

MARCH, 2017

# Warwick Community Newsletter

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

**Thank You!**

**REMINDER:** Please submit your 2017 Street List/Census Forms.

2017 Dog Licenses are now available from the Town Clerk during her office hours, or by mail, and will also be available at the March 11th Rabies Clinic. Proof of current rabies vaccination must be provided along with the fee for the license.

—Rosa

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

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

The Guild will meet on Tuesday, March 7 at 1:00 pm in the basement of the Town Hall. We are pleased that Jeanne Abels, a retired speech pathologist and newly minted Warwick resident, will join us for a presentation on swallowing. (This program was re-scheduled from the February meeting cancelled due to storm.) A business meeting and refreshments will follow. And remember, the Guild programs are open to ALL members of the community. Hope to see you there!

—Martha Morse

### WARWICKIANS ON-LINE - How to subscribe

If you can send and receive e-mail, you can sign up for WarwickList, our town's on-line discussion group, founded by Ed Hawes during Old Home Days in 1996. Anything that would interest people who live here is appropriate. To join us, write to [warwicklist-request@freelists.org](mailto:warwicklist-request@freelists.org) with the subject Subscribe. In the message body give your full name, street address, phone number, and, if you're not a resident, a sentence or two saying why you want to join. You'll get a message saying your request has been forwarded for approval. Miryam Williamson, the listowner, will approve it, and you'll start receiving list mail. Also, you will automatically get the Community Newsletter by e-mail.

## L I B R A R Y

New Books: Fresh From the Garden by Whitman, 3 Years With the Rat by Hoskins, 5<sup>th</sup> Letter by Moriarty, Gentleman in Moscow by Towles, Cooking for Picasso by Aubray, Firebrand and the First Lady by Bell-Scott, Girl Before by Delaney, House at the Edge of Night by Banner, Little Book of Hygge by Wiking, On Turpentine Lane by Lipman, Peoples History of the United States by Zinn, Tales of the Peculiar by Nullings, Wish by O'Connor, Wolf Hollow by Wolk, Monster Calls by Ness, Norse Mythology by Gaiman.

New DVDs: Inferno, Sherlock Season 4, Deepwater Horizon, The Eagle Huntress, Westworld, Loving.

Don't forget that museum passes are still available - an art exhibit at The Carle, or visit the Clark or MassMOCA. Butterflies are still active in South Deerfield at Magic Wings or the beautiful buildings and lunch at Tower Hill; mostly free.

—Nancy Hickler

## T H E G A T H E R I N G P L A C E

The Gathering Place menu is available each week on the L, Warwick Web and TCC Facebook page. Gatherings are held Fridays in the Town Hall Dining Room, from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Coffee for \$1.00 ready at 10:00 AM, Cup of Soup for \$3.50, ½ Sandwich for \$2.00. Have both (Cup and a half) for \$4.50 starting at 11:30 AM. Desserts anytime. Need lunch to go, bring a container for soup and we'll pack lunch for you. Everyone is welcome. Thank you all for your on-going support.

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, 17 and 31 March and 14 and 28 April. 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](mailto:tgaudet@townoforange.org), she will bring application forms for various programs. Got questions, need assistance, stop in between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

I have local honey, pure and natural from Hagerman's Apiary: 8 ounce bottle \$3.00; 16 ounce bottle \$6.00. Stop by a grab a bottle to help fight that winter cold naturally.

-Diana Tandy

## H I S T O R I C A L S O C I E T Y

Please join the Warwick Historical Society's quarterly meeting on Wednesday March 15 at 7:00 pm at the Warwick Public Library. Charlie Brown of So. Holden Road will share stories of Warwick's Yesteryears. Charlie is a walking treasure trove of Warwick's history. Come enjoy this program of storytelling of Warwick's past. You are also welcomed to enjoy some refreshments and to stay for the meeting portion of the Warwick Historical Society, if you wish. We look forward to seeing you there!

- Clare Green

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

Warwick recreation committee has 5 possible events in the future--some of these can only happen if we have a minimum number of people sign up. Please Call Leanne -5553 or [leannelimoges@gmail.com](mailto:leannelimoges@gmail.com). I will add your name and keep you informed.

\*Community chorus. An all-age chorus for anyone who enjoys singing.

\*Ballroom dance classes

\*Modern dance classes

\*Badminton for all to use at Town Hall during regular Town Hall hours.

\*March Mt. Monadnock hike... this will be a challenging, icy climb with micro cleats or bear claws needed.

### March Classes

Warwick recreation committee sponsors 5 exercise classes per week to help you meet your fitness goals

We welcome newcomers and all instructors have modifications to fit your level . Most classes are held at our beautiful school gymnasium.. we encourage you to take these classes and use this space . It is yours to enjoy. Bring towel/mat, water and indoor shoes .

**STRONG** Tuesday's 6-7 pm \$5

Be ready to sweat and see results this is a powerful new program that is sweeping across the country. Not dance , but music led interval training that will challenge you to be healthier and stronger. This class is becoming very popular, come see what the buzz is all about ! Taught by Christine Rouleau

**YOGA** Wednesday 5-6:15 pm at School / Saturday 9-10 am Town Hall \$5

An all level Hatha yoga class to meet students needs . With an emphasis on proper alignment. Prana-yama breathing techniques, deep relaxation, and meditation . A dynamic, yet harmonious approach to cultivate strength , physical awareness, and inner balance. Taught by Kaliopé Kalombratsos.

Two **ZUMBA** classes ; \$5

This is a dance fitness class performed to energetic music .

Thursday's 6-7 pm taught by Susan Krieger. Congratulations to her! She is now licensed to teach Zumba.

Sunday 8-9 am taught by Christine Rouleau.

See you there! questions or feedback to [leannelimoges@gmail.com](mailto:leannelimoges@gmail.com) or call (978) 544-5553

## Warwick Scholarship Committee

The Warwick Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for the scholarship awards for 2017. Students who have been accepted as a full time student in an accredited post-secondary school and have been a resident of Warwick for 1 year or more are eligible.

(Article 11 Eligibility)

- a. The applicant must have been a resident of Warwick for 1 year or more preceding application.
- b. Seniors in the graduating class at Pioneer Valley Regional School, Franklin County Vocational Technical School, other secondary schools and home-schooled students are eligible.
- c. Students in Accredited Post-secondary schools are eligible.
- d. A student is limited to two scholarships awards from the Warwick Community Committee, either from the Warwick Community Scholarship fund or the Alice, Eric, Oscar Anderson Scholarship fund.
- E. The Anita L. Pike Memorial scholarship is awarded to the Warwick graduating senior from Pioneer Valley Regional School with the highest scholastic average going on to college.

Application forms and current by-laws are available at the guidance department of Pioneer Valley Regional School or at the Warwick Public Library. Applications must be received prior to April 15th. The application form can be sent to any committee member.

## Scholarship Committee Members

A. George Day, Jr.  
 Beverly Farley  
 Erica Nygard  
 Linda Gale  
 Arline (Lincoln) Vanderstelt  
 Martha Morse  
 Carol Foote

Warwick Firemen's Association  
 Trinitarian Congregational Church  
 Warwick PTO  
 Women's Auxiliary to Fire Dept.  
 First Parish and Religious Society  
 Warwick Historical Society  
 Warwick Women's Guild

—A. George Day, Jr.



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### RICHARD CHASE BAND COFFEE HOUSE

Saturday, March 11, 2017

7:00 to 9:00 PM

Donation: \$10.00 - Desserts and Beverages Available

Richard Chase will be performing solo, with his band and with a couple of special guests.

First Universalist Church

31 North Main Street

Orange, Massachusetts

**NEWS & TIDINGS**  
**WARWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL**  
 Elizabeth Musgrave, Principal  
 February 2017

**FEBRUARY WINTER FEST!!** Our afternoon was all smiles, as students and staff enjoyed



our New England Winter by sledding, snowshoeing, and building snow forts and sculptures! Warmest thanks to Tracey and Wayne Kirley for supplying wood and Warwick Firefighters, Bill Lyman and Robert Masterson for overseeing our fire and keeping us safe as we enjoyed our campfire.

**HOW WILL YOUR GARDEN GROW?** Our WCS PTO is running the annual Fedco seed fundraiser! Order forms have gone home with students. Our PTO's fundraisers support many events including our WCS Garden Club - which we are all looking forward to! Warwick community members may place orders through our students, or at the town library.. We hope to sell 100 packets again this year so that we can participate next year. Thank you so very much for all your support! **Tracey Kirley, Fundraiser Coordinator**



**WARWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL COUNCIL** will be reconvening after the February break. This is an important group of parents, teachers, administration and Warwick community members that contributes to policy, governance, and the continuous improvement of our school. We will meet once a month beginning March 16. Please call Trish in the office if you are willing to serve on our Warwick Community School Council.

**HOORAY FOR OUR WCS SCHOLARS!!** Like athletes, our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade scholars will soon begin training for an hour after school twice a week to increase their stamina, strategy, and skill. You might ask why. They are preparing for the MCAS.2 testing that will begin in April. They are real winners and we're so-o-o proud of them all!



**CLASSROOM BUZZ... THIS MONTH WE FEATURE NEWS FROM**

**GRADES 4 and 5:** Fourth and Fifth graders have been immersed in the Age of Exploration. Students are reading and researching explorers who discovered the Americas. We are also learning about women and African Americans who explored things, such as Matthew Henson, Sacajawea, and Amelia Earhart. We have even programmed our own quiz show game in Scratch about the explorers.

In math, we are working on fractions and decimals. Fourth graders are working on comparing fractions and the fifth graders are beginning to divide larger numbers to prepare them for dividing decimals.

We are perfecting the art of argument essay writing. The students are locating evidence to support their arguments and quoting articles in their essays. After the break, we are going to put our new skills to the test as we research our own topics and find evidence to support our opinions.

We have been hard at work creating inventions in our Makerspace as well. We have used every day items to create lunch boxes and phone cases, airplanes and bridges, and most recently a chute for Valentine hearts. The students are becoming familiar with the engineering and design process and are quickly moving towards independent problem solving. We are the proud recipients of both a FEE grant and a Donor's Choose grant that are helping us to obtain some new technology to further our creative process.

**Ms. Christine Mullen**

## WOODEN FENDER

### Wooden Fender Concert Series

A fine time was had by all at Wooden Fender's annual Blues Night. Janet Ryan and her Straight Up Band wowed the crowd at Town Hall with their incredible range and fine musicianship. Friends and neighbors were on the dance floor until well after 10 pm. Many thanks to Janet Ryan, aka "Mama Soul" and her phenomenal band for helping us stage our best Blues Night yet! And an extra large thank you to **Michael Humphries Woodworking** for their supremely generous sponsorship of this year's Wooden Fender line up. Thank you, Michael and company! We still have two more great shows in our winter series that are guaranteed to get you on the dance floor and chase away the winter chill. As usual, they're coupled with some delicious comfort food and together they provide the finest dining and dancing that Franklin County has to offer.

### Mark your calendars:

March 18: Shokazoba, Trinitarian Congregational Church St. Patrick's Day Dinner

April 15: Khalif Neville, Moore's Pond Beach Committee Lasagna Dinner

### **Dinner and Concert – Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, Warwick Town Hall**

Wooden Fender is pleased, once again, to present **Shokazoba**. *"With a groove so funky you can smell it, they blend several different genres in a mixer and leave the listener convulsing to the sounds. From Jazz to Funk to an addicting West African beat, they have developed a wonderfully unique soundscape that fits perfectly with the inspiring message the band delivers."* - [bandsforbernie.co](http://bandsforbernie.co) Shokazoba began in 2005 in Northampton as a 17-piece Fela Kuti tribute project. They now produce original work, aiming to inspire positive social change by creating and performing conscientious, funky, danceable music with topically relevant lyrics in the style and integrity of Fela's Afrobeat. **Shokazoba** has performed at a great variety of clubs, music festivals, and theaters. From New York City to Montreal, their music is well received as it is intended to be uplifting and accessible.

**Shokazoba** earned the Valley Advocate's award for Best World Music in 2007, 2010, 2011, and 2012, as well as their Best Funk award in 2008. **Shokazoba** was recognized as "Artists of the Year" by the African Jazz Review in the "Big Bands" category in reference to their 2011 release of "Congress For Sale" as well as "Big Band of the Year" and "Big Band Release of the Year" for their 2015 release of "One Destiny". Come on down to Town Hall on the 18<sup>th</sup> and hear for yourself.

For more info, check them out at <https://www.facebook.com/shokazoba> and [www.shokazoba.com](http://www.shokazoba.com)

At 6:00 PM the Trinitarian Congregational Church will be serving their famous **St. Patrick's Day Dinner**.

At 7:00 PM the concert starts in the main hall. Donations are gratefully accepted at the door to help pay the band and support Wooden Fender's ongoing endeavor - in memory of Jeff Wallace - to keep live music happening in Warwick. Wooden Fender is a project of the Warwick Arts Council.

### **WARWICK COUNCIL ON AGING**

#### **Foot Clinic Schedule for 2017**

Metcalf Chapel – 8:00-8:30 AM

Note: These dates are **THURSDAYS**

|          |         |
|----------|---------|
| March 16 | Aug 17  |
| April 20 | Sept 21 |
| May 18   | Oct 19  |
| June 15  | Nov 16  |
| July 20  | Dec 21  |

# Rabies Clinics

2017



## ***Warwick***

March 11th 10am - 11am

Fire Station

**\$15.00 per Vaccination**

Please bring proof of most recent vaccination

DOG LICENSES Available during the Clinic

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- Cats in carriers
- Dogs on leashes

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# St. Patrick's Day Dinner



Saturday, March 18, 2017  
6pm  
Warwick Town Hall

Menu: Shepherd's Pie or Mac and Cheese, Cole Slaw, Peas, Rolls and Dessert and Beverages

Adults \$10.00  
Children 12 and under \$5.00  
Under 3 Free

Proceeds Benefit Trinitarian Congregational Church of Warwick

## Wooden Fender Presents



# SHOKAZOBA



**7:00pm Saturday March 18, 2017 at the Warwick Town Hall**

"With a groove so funky you can smell it," **Shokazoba** mixes jazz and funk and serves it up with a heavy helping of West African beat. This uplifting and highly danceable eight-piece Northampton based band earned the Valley Advocate's award for Best World Music in 2007, 2010, 2011, and 2012, as well as their Best Funk award in 2008. Fasten your seatbelts, work on your aerobics, and find some dancing shoes that you can afford to wear through. Holyfreakinsmoke! **Shokazoba** is coming to the hottest dance floor in the valley!



**Join Shokazoba at Town Hall for Peace, Love, and Funky Good Times!**

Our concerts are funded by your donations (\$5 minimum suggested) and a very generous gift from *Michael Humphries Woodworking* to support Wooden Fender's mission of bringing live music to Warwick.





## **TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK**

MARCH 2017

Dear Friends,

There has been a lot of loud pronouncing and public posturing, proclaiming that the United States is a “Christian Nation”. It is even being used in the argument against letting Muslims into the country and for keeping any Muslims already here on a short leash.

I am wondering where that sentiment comes from. It certainly is not biblical. The Old Testament is full of instructions to care for the poor and the “stranger”. Abraham is blessed for welcoming three strangers and treating them as honored guests. Those “strangers” then proceed to Sodom where they are not welcomed, they are attacked, and Sodom is destroyed. (The story of Sodom is often cited as a condemnation of homosexuality, but, read in the context of the full story, it is a condemnation of the hostility and aggression toward the wayfarer and stranger.) {Genesis chapters 18 & 19}

In the instructions given to Moses, before the Israelites are allowed to enter the promised land, the fair and equitable treatment of the poor and the sojourner is a crucial element of the covenant God makes with them;

*“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field to its very border, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the sojourner.*

*When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. The stranger who sojourns with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.” {Leviticus 19: 9-10, 33-34}*

Jesus himself was a devout Jew who knew that the Spirit of the law was grounded in the just and compassionate treatment of all of God’s children, all of God’s creation. He was continually butting heads with the religious leaders of his faith, whom he called hypocrites for honoring the letter of the law while ignoring the Spirit of the law. One of his parables centered on the coming of the “Son of man” to judge “all the nations”:

*“Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ... ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.’*

*Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘Depart from me you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, I was naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ... ‘Truly I say to you, as you did it not to the least of these, you did it not to me.’”*

I am no theologian, but it appears to me that if Jesus welcomed and cared for the poor and “unclean” without asking where they came from or what religion they followed, and healed all who came to him after being rejected or ignored by the religious leaders, that, to follow Jesus, we are called to do the same.

In hopeful faith, *Dan*

**UPCOMING EVENTS****ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – MARCH 1 - 7 PM**

The “Imposition of Ashes” on the first day of Lent has been an important and powerful ritual for the Christian church since the 6<sup>th</sup> century. It has not been a part of our community for too long a time, but will be celebrated this year with a 30 to 45 minute service of music and word that will focus on the meaning and history of this ritual, ending with an imposition of ashes for any who wish to receive them. The service will be led by Rev Dr. Gordon Ellis who has led similar services for his forty years of pastoral leadership.

**SATURDAY. MARCH 18 - 6 PM****SAINT PATRICK’S SUPPER**

followed by the big band sounds of

**SHOKAZOBA**

**NEW MENU:** Mac & Cheese or Shepherd’s Pie,

Cole slaw, peas, rolls & dessert

**ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AT THE METCALF CHAPEL****FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

*Nonperishable food, personal hygiene items and household cleaning supplies are collected in the front hall of the Chapel. The personal & household cleaning items are especially needed as they cannot be purchased with “food stamps”.*

**BLANKETS/SHEETS/PILLOW CASES/ ETC**

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

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

**GREEN CORNER**

Air-source heat pumps use the temperatures of the outdoor air to heat or cool homes or buildings. Advancements in technology over the past few years have made air-source heat pumps an efficient source of heating and cooling in cold climates like Massachusetts. Models on the market today can operate efficiently even when it is below zero Fahrenheit. Though they require electricity to operate, efficient heat pumps can provide the same amount of heating for a third of the electricity needed for traditional electric heating, and when it comes to cooling and dehumidifying, they leave conventional AC window units in the dust. They can even be installed to offset or even replace oil, gas, and wood/pellet burning heat sources.

Mass CEC (Clean Energy Center), Mass Save, and National Grid are all offering substantial rebates for these, including “adders” for low-to-moderate income households, which in some cases cuts the cost almost in half.

A typical unit runs around \$3,000 installed, and the CEC rebate alone starts at \$625 per unit. The rebates are even higher for businesses, non-profits, public buildings, etc.

The Buildings and Energy Committee will pursue these rebates for our Town Hall offices and more, but we wanted to let everyone know about these great deals.

Start here and click on any of the items listed for more information:

<http://www.masscec.com/get-clean-energy>

When it comes to solar power, did you know that almost 10% of Warwick households now have solar electric (PV) panels either on their roofs or in their yards? About a dozen households went “solar” last year, and there is still time to get on board before the rules are changed again, likely by this coming June. So if you are still thinking of having a PV system installed, talk to one of your neighbors who did it, or call an installer or two for an estimate before the installation season starts again soon.

One pre-requisite for receiving these rebates and incentives is having a Mass Save energy audit, which is free, so you should sign up now while there is still time.

Janice Kurkoski, on behalf of your Buildings and Energy Committee

# T O W N C L E R K

## 2017 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING & ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION Calendar

**Annual Town Meeting: Monday, May 1, 2017 7 p.m.**

**Election Day: Monday, May 15, 2017**

**Polls Open: 12 noon – 7 p.m.**

Last Day to Obtain Nomination Papers: **Thursday, March 23, 2017 Deadline: 5 p.m.**

Last Day to Submit Nomination Papers to Town Clerk: **Monday, March 27, 2017  
Deadline: 5 p.m.**

Last Day to Object or Withdraw: **Wednesday, April 12, 2017 Deadline: 5 p.m.**

Last Day to Register Voters for Annual Town Meeting *and* Annual Town Election:  
**Tuesday, April 11, 2017 Town Clerk office open 2p.m. – 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. – 8p.m**

*\*Anyone who will turn 18 on or before May 1<sup>st</sup> may pre-register to vote!\**

Number of Signatures Required on Nomination Papers: **20**

Office and Length of Term

Incumbent

|                               |         |                    |
|-------------------------------|---------|--------------------|
| SELECTMAN                     | 3 years | James Erviti       |
| TOWN CLERK                    | 3 years | Rosa Fratangelo    |
| ASSESSOR                      | 3 years | Ann Kendall        |
| BOARD of HEALTH               | 3 years | Helen Whipple      |
| CEMETERY COMMISSIONER         | 3 years | David Shoemaker    |
| CONSTABLE                     | 3 years | Brian Peters       |
| LIBRARY TRUSTEE               | 3 years | Fredericka Fellows |
| LIBRARY TRUSTEE               | 3 years | Elaine Reardon     |
| TRANSFER STATION COMMISSIONER | 3 years | David Koester      |
| TREE WARDEN                   | 1 year  | Sharon Matthews    |

*Appointed to fill vacancy until May 15, 2017 election*

**Note: Due to space constraints, the Selectboard minutes printed in the Newsletter will only reflect attendance and motions and votes. Full minutes can be found on the Warwick website [www.warwickma.org](http://www.warwickma.org) or from the Town Hall. Electronic subscribers will get the full minutes. See "Newsletter Extra"**

**Town of Warwick  
Selectboard  
January 30, 2017  
Minutes**

Members Present: Dawn Magi, Lawrence Pruyne, James Erviti

Others Present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rose Fratangelo, Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney, Highway worker Brian Hubbard, Treasurer Beth Gilgun, Personnel Committee Member George Day, Rita McConville, Finance Committee member Steve Ruggerio, John Calcari, Jared Robinson (*Athol Daily News*)

Erviti MOVED to approve the minutes of January 3, 2017, as printed. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Pruyne MOVED to appoint Rita McConville to the Recreation Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2017. Erviti SECONDED. MOTION carried 3-0-0.

Pruyne MOVED to appoint Dawn Magi and Sue O'Reilly McRae to represent Warwick on the PVRSD HEART Study Committee. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

At 7:14 p.m. Pruyne MOVED to close the Public Hearing on the Revised Personnel Policy. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Pruyne MOVED that the Selectboard request assistance for DLTA. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

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WARWICK HISTORICAL SOCIETY-Quarterly Meeting - WEDNESDAY - March 15 - 7pm -  
Town Hall

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER AND MUSIC - March 18 - 6pm - Town Hall

**Town of Warwick  
Selectboard  
January 30, 2017  
Minutes**

Members present: Dawn Magi, Lawrence Pruyne, James Erviti

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney, Highway worker Brian Hubbard, Treasurer Beth Gilgun, Personnel Committee member George Day, Rita McConville, Finance Committee member Steve Ruggiero, Jon Calcari, Jared Robinson (*Athol Daily News*)

I. Call to Order

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

II. Minutes

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| Erviti MOVED to approve the minutes of January 3, 2017 as printed. Pruyne SECONDED.<br>Motion CARRIED 3-0-0. |
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III. Presentations and Discussions

- 1. Public Records and RAO Appointment**—Young said that the Board needs to appoint a Records Access Officer (RAO) due to the new Public records laws that went into effect January 1<sup>st</sup>. He said that it should be someone who is in Town Hall daily to open mail and respond to Email and therefore recommended that he be appointed and add it to his job description. Young said that requests are attempts to get answers but must be for existing documents. Finance Committee member Steve Ruggiero said that because the Town Clerk is the keeper of records that Town Clerk Rosa Fratangelo should be appointed. Young said that he is better at determining what is and is not important and that if the Board chooses to appoint the Town Clerk it would prove to be a mistake. Treasurer and Assessor's Clerk Beth Gilgun said that she thought Young should be appointed.

When asked by Erviti how she felt about the matter, Fratangelo said that she felt capable of serving as RAO and of creating a procedural guide as he had mentioned. She pointed out that a "Super RAO" can be appointed to oversee everything and said that she would like to be appointed the secondary person for when Young is on vacation, to handle any requests in his absence and as a way to learn more and be able to better serve the Town.

Erviti said that it would be good to have another person to learn the job over time and though the Town Clerk should be able to establish the procedures. Pruyne said that there needs to be a process in place for the next people to fill the positions. Erviti inquired when receipt of mail is determined; the consensus was that it is when the piece of mail is actually opened rather than

when it shows up in the mailbox. Erviti asked for a legal opinion on the definition of “receipt” as it applies to receipt of mail. Pruyne suggested the matter be tabled for now and revisited at a future meeting. The Town Clerk is the default RAO unless The Board appoints different or additional RAO’s.

- 2. Recreation Committee Appointment**—Young said that at present there is one sworn-in, active member of the Recreation Committee. He said that Rita McConville is active and wants to be appointed to the Rec Committee.

Pruyne MOVED to appoint Rita McConville to the Recreation Committee for a term ending June 30, 2017. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

McConville was sworn in by the Town Clerk.

- 3. Update on Town Forest Management and Planned Timber Harvest**—Young said that the Town Forest Committee has hired licensed Massachusetts forester Mike Mauri to mark trees and file a cutting plan for the Wendell Road Town Forest. He noted that it has been about 15 years since the last timber harvest and estimated a \$15,000.00 in revenue from sale of the timber which is offered for sale through a bid process. Young said that the logging needs to be carried out during the winter months.
- 4. Appointment to PVRSD District Agreement/Consolidation Study (Heart) Committee**—Young said that Dawn Magi and Sue O’Reilly McRae have volunteered to serve on the committee, and that a third person is still needed for appointment to the committee.

Pruyne MOVED to appoint Dawn Magi and Sue O’Reilly McRae to represent Warwick on the PVRSD Heart Committee. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

- 5. Cell Phones**—Young said that the Broadband Committee will meet on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. He said that the committee has been reviewing past surveys, may possibly create a new survey and attempt to identify where service currently exists in town.
- 6. Discuss Funding for Culvert Replacement**—Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney said that he has applied for a \$25,000.00 grant to hire an engineering firm for culvert replacement. He noted that only two projects will be selected, and said that the State is looking to establish a training project where other towns go on site to see how the new regulations will work. Delaney said that additional assistance will be available but that there have been no details on either the nature or the monetary value of such assistance. Young said that there are 486 culverts in town.
- 7. Public Hearing on Revised Personnel Policy**—Magi opened the public hearing for the revised personnel policy. Highway worker Brian Hubbard asked why vacation days need to be accrued. Magi said it was a safeguard against taking vacation before it is earned, because as it

stands now someone can be hired, work the 6-month probationary period, go past July 1<sup>st</sup> then quit and take vacation days as if they had worked a full year. Erviti said that it was important to make clear and understand that vacation days are not being taken away, that nothing earned would be taken away, as the proposed change would take effect July 2, 2017 and not affect FY 17 vacation days.

Personnel Committee member George Day said that he liked the changes to the grievance process, and that it is now written plainly that specific steps must be followed. He inquired as to why the work week is Thursday to Wednesday; Gilgun explained that this it is this way due to it being our pay period, the needs of the payroll company and the timing of Selectboard signing the warrants.

Day had a question about the wording under VI. Employment Practices, A Hiring on page 11. He proposed that after the word “advertise” in the sixth sentence to strike the word “locally” and replace it with “for a minimum of 3 days in at least one locally published daily newspaper”. He said that in order to seek out the best candidates posting in newspapers reaches more people and can broaden the pool of applicants. Rita McConville suggested using the phrase “public media” instead of “locally published daily newspapers”.

Hubbard asked about compensatory time as outlined on page 16. The current cap is 60 hours and he stated that this was not enough hours. Young suggested doubling the time to 120 hours. Both Erviti and Pruyne felt it was a good idea to have a cap. Hubbard also asked about an item on page 31 about firearms; it was agreed to add the word “unlawful” before “possession of firearms or explosives during work hours”.

At 7:14 p.m. Pruyne MOVED to close the hearing. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

It was determined that deliberation and action by the Selectboard will occur at a future meeting.

8. **Update on DLTA Priorities per Warwick Planning Board**—Young said that the Planning Board responded to FRCOG on the Division of Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) priorities.

Pruyne MOVED that the Selectboard request assistance for DLTA. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

9. **WiredWest Refunds**—Young said that he had received his refund and that he was offering assistance to anyone who requests it.
10. **Transfer Station 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Inspection Report**—Young said that the Transfer Station Commission would be meeting soon to discuss the corrective actions based on the third party inspection report. He said that the clutter at the Transfer Station needs to be cleaned up and not allowed to become so cluttered in the future. Young said that the Selectboard needed to deal with the report and work on the root of the problem.

Pruyne MOVED to authorize Dawn Magi as Selectboard Chair to sign off on the third party inspection report to the DEP. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

**11. Contributory Insurance Anticipated Shortfall**—Young said that there is an anticipated shortfall of about \$13,000.00 in the contributory insurance line item of the FY 17 budget. He explained that there are more eligible employees are taking health insurance. Young said that the Accountant wants to have the Finance Committee meet to do a Reserve Fund transfer before the bill is paid, but Town Counsel's legal opinion is that as a labor related bill it must be paid now. He said that a premium increase of 9.4% is expected for FY 18 and noted that employees pay 25% while the Town pays 75%.

**12. Selectboard Reports**—Erviti said that he was disturbed by the President stating we cannot accept any immigrants into this country from certain countries. He said that this is totally un-American and asked that the Selectboard send a letter to the proper person or persons to convey this view, if they deem it appropriate. Pruyne said that the letter would have to be from the Selectboard alone and not from the Town as a whole.

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Pruyne said that he had received a request from a resident to consult with the Board and send a letter to State representatives voicing displeasure at the decision to ignore questions on usage and distribution of marijuana and the legislature's undercutting the decision of the voters. There was a consensus of the Board to have this placed on a future agenda.

Magi said that FRCOG passed its FY 18 budget. She said that representatives from the four towns in the PVRSD met to discuss ways to keep costs down at the schools without affecting education. She said the committee is looking to think more creatively about ways to cut the budget and also re-do the district agreement. Magi noted that while enrollment decreases the costs do not. Young said that they need to find a way to be sustainable.

**13. Coordinator Report**—Young said that the snow and ice budget would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

**14. Public Comment**—None.

**15. New and Other Business Unanticipated at Time of Meeting Posting**—None.

#### IV. Adjournment

At 7:47 p.m., Pruyne MOVED to adjourn. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting:

- \*Draft Minutes of Selectboard meeting of January 3, 2017
- \*Coordinator Reports dated December 29, 2016 and January 26, 2017
- \*Email from Tom Wyatt dated January 10, 2017 Re: Survey Monkey Results 10.26.2015
- \*Email from Warwick Conservation Commission dated January 4, 2017 Re: Funding Available for Culvert Replacement
- \*Contract between Forester Michael Mauri and the Town of Warwick
- \*Draft Town of Warwick Personnel Policy endorsed by Council July 2016