (bass), and Gail Hegeman (drums). The members of this all female band came to the public stage at mid-life, but these 50-somethings arrived with a musical spirit so strong and infectious that it is a joy to watch and hear them play. According to Sheryl Hunter in her Recorder column, *Sounds Local*, "you'll hear everything from gritty bar band rock to country to swampy blues... [with] traces of pop and even jazz in these catchy tunes that feature some nice harmonies." But don't take her word for it. Come on down to Town Hall on January 12th and hear for yourself. In the meantime, check them out: https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Band/She-Said-1635325186761523/.

At 6:00 PM the Warwick Arts Council will be serving their famous, super-duper **Souper Supper.** We know you like our homemade soups, chili, breads and desserts – for several years now, nearly all of them have sold out. Your only difficult choice will be which crock pot to visit for a second helping (and according to eye witnesses, a third helping, but we're not naming names – you know who you are!) Enjoy this warmly satisfying, hearty and delicious dinner with family, friends and musicians, then join them again upstairs for an evening of fine music. And let those nice folks at the Arts Council do the dishes and scrub all those soup pots. You deserve a break!

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.

Selectboard Minutes November 13, 2018

Members present: Lawrence Pruyne, Todd Dexter, James Erviti (arrived 6:40 p.m.)

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Clerk and Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, PVRSD Finance Director Tanya Gaylord, Superintendent Larry Delaney, Fire Chief Ron Gates, Highway Advisory Committee member Kevin Alden, School Committee member Sue O'Reilly McRae, Tom Wyatt, Marcia Dexter, Dawn Magi, Gloria Varno, Diana Noble, Jaylin Dibble, dan Dibble, Jessica Foote, Jennifer Core, Max Marcus (*Greenfield Recorder*)

I. Call to Order

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

II. Minutes

As Jim Erviti was not yet present, and Todd Dexter is the newly elected member of the Selectboard, approval of the minutes of October 29, 2018 were deferred until after Erviti arrived. The traditional reorganization of the Selectboard was also postponed.

III. Presentations and Discussions

1. Ethics Exemptions —Young explained that several people needed to be granted MGL 268:20D exemptions so that they may hold more than one position in Town: Brian Peters Wiring Inspector, Constable and Special Police Officer; Jessica Marshall PVRSD School Committee member and HEART Committee member; Tom Wyatt HEART Committee member and Broadband Committee member. Young noted that all positions had previously been designated Special Municipal Employee.

Dexter MOVED to grant Brian Peters, Jessica Marshall and Tom Wyatt Ethics Exemptions under MGL Chapter 268 Section 20D to be allowed to serve in more than one capacity for the Town. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

2. Appointments—Dexter MOVED to appoint Tom Wyatt to the HEART Committee. Pruyne SE-CONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Wyatt was sworn in by the Town Clerk.

3. Execute MOU between Town of Warwick and FRCOG—Pruyne said that the MOU with FRCOG was for technical assistance for the Green Communities grant. Young explained that the help would include procurement and reporting requirements.

Dexter MOVED to accept the MOU with FRCOG as written and authorize Chair Pruyne to sign the legal agreement tonight. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

4. PVRSD Finance Director Tanya Gaylord—Pruyne introduced Ms. Gaylord and thanked her for coming to the meeting. Gaylord said that she will visit each community to get a feel for the budget and tax-rate setting process. She noted that some information had been given by the Consultant but was unable to give all the numbers to the HEART Committee. Gaylord said that the deficit is under \$600,000.00 and that we should be thinking ahead for capital in the pot to cover the debt and for capital projects. Young reminded everyone that Warwick's share of any assessment is roughly 10%. Gaylord said that the Overseer is now in place and has begun working on a plan. She explained that because there was not an overall deficit in the District the lunch deficit was covered but had to be rectified because the General Fund deficit brought it all to light, because as a whole the District's entire fund balance was no longer enough to cover the school lunch debt. Gaylord said that she is working on projections for school lunch and that there is more still to be done on that.

Gaylord said that she has had the job of PVRSD Finance Director since July of this year. She pointed out that the budget numbers for revenues are now part of the accounting software. She said there are twelve special revenue funds, four trust and agency funds, a capital project fund, and that the District is

presently managing and operating on about twenty funds. Gaylord said that the FY 20 budget process has not yet begun but based on the FY 19 numbers Warwick's projected FY 20 assessment reflects a 2.5% increase, which she stated is essentially the capacity. Gaylord said that the \$380,000.00 shortfall could be handled with cuts and increased revenue. She did mention that a school closing study is underway, and that a school closing is likely the only way to cut this amount of expenditures. She alluded to declining enrollment as an ongoing issue and said that she was looking at the budget with all four elementary schools versus just two schools. Gaylord said, "the picture looks bad, but it is getting better". Gaylord said that she would be letting towns know where the District is at baseline. She noted that school choice students cost the District more in small schools, but that language is being written to allow the towns with smaller schools and smaller populations to pay more on top of the assessment. Tom Wyatt pointed out that it has always cost more per pupil in smaller towns since the District's inception in 1991. Gaylord said that closing schools may only buy the District another three or four years, characterizing it as essentially a band-aid and not a cure. Erviti brought up the idea of shared costs by PVRSD by way of collaborations or consolidations with other Districts. Gaylord said that the studies will be completed before any budget is voted on, as it is expected to be done by January. She reiterated her needing to know the capacity of each town. Gaylord said that the teachers' union negotiations are set to resume in December and stated that if an agreement cannot be reached mediation may be required. Wyatt said that the Consultant will be providing much more information at the HEART Committee meeting on November 19th. Gaylord wound up her discussion by saying the total deficit is \$553,793.00 and put forth the idea of moving up the assessment due date from mid-August to early July to prevent cash flow issues when expenses accumulate before revenue. She said that she wanted to know what impact that would have on the towns.

5. Special Municipal Employee and MGL Chapter 268:20D Ethics Exemption—This discussion had to be deferred until Erviti was present because it involved new Board member Todd Dexter.

Erviti MOVED to designate the position of Highway Advisory Committee member as Special Municipal Employee. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-1. Dexter abstained as he is a member of the Highway Advisory Committee.

Erviti MOVED to grant an MGL Chapter 268 Section 20D exemption to Todd Dexter to hold the positions of Highway Advisory Committee member and Selectman. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-1. Dexter abstained.

6. Minutes—

Erviti MOVED to approve the minutes of October 29, 2018 as printed. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 20-1.

Dexter abstained as he

was not yet a Selectboard member at that meeting.

7. PVRSD Agreement—Sue O'Reilly McRae said that currently there is no language about school closure in the District agreement. She said that the HEART Committee is working on two options and handed out copies of the most current version of those options. Erviti said that he preferred to read and study the documents before entering into a discussion. Pruyne asked if there would be an alteration to our assessment if we lose our school. O'Reilly McRae said that there will be a meeting with the Consultant on December 5th and that Pruyne should pose his question to him. She said that the current educational model is not sustainable, and that rural districts throughout Massachusetts are struggling. O'Reilly McRae stated that we need to create sustainability over time for ourselves as a town. She emphasized that there is no easy fix, and that adaptation and out-of-the-box thinking will be required to create new, sustainable solutions.

Pruyne wanted to begin a discussion on legal or legislative remedies for fiscal liabilities at WCS. O'Reilly McRae said that we did receive some rural aid. Young said that the State thinks we are already getting more than our share. Pruyne said that \$5,000.00 per school choice student is woefully inadequate, as the actual cost is three to four times higher. He stated that we do not get credit for the quality of our school. The cost of transportation for special education students was discussed and identified as a large expense. Due to the complexity of the issues, the discussion was lengthy and produced far more questions than answers or solutions. O'Reilly McRae said that the HEART Committee asked the Consultant to look at administrative structure. She said that Gill/Montague is currently looking at sharing programs and services with other districts including Pioneer Valley. She concluded by saying that the HEART Committee is taking feedback on what is or is not working and wants to address concerns and update the District agreement accordingly. It was noted that the agreement has not been updated since 1993.

- **8. Selectboard Reports** None this meeting.
- **9. Coordinator Report** There was nothing added to the written report.
- 10. New and Other Business Unanticipated at Time of Meeting Posting —Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney said that he was aware of the pothole in the driveway in front of the new Fire Station, and because it is now a Town building, the Highway crew will fix the pothole tomorrow.

Kevin Alden of the Highway Advisory Committee said that there were elements of the Personnel Policy he would like to see changed to make it mandatory that the Highway Superintendent be given sufficient notice before a crew member takes days off, and to make it a requirement that Highway employees be on call and ready to come in during a bad storm, hurricane or other event. Young said that this could be made a condition of employment for Highway Department members. Alden countered with the suggestion that it be made mandatory for all Town employees.

Young said that he was concerned of the budget impact if we go back to a four-man Highway crew, as the money saved by not having a fourth man has been used to offset the snow and ice deficit. Alden said that he favored a three-man crew and would be hesitant to go back to a four-man crew because it is not sustainable. He said that we cannot keep a four-man crew busy and we don't have the money to afford it. Pruyne asked if temporary workers could be hired for a day or week, or some other short period as needed. Alden noted that it would be difficult to get a qualified person. Erviti suggested getting a laborer without hydraulic licenses for work that does not require the extra qualifications. Delaney pointed out that depending on the project, in some cases properly licensed operators are necessary. Young said that in the winter the crew does not have to come in for straight time when there is no work to be done. He favored paying time-and- a-half when work had to be done outside of the day shift, having them on call and paid something to be on call and ready to come in whenever there is work to be done. Delaney said that it is an inaccurate perception that the crew sits around doing nothing during the day in the winter time. He said that there is always something to be done and that maintenance work never ends. Pruyne said we should have a policy that encourages longevity in the department. Delaney said that he was running an ad for full-time help but had received no responses as of yet. Erviti suggested finding two people willing to work part-time. Young directed Delaney to run an ad for full time and part time help. Alden said that Young and Delaney should team up and write a STRAP grant.

At this point (8:50 p.m.) Fratangelo excused herself and left the meeting.

Fire Chief Ron Gates wanted help getting some phone lines for garage and navigating the state procurement discount system. Fire and Police plain landlines are provided by a competitive local exchange carrier called EarthLink. Since they do not own poles and wires or any actual physical facilities and operate over Verizon's, Chief Gates is having difficulty getting new lines to the new station provision. Young had previously told him the Chief that needed to order from Verizon the incumbent provider and they

pointed him at a state bid. Chief Gates came before the Board to ask for advice and help which Young has provided by filling out a state bid procurement form and providing our tax-free status.

11. Public Comment—None.

Adjournment

Erviti MOVED to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Dexter SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting:

- *Draft Minutes of October 29, 2018
- *Town Coordinator Report dated November 8, 2018
- *Franklin Regional Council of Governments Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Franklin Regional Council of Governments and the Town of Warwick for Green Communities Program Technical Assistance
- *PVRSD FY 19 Final Budget Revisions 8/9/2018 (partial, Warwick and Leyden did not appear as document failed to print on both sides
- *PVRSD FY 20 Budget Projection
- *PVRSD School Committee List 2018 2020
- *Warwick Broadband Service Income Statement July 1, 2018 October 31, 2018
- *Proposed changes to PVRSD Agreement Section IV <u>Location and Lease of the Member Town Schools</u> Option 1 (after 10/17/18 HEART Discussion
- * Proposed changes to PVRSD Agreement Section IV Location and Lease of the Member Town Schools Option 2 (based on feedback from Warwick Selectboard)

Selectboard Minutes November 26, 2018

Members present: Lawrence Pruyne, Todd Dexter, James Erviti

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Clerk and Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Treasurer Beth Gilgun, Buildings and Energy Committee Chair Janice Kurkoski, PVRSD School Committee and HEART Committee member Sue O'Reilly McRae, Erik Ross, Jon Calcari

I. Call to Order

Chair Pruyne called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. in the Town Hall.

II. Minutes

Erviti MOVED to accept the minutes of November 13, 2018 as printed. Dexter SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

III. Presentations and Discussions

1. Selectboard Reorganization —This is usually done every time someone is elected or re-elected to the Selectboard. There was a consensus of the Board to keep things as they are, but where Todd Dexter is a newly elected member of the Board, an actual vote was the best course of action.

Erviti MOVED Lawrence Pruyne remain Chair, James Erviti remain Vice Chair and Todd Dexter be Clerk of the Selectboard. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

2. Signing of Green Communities Annual Report—Janice Kurkoski said that at the Buildings and Energy Committee meeting last week some narrative was added to the annual report. She explained the mandatory content for the annual report, which must be submitted electronically on or before December 3rd. Kurkoski said that the baseline year is 2013 because that is the year we became a Green Community, but they have been keeping track since 2007 and in that timespan our energy usage in municipal build-

ings has dropped about 50%. She noted that we can do better at WCS, and that the competitive grant will improve the numbers at WCS, Northfield elementary school and PVRS. Prior to submission of the annual report, the first page must be signed by the Selectboard Chair. Dexter asked questions about heating in Town Hall and wanted to know if the systems currently in place are working suitably as designed and are sustainable. Young recommended not getting rid of the old furnace just to make more room in the basement. Dexter inquired about the focus on fuel usage in Town vehicles. Kurkoski explained that for the Highway Department fuel usage is often tied to storm events, and that was not within the purview of the Buildings and Energy Committee but rather that of Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney. She pointed out that until we reach 20% reduction in overall energy usage, we are eligible to apply for more grants.

Erviti MOVED to authorize Lawrence Pruyne as Chair to sign the Green Communities Annual Report. Dexter SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

3. Tax Classification Hearing—Pruyne called the tax classification hearing to order at its legally posted time of 6:30 p.m. Treasurer Beth Gilgun explained that the State requires there be a tax classification hearing before the tax rate is set for each fiscal year. She said that Warwick has only residential and agricultural properties, and that historically we have one classification which results in a single tax rate. Gilgun said the tax rate is \$21.24, which is lower than FY 18. No one had any comments on the tax rate.

Dexter MOVED to have a single tax rate for the Town of Warwick for FY 2019. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Pruyne closed the hearing at 6:34 p.m.

- **4. Update on Accounting**—Young said that there was nothing to report, and that he hoped to have something to report at the next meeting.
- 5. Commercial Grow—Erik Ross of Hastings Heights Road said that he wants to get out of retail and the daily commute to Cambridge and is looking to make his land an income producing property. He said that he is in the very early stages of the process and has conducted a large amount of research. Ross said that it would be a family run business with no external changes made to the property. He said that the garage would be remodeled on the inside to convert the space to an indoor marijuana grow. Ross explained that there are strict requirements to be met, including an alarm system, security, a stock room, washing area and bathroom. He characterized this as a tier one micro business, and a grow-only facility that would not involve sales in town. Ross said that he must have a host/user agreement and hold an announced community outreach meeting with specific posting and hosting rules. Ross reiterated that everything is still very preliminary at this point and that he wanted to come before the Board to answer any questions and find out how best to proceed. He noted that he wants to use community-based contractors and pointed out that all persons entering the restricted area will first have to undergo a thorough background check. Ross said that he wanted to consult with Police Chief Shoemaker and have him do a site visit and get his input. The subject of questions from the Board included power, HVAC, refrigeration, and plumbing. Dexter commented that the Cannabis Commission rules will dictate how the Town fits into the process. Young noted that at some point there needs to be a letter of non-opposition from the Town. He also said that Town Counsel should be consulted before such a letter is issued. Dexter said that he wanted to hear more about Ross's business plan and have more information on the logistics and legal aspects. Erviti also said that he wanted to see an actual business plan. There was a consensus of the Board to have Ross do more research and follow-up with respect to the issues raised and then contact Pruyne to be put on a future agenda for an update and further discussion.
- **6. Reminder of December 5 Forum PVRS, HEART Committee, Towns at 6:30 p.m.**—The meeting will take place in the PVRS cafeteria. Young said that this is a very important meeting. Sue O'Reilly McRae said that the HEAERT Committee was looking for feedback from Selectboards before their next meeting in January. The Board members first addressed issues with Option 1 for the process to close a school. Erviti said that

specific definitions were needed for the terms "extraordinary circumstances" and "feasibility study". He stated that the complete fiscal analysis must be done independently of the School Committee. Erviti said that a review of population trends would likely not prove helpful, and he wanted it specified in what ways the process for closing a school would include the Selectboard.

Pruyne said that a hearing should be held in the town directly impacted by a proposed school closing. Dexter asked in what way do they determine cost savings and the impact on the regional budget and the individual assessments to member towns. He also inquired what the exact meaning was of "educational organizational scheme" O'Reilly McRae said it refers to class size and how to restructure classes. It was suggested that clearer, plainer language be used. Young suggested replacing "complete fiscal analysis" with "comprehensive independent fiscal modeling". The Board wanted clarification on what the process would be and how the Selectboard would be involved when its Town's school is potentially being considered for closure. O'Reilly McRae said that there was nothing in the agreement about this and that our newest School Committee member Jessica Marshall brought it up by asking what the role of the Selectboard should be. Pruyne noted that closure is defined as no longer assigning District students to a particular school. If no students are assigned, then the school is essentially closed. He wanted to know if a school is closed in a community and the students are forced to be bussed to another town, how will the Town get compensated for the loss of services and the reduction in real estate values. Pruyne wanted to know if there would be a reduction in that town's assessment. He wanted something in writing regarding consideration of the additional financial burden for a town whose school is closed. Dexter said that there needs to be clarity of how this is to be handled.

Turning to Option 2, Erviti said that the *ad hoc* School Closing Advisory Committee is useless and it either needs to be made more binding or gotten rid of. Dexter said that there should be language that the School Committee take a vote on whether or not to act on the ad hoc committee recommendations. O'Reilly McRae said that the reality is the HEART Committee works solely in an advisory capacity and makes recommendations while the School Committee makes the decisions. She said that the objectionable language expresses a reality, and that the member towns appointed people to do the work that the School Committee did not do. Erviti said that there must be a more binding process, and that the percentage of School Committee vote to accept or reject recommendations. There was a consensus of the Board that language include School Committee vote on recommendations.

Pruyne want to further clarify the School Committee vote to close a school has representatives from at least three member towns voting for closure. O'Reilly McRae said that representation of all towns is assured. She said that she will type up what she has heard from the Board and send it to the Board members to verify before passing it along to the Consultant. O'Reilly McRae said that the December 5th meeting will be run by a facilitator.

7. Review of Personnel Policy on Personal Day Call-in and Possible Revisions—Erviti said that he needed a copy of the personnel policy handy. Young suggested putting this item on the next agenda. Dexter asked about the Highway's policy on salt usage. Young said that on Sunday the 25th he received four calls very early in the morning about icy roads. Dexter said that there needs to be a written policy, and that the Highway Advisory Committee needs to know what the Selectboard has done. Dexter then said that he had to abstain from any further discussion as he is also a member of the Highway Advisory Committee. Erviti said that the Highway crew is to use only salt on paved roads unless there are extraordinary circumstances. Young said that Larry Delaney should keep a simple journal reflecting the day time, conditions and what was done, so that everything is documented. He noted that the Board of Health sent letters to those with affected wells and only one party has had their well tested and as a result drilled a new well. Erviti said that data is needed to back up any anecdotal evidence. He said that the Highway workers are to reduce the amount of salt being used to the lowest amount to be effective for the conditions. He stressed that a mix of sand and salt was not to be used, as treated salt is more effective as

- a form of pre-treatment and it works at lower temperatures. Young pointed out that by not mixing salt and sand there was a reduction in the use of both salt and sand last winter.
- **8.** Discussion and Scheduling of a Meeting of Board and Commission Heads—Pruyne said that he wants to hold this meeting sometime after the first of the year. Dexter suggested scheduling this meeting in January on a non-Selectboard meeting Monday at 6 p.m.
- 9. Selectboard Reports— None this meeting.
- **10.** Coordinator Report—Young said that the District wanted us to spend \$7,000.00 for repairs to the WCS generator. He expressed concern over the District's willingness to have us spend such a large sum of money for a tune-up and attention to the starter. Young said that Steve Kurkoski and Roland Weld are looking at the generator.
- 11. New and Other Business Unanticipated at Time of Meeting Posting —Dexter said that he had approached Patty Lazok about serving on the Finance Committee. He said she expressed some interest and asked for a job description, so he Emailed her our Local Government Handbook. Dexter said that we need to rebuild the Finance Committee to make sure they will be heard, and their work respected and recognized for what they are worth. There was a shared hope among the Board members that some of the past Fin. Comm. Members may come back if new people also come on board and become an active force.

Young said that for the FY 20 Annual Town Meeting he will change the spreadsheet so that voters can see what was expended as well as appropriated and what is requested. He said that he will consult with Moderator David Koester, who is the appointing authority for the Finance Committee.

12. Public Comment—Dexter asked Young to please put something out on the Warwick-L to explain and update Broadband subscribers what is being done to correct the issues with WBS.

Adjournment

Erviti MOVED to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Dexter SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting:

*Draft Minutes of November 13, 2018 Coordinator Report dated November 21, 2018

*Town

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Community Annual Report for Warwick

- * Powers Guaranteed Generators proposal to repair WCS generator dated November 19, 2018
- *MA Rural Plan Focus Areas dated November 14, 2018 from Linda Dunleavy *Proposed changes to PVRSD Agreement Section IV <u>Location and Lease of the Member Town Schools</u> Option 1 (after 10/17/18 HEART Discussion
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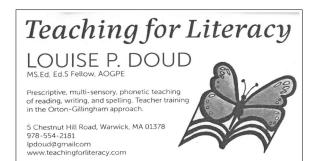
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