

Warwick Community Newsletter

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Please note the following changes to WCN publication rules: In order to save paper and postage (which has risen in cost dramatically over the past couple of years), 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 for news flyer is desired, the organization may print the flyer themselves for insertion (call Nancy Hickler at the Library for the number of copies required—544-7866) or email Andrea Woods, editor, if the information cannot be fit to 1/2 page and a waiver is desired. All articles, ads and correspondence may be emailed to andrea@woods4.com (or call 544-6844 eves.) or left at the Library book/drop-box or the envelope just outside the kitchen on the first floor of the Metcalf Chapel. The price of advertising has not changed. Business card size ads are \$7/month or \$70/year or a double size business card size ad may be requested for \$15/mo. 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.

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Selectboard	6315
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Highway	6349
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Animal Contr.Pager	217-2681
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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 a lot of other very useful information!

NEWS & TIDINGS - WARWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Elizabeth Musgrave, Principal



FAMILY MATH BLAST! Come play games with your WCS friends! Did you know that math skills can be learned through dice and card games? From 6-7 p.m. on Wed., Jan 29th, our cafeteria will be filled with math games and activities for all ages. During this same hour, there will be a brief forum for parents to learn about and ask questions about our new curriculum, Math Expressions.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SAMUEL SIMON, grade 6! Sam has won the D.A.R.E. Essay Contest for eastern Franklin County! His essay will go forward into state-wide competition. Well done!!

DARE



PERFECT ATTENDANCE! We are nearing the half-way mark in our school year and I am elated to report again this year that overall school attendance at WCS has been outstanding! Over 45% of our students have missed just one day of school or less! We have 7 children with **PERFECT** attendance: Antonio and Helena Damato, Cadence and Reece Hains, Charlotte Kahler, Ross Nygard, and Anita Peters. And 19 more with just one absence: Audrey Elwood, Tyler Hatch, Jacob Vieu, Hunter Melvin, Luke Picard, Michael Ploof, Benjamin Walker, Elizabeth Matthews, Baylee Rousseau, Mary Simon, Martin Seago, Arwen Hansell, Sarah Johnson, Brennan Killay, Dylan Lau, Anna Picard, Samuel Simon, Sara Simon, and Lily Walker.

WINTERFEST: WCS will celebrate winter on Valentine's Day morning with Heart-Healthy games and activities. Deerfield Teachers' Center will bring us a "history lab" on colonial lighting, and our Warwick Fire-fighters will present a safety workshop. Parent volunteers will be needed! Please let us know if you can help. Watch for a flyer with details coming home soon!



CLASSROOM BUZZ... This month we feature **GRADES 5 & 6:** January brought well-rested smiling faces returning to school after the December holidays! It hasn't taken long for us to jump back into the full swing. We are completing our unit on fiction with a study of theme. We have been exploring in-depth several themes that we encountered in our read aloud book, *The Tiger Rising* by Kate DiCamillo. Students are also finding themes in their independent reading books. Within the next week we will begin our unit on non-fiction and also begin preparing for the March English Language Arts MCAS exams.

After taking a break in order to complete other projects, we returned to our science unit on density. Students have been using different concentrations and colors of salt water to see how they can be layered inside of a clear drinking straw. Of course, the most concentrated (most dense) solutions sink and the least concentrated (least dense) solutions float. Knowing that table salt is 18 grams per tablespoon and tap water is 240 grams per cup, students have been able to calculate the exact densities of these solutions. Soon we will be using triple beam balances and graduated cylinders to measure the different densities in grams per milliliter. Aside from being great classroom science, this learning has a direct connection to our study of oceans and deep water currents as we prepare for our trip to Cape Cod in the spring!

On Tuesday, January 28th we will be welcoming several long-time Warwick residents who we will interview about their experiences and memories of living in our town. This project is part of our study and celebration of Warwick's 250th anniversary. This spring our school is planning a culminating celebration which we are calling a Warwick Towne Faire. At the faire, each classroom will be sharing the projects that they have undertaken and completed during the course of the year. The fifth and sixth grade essays will be displayed in final copy form, along with many photos of the project and video footage that we take of each of the residents' responses to, "What is your favorite thing about living in Warwick?" We welcome everyone from the community to The Towne Faire and hope that we will see you there!

Ms. Lynn Hansell

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

The next Guild meeting will be Tuesday, February 4 in the Town Hall. Ed Lemon will continue his presentation on the Town of Warwick and Historical Society websites. (There was not sufficient time at the Janu-

ary meeting for a demonstration of the Warwick Historical Society website: steamkite.com.) Our regular business meeting and refreshments will follow. A luncheon at a local restaurant on

February 13 is being planned, and details will be available at the meeting. Hope to see you there!—*Martha Morse*

**H E L P M E G O T O
T A N N E N ' S M A G I C
C A M P !**

Hi! My name is Eaden Marti and I am 14 years old. I have been doing magic tricks for the past seven years; some of you may have seen me perform at the Warwick Town Hall last spring. I have been learning on my own and working with close-up magician Fran Ferry. I am at the point that I would like to start studying with more master magicians. Tannen's Magic Camp is a summer camp for teenaged magicians like myself. If I go there I will be able to study with other teenagers and magicians from all around the U.S.

To go to Tannen's Magic Camp I need to raise money. I am doing this in several ways. I have a GoFundMe account, and I would also like to do odd jobs around the area. I would be willing to work odd jobs in Warwick, Royalston, and Northfield. I can do a great many things, including the following:

- baby sitting
- lawn mowing

- raking
- animal care
- wood splitting/stacking
- painting
- farm work

If you would like to donate but don't need work yourself, you can buy a gift certificate for a friend. The certificate can be used at any time when the work is needed.

Every cent is greatly appreciated!

If you want more information on Tannen's Magic Camp, here is the link:

<http://tannensmagiccamp.com/site/Home.html>

If I do not get into Tannen's this year, I will use the money I raise to sign up early for the 2015 session.

Thank you,

Eaden Marti
c/o Claudia Lewis and Zachary Marti
4 Rockwood Rd
Warwick, MA 01378
Phone: (978)544-2488

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

QUESTION: *Break Your Neck and What Do You Get?*

ANSWER: *A lot of support.*

I'm not talking about that rigid green plastic neck support I had to wear for over 6 months, that looked like badly designed "bling" for a Klingon.

Although if you think your life is going way too fast, try wearing one (I'm talking 24 hours a day, 8 days a week) with a constant pain in the neck, and your life will slow way, wa-a-ay dow-w-w-w-wn. If you don't want to break your neck, which seems pretty smart to me, you can get that constant pain in the neck by listening to the news coming out of the congress in D.C. or "talking" to a computer on the phone or try opening a molded plastic package Anyway it sure seemed like a long time to me.

I want to say thank you so very much for all the support from my family, friends and neighbors. Wow. Double WOW. Thank you for your help and care during the early weeks. For running my errands, and driving me around and weeding the garden and carrying and lifting stuff I didn't even know I had. Thank you for sharing your humorous selves and keeping my spirits up. Very important for healing. Your letters and kind words over six months were such great support I nearly threw away the Klingon bling. It's for sale now if anyone is interested. I think if you sprayed it gold and glued some glitter and sequins on, it might be pretty cool. I will say it's a real traffic stopper. All I had to do was just look across Main Street and cars screeched to a halt. Both directions too. Blue smoke and everything.

Thank you everyone. Especially to Nurse Leigh. I am doing great. - *Michael Humphries*

W I L D L I F E T R A C K I N G I N W A R W I C K

Sunday, February 16 from 1-3 pm.

David Brown, author of *Trackards* and *Companion Guide to Trackards for North American Mammals*, will lead a walk in search of the tracks and sign of wild animals that make our local natural areas their home. The route will be no more than a half mile. Dress for a slow walk in cold and snow. Snowshoes may be helpful depending on conditions. Meet in front of the library from where we will travel to a nearby site. The walk is free and open to area residents.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Warwick Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.



CIRCUIT BREAKER NEWS

Tax Relief for Massachusetts Senior Citizens 15th Anniversary

Dear Friends,

Here's a reminder about "The Circuit Breaker," a tax credit for Massachusetts senior citizens age 65 and older. It's called the Circuit Breaker Tax Credit because it is "triggered," like an electrical circuit breaker, when property tax payments exceed 10 percent of a senior's annual income.

Those who qualify will still be required to pay property taxes to their local communities. But they will receive a dollar credit for every dollar their property tax, and certain water and sewer bills, exceed 10 percent of their income, up to the \$1,030 maximum.

Senior citizens who rent their homes can also take advantage of the same dollar for dollar credit, up to the same \$1,030 maximum, if 25 percent of their annual rent exceeds 10 percent of their annual income. No special application is required. If you are qualified, you can receive this credit by filling out a 2013 Massachusetts state income tax return before the April 2014 deadline. Official information packets from the state Department of Revenue for 2013 state income tax returns will include Circuit Breaker schedules and will be available in local libraries and post offices beginning early in 2014.

Here are the basic requirements for eligibility:

- *Must be a Massachusetts resident, age 65 or older;
- *Must own or rent residential property in Massachusetts as your primary residence;
- *Must have an annual income of \$55,000 or less for a single filer; \$69,000 or less for a head of household; and \$82,000 or less for joint filers.

You are ineligible for this tax credit if:

- *You are married and do not file a joint a return;
- *You are a dependent of another tax filer;
- *You receive a federal or state rent subsidy directly, or live in a property tax exempt facility;
- *Your property is assessed at a value greater than \$700,000.

This tax credit was approved in 1999, was implemented in 2001, and is based on a bill I filed after hearing concerns raised by seniors in Pelham. Over the years it has helped tens of thousands of seniors save millions on their property taxes.

If you need more information, please don't hesitate to contact my district office at 413-587-6365, or the state Department of Revenue Customer Service Bureau at 617-887-MDOR, or toll-free at 800-392-6089, or visit their website, www.massdor.com.

This law is based on a bill I filed after hearing concerns raised by seniors in Pelham. I hope this tax credit will help alleviate some of the burdens property taxes can create.

Best Wishes, *Stan Rosenberg*

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

A TOUGH PILL TO SWALLOW: There are common medications in most every home that can be toxic to your pets.

Ibuprofen, a popular and effective over-the-counter medication to treat pain and inflammation in people, can easily exceed toxic levels in ***dogs***. The most common cause of ibuprofen toxicity is a well-meaning owner trying to alleviate pain in his dog who administers a dose he thinks is adequate without knowing the toxic dose. The initial toxic effect is bleeding stomach ulcers. In addition to ulcers, increasing doses of ibuprofen eventually leads to kidney failure and, if left untreated, can be fatal. Symptoms to watch for include: Poor appetite, vomiting, black tarry stools, vomiting blood, dehydration, weakness, and lethargy. *There is no home care for ibuprofen toxicity. Veterinary care is strongly suggested to treat kidney failure and bleeding stomach ulcers.*

Acetaminophen, including Tylenol®, Percoset®, aspirin free Excedrin® and various sinus, cold and flu medications can be toxic to pets as well. Dogs most commonly receive toxic amounts of acetaminophen because owners medicate them without consulting a veterinarian. They also consume tablets that are dropped on the floor or left lying around. Dogs are less sensitive to acetaminophen than ***cats***. For example, a 50 pound dog would need to ingest over seven 500 mg tablets

in order to suffer toxic effects. In the cat, one 250 mg acetaminophen tablet could be fatal. Symptoms come in stages, starting with vomiting, difficulty breathing and brown gums, followed by swelling of the face and limbs, uncoordinated movements, painful abdomen and jaundice.

Aspirin: Cats are more susceptible to the effects of aspirin than are dogs because they are unable to metabolize the drug as quickly. Young animals are more susceptible to the toxic effects than are adult animals. Aspirin toxicity may cause gastrointestinal problems, respiratory difficulties, neurological problems, bleeding disorders, and kidney failure. Gastrointestinal problems are common in dogs whereas central nervous system depression is most common in cats. Symptoms of aspirin toxicity include: loss of appetite, abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, black stools and lethargy. Aspirin stimulates the brain's respiratory center so most dogs will pant excessively, although the dog may also experience extreme mental depression with decreased respirations. Neurological symptoms may include restlessness, anxiety, depression, incoordination and (rarely) seizures. Aspirin toxicity can cause acute kidney failure with symptoms such as vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite, lethargy, extreme

thirst, and dilute urine.

To best protect your pets from the dangers in your medicine cabinet, remember that the best preventive care is to give your dog medications only if directed by your veterinarian. ***Medications that may be safe for people can be fatal to pets.*** Also, make sure that all medications are kept out of the reach of inquisitive pets. Keeping medicine safely stored away can prevent many tragedies.

RABIES CLINIC 2014: The annual Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, March 29 at the Fire Station from 10am - 11:30am. See next month's newsletter for complete details on available vaccinations and parasite preventatives. Save the date, and please come early!

-Rosa Calcari

T R A N S I T I O N T O W N S

Update on the Pioneer Valley Transition Towns Film Festival

The 2014 Film Festival will be later this year on November 14th at the Cohn Commons at GCC. Submissions will be due by Oct 17th. Revised information on the 2014 submission criteria is available at www.TransitionNorthfieldma.org.

There will be a showing of the films from previous Festivals on March 8th, 4:00-6:00 pm at the All Things Local store in Amherst. Following introductions and the screenings, a discussion will be led by Tina Clark. Refreshments will also be served.

We are also planning for similar events in Northampton and Holyoke. Those will be noted on the website www.TransitionNorthfieldMA.org and on the "L".

Questions contact PVTTF@Gmail.com or Judy Phillips, 978.544.2653.

Warwickians On-Line

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

Did You Know?

The Warwick Fire Department has a Facebook Page? "Like" them. It's the least you could do. You never know when they might save your life.

RESTAURANT REVIEW TERRAZZO @ CCG

Terrazza @ CCG
244 Country Club Road
Greenfield, MA 01301
413-772-0970
Open 7 days a week Lunch 11:00 – 3:30
Dinner 4:00 – 10:00

Recently went to Terrazza at the Greenfield Country Club with some friends. Luckily it was a Wednesday evening and I had been hearing their ads on radio that Wednesday's were \$20 meal night. What a surprise for us. The place was packed and we ended up being seated in a back banquet room which eventually filled up also. It was a cozy little room with red walls and red and black drapes. It gave a warm feeling to the room.

Our waiter explained it was a full dinner including an appetizer, salad, entrée and dessert for \$20, if you selected pasta or chicken. If you opted for veal, you added another \$3, seafood \$5 or steak \$10. We got to select an appetizer, including calamari, shrimp cocktail and a couple other selections. We all opted for shrimp cocktail and laughed thinking we would be lucky to get 1 shrimp for the price. Sur-

prise! We got 4 jumbo shrimp served on a bed of lettuce with cocktail sauce. The salad you could chose a Caesar salad or mixed greens. The salad was filled with romaine lettuce, cucumbers, cherry tomatoes, and black olives. I selected Chicken Marsala as my main entrée. It was 2 large pieces of chicken topped with Marsala sauce and mushrooms and served with a side of pasta. Others had various chicken dishes and we were all very pleased.

Our choices for dessert were Cappuccino Cake, Carrot Cake, Tiramisu or Vanilla Ice Cream. I chose the Cappuccino Cake which was about 6 layers of chocolate cake, cappuccino filling, and whipped cream. Delicious!

We almost had to be rolled out to our cars, we were so full. Next time, I'd take half my entrée home in a doggy bag and make another meal, there was that much food. Highly recommend Terrazza especially on a Wednesday for the meal deal. Regular prices are more. I looked them up and the 4 large jumbo shrimp are normally \$10.99, the Chicken Marsala is normally \$16.99 and I'm sure the dessert is about \$6. So what a bargain! Hope they keep this deal going for awhile. Bon Appetite. *Gloria Varno*

SMOKIN HOT NEWS FROM THE FIREHOUSE

Warwick Fire wishes the winter conditions would ease up, but many of us plow, and everyone in Warwick knows all too well that winter is long. We aren't waiting for groundhogs, because we know it'll be May before we stop worrying about slippery roads and walkways. It will be May before we are sure blossoms can come out safely and signify the surety of Spring.

That's a long time from now.

Tis the season for Burning Brush: www.fcburnpermits.com or 413 625-8200 to apply. Please use your head, use caution and have tools and water available so you can contain your blaze. Call 911 if it gets out of control.

The annual **Spaghetti Supper** at Warwick Town Hall is Saturday, **March 1st at 6 pm**. Meatballs and spaghetti, salad, rolls and beverage served by your favorite firefighters. It's not quite a trip to the Bahamas, or Mexico's sunny beaches, but there is sunshine in friendly faces and warmth in good food. So if you aren't in Acapulco or Palm Springs, join us.

Oh! Josh Baldic of Wendell Rd has graduated the Firefighter 1 & 2 Basic Training Course. This means there are only a couple of regular firefighters in Warwick who haven't been through this all-encompassing certification course. "It's been a departmental goal to have this training. I'm really proud of Josh."

Chief Gates is still committing to this year for the Warwick Public Safety Building. Fire Department guys are chomping at the bit. Members of the community are saying "We will believe it when we see it." Hopefully by the time the next newsletter comes out, I can report real steps forward.

Because Spring Is Just Around The Corner.

Chief Ron Gates can be reached at 978 544-8052.

-Bill Lyman





TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK

FEBRUARY 2014

Dear Friends,

The month of February is designated as “Black History Month”, but how much attention do we really pay to Black history? We have already had Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Day in January, so what more is there to say or do? Actually there is a whole lot more to both say and do.

We don’t like to be told about our “sins”, either personal or communal, that is so counter-productive, so religiously controlling. We much prefer looking ahead with optimism and acceptance. After all, “I’m OK, You’re OK”, right? But how do I know if I don’t look behind at what I leave in my wake and dare to ask, “Is this what I intended?”

Black History Month, in schools, tends to focus on the positive contributions individuals of African heritage have made to society; that is, contributions that advance white cultural values. That approach assumes that we have the best society possible, and any criticism, any reference to lingering racism, arises out of self-loathing, if you’re white, or racial hatred if you’re a non-white.

What about the possibility of loving this nation so much that you want us to be moving in a “better” direction than we are currently heading? What do I mean by “better”? I mean reaching for a standard of relating to others, both personally and communally, with love and compassion rather than fear and suspicion, cooperation rather than greed and violence, honest dialog rather than self-serving cynicism. I have been part of gatherings that attempted to talk about racism but dissolved into bitter accusation and denial. So aren’t I being unrealistic? In the short term, absolutely. Unattainable? Only if we accept it’s unattainability and allow the voices of fear, division and greed to drown out the prophetic voices of cooperative change for the greater good; if we continue to refuse (as the Buddhists would say) to “live consciously”.

Living consciously, being aware of the suffering of others, our part in their on-going suffering and what part we might play in the reduction of suffering, is what drove Prince Siddhartha Gautama out of the safety and luxury of the palace to become the Buddha. It is the core of the Jewish tenet of *Tikkun Olam*, or “world repair”. It is at the heart of what Jesus taught, what inspired St Francis of Assisi and many of the monastic orders. Living consciously and trusting in a loving, transcendent Spirit is what empowered Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr and the leaders of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to risk their lives for a future of equality and justice for all that we haven’t yet reached..

All of these people and more have repeatedly told us to look at how we are living so that we can be freed from our self-imposed prisons of fear and prejudice. It is a daunting journey, full of diversions and seductive opportunities for “plausible deniability” and self-delusion. I know this because I am on this journey just like everyone else. I find reasons “outside my control” that keep me from advancing as quickly as I would if “others” were more supportive of me. I make sacrifices so that, “if others did the same” we could all live better, more sustainably, more productively and compassionately. Then I am made aware of how “others” might see me and I am (when I am capable of being honest with myself and not overly defensive) mortified. But that is a good thing, otherwise, I continue in my blindness, oblivious to the harm I am doing while meaning to do good. Living consciously is not a solitary endeavor.

It does indeed take a village to raise a child, and it takes a community to keep that child in us growing in positive ways; a community committed to compassion and honest, open communication. Then we need to be trusting enough to listen and courageous enough to ask questions.

In faith,

Dan

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

F E B R U A R Y E V E N T S

SOME ACTIVITIES OF THE MISSION COMMITTEE OF THE TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK**BEDDING & BLANKET DRIVE (& hats, coats, gloves)**

The emergency shelter has moved from Turners Falls to Greenfield. It is a more central location and the space is newer and cleaner, but they still need our donations of bedding, towels etc, to supplement their tight budget. One trip has already been made this year and the blankets, sheets, pillows and coats were very gratefully received. There are many people in need and the winter is harsh.

ORANGE FOOD PANTRY/FOODBANK OF WESTERN MA.

On **SUNDAY, FEB 2**, we will be collecting **food, personal care items & \$** for the **FOODBANK and Pantry**. Collection cups (anyone out there familiar with the term "Mitre box"?) are available in the church pantry for collecting spare change. A food donation box is always available in the front hall of the chapel.

THE MISSION COMMITTEE ALSO MADE DONATIONS IN 2013 IN SUPPORT OF;

Disaster Relief through Church World Service, Warm the Children Fund, ServiceNet Inc, the Food Bank of Western MA, the Franklin County Community Meals Program (Orange Food Pantry)

If you would like to support the work of the Mission Committee and enjoy yourself doing so, come to **PIZZA & "BLUES NIGHT"** **SAT, FEB 15 PIZZA @**

6 PM MUSIC @ 7 PM

Once again some of Warwick's best homemade Pizzas will be sold by the piece. There will be a HUGE selection of hot pizza slices, salad, drinks and desserts. Proceeds will help fund the Mission Committee of the Trinitarian Congregational Church. And if you over indulge, dance those calories away upstairs!

WORKSHOP for improving PERSONAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS Sun, Feb 23
12:30PM Metcalf Chapel

led by Suzanne Renna

Warwick's own Suzanne Renna has been leading these interactive workshops around the country and is offering to do this for us, her friends and neighbors. This practice will provide tools for enriching relationships between friends and family.

There will be a **Pot Luck Lunch** at 11:30 in the chapel basement before the workshop.

The Gathering Place

Town Hall Kitchen

Every Friday between 10:00am - 2:00pm

High Speed Internet Service; Cell Phone Service; Air Conditioning;
Heat; Food; Fellowship; Friendship; Neighbor to Neighbor; FUN.

Whichever you choose, plan to join us at the Town Hall Gatherings on Friday's.

******Feb. 07******

Split Pea or Veg. Split pea soup
Homemade Multigrain Bread / Johnny Cake
Ham & Cheese or Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Cape Cod Oatmeal Cookies / Carrot Cake

******Feb. 14******

Italian Sausage w/ Kale or Veg. Onion Soup
Homemade Multigrain Bread
Roasted red pepper, Spinach, Chicken Panini or Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Red Velvet / Joe Frogger Cookies

******Feb. 21******

Chicken & Rice or Vegetable Soup
Homemade Multigrain Bread
Turkey or Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Mint Brownies / Chocolate Cherry Cake

******Feb. 28******

Kielbasa Cabbage or Veg. Cabbage Soup
Homemade Multigrain Bread
Ham Grinder or Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Sweet Potato Pie / Lemon Bars

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.

**Menus are subject to change but we will do our best to stay with what is published here and on the Warwick L each week.
Ingredient List is posted at the Town Hall on Fridays.

COME TO ZUMBA!**\$5 DROP IN FEE****TOWN HALL—SUNDAY 8am, TUES/THURS 6pm****GET HEALTHY, HAVE FUN DANCING TO GREAT MUSIC**

Selectboard Minutes—Nov. 25, 2013

Members present: Dawn Magi, Nick Arguimbau

Member Absent: Patricia Lemon

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo Calcari, Assessors Clerk Beth Gilgun, Assessor Keith Ross, Arline Lincoln Vanderstelt, A. George Day, Jr., Alana Day, Jon Calcari, Paula Lundgren Robinson (*Athol Daily News*)

I. Call to Order

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

Public Comment None.

Minutes

Arguimbau MOVED to approve the minutes of November 12, 2013 as printed. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

IV. Presentations and Discussions**1. Recognition of Residents with Many Years of Service to the Town**

Magi recognized key contributors to the Town's history who were unable to attend the recognition event on November 2, 2013 by listing their various contributions and handing them certificates of recognition for their service. Magi recognized Arline Lincoln Vanderstelt for her 32 total years of service in seven different capacities. It was noted that Ms. Lincoln Vanderstelt is still active on four committees. A. George Day, Jr. was recognized for his twenty-four different positions held in Town through the years for a total of 314 years of service to Warwick. It was pointed out that Mr. Day currently serves the Town in nine different capacities. Magi also recognized Alana Day for her service on the Cemetery Commission.

2. Chapter 268 Section 20D Exemptions —

Arguimbau MOVED to declare the position of Fence Viewer as Special Municipal Employee. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED

Arguimbau said that he does not like the list of suggested motions supplied by Town Coordinator Young, as he received a complaint after the last meeting from someone who felt that suggested motions constitute a violation of Open Meeting laws. Arguimbau made it clear that while this is not a violation, it could have that appearance to the public. Young said that his suggested motions are designed to complete agenda items, and pointed out that he does not consult with any Board members in formulating the motions. Magi said that she finds the suggested motions to be very helpful, and reminded everyone that these motions are suggested and not mandatory. Young said that suggested motions are given to each Board member at the meeting and that they are not seen before then.

Magi MOVED to grant MGL Chapter 268 Section 20D exemptions to Brian Miner and Brad Matthews so they may, in addition to holding contracts with the Town to mow and/or plow snow and serving as firefighters, also serve as uncompensated fence Viewers. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

3. Tax Classification Hearing—Magi opened the hearing at 6:15pm.

No reasons were offered not to continue to tax all classes of property at a single rate. Assessor Keith Ross said that the single tax rate is most efficient for Warwick. Assessor's Clerk Beth Gilgun explained that there is no industrial property in Town; all property is classified as residential/agricultural. She explained that by law tax classification must be done every year.

Magi MOVED to close the Tax Classification Hearing at 6:17pm.

Magi MOVED to tax all classes of property at a single tax rate.

The necessary paperwork was signed and given to the Assessor's Clerk. Young noted that the tax rate is \$18.33 per \$1,000 of valuation.

4. Whipple Class II and Class III License Renewal —

Arguimbau MOVED to grant Rodney Whipple two license renewals of Class II and Class III licenses. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Young explained that this is done annually. Proof of insurance has been provided and the payment of license fees has been made.

5. Recreation Committee Appointment—

Magi MOVED to appoint Kerry Cooke to the Recreation Committee for a term ending June 30, 2014. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

6. Part-Time Highway Driver/Laborer Hourly Pay Rate Correction—

Young explained that the vote taken at the November 12, 2013 meeting was based on a miscalculation of the hourly rate for a Highway Truck Driver/Laborer. Accountant Janice Barrett had sent Young a memo that identified the current rate for Highway Temporary Help to be \$16.86 rather than the previously voted \$16.94.

Arguimbau MOVED to correct the Highway Driver/Laborer hourly rate to \$16.86 per advice of the Accountant for the purpose of maintaining pay equity. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

7. PVRSD "Invitation to Collaborate" on Defining Capital—Young said

that the School District has invited us to collaborate on the definition of capital by attending a meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at PVRHS. He said that the Buildings and Energy Committee felt that someone from the Finance Committee should attend, but no one has volunteered. Arguimbau said that he would attend if transportation could be provided for him. Magi said that she would attend and provide transportation for her fellow Board member. Young said that he would post it as a Selectboard meeting for the purposes of discussing definitions of capital. Posting is required because a quorum of the Board will attend the meeting at PVRHS.

Magi MOVED that Nick Arguimbau and Dawn Magi be the Warwick representatives for the meeting December 4th at the Regional High School to discuss the definition of capital. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

8. Selectboard Reports—Arguimbau said that he read an article in the *MMA Advocate* on the subject of electronic records and documents. He said that while he felt that we are in compliance with respect to Open Meeting laws, he feared that we were not in compliance with respect to the Public Information Act. He noted that public records must be removed from private computers within a certain timeframe. Arguimbau asked that this issue be placed on a future agenda for discussion on what needs to be done to bring us into compliance. Young said that he will do some research to identify a plan currently in use that can be tailored to fit the Town's needs.**9. Coordinator Report**—Young said that he had exchanged more correspondence with the Veterans Service District. He noted that he will have to meet with the Finance Committee for a Reserve Fund Transfer to cover the \$902.25 pro rated assessment for FY14.

Young said that he conducted an exit interview with Highway Superintendent Tim Kihart before he left to begin his new job in Hubbardston. Young said that he would transform his raw notes into a report for the Board.

Young said that he will furnish Magi and Arguimbau with past definitions of capital for them to have for the December 4th meeting at PVRHS.

10. New and Other Items Not Reasonably Anticipated Prior to Posting Notice—None.**V. Adjournment**

At 6:45 pm, Magi MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Selectboard Minutes—Dec. 30, 2013

Members present: Dawn Magi, Nick Arguimbau, Patricia Lemon

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo Calcari, Fire Chief Ron Gates, Jon Calcari, Paula Lundgren Robinson (*Athol Daily News*)

I. Call to Order

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

Public Comment-None.

Minutes

Arguimbau MOVED to approve the minutes of November 12, 2013 as printed. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

IV. Presentations and Discussions

1. **Goodwin Chapter 61 Release**—Young said that the Chairs of the Planning Board and Open Space Committee both recommended that the Town waive its right of first refusal on the Goodwin property that is coming out of Chapter 61. A certified letter was received on September 28, 2013 in which James C. and Marlene A. Goodwin of 808 Orange Road stated their intention to sell forest land currently enrolled in Chapter 61. There is a 120 day waiting period for the Town to exercise its right of purchase. It is recommended the Goodwins be notified in writing that the Town will not exercise its option to purchase the property.

Lemon MOVED to approve a Chapter 61 release of the Town's option to buy the Goodwin property that the Town has received notice is coming out of Chapter 61 and authorize Chair Dawn Magi to sign the release letter. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED

2. **Report on Meeting to Define Capital with Respect to PVRS** — Arguimbau attended the meeting along with Buildings and Energy Committee member Janice Kurkoski. Arguimbau reported that nothing substantive came out of this first meeting, and said that various things were discussed that did not relate to the meeting's agenda. It was noted that Kurkoski tried to persuade PVRS to consider performance contracting in the future but did not get very far. Young said he will attend the next meeting himself. He also indicated that the towns of Montague and Gill have signed an agreement on performance contracting that the PVRS District could use as a paradigm.
3. **Establish Timeline for Decision on Uses of Gale Road**—Young said that this item was on the agenda at the request of Board member Arguimbau. Young recommended the scheduling of an agenda item in late March to make a decision on the continued use of a portion of Gale Road as a site to exercise draft horses. Young noted that by that time the Hurlberts will have had plenty of time to seek permission from the abutters of the abandoned roadway as an alternative site to exercise their horses. Young said that the Hurlberts would be invited to come before the Board at that time.
4. **MBI 123 Middle Mile Fiber Project Update** —Young said that 25 of 123 towns were operational, but that Warwick is not among them. He said that work has not been completed at the Mount Grace Tower, and noted that because the cell tower is not covered under the grant, work to complete a circuit at the cell tower will have to be done at the Town's expense. Young said that Warwick Broadband System (WBS) has installed a weatherproof box on a pedestal and conduit has been buried with pulls, which means that we will be ready to proceed once Axia, the network operator, takes control of the local network segment. Young said that once completed, the fiber feed will be at each of the towers and at Town Hall.

5. **Documentation of Firefighter Compensation**—Board member Lemon had requested that this item be placed on the agenda

as a way to discuss the method used to document firefighter compensation. Fire Chief Ron Gates said that he does not feel that he needs to document for the Board the money given to Fire Department members. He said that he keeps records of all pay, and that as Strong Chief it is up to him to compensate his firefighters. Lemon said that when the Selectboard originally voted, at the request of then-Chief Gunnar Lambert, to allow compensation for the firefighters, Lambert and the Selectboard had agreed on conditions, which needed to be documented. It was stipulated that in order to receive compensation, the firefighters had to respond to at least half of the calls and attend at least half of the training sessions. Young said that he brought this up with consultant Ernest Horn, who did not include it in his report. The Board sets the budget to be voted upon at Town Meeting, but as Strong Chief, Fire Chief Gates does not have to provide documentation, and Chief Lambert should not have agreed to the conditions because the Strong Chief has autonomy over the expenditure of his budget and the pay for members of his department. Lemon withdrew her request for documentation.

Chief Gates said that he has been pushing his firefighters to train more, and said that there has been a large increase in the number of men showing up for training. The Chief noted that there is some very good state training happening in the next couple of months. He said that there are three firefighters who still need to complete Fire Certification 1 and 2, and that he is working towards getting them to complete their certifications.

6. **Pending USDA Rural Development Grant**—Young said that the USDA Rural Development public infrastructure grant we submitted has cleared the first review and awaits the next step. Young said that there is currently no funding available, but that our request should presumably remain in queue until funds become available. He said that he would follow up on where the application stands. If grant funds are released to the Town, they would be put towards the new Highway truck.
7. **DEP Illegal Dumping Case**—Young said that the Board of Health sent a relatively mild letter to the resident giving him six (6) months to clean up an illegal dump near the intersection of Wendell and Wilson Roads. Young said that he intends to work with the resident to get rid of any tires and scrap metal at no cost to the Town or the offender. He noted that there is also a large quantity of household garbage and demolition materials to be removed. Young explained that due to serious arrearage in property taxes, the Town may someday take the property, but in its current state with the illegal dump, this could result in a net financial loss to the Town. Young said that he will devote some time to improving this situation.
8. **Question Regarding Students Enrolled in WCS**—Young said that he had looked into the question that there may have been one or more students enrolled in WCS and living at a seasonal campground. Per the advice of Town Counsel, Young has referred this matter to the Superintendent. He noted that there had been a case where a child attending WCS even though the parents had moved out of state (Hinsdale, NH), and that the School was able to handle this matter. Young said that the Assessor's Clerk had told him that the campground has two houses and that this residency is most likely a rental property.
9. **Colonial Costume Ball** —Young said that the Second Annual 250th Anniversary Gala Costume Ball is scheduled for Friday, January 31, 2014 at 7pm in the Town Hall. The alternate storm date will be Friday, February 7, 2014. Young said that he will ask residents to bring a favorite dessert to share at the event. Young also said that the Moores Pond Beach Committee wishes to operate a cash bar, for which a one day license must be granted by the Selectboard. Young noted that the license must be granted to an individual rather than a group.

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

10. Approve Expenditure of \$6,300.00 of MEMA 2013 Storm Loss

Payment—Young said that the Town has received reimbursement from FEMA I the amount of \$18,753.00. He proposed that the Board vote to authorize the expenditure of \$6,300.00 for the purchase of a new radio and plow frame for the new Highway truck currently on order.

Lemon **MOVED** to authorize the expenditure of \$6,300.00 (six thousand three hundred dollars), of MEMA 2013 storm loss reimbursement that has been received by the Town, on new plow frame and new radio for the new Highway Department heavy duty truck that is on order.

Arguimbau requested more information before offering a second to the motion. Young explained that the Accountant had verified that these funds do not automatically go into the General Fund and therefore can be appropriated by Selectboard vote; no Town Meeting vote is required in this matter.

Arguimbau **SECONDED**. Motion **CARRIED 3-0-0**.

Young said that there was no delivery date yet set for the new truck.

11. DLTA Grant Requests—Young said that FRCOG had sent out the 2014 Local technical Assistance Request Form to be filled out and returned by January 13, 2014. Young read through the various items to gauge the Board's interest, He said that he has distributed the form with a cover letter to Town boards and departments for input in compiling the final prioritized list. Projects that the Board showed interest in included Selectboard Continuing Education Workshops, Finance Committee Essentials, Regional Fire, and Regional Library Collaboration. Animal Control Officer Rosa Fratangelo Calcarì recommended the Animal Control project. There was a consensus of the Board that Young would take the Board's interest and those from other departments and boards and compile the final prioritized list. Arguimbau inquired about the Medical Marijuana item. He noted that Planning Board Chair Ted Cady was against this. There will be one dispensary for each county; Young and Magi were also not in favor of Warwick's involvement.

12. Selectboard Reports—There were no reports.

13. Coordinator Report—Young handed out copies of the Summary of the Conflict of Interest Law for Municipal Employees. All employees must sign and date a form that acknowledges their receipt of this document.

14. New and Other Items Not Reasonably Anticipated Prior to Posting—None.

V. Adjournment



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<i>16</i> Worship Service 10am Wildlife Tracking 1-3pm Zumba 8am	<i>17</i> PRESIDENTS DAY Library Closed School Vacation Week Begins	<i>18</i> Sr. Mealsite 11:45 Library Open 1-8pm Zumba 6pm	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> Library Open 5-8pm Zumba 6pm	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> Transfer Station 8-3 Library Open 10-12:30
<i>23</i> Worship Service 10am Personal Communication Wkshop 12:30 Zumba 8am	<i>24</i> Library Open 10-4	<i>25</i> Sr. Mealsite 11:45 Library Open 1-8pm Zumba 6pm	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> Library Open 5-8pm Zumba 6pm	<i>28</i>	March 1 Fireman's Spaghetti Supper 6pm

FEBRUARY, 2014

WARWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Activity Log
December 2013

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TYPE OF CALL:</u>
12/2/2013	1038	Old Winchester Road	Suspicious vehicle - vehicle left scene before Officer's arrival - possibly hunters scouting the area.
12/3/2013	1514 1927	Shepardson Road Wendell Road	Medical call. Traffic hazard - transferred to Highway Department.
12/4/2013	1056	Warwick	Assist other agency.
12/5/2013	1013	Orange Road	Alarm call - all secure.
12/7/2013	0836	Shepardson Road	Medical call.
12/9/2013	1015 1231	Beech Hill Road Pine Street	Report of past breaking and entering - investigation opened. Walk-in to station reports they were just assaulted by ex-spouse. After investigation arrested Kanin GRATON of Pine Street, Warwick for Assault with Dangerous Weapon (metal bat). After booking, party transported to Orange District Court.
12/10/2013	0950 1448	Shepardson Road Athol Road	Medical call. Report of large truck off road - found to be vehicle that could not make the hill due to icy roads and slid backwards into ditch. Stood by until vehicle regained its feet with help of tow truck.
12/11/2013	1605	Orange Road	Report of disabled vehicle - gone upon Officer's arrival.
	0920 0922 1338	Orange Road Orange Road Orange Road	MVS - Citation/warning issued. DMV - Officer assisted parties and they are on their way. Suspicious activity - investigated.
12/12/2013	1144	Warwick	Caller requested firearms license information.
12/13/2013	0942 1351 1437	Old Winchester Road Winchester Road Pine Street	Suspicious activity - investigated. Officer wanted. Investigation.
12/14/2013	2011	Wendell Road	Medical call.
12/15/2013	1019 1233 1741	Dusty Road Town of Orange Hastings Hts. Road	Alarm call - all secure. Complaint - transferred to Highway Department. Motor vehicle crash, car vs. tree. No injuries, vehicle towed.
12/17/2013	1207	Athol Road	Report of car into snow bank - gone upon Officer's arrival.
12/18/2013	1256	Old Winchester Road	Found vehicle in ditch, operator stated that they had backed out of driveway and into ditch. Stated that they had been waiting for AAA for two hours. Officer contacted AAA and expedited tow.
12/19/2013	2324	Wendell Road	Officer wanted.
12/20/2013	1758	Erving State Forest	Alarm call - all secure.
	0815	Wendell Road	Report of a bus that ran a vehicle off the road and did not stop - investigation opened.
12/21/2013	0516	Erving State Forest	Alarm call - all secure.
12/24/2013	0048	Wendell Road	Officer wanted.
12/25/2013	0001	Orange Road	Officer attempting to stop large red vehicle with vanity plate "SANTA BABEE" - vehicle gone in a flash.
12/26/2013	1019 1125	Wendell Road Orange Road	Suspicious activity - investigated. Tractor trailer stuck on Barber Hill due to icy road conditions. Stood by as Highway sanded hill and vehicle was able to gain traction.
12/27/2013	1244	Warwick	Caller requested firearms license information.
12/30/2013	0937 1000	Town Hall Pine Street	Fire alarm. Assist other agency.

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