

Warwick Community Newsletter

A D M I N I S T R A T I V E D E T A I L S

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LETTER OF THANKS

It is hard to find words to express my appreciation for all that folks from greater Warwick have done for us in the past year since Reva got her diagnosis & the last 3 months since her passing. The food, cards, phone calls, emails, singing, rides, shoveling, pet care, chain-sawing & firewood help, cemetery help, gifts, dinners, teas, hugs, listening & caring have touched Matthew, Jenna, Rosanna, Anier and I deeply. Now and then, folks will ask about me going away to Florida or elsewhere, my response continues to be: "No, I want to be home with my friends & community". Thank you so much!

Tom Wyatt

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next Historical Society quarterly meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Town Hall. The WHS hopes to encourage some "younger" folks to join the efforts of keeping Warwick's history alive and accessible. Bring yourself, your neighbor, your relatives, and your ideas! In the meantime, check out whs.steamkite.com to see the online catalog of WHS items, documents and photos - all thanks to the ongoing efforts of curator Ed Lemon and the Archival Committee. Hope you can join us! - Martha Morse

Benefit Pasta Supper

Saturday, March 21st

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Warwick Community School

Benefit for Alan Mattison- friend, family member, co-worker diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. We'd like to help Alan and his family during this difficult time.

\$10.00 for adults

\$5.00 for children under 12 years old

Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance by calling Mindy Gibbons at 978-544-1909

**Thank
You**

Get Moving!

At Town Hall, Sponsored by the
Recreation Committee

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

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

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.

St. Patrick's Parish, Northfield, MA

will hold a corned beef and cabbage supper on Tuesday, March 17th at 6:00.

Tickets are adults \$10.00 and children 5 - 12 \$5.00. To make reservations or for additional information please call 413-498-2728.

-submitted by Donna Newton

THE GATHERING PLACE

See the Gathering Place menu each week on the L, the web and TCC Facebook page. Thank you all for your continued support. On Fridays at Town Hall, coffee for \$1.00 ready at 10:00 AM, cup of Soup for \$3.00, ½ Sandwich for \$1.50. Have both (Cup and a half) for \$4.00 starting at 11:30 AM. Desserts(by donation) anytime. Need lunch to go, bring a container for soup a we'll pack lunch for you. Kelly has been making some wonderful sandwiches in recent weeks. If you have been before you won't want to miss it - if you haven't been you are in for a treat. All are welcome.



Tracy Gaudet, Outreach Coordinator for Orange COA and Shine Counselor, (Serving Health Insurance Needs for Everyone), is attempting to be more available to Warwick Residents. Tracy will be at the Gathering on Friday, 06 March and Friday, 20 March, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Stop by and put her to work for you. Tracy can assist individuals with public benefits, fuel assistance, food stamps, Mass Health, etc. You may contact her at [978-544-3481](tel:978-544-3481) or tgaudet@townoforange.org, she will bring application forms for various programs.

- Diana Tandy

GREEN CORNER

“WINSERTS” for Winter Warmth

Hopefully we are headed out of the heart of heating season, but it’s not too late to get some benefit from installing “Winserts” in your cold, drafty windows for this year and in future heating seasons. The Warwick Building and Energy Committee (WBEC) has some stock for making these easy-to-make, easy-to-use, interior storm windows. We have heat-shrink plastic (which becomes very viewer-friendly when heated with a hair dryer), finger-joint poplar for frames and foam tape for the edges. To get prices and arrange to pick up stock, call the Chapel (978 544-2630) or email metcalfucc@gmail.com. We can also help if you need info on making and installing them.

TOWN COORDINATOR

Are you curious about websites and how they are made? Ever wondered what the steps are in order for you to create your own website? How do pages of text become something full of graphics and animation? John Bradford will show how to get started and, building on Rich Field’s workshops on Linux and Ubuntu, will show you where you can find free open source tools to help you create your own vision of what a website can be. Come on down Tuesday night - March 10 – 7pm and learn or teach or just collaborate. The idea is to have some fun and not spend a penny.

We have yet to explore “the cloud” including Google and Microsoft hosted applications and storage. And we will in the future take a look at “Smartphones” both Android and Windows phones. All these workshops will take place at the town hall beginning at 7 pm and are offered at no cost to you, our residents, taxpayers and customers.

You are going to receive a letter from our Broadband Committee inviting you to participate in the next step in making fiber optic service possible by sending your \$49 earnest money to WiredWest. I hope you will join me by taking this step. In the few months remaining leading up to town meeting we will have a series of forums where folks can ask and answer questions about this proposed service.

Town meeting is, as ever, the first Monday in May, this year it is the 4th. Town election follows two weeks later. Nomination papers are now available from the town clerk.

As a result of this memorable winter the **Selectboard had to vote to permit deficit spending for snow and ice removal costs at an earlier date than I recall ever having to do so.** Town had voted \$102k as a snow and ice budget which is the average cost and as of last week were already \$20k in the red. Each \$77k of expenditure equals one additional dollar on the tax rate. We will be able to off-set some of this expense with savings in other areas at the highway department however if this weather keeps coming at us as it has, it will be expensive. Rule of thumb, about 20% or snow removal costs are labor and lion’s share is material be it fuel, sand, or salt.

The telephone situation at the town hall has become downright confusing. Since we have fiber to the building we were able to switch the town department’s three numbers to IP phone lines which lowered the cost in half to about \$15 per month for each line. And with IP phone lines one phone number actually gives you three dial tones to use. We got our final bill from Verizon but they can’t seem to be able to turn off the old service. It means that if you are calling from 544 or from much of Franklin County you are coming in on the old service but if you call from a cell phone or from anywhere that is of out of the county you get to the new service. I look forward to the end of checking two voice mail systems and fumbling for the right handset.

David Young

Traditional St. Patrick's Day Dinner



Saturday, March 14, 2015

6pm

Warwick Town Hall

Menu: Corned Beef and Cabbage, Carrots, Potatoes, Coffee/Beverages and Homemade Dessert

***Take out meals available- Bring your own container(s)*

Adults \$10.50

Children 12 and under \$5.50

Under 3 Free

Proceeds Benefit Trinitarian Congregational Church of Warwick

AND THEN STICK AROUND FOR.....

Wooden Fender Presents



Melanie and the Blue Shots

7:00pm Saturday March 14, 2015 at the Warwick Town Hall

Rooted in blues, but not afraid to dust off an old jazz standard, breathe new life into a traditional folk song, cover classic rock & roll, contemporary pop, or anything else that's good, this fresh act has something for everyone and never fails to put on a memorable show. Featuring Royalston's Melanie Mangum's incomparable vocals and some of the region's most versatile and accomplished sidemen, the Blue Shots never fail to electrify their audience. Whether you come to dance (recommended) or listen you will be captivated from the first note.



Shake those winter Blues. Grab your dancing shoes and bring your best moves

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



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

Friday Gathering Place
Town Hall
Warwick, MA 01378
Coffee at 10 AM
Lunch at 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

If you haven't been to the Town Hall Gathering Place on Fridays, I highly recommend it. Diana Tandy does a wonderful job beginning at 10 AM serving coffee for \$1.00 and desserts for a donation. Then at 11:30 AM she begins a lunch service. She offers a different soup and sandwich each week. For \$3 you can get a soup or sandwich. ½ sandwich for \$1.50 or combined with soup for \$4. If you want it "to go", bring a container and she will pack it up for you.

Recently I went on a day she served BLT's and had a wonderful toasted BLT on homemade bread served with chips.

Diana posts the menu each week on Warwick-L so you know ahead of time what she is having. For those able to attend it sure is nice having this in town to grab a bite and chat with neighbors. Once my bowling league ends, I hope to make it a weekly visit.

Kudos go to Diana for making this weekly event available in town. Bon Appetite.—Gloria Varno

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

New date: Sunday, March 8 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 over-winter in our local natural areas. The route will be less than a mile. Dress for a slow walk in cold and snow. Snowshoes may be helpful depending on conditions and sunglasses will help reduce snow glare. Meet in front of the library from where we will travel to a nearby site. The walk is free and open to area residents. Bad weather cancels.

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.



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

"Game Day" at the Guild! Come to the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 3 at 1:00 p.m. to find out what THIS is all about! Bring a card or board game of your choosing and have some fun before the regular business meeting and refreshments. And remember, ALL the women of Warwick are automatically Guild members and we'd love to have you join us!

- Martha Morse



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

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

RABIES CLINIC

Saturday, March 14, 2015 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Warwick Fire Station

Rabies Vaccination \$15.00

Brian Hurley DVM and Staff from Gardner Animal Care Center

Dogs on Leash Cats in Carriers

2015 Warwick Dog Licenses Available

-Rosa Fratangelo

P U B L I C L I B R A R Y

THANK YOU TO BETH GILGUN for volunteering to help the Newsletter Editor with the monthly AD PAGE.

If you have an ad you'd like to run, please email it to bethgilgun@msn.com or call her with questions or arrange to drop off a hard-copy business card at 544-3464.

You know how it is, when you need something done, ask the busiest person around and they will make it happen. We appreciate the help.

New books include: The Miniaturist by Burton, Destroyer Angel by Barr, Boston Girl by Diamant, Pleasure and a Calling by Hogan, Moriarty by Horowitz, Even This I get to Experience by Lear, Rooms by Oliver, Central Massachusetts Perspectives by Burk, The Rosie Project by Sionson, First Frost by Allen, The Nightingale by Hannah, West of Sunset by O'Nan, The Dress Shop of Dreams by Van Praag.

New DVDs include: The Theory of Everything, Oliver Kitteredge, Game of Thrones Season 4, Grimm Season 3, Downton Abbey Season 5, The Judge, Boyhood.

New Books on CD include: The Girl on the Train, The Rosie Project, What Alice Forgot, Descent, Boston Girl

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

DON'T IGNORE THESE 7 SYMPTOMS: The following are examples of some common symptoms that you should never ignore in your dog or cat: **Difficulty Breathing:** Any changes in your dog's or cat's breathing needs to be addressed immediately, because cats and small dogs have small respiratory tracts and even seemingly minor breathing issues can quickly lead to life-threatening situations. If your dog or cat is coughing, panting more than normal, fatigues easily, or suddenly has loud or noisy breathing, it may be caused by heart and lung disease, infection, or obstruction, and you should take your pet to the vet. **Diarrhea:** Dogs and cats are smaller than humans and can become dehydrated more quickly than we do. If your pet has loose stools that last longer than a day, call your veterinarian. **Vomiting:** If it occurs three or more times in a day, be concerned. If your pet vomits three or more times in an hour, it may be an emergency, as the cause could be an intestinal obstruction, infection, pancreatitis, liver or kidney disease, or hormonal imbalance. **Sudden increase in water consumption or urination:** If you suddenly observe your dog or cat constantly at the water bowl, asking to go out more frequently, or you notice you are changing the litter box more often, take your pet to the vet. These clinical signs may be associated with diabetes, kidney or liver disease, kidney or bladder infections, or even poisoning. **Not eating for 48 hours:** A pet's appetite is preserved unless there is something seriously wrong, so if your dog or cat doesn't eat for two consecutive days, you should be worried. By delaying treatment, your pet experiences further nutritional deficiencies that may prolong or complicate their recovery. Overweight cats that stop eating may develop acute life-threatening liver failure. Take your pet's lack of appetite very seriously and contact your veterinarian as soon as possible. **Dark or bloody stools:** Dark, black, or tar-like stools are often associated with digested blood in the feces. Bright red blood often accompanies colitis or anal gland conditions. take your pet to the vet if you see changes in their feces. Intestinal parasites, bleeding ulcers, foreign objects, and more can cause dark or bloody stools and should be treated as quickly as possible. **Unable to defecate or urinate:** A pet who is straining or unable to urinate or defecate is in immediate danger. There is a risk of bladder or urethral rupture, kidney failure, blood poisoning, seizures. Many dogs and cats start out straining to go to the bathroom only to suddenly develop complete blockage. Particularly at risk for urethral or urinary obstructions are male dogs and cats.

Please seek veterinary care for your pet if you observe any of the symptoms listed above, and always err on the side of caution when dealing with your pet. They can't tell us what's wrong or how they feel, so it is our responsibility to be their guardians and pay close attention to the subtle signs they give us.

T O W N C L E R K

ELECTION DAY: Monday, May 18, 2015 (Polls Open 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.) **LAST DAY to Obtain Nomination Papers: Thursday, March 26 LAST DAY to Submit Nomination Papers for Certification: Monday, March 30 LAST DAY to Register to Vote for Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town**

Election: Tuesday, April 14

LAST DAY to Object or Withdraw: Wednesday, April 15 Minimum Number of Signatures Required on Nomination Papers: 20

Offices to Appear on the Ballot:

Moderator 3 years
 Selectman 3 years
 Assessor 3 years
 Board of Health 3 years
 Board of Health 1 year
 Cemetery Commissioner 3 years
 Constable 3 years

Library Trustee 3 years
 Library Trustee 3 years
 Transfer Station Commissioner 3 years
 Tree Warden 3 years

Remember **DOG LICENSES** are now available for 2015: Female or Male \$10; Spayed or Neutered \$5; Kennel -- up to 4 \$20; 4-10 \$35; over 10 \$65.

Please note that you must bring in proof of current rabies vaccination in order to obtain a license for your dog(s).

** Dog Licenses will be available at the **RABIES CLINIC**, which will be held at the Fire Station on Saturday, March 14th from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **

Rosa Fratangelo
 Town Clerk



TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK

MARCH 2015

Dear Friends,

March is almost here and with it, so many things to look forward to; more sun and warmer weather, Mud Season (it could be a doozy this year), the NCAA basketball tourney, tax prep, garden planning. It's not yet Spring, but it's no longer dark Winter. And sometimes it just seems endless.

Transition times are always the hardest times, whether it's seasonal or personal, social or political. It is the time when communication is both most important and most difficult. We are no longer where we were or the way we were, but not yet where we will be or wish to be. Taking a hard, honest look at where we are is the first step, not to be ground down under the weight of "should have" and "ought to" and "if only", but to be able to move on from a place of dis-ease, with honest humility without having to deny or defend past mistakes. That is what the liturgical season of Lent is all about.

I was raised with the idea that Lent was a season of punishment and sacrifice. I had to "give up something" because I was guilty of something and unless I punished myself now, God would punish me more harshly later. It was the religious equivalent of the "Wait 'til your father gets home" mentality.

I have come to understand both God and Lent differently, and yet there are still vestiges of the old theology/mentality that raise their ugly heads from time to time. Like the March snowstorm that dumps a lot of heavy, wet snow when we thought Spring was here, or the Mudseason that never ends, such relapses are hardest on me when I think I'm in a new place of higher understanding. At such times I need to stop and re-think; where did that come from? Why does it still have a hold on me? How can I get through, over, beyond it?

Transition times are hard and long and frustrating for individuals and even harder for societies. We like to think the US has gotten beyond racism and prejudice, but hidden biases persist that harden into perceived differences that lead to fear, hatred and violence. Young black men are perceived as more dangerous and reacted to as such by police. Police are perceived as agents of oppression by people of color and are reacted to as such. And these perceptions get replayed over and over until they are self-perpetuating. The same is true in politics and gets exploited by those who seek power in any form they can. Communication gets horribly deformed into propaganda that is more interested in demonizing the "other" rather than finding common ground on which to rebuild trust and understanding.

It's hard to get through the transition times alone. It's harder yet to get through those times when there is opposition to the transition from those who benefit from the uncertainty. It takes courage to be vulnerable and it takes wisdom to know the difference between being honestly vulnerable and enabling others to use us for harm. A trusted mediator is often needed. Religious institutions have betrayed that trusted position too often, for too many. Political parties and social action groups have done the same. Where does one turn for help? Perhaps inward first, but then we need to open up to others for help lest we become embroiled in self-loathing or self-glorifying behavior that turns destructive. Question authority, internal and external, but in a manner that allows for conversation rather than seeking confrontation.

We hope to provide two opportunities for this at the Chapel; an on-going Lenten discussion group (call or email for details), and on Sunday, MARCH 22, a workshop in Interpersonal Communication with Suzanne Renna at 1 PM following a pot luck lunch (beginning at 11:30 AM) in the Metcalf Chapel.

Here's hoping for a better than expected Mudseason and some beneficial transitioning.

In faith, *Dan*

COMING EVENTS- MARCH

HELP WANTED – Volunteers are needed at the Orange Food Pantry. People who can help out for as little as 1 or 2 hours a month (or more) are invited to a meeting on **Wed, MARCH 4 @ 4 PM** at the Pantry. If you want to attend and want to carpool, call the Chapel (4-2630)

St Pat's Supper Sat, Mar 14 6 PM

This will be the traditional Corned beef & cabbage meal that will get you ready to face anything winter has left to throw at us and will get you fueled up for dancing upstairs thanks to the Warwick Arts Counsel.

Sunday, March 22 1 PM

INTER-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP This is a workshop that Suzanne Renna facilitated last year and was so popular that she is offering it again. We will have a **Pot Luck Lunch at 11:30** before the workshop.

This workshop was very well attended and will be limited to 20, so please sign up early by calling the Chapel (978 544-2630) or emailing metcalfucc@gmail.com. Please let us know if you will need childcare

COMING IN APRIL

EASTER EGG COLORING	SAT, APR 4 10 – 11 AM
EASTER BREAKFAST & EGG HUNT	SUN, APR 5

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AT THE METCALF CHAPEL

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

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

FRANKLIN AREA EMERGENCY SHELTER

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

Volunteer Open House for Franklin County Home Care

Date:

Wednesday, March 4, 3 p.m.

Location:

FCHCC, 330 Montague City Road, Turners Falls, MA 01376

Contact:

Lynne Feldman, Director of Community Services

413-773-5555x2215

978-544-2259x2215

lfeldman@fchcc.org

Hear what it's like to volunteer and discover the many vibrant opportunities to use your skills and passion to serve our area's elders and persons with disabilities. Enjoy free refreshments and find the right fit for you!

News from Franklin County Solid Waste District 413-772-2438, info@franklincountywastedistrict.org,

Pellet Bag Recycling Program a Hit! - Preparation Instructions

The solid waste district's new recycling program for wood pellet bags is very popular with residents at the thirteen municipal transfer stations that are offering the free program. Residents of Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Conway, Deerfield, Leverett, Montague, Northfield, Orange, Rowe, Shelburne, Warwick, and Wendell can bring their pellet bags to their own transfer stations. Greenfield Transfer Station accepts pellets bags for free from any Franklin County resident. Ask attendants where to put pellet bags.

WOOD PELLETS ONLY! Other plastic bags are not acceptable. Please no feed bags, soil bags, pesticide bags, or stretch film. All bags must be empty and dry. Wet bags will cause the entire load to be rejected by the recycling company. Pellet bags are baled and shipped to Trex to be recycled into plastic lumber.

Important: shake out all wood pellets before recycling. Gill resident Ray Purington shares a tip: "I keep a pair of rugged scissors on the shelf above the pellet stove and cut open the top of the bag an inch or so below the heat-sealed area. I cut across both sides of the bag, about 1/2 - 3/4 the width of the bag, stopping in the middle. That way, the cut flap remains attached, and I've got a smooth 'spout' that doesn't trap pellets when I pour from it." When the bag is empty, cut open the bottom of the bag to fully release any pellets. Store bags flat and then roll or fold the pile into a pellet bag that has been cut at the top only. Do not ball up or crumple the bags. For more information, see www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/PelletBagFlier2.pdf

NEW Agricultural Plastic Recycling Program

The Franklin County Solid Waste Management District has been awarded a Massachusetts Community Innovation Challenge Grant and a grant from MassDEP to implement a FREE recycling program for agricultural plastics.

Starting February 7, 2015, four Franklin County Transfer Stations will accept agricultural plastics for free. Any farmer within Franklin County may go to any of the four sites. For locations and hours, see www.franklincountywastedistrict.org.

Acceptable items include hay bale wrap, greenhouse film, silage cover, maple tubing, and drip tape. Shake off loose dirt, stones, hay. Keep dry. These items will not be accepted: plastic mulch, garden pots, netting, row cover, twine. Agricultural plastics will be baled and shipped to Delta Plastics in Arkansas to be recycled into 100% recycled content trash bags.

Don't throw away Wall-Mounted Mercury Thermostats!

Updating to a programmable thermostat? Great, but your old wall-mounted thermostat should not be thrown in the trash. These thermostats contain liquid mercury, which can be hazardous to our environment and human health if not properly disposed of. Franklin County Solid Waste Management District accepts thermostats for free.

Mercury is found in many household items such as thermometers, thermostats, some button batteries, and fluorescent light bulbs, including energy saving compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs). None of these mercury-containing items should be put in the trash; they can all be safely disposed of at the sites listed below.

Thermostats and thermometers are accepted at the District office at 50 Miles St. in Greenfield. Hours vary; call 413-772-2438. District residents can also bring them to Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, held each fall, or to one of the regional hazardous waste collection sites at the transfer stations in Bernardston (first Sat. of each month; 9am-11am from Dec-April and 8am-noon from May-Nov), Colrain (every Sat., 8am-4pm), or Conway (first Sat. of each month, 11am-2pm).

It is important to return the entire thermostat, and not just the mercury-containing ampoule, since the casing provides protection for the mercury. Handle carefully and place in a sealed plastic bag.

Batteries and fluorescent light bulbs, including CFLs, can be brought to transfer stations for recycling. Transport bulbs carefully; hand to attendant. Home Depot and Lowe's also accept fluorescent light bulbs.

Selectboard Minutes—January 20, 2015

Members present: Dawn Magi, Nick Arguimbau (arrived at 5:15 p.m., Patricia Lemon (via remote participation)

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Treasurer and Assessor's Clerk Beth Gilgun, Steve Ruggiero, Maria Ruggiero, Robert Kirley, Tracey Kirley, Police Chief David Shoemaker, Broadband Committee member Scott Seago, WiredWest alternate delegate John Bradford, Tom Wyatt, Erika Nygard, Dan Dibble, Bruce Kilhart, Nancy Kilhart, Vern Bass, Slater Alden, Carmen Rodriguez, George Day, Jon Calcari, Paula Robinson and Jared Robinson (*Athol Daily News*)

I. Call to Order Chair Magi called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. in Town Hall.

II. Public Comment

Steve Ruggiero asked if people may comment on issues as they are addressed or if they are to speak only during public comment. Magi said that anyone can comment when called upon at any point in the meeting.

Slater Alden announced that he was recording the meeting for Bill Lyman.

Tom Wyatt said that he wanted the Board to consider a letter regarding Vermont Yankee and a change to the emergency notification protocol. Wyatt read aloud the letter, which was based on a letter the Gill Selectboard had previously drafted:

"Warwick is one of 18 towns in Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire to have some or all of the town within a 10 mile radius of the Entergy Vermont Yankee nuclear plant in Vernon, Vermont. This means that we are within the plant's Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) – an area that has in-place, maintained, and predetermined protective action plans designed to avoid or reduce potential exposure to radioactive materials. These action plans include sheltering, evacuation, and the use of potassium iodide where appropriate.

Entergy Nuclear, the parent company of Entergy Vermont Yankee, has applied to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for an exemption that will allow it to end funding for the EPZ. Additionally, Entergy Nuclear has asked the NRC for an exemption that will allow the plant a four-fold increase in the amount of time it has to notify surrounding towns of an emergency. Currently the plant must notify towns within 15 minutes. Entergy Nuclear seeks an exemption to increase this to 60 minutes!

The Warwick Selectboard opposes both exemption requests. We ask you, our elected representatives and public officials, to assure that EPZ funding is continued until the spent fuel pool is emptied and all the highly radioactive spent fuel is moved to dry cask storage, and to assure that towns continue to receive the earliest possible notice of emergency situations at the plant."

Arguimbau corrected the draft to the last sentence of the letter, adding "no more than 15 minutes" between "earliest possible notice" and "of emergency situations", so that portion of the letter would read "...assure that towns continue to receive the earliest possible notice, no more than 15 minutes of emergency situations at the plant."

Young noted that due to Patricia Lemon's remote participation, a roll call vote is required on all motions.

Lemon MOVED to send the letter as corrected for Dawn Magi's signature. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0: Lemon - AYE; Magi - AYE; Arguimbau - AYE.

Beth Gilgun said that she had seen a handout inviting people to attend the Selectboard meeting that included a list of items the author of the handout wanted to discuss. She said that there was a misconception about the Broadband enterprise fund that needed to be clarified. Gilgun explained that we do not raise for that account, we vote to appropriate. In this context raise equals taxation while appropriate equals spending. Young noted that the funds expended come from revenue brought in from subscriber fees. Money in an enterprise fund is not raised and appropriated, but Town Meeting must vote to appropriate so that expenditures are allowed. Young pointed out that the Broadband enterprise fund currently has a positive balance of around \$31, 000.00. Gilgun concurred that enterprise funds have no implication for the tax rate because revenue collected are used to pay expenses. Wyatt suggested looking at a way to explain the matter more clearly.

Nancy Kilhart said that she had done some research on ways that the Town can save money. She said that the ambulance, which is a donation even though the Town of Orange considers it to be an assessment, has risen quite a bit over the last ten years. It was noted that in the beginning, Orange was helping with certification and recertification for EMTs, but that is no longer done. Bruce Kilhart said that we also use ambulances from several different towns and do not pay those towns, and he suggested paying Orange on a pro-rated basis per call. The Kilharts advocated looking at using Northfield and other towns. Young said that he would follow up.

Arguimbau said that the meeting handout referred to by Beth Gilgun had five points listed, and wanted to know how many people besides author Steve Ruggiero agreed with all five. Bruce Kilhart said that there are ways to start saving money regardless of whether or not you agree with all five points. Nancy Kilhart said that everything needs to be looked at, not just the School budget. Young noted that 80% of the School budget is wage and benefits related; these increase 3% the first seven years and 3 1/2% the next years despite the fact that Warwick can only afford a 2.5% increase. He said that there is a real need for meaningful education but we are struggling to afford the rising assessments. Steve Ruggiero inquired about leaving the PVR District. Young said that would require at least one Town Meeting vote, and we must retire all debt owed to the District.

Magi asked for input in designing the budget to make it clearer.

III. Minutes

Arguimbau MOVED to accept the minutes of January 5, 2015 as printed. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0: Lemon - AYE; Magi - AYE; Arguimbau - AYE.

IV. Presentations and Discussions

1. **Pipeline and FERC**—Young said that neither he nor Arguimbau had seen an updated letter to FERC. He noted that the Conservation Commission sent a letter to FERC and many other recipients regarding the pipeline and wetlands, a copy of which appeared in the local newspapers.

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2. **Chapter 90 Highway Grant**—Young said that our Chapter 90 highway grant has increased from \$227,645.00 to \$341,467.00 because new governor Charlie Baker released funds held back by former governor Deval Patrick. He said that either the acting Accountant Dale Kowacki or Treasurer Beth Gilgun needed a Selectboard vote to be permitted to sign the documents for Accountant Janice Barrett, who is on vacation this month. This is in reference to a project request for \$125, 100.00 to purchase a new John Deere loader.

Lemon MOVED to authorize acting Accountant Dale Kowacki to sign the project request form for \$125,100.00 for the new John Deere loader.

Steve Ruggiero asked if Bob Kirley could look at the old loader and determine if there is sufficient life left in it to save the expense of a new one at this time and put the money into road work instead. Young said that in his experience this is the best time of year to trade in old equipment such as this, and that we need to get a new loader before the old one breaks down for good. Young urged the Board to vote to send the project request to the DOT, who has to approve the request before paperwork comes back to the Board and anything could be purchased with Chapter 90 funds. Young said that Kirley could look over the old loader in the meantime, and that the Board could vote not to authorize Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney to order the loader. Bruce Kilhart said that the old loader has transmission trouble, the engine smokes and repair costs would be quite high on a thirty year old machine. Young said that both the engine and transmission are original and that it was doubtful that the old loader would make it through this winter. He ended by saying that he was looking in to ways that Chapter 90 funds can be used to help run the Highway Department.

After this discussion, Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0: Lemon - AYE; Magi - AYE; Arguimbau - AYE.

- Broadband**—Young said that in an Email dated January 12, 2015, Broadband Committee member Miryam Williamson asked for clarification regarding the expected role for the Broadband Committee in the FTTH/WiredWest decision. Ms. Williamson also plans to resign from the Broadband Committee so that she may preside over the vote as Moderator at the Annual Town Meeting. Young said that Tom Wyatt has agreed to serve on the Broadband Committee and as a WiredWest delegate to carry on the work of his late wife Reva Reck.

Lemon MOVED to appoint Tom Wyatt to the Broadband Committee and as our delegate to WiredWest. Magi SECONDED.

Wyatt said that he would be more comfortable as an alternate delegate. Current 1st alternate John Bradford expressed his willingness to become the delegate.

Lemon AMENDED the latter half of her motion and MOVED to appoint Tom Wyatt to the Broadband Committee and as an alternate delegate to WiredWest. Magi ACCEPTED the friendly amendment. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0: Lemon - AYE; Magi - AYE; Arguimbau - AYE.

Lemon MOVED to appoint John Bradford as our delegate to WiredWest. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0: Lemon - AYE; Magi - AYE; Arguimbau - AYE.

There was a consensus of the Board that an explanation of the WiredWest matter at Annual Town Meeting.

Planning Board Chair Ted Cady had written a draft of a clarifying resolution of the December 15, 2014 resolution in support of WiredWest. The resolution, dated January 11, 2015 read as follows:

RESOLUTION: This resolution is a clarification of the resolution passed at the December 15, 2014 Town of Warwick Selectboard meeting as required by MBI to continue to develop a financial model for WiredWest "Fiber to the Home," and is being passed because bond counsel required the resolution to be passed as presented. It is not an amendment to that resolution. The phrase "continue to support the WiredWest initiative" means that Warwick will continue its political and volunteer technical support, but shall not be financially liable or responsible for any WiredWest expenses until a final working agreement is signed. The phrase "we are prepared to work with appropriate Town officials and committees to seek formal approval of a general obligation bond issue at a Town Meeting in the Spring of 2015 in an amount sufficient to pay the Town's share of the regional network" has several caveats. The Broadband Committee, the Finance Committee, the Selectboard and other key committees must have time to carefully and fully review the financial plan which should include the estimated take rate, number and placement of houses to be served, the estimated cost per connection for all services provided, and such other technical information as needed to make an informed decision. It is reasonable to expect that needed information and deliberations will not be completed by the time of the Warwick Annual Town Meeting in early May, and therefore likely that the envisioned bond issue in the sum of about \$2 million dollars would not pass at that Town Meeting. Such a sum is a huge cost for a small town of 780 residents and significant time needs to be invested in educating the voters, and to address their concerns and questions.

Arguimbau MOVED to adopt Ted Cady's Clarifying Resolution. Lemon SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0: Motion CARRIED 3-0-0: Lemon - AYE; Magi - AYE; Arguimbau - AYE.

John Bradford said that we do not want to stop the WiredWest process now. Arguimbau said that the clarifying resolution should be sent on to MBI. Young said that he will send it to MBI's General Counsel.

Bradford said that WiredWest is moving into high gear. He acknowledged that there are still many financial unknowns, but education of the delegates is forthcoming. He noted that 34 towns have passed resolutions to move forward, and added that the WiredWest initiative is worth considering as it is highly unlikely that the State will put more funds into another project in the future. Bradford felt that we should continue to support the initiative unless a good reason not to arises. Wyatt said that Warwick has an active wireless system producing revenue.

Bradford said that for the first three years there would be interest only payments, money would not be borrowed until it is needed, and that it could be a four year window before costs begin occurring. Young said that during the three years of construction it would be one half of one percent, and Warwick Broadband has funds sufficient to cover those costs. He did say that there was a problem with the number of poles and distance between houses here in town. It was noted that we would be paying for capital and operating expenses,

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Arguimbau MOVED not to assign cellular to the Broadband Committee and to take it up again after Annual Town Meeting. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0: Lemon – AYE; Magi – AYE; Arguimbau - AYE.

4. **Electric and Soltas Settlement**—Young said that the both someone from the Athol Memorial Hospital board and the Attorney General's office have requested solidarity in trying to obtain a fair outcome for the municipal and non-profit entities. He also said that the AG's office wants any conversations we have with them to be privileged. He said that the AG's office conveyed a higher settlement offer to us from Soltas, which occurred before Town Counsel had a chance to send in the counter offer voted by the Board at their January 5, 2015 meeting. Young said that the AG's office recommends against settling.

Lemon MOVED to ask Town Counsel to draft a counter offer that is three times the current offer conveyed by the Attorney General's office. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0: Lemon – AYE; Magi – AYE; Arguimbau - AYE.

5. **Upcoming Meetings**—Young said that he will try to schedule a joint meeting with the Selectboard and Finance Committee for February 2nd.
6. **Selectboard Reports and Member Agenda Items**—There were none.
7. **Coordinator Report**—Young said that the original sign makers are building two new and more weather resistant pendant signs for the Warwick sign on Town Common. He pointed out that we got five years out of the first set of pendant signs, but that they are now in bad disrepair. Young noted that the current letters will be used with the new signs. Young said that he was working on getting more bonus points which are important for our CDBG grant application. Hen ended his report by saying that the Hazard Mitigation Plan had been accepted by FEMA and would be on the next agenda.
8. **New and Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated Prior to Posting Notice**—None.

V. Adjournment

At 7:05 p.m., Lemon MOVED to adjourn. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0: Lemon – AYE; Magi – AYE; Arguimbau - AYE.

Minutes taken by Rosa Fratangelo

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Members present: Dawn Magi, chair; Nicholas Arguimbau. Member present remotely: Patricia Lemon. Also present: J. David Young, town coordinator.

Chairman Magi called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. in the Town Hall board room.

Nicholas Arguimbau moved and Patricia Lemon seconded a motion that pursuant to the provisions of MGL 44:31D, the Warwick Highway Department be authorized to deficit spend for snow-and-ice expenses for the duration of winter. Roll call vote: Magi yes; Arguimbau yes; Lemon yes.

Patricia Lemon moved and Nicholas Arguimbau seconded a motion that the chair be authorized to sign the FY 2015 CDBG multi-town housing rehabilitation and energy assistance application on behalf of the Town of Warwick. Roll call vote: Magi yes; Arguimbau yes; Lemon yes.

Patricia Lemon moved and Nicholas Arguimbau seconded a motion that the Selectboard adopt the technical corrections to the dates of the Community Development Strategy previously adopted and that the members present would initial the date changes. Roll call vote: Magi yes; Arguimbau yes; Lemon yes

Patricia Lemon moved and Nicholas Arguimbau seconded a motion that the Selectboard vote the Resolution dated 2/11/15 adopting the Warwick 2014 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan as approved by FEMA. Roll call vote: Magi yes; Arguimbau yes; Lemon yes

There being no other agenda items, on a motion by Patricia Lemon and seconded by Nicholas Arguimbau the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday February 17th 2015. Roll call vote: Magi yes; Arguimbau yes; Lemon yes

Minutes taken by J. David Young

Smoke ~ N~ Hot News.. From the fire house:

Well, it's been a long cold winter so far! Hang in there.

I would like to give you all a few safety reminders :

Keep your stove pipes/chimneys clean. If you cannot clean them yourself please get a professional to do it for you.

Make sure your smoke /CO2 detectors are working.

Have a plan as to how to get out if there is a fire and make sure everyone is aware of the plan. Stay low and go out the nearest exit. Check doors for heat before you open them. If they feel hot go to the nearest window. Do not go back in once you are out. Arrange a meeting place outside of your home. Have a clean path through out your house. You don't want to be tripping over things if there is a fire.

PLEASE make sure emergency personnel can see your house number and can get through the snow with a stretcher. I understand it has been hard to keep up with this snow but it could save precious time and save a life.

Be very careful when clearing the snow and ice off your roofs.

We are working on our budget for the coming year. I know the town does not have the money we need to get the department up to 100% . We will be doing our best to keep our budget down. That being said we have two trucks we received from the states military surplus at no cost to the town. These trucks need some work. Some of the work will be done by the department. The parts are not cheap. One new truck is at least 350 thousand dollars. Please keep this in mind when voting on this. We need these trucks in service to do our job.

No one ever thinks they will have a fire and I hope you are right. Please help us be prepared to help you if it does. The department volunteers a lot of time training but without the right tools we will not be able to use that training. THANK-YOU in advance.

Our annual chicken barbeque date has been set for July 18th please save the date for the best chicken you have ever tasted. The fire department needs some new men or woman to join our department if you are interested give me a call or talk to one of the other firefighters. If you are 15years old we have a great junior firefighter team come join us. Meeting nights are the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm and training is the third Tuesday at 6:30.

As always, donations are appreciated.

If you would like to give a donation please make checks payable to: Warwick Fire Association
If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me.

Stay Safe!
Fire Chief Ron Gates
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1 Worship Service 10AM Zumba 8am	2 Library Open 10-4	3 Sr. Mealsite 11:45 Library Open 1-8pm WOMENS GUILD 1PM Zumba 6pm	4 Circuit Training 6pm	5 Library Open 5-8pm Zumba 6pm	6 Town Hall Gathering 10am	7 Transfer Station 8-3 Library Open 10-12:30pm
8 Worship Service 10AM WILDLIFE TRACKING 1-3PM DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS Zumba 8am	9 Library Open 10-4	10 Sr. Mealsite 11:45 Library Open 1-8pm Zumba 6pm	11 Circuit Training 6pm	12 Library Open 5-8pm Zumba 6pm	13 Town Hall Gathering 10am	14 Transfer Station 8-3 Library Open 10-12:30pm RABIES CLINIC 6pm ST PAT'S DAY DINER 7pm MELANIE & THE BLUE SHOTS
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MELANIE AND THE BLUE SHOTS AT TOWN HALL—March 14

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING—March 18

ALAN MATTISON BENEFIT—March 21

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