April, 2014

Warwick Community Newsletter

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Selectboard	6315
Treasurer/Collector	3845
Highway	6349
Library	7866
Fire Station	3314
Animal Control	3402
Animal Contr.Pager217	-2681
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Bd of Health	6315
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Building Inspector	2236
FAX all depts.	6499
Burn Permits 413-625	-9200
(Shelburne Control)	

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.

THANK YOU TO THIS MONTH'S DONORS AND ADVERTISERS

Art Ratte'	Jay Field
Kathy Felton	Melinda Gibbons
Van Johnson Woodworking	Cheri Robartes
Miguel Torres & Luz Alvarado	Total: \$167.00

LETTER OF THANKS

Thank you everybody who sent me cards, flowers, and the Guild for the special plant they brought while I was convalescing from my knee surgery.

- Helen Perkins

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Townspeople

As many of you may already know, Jeanette Fellows - who has served faithfully as Town Clerk of Warwick for 16 years - has decided not to run for re-election this year.

In light of this change, it is with much enthusiasm that I place my name on the ballot for Town Clerk in our upcoming May 2014 elections. If elected I would consider changing Town Clerk office hours from Monday morning to Monday evenings or Saturday morning. I will be listening to your opinion on that matter. To make town government work, Jeanette has been available by phone at home and by appointment. I intend to continue that practice.

I am eager for the opportunity to work for the Warwick community in this capacity and would greatly appreciate your vote.

Thank-you,

Mary Humphries

APRIL NEWS & TIDINGS WARWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Elizabeth Musgrave, Principal

READING FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES Warwick Community School students are reading to help endangered species! During our eight week annual read-a-thon, every child earns a penny for each chapter or picture book read; the pennies are added to a growing collection to be donated to a special cause. Our fifth and sixth graders thought long and hard about the recipients of our read-a-thon pennies this year and chose the World Wildlife Fund. In just a few weeks, our WCS children have read over 1000 books and there's no slowing down! Our read-a-thon finishes on Friday, April 18th and we're stretching to reach our goal of over 3000 books!

WARWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL SCHOLARS: We are so very proud of the excellent work our 3rd - 6th graders did in preparation for the English Language Arts MCAS tests that began this week! It is exciting to watch our students "step up to the plate," do their very best work, and feel good about their efforts. We thank our tutors, Ms. Gibbs, Ms.White, and Mr. Ziniti, for coaching the ELA portion of our after school MCAS prep program.

CLASSROOM BUZZ...This month we feature FIRST AND SECOND GRADES: What a productive month of learning March has been for first and second grade! We are well into our opinion writing unit, where children are busy writing letters about all the wonderful books they've read in our classroom. This unit has focused on writing letters that grab their reader's attention then stretching the letter out to introduce the book they are writing about, and retell some of the story. After that, the children have been busy thinking of juicy words to describe their opinions and using "because" to support their opinion with evidence from the text.

This writing unit has supported our reading comprehension unit as well. In reading, children have been busy thinking about their books, by retelling using sequence words, and the details of the story. We will continue to think about how we can think about and talk to our books while we're reading. Some ways we've learned so far are to think about how our characters are feeling while we read, and by making predictions of what will come next!

We will start our new science unit of Balance and Motion in the coming weeks. The children will be doing a lot of exploration into how to make objects balanced and thinking about how balance impacts movement. **Ms. Kristyn Gibbs**

...and SPECIAL NEWS FROM OUR SIXTH GRADERS: Graduation is around the corner! It has been set for Wednesday, June 18 at 6:00 in the WCS gymnasium. All are welcome to attend!

Meanwhile, we are kicking off the Spring Hire a Sixth Grader Program. Look for fliers around town. Consider hiring a sixth grader to do various odd jobs for you. The money that they earn will be split between a graduation gift from them to the school, a contribution to the World Wildlife Fund and a traditional end-of-year trip to celebrate their completion of elementary school and to enjoy being together as the unique group that they are one last time.

Ms. Lynn Hansell

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Guild will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1 in the basement of the Town Hall. We'll do some planning for future programs and events, and enjoy Springtime treats. Come join us!

- Martha Morse

SAVE THE DATE

May 10, 2014 Saturday

13th Annual Ned Green Scholarship Fundraising

Hike up Mt. Grace 10:00 to noon

More info to follow

Ouestions? Call Clare Green 544-7421

COME TO ZUMBA! \$5 DROP IN FEE
TOWN HALL—SUNDAY 8AM, TUES/THURS 6PM QUESTIONS? CALL LEANNE AT 544-5553

WARWICK ARTS COUNCIL

On **Tuesday April 22nd at 1pm** the Warwick Arts Council presents a vacation week performance for all ages: **"Elmer & the Elder Tree"** by the Piti Theatre Company of Shelburne MA. Description: Elmer is a city-dweller who loses his job, wanders into the countryside, and learns to revive a desolate landscape – and his own happiness. The tale is told by two forest beings who transform into all the characters from Elmer's life: mother, boss, a wise nomad, a young woman, and of course – an Elder tree. But these beings can't do it alone: the audience becomes both the show's reason for being told, and players in it. The tale is inspired by Shel Silverstein's "The Giving Tree" and Jean Giorno's "The Man Who Planted Trees" and features original music by Aaron Sherwood, Peter Buchanan, and Wayne Smith. This free performance will happen just after the Senior Meal upstairs in the Main Hall of the Warwick Town Hall. A good chance for grandparents & grandchildren to have fun together and all are welcome. This performance is made possible by a Mass Cultural Council grant, thanks to the Warwick Cultural Council.

Other events:

• **Saturday March 29th** - 7pm: <u>Independent Film Night</u> with "<u>Heirloom</u>" by NMH teacher Eleanor Conover and "<u>Reviving The Freedom Mill"</u> by Maine filmmaker David Conover. Discussion following the films plus *gourmet popcorn* from Warwick's best popcorn poppers.

Saturday April 19th - 7pm: Movie Night with "Adaptation" with Meryl Streep, Nicolas Cage and Chris Cooper. This film is a wacky adaptation of the book "The Orchid Thief" by Susan Orleans. Introduction, and discussion after the showing, led by Doc Pruyne.

Visit Warwick Arts Council & Wooden Fender on Facebook for more information

-Tom Wyatt

MORE ON FILM NIGHT FROM DOC PRUYNE:

Warwick's First Novel-to-Film Night

On April 19th, at 7 p.m., the Warwick Town Hall will host a film based on a novel. The first film will be "Adaptation", starring Meryl Streep, Nicholas Cage, and Chris Cooper. The adaptation by Charlie Kaufman is one of the most bizarre in cinema history. Kaufman was hired to adapt a non-fiction book, "The Orchid Thief", by Susan Orleans, which was expanded from an article she published in *The New Yorker*. Kaufman couldn't figure out how to adapt the book, so he wrote about a screenwriter struggling to write a screenplay, whose charismatic brother shows up just as he starts tearing his own hair out.

Copies of "The Orchid Thief" will be available to borrow from the library. Doc Pruyne will briefly introduce the film and facilitate a discussion when the showing ends.

Parental warning: Mild instances of adult language, violence and drug use.

SOME ON-GOING ACTIVITIES OF THE TCCW MISSION COMMITTEE

THANK YOU!!!! A big thank you to all who donate money and goods through the Trinitarian Congregational Church. We have taken several loads of blankets, sheets. Towels, etc. to the Franklin Emergency shelter in Greenfield, many loads of food and personal care items to the Orange Food Pantry and sent enough money to the Western MA Food Bank to feed more than 600 people who are "food insecure".

BEDDING & BLANKET DRIVE

Please drop off clean blankets, sheets, towels etc. in reasonably good condition for the Franklin Survival Center in Greenfield, in the front hall of the Chapel. Winter clothing in decent condition is also accepted by the shelter.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

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

COMING EVENTS

JOBS not JAILS, a coalition of religious, secular and social service organizations, is organizing an effort to turn a projected \$2 billion of tax money from building 10,000 new prison units by 2023 toward programs of drug treatment, job training, and other reforms that other states (like Texas & NY) have made. A petition is in the Chapel for signing and a rally is planned for Boston Common SAT, APR 26 at 12 PM.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER EVENTS

GOOD FRIDAY APR 18 6 PM METCALF CHAPEL A service of reflection and meditation

EGG COLORING SAT APR 19 10am TOWN HALL This is open to all. Tracey Kirley will help parents and kids color eggs to take home and some to leave for the Easter Sunday Egg Hunt

SUNRISE SERVICE 5:45 AM on the top of Shepardson Rd.

EASTER BREAKFAST 6:30 – 9:30 am Town Hall **EGG HUNT** during the breakfast, around 8:15-8:30 **EASTER WORSHIP** 10:30 AM METCALF CHAPEL

Easter Sunday Breakfast

April 20, 2014 7:00-9:30 a.m.

Warwick Town Hall

FRENCH TOAST SAUSAGE FRUIT COFFEE/TEA/JUICE/MILK

Adults: \$8.00/Children \$3.00 (12 and under)



Easter Egg Hunt, too!!!!!!
Proceeds Benefit Trinitarian
Congregational Church of Warwick

Moore's Pond Beach Committee



Lasagna Dinner

Saturday, April 12 at 6pm followed by music at 7pm Warwick Town Hall

Menu: Lasagna, meat and veggie, tossed salad, garlic bread, dessert \$10.

Proceeds will help fund the water testing for the beach.

ANIMAL CONTROL

NEVER IGNORE THESE 7 SYMPTOMS 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, 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 should be examined immediately by your veterinarian. Lung or heart disease, infections, obstructions, and more can cause sudden breathing problems. Diarrhea: Diarrhea that persists for more than a day should always be addressed. Because dogs and cats are smaller than humans, they can become dehydrated more quickly than people do. If your pet has loose stools that last longer than a day, have he or she checked out. Most pets can receive simple treatments that will leave them feeling better in no time. Vomiting: Vomiting once after eating garbage is expected, but vomiting three or more times in a day is concerning and may be an emergency. Generally speaking, if your pet vomits more than three times in day, it should be seen by your veterinarian. There are numerous causes of vomiting in dogs and cats; fortunately, most of them are non-life-threatening. Serious causes include an intestinal obstruction, infection, pancreatitis, liver or kidney disease, hormonal imbalance, or worse. The sooner your pet is diagnosed and treated, the better (and less costly) the treatment. Sudden increase in water consumption or urination: If you suddenly observe your dog or cat constantly at their water bowl, asking to go out more frequently, or you notice you are changing the litterbox more often, take your pet to the vet. These clinical signs may be associated with diabetes, kidney or liver disease, kidney or bladder infections, hormonal diseases, or even poisoning. Not eating for 48 hours: A pet's appetite is preserved unless there is something seriously wrong. When a dog or cat doesn't consume food for two consecutive days, you should be worried. By delaying treatment, your pet experiences further nutritional deficiencies that may prolong or complicate their recovery. Cats, most especially those who are overweight and don't eat may also develop acute lifethreatening liver failure. Take your pet's lack of

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; FUN. Whichever word you choose, come and join us for lunch at The Gathering Place on Fridays.

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 will be posted at the Town Hall on Fridays.

appetite very seriously and seek medical attention 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 anal gland conditions or colitis (inflammation of the colon). Either way, you should have your pet checked out when 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. Inability to defecate or urinate: A pet who is straining or unable to urinate or defecate is in immediate danger. Besides the risk of bladder or urethral rupture, kidney failure, seizures, blood poisoning, your pet should have medical attention immediately. Many dogs and cats start out straining to go to the bathroom only to suddenly develop complete blockage. At particular risk for urethral or urinary obstructions are male cats and dogs.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LICENSE YOUR

DOG(s): Town Clerk Jeannette Fellows is now issuing 2014 Warwick Dog Licenses. If you are unable to come to Town Hall during her regular office hours, you may contact me and I will assist you in obtaining the necessary license(s). Please contact me at 978-544-3402.

-Rosa Fratangelo Calcari

Menu

****Apr. 4****

Minestrone Soup Homemade Multigrain Bread Roast Beef or Grilled Cheese Sandwich Assorted Desserts

****Apr. 11****

Beef Barley Soup Homemade Multigrain Bread Roast Beef or Grilled Cheese Assorted Desserts

****Apr. 18****

Onion Soup Homemade Multigrain Bread Grilled Swiss Assorted Desserts

****Apr. 25****

Springtime Picnic
(Potato Salad, Spaghetti
Salad, Baked Beans)
Hot Dogs (natural casing;
Kayem)
Assorted Desserts

TRAVEL REVIEW JK CROSSROADS RESTAURANT

JK Crossroads Restaurant 119 Patriots Road East Templeton, MA 01438 978-632-7070

I recently dined at "Crossroads" on Route 2A in East Templeton, the former Olsen's. When we arrived our reserved table wasn't quite ready since some of us were early. We have 9 people that dine out before the theatre at The Mount (I'll critique that another time). While we waited it was continuous people arriving for dinner.

When we were seated and given the menus, we found out why it was so busy. They had early bird specials from 4 PM to 6 PM and on a Saturday night that is rare. We had 15 minutes to get an order in under the 6 PM deadline. Luckily, our waitress was quick. She served our drinks then took our orders and we were able to catch the early bird special.

I chose the baked haddock which was a small portion size of fresh haddock topped with cracker crumbs and served with potato and vegetable. Regular price on the menu was \$15.99; early bird special was \$10.99. Good deal. I chose mashed potatoes and glad I did, they were the best mashed potato I ever had in a restaurant. I do not like garlic mashed and these were creamy and tasty, just like my mom use to make. The vegetable was broccoli but I found it was frozen and not fresh so it had the "tough" texture of frozen.

They were so busy that a couple things got messed up, like forgetting that someone ordered chowder and they mixed up some of the vegetables on the dinners but overall, it was very good. Everyone said they would definitely go back again. Most of the dinners on the early bird special were \$10.99 and they had quite a few choices. I'd recommend getting there early if you want the early bird specials as it get pretty hectic about 5:30. Bon Appetite. *Gloria Varno*

WOODEN FENDER PRESENTS:

Surly Temple

7:00pm Saturday, April 12th, 2014 at the Warwick Town Hall

Take 3 veteran musicians who have gigged with dozens of other players, a pun for a band name, and what do you get?

Surly Temple is Jim Henry and long time buddies Guy DeVito and Doug Plavin. We like to play songs by songwriters and musicians we admire – people like Nick Lowe, Richard Thompson, Los Lobos, Ry Cooder and David Lindley – to name a few.

Put on your your dancing shoes or just kick back and enjoy the music – a memorable evening is guaranteed.

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

Come early and enjoy the Lasagna Dinner to benefit the Warwick Beach Committee





Saturday April 12th Surly Temple Warwick Town Hall



TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK

APRIL 2014

Dear Friends.

"For as the body apart from the Spirit is dead, so faith apart from works is dead." James 2: 26

"Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with wicked fist...Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the thongs of the yoke, and to let the oppressed go free and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and to bring the homeless into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him...?" Isaiah 58:3a-4, 6-7

There has been a lot of talk about "religious liberty" in recent years and it is likely to reach a fever pitch in upcoming elections, especially with the entry of Rev Scott Lively in the MA governor's race. But what is religious liberty? Rev Emily C Heath, a UCC minister, posted a blog, in Sept 2012 and carried by the Huffington Post, what she titled "How to Determine If Your Religious Liberty is Being Threatened in Just 10 Quick Questions". A sampling follows:

"My religious liberty is at risk because:

- 2. A) I am not allowed to marry the person I love legally...
 - Some states refuse to enforce my own particular religious beliefs on marriage...
- 4. A) I am not allowed to pray privately.
 - B) I am not allowed to force others to pray the prayers of my faith publicly.
- 8. A) Another religious group has been declared the official faith of my country.
 - *B)* My own religious group is not given status as the official faith of my country.
- 9. A) My religious community is not allowed to build a house of worship in my community.
 - B) A religious community I do not like wants to build a house of worship in my community.

In closing, no matter what sound bites you hear...remember this: Religious liberty is never secured by a campaign of religious superiority. The only way to ensure your religious liberty remains strong is by advocating for the religious liberty of all, including those with whom you may passionately disagree. Because they deserve the same rights as you. Nothing more. Nothing less."

Rev Lively uses his "faith" to actively promote discrimination against people whose sexual orientation does not fit his definition of marriage, or acceptable standards of relationships. The Deacons are beginning the process of possibly becoming a declared "Open and Affirming" congregation. We have been that in our actions, but, in light of Rev Lively's and others' actions of overt discrimination, we are considering what our response should be and a public declaration maybe the way to proceed. In the UCC, this is a very deliberate and studied process. It involves a good deal of study, prayer and discussion of what our faith calls us to do.

In our Lenten discussion group, we have been using a DVD entitled "Saving Jesus", and one of the first segments talks about "faith" and what that term has meant through history. The commentators contend that for the first 300+ years, faith was measured by the actions of believers; how they *lived* their faith. After the Roman Emperor Constantine accepted the Christian faith, in 325 CE, "faith" became defined by a set of "beliefs"; acceptance of a set of ideological rules. That later definition persists today in most organized religions throughout the world, and it is that stance that, I believe, is at the core of the disfavor with which many view organized religion today. "Spiritual but not Religious" is a category that many have self-identified with on surveys for years. This is especially true in the Northeast, considered the "least" religious area of the US.

Is it just coincidence that this is also the area of the US with the highest education levels in the US? Are more educated populations more willing to question external authorities? I would hope we would also be willing to question our own assumptions and "test the spirits" as well. "Spiritual and religious" is a possible category as well.

In faith, Dan

NEEDLEFELTING BLUEBIRD WORKSHOP



WEDNESDAY APRIL 9TH

6-9 PM at Warwick Town Hall

please arrive on time

MATERIAL FEE \$7.00

Limit 20 participants

Sign-up sheet at Warwick library or call 978-544-7866 at Library

SCULPT a BLUEBIRD

using Merino wool and a needle

CREATE a pin/bird ornament

www.wanderfulcreations.com

Nicol Wander Instructor

Novice & experienced felters welcome!

Adult or mature teens only (Sharp needle used in creative process)



Massachusetts Cultural Council

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

LETTER OF THANKS

The family of Richard Coffin wishes to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards, and food and helped in any way through our difficult time during the loss of a very special person.

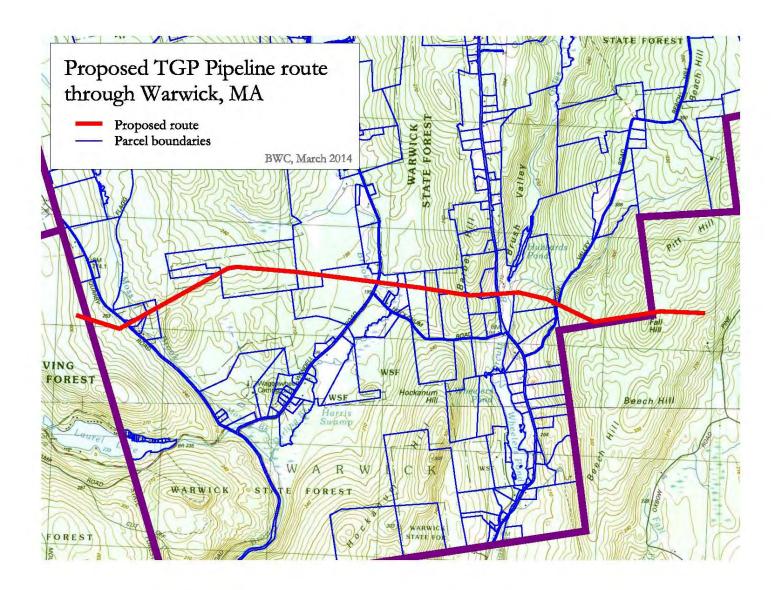
Special thanks to Dan Dibble for the very special service.

Lois Coffin; Dean, Sally & Family; Carol, AJ & Family, Michelle, Gary & Family

WARWICK FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Academy Awards are here! If you like to keep up with the newest videos, you need look no further than your local library. Here is a list of DVDs that are now available: The Hunger Games: Catching Fire, 12 Years a Slave, Dallas Buyers Club, The Book Thief, Nebraska.

Coming soon: Frozen, The Hobbitt: The Desolation of Smaug, August Osage County, Philomena, The Wolf of Wall Street, American Hustle and Saving Mr. Banks. See you at the movies.—Nancy Hickler



Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Athol Town Hall --Information Session on proposed pipeline project. Bruce Winn from the Berkshire Environmental Action Team (BEAT) will give a presentation on the proposed Tennessee Gas Pipeline (TGP) route and its contents. He will also talk about environmental and health issues along with economic and regulatory issues. TGP, a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan, is planning to run a pipeline through North Massachusetts to provide natural gas to a Dracut holding spot. Many people in this area could be affected by this project. Discussion with Q & A to follow presentation. Sponsored by: North Quabbin Energysubmitted by Steve and Janice Kurkoski, Members NQE

SELECTBOARD MINUTES FEBRUARY 3, 2014

Members present: Dawn Magi, Nick Arguimbau, Patricia Lemon; Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo Calcari, Police Chief David Shoemaker, Jon Calcari, Paula Lundgren Robinson (*Athol Daily News*)

Call to Order

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

Public Comment None.

Minutes

Lemon pointed out that when Arguimbau has time to figure out how he thinks the October 15 minutes should be corrected, the correction can be put into the minutes of the meeting when he presents it. In the meantime,

Lemon MOVED to approve the minutes of October 15, 2013, January 21, 2014 and January 27, 2014. Arguimbau SECONDED for the minutes of January 21, 2014 and January 27, 2014 only. Magi SECONDED for the minutes of October 15, 2013. Motion CARRIED by a vote of 3-0-0 for the January 21, 2014 and January 27, 2014 minutes. Motion CARRIED 2-0-1 for the minutes of October 15, 2013. Lemon and Magi: AYE; Arguimbau Abstained.

Fratangelo Calcari asked that, in future, Selectmen give her their corrections in a timely manner, so this situation does not arise. IV. Presentations and Discussions

- 1. Broadband Update—Young said that the hearing had been held and the permit had been granted for completion of the fiber lateral to Mt. Grace tower. He said that Assessors Clerk Beth Gilgun had checked and that the permit had been issued and recorded at the Registry of Deeds. Young said that there is s similar middle mile project in New Hampshire and that he had called AccessPlus today to obtain more bandwidth for WBS. He noted that lack of sufficient bandwidth has caused a bottleneck on our system. He said that the next step would be to move people off of the 900 MgH system and onto a faster radio spectrum.
- 2. Soltas Net Metering Agreement Report —Young said that he had hosted a meeting with Soltas, which was also attended by our Buildings and Energy Committee member Janice Kurkoski, Linda from the B&E Committee in Petersham, two representatives from our current supplier the Hampshire COG/Hampshire Power, and Hal Gilum of Athol from Pequoig. Young explained that Soltas had oversold the Adams Farm project. The Pequoig deal we signed gave us credited net metering with no distribution or transmission charges. However, the restructured deal now offers a 20% discount whereby we purchase credits for 80 cents on the dollar. Young said that we need more but he does not have a figure in mind at this point. He said that Soltas expects to deliver power to us from a source other than Adams Farm by April or May of this year. Young noted that we have good partners in this issue.
- 3. Status of MassWorks STRAP Grant—Young said that we don't have written confirmation yet, but Larry Delaney had been given additional verbal confirmation that we are getting a STRAP grant award. Apparently the letters have not yet been mailed. Young said that our match would be about \$50,000.00 in Chapter 90 funds, and that the STRAP grant award is around \$490,000.00.
- 4. Natural Gas Pipeline Update Young said that he had met with Tennessee gas Company's land agent and that he got the proposed route for the pipeline. He showed the map to each Board member. Young said that there were 20-something properties involved, along with a great deal of state land. He said that the next step would be for the company to have someone walk and mark the route in the spring. After that they would come before the Board to request permission for test soil borings. Young said that the proposed pipeline would start in Albany, end in Boston and that the gas carried by the pipeline would be in gas, and not in liquid, form. He noted that the State Legislature would also have to vote to approve the project, and that the entire process, even if successful, could not begin construction for several years.
- **5. Pioneer Yearbook**—Young said that we have signed up again this year for a half-page ad congratulating the Class of 2014. He said that the ad will contain photographs of the Town's four graduating seniors.
- **6.** WCS Roof Statement of Interest—Young said that PVRSD Assistant Superintendent Gail Healy has been working on our behalf to submit yet another application for financial assistance from the MSBA for the WCS roof. In his estimation our chances for success are low. Young said that the Buildings and Energy Committee does not want the gym roof replaced yet, as its thermal boundary issues need to be addressed first so as to eliminate the serious heat loss. Young noted that the gym roof is not leaking, so holding off is possible. Young estimated that the total roof replacement would cost between \$130,000.00 and \$135,000.00.
- 7. **Local Aid Projections**—Young said that the Governor's proposed FY 15 budget has the Town at almost the same as last year. He explained that the small apparent increase is actually a reimbursement for Veterans' benefits.
- 8. **Selectboard Reports**—Lemon said that the Costume Ball was a great success, and noted that people came from as far away as Newton.
- 9. Coordinator Report—Young asked Police Chief Shoemaker to speak, as he had inadvertently left his report off of the agenda. The Chief said that there were several more investigations being conducted and that patrols were increased, but all within the budget. Lemon asked him if he had heard anything about upcoming meetings of the Public Safety Building Committee, to which he replied that he had not. Young suggested that some issues could be addressed and permits sought even before the final plans are done. He said that the Board of Health could be contacted for the water and septic issues with the Board of Health, and the Highway Superintendent for driveway matters, and access to the building. Chief Shoemaker said that he would follow up with Fire Chief Ron Gates, and indicated that he would be willing to start on some of the preliminary work on the permits.

Selectboard FEB 3, 2014 cont.

10. Selectboard Reports Continued—Magi said that she attended a FRCOG meeting last week, and that a budget of \$3,261,734.00 had been passed. Magi said that this included a level-funded service budget and a 1.5% COLA for FRCOG staff. She said that she had a copy of the budget if anyone wanted to review it.

Magi also mentioned two upcoming FRCOG meetings: Wednesday, February 19 on Financial Skills for Selectboards and Thursday, March 20 on Transportation Funding. Magi expressed interest in attending both.

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

V. Adjournment

At 6:48 pm, Lemon MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Minutes taken by Rosa Fratangelo Calcari

SELECTBOARD MINUTES—MARCH 3, 2014

Members present: Dawn Magi, Patricia Lemon

Member Absent: Nick Arguimbau; Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo Calcari, Police Chief David Shoemaker, Town Accountant Janice Barrett, Brian Miner, Jon Calcari, Paula Lundgren Robinson (*Athol Daily News*)

<u>I.</u> <u>Call to Order</u> Chair Magi called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm in Town Hall.

Public Comment None.

Minutes

Lemon MOVED to approve the minutes of February 3, 2014 as printed. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

IV. Presentations and Discussions

1. Snow Removal Overtime—Town Accountant Janice Barrett came before the Board to seek guidance and clarification of the overtime statement in the Town's Personnel Policy. The document referred to in this discussion is the Town of Warwick Personnel Policy (revised June 27, 2011), page 2, which reads "Overtime Time in excess of the normal work week of forty (40) hours during periods of normal highway maintenance. During snow removal, overtime begins after eight (8) working hours per day."

Barrett said that she uses the strict interpretation of day as being a 24-hour period. Young said that Town Counsel had opined that while the strict interpretation to define day as a 24-hour period is accurate, it is not reasonable because the intent is that of a shift and not strictly a 24-hour period of time. Lemon said that a paragraph was needed to define the term "day".

Barrett gave the example of a highway worker working from 3pm - 12am and again from 12am - 5am the following day. Under the strict interpretation of a day being a 24-hour period beginning at midnight and ending at the following midnight, this example would not meet the requirement for "overtime" even if it were a continuous shift because it spans two different 24-hour periods. Barrett noted that this applies only to part-time workers who are on-call for snow removal. Lemon again said that a definition of the word "day" should be added.

Lemon MOVED to direct Janice Barrett to assume for the purposes of overtime calculation that a day is a 24 hour period. Motion FAILED for lack of a Second.

Barrett said that this matter presented a long term concern for the part time workers, and that it does not affect full time employees. She suggested that the intent was to pay overtime for the task of snow and ice removal and that part time workers could be penalized by the arbitrary term "day", so the word "shift" should be used instead. It was noted that "shift" would also require a specific definition. Young said that a specific start time and end time with a description of the type of work done would indicate whether it is a continuous shift.

At the request of reported Paula Robinson, Fratangelo Calcari read aloud the motion prior to the vote.

Lemon MOVED that pending receipt of suggested revisions from Town Counsel, the second sentence under Overtime be revised to read "During snow removal, overtime begins after an eight (8) hour shift". Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-

2. Town Hall Handicap Access Signage —Lemon wanted to limit the time a non-handicapped person could park in the handicapped parking spot near the door to the Town Hall dining room for purposes of loading and unloading. Police Chief Shoemaker pointed out that there is a \$500.00 fine for a vehicle lacking a handicap placard or license plate that is parked in the space and such a vehicle can be removed (towed). He and Coordinator Young pointed out that there should be *no* parking in a handicapped spot without the appropriate placard or sticker. Magi inquired if the space could be made wider; Young said that would not be feasible. Lemon said that anyone parking to unload things into Town Hall should park as close as possible to the door, thereby avoiding the handicapped parking spot.

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3. WiredWest Update—Young said that Warwick was well represented at the last meeting by our WiredWest representative and Broadband Committee member Reva Reck, Selectboard members Nick Arguimbau and Patricia Lemon, and Finance Committee member Bill Foote, and Young himself. Lemon said that WiredWest is at the point of needing to determine a formula to allocate expenses. Young said that the next meeting will be March 13th. Lemon Magi said both said that they would attend.

Lemon said that WiredWest is aiming to assess a monthly subscription fee of between \$100.00 and \$150.00 per household, with subsidies available for low income households. Young noted that this fee would be for a package that is expected to include internet, telephone and television services. He also said that the biggest challenge for WiredWest will be obtaining financing. He said that there are a number of grants which we may or may not get, and that the MBI grant should be about \$40,000,000.00, but that WiredWest might ask towns to join together to guarantee a bond issue to fund completion of the fiber optics wiring and WiredWest was currently examining various ways of allocating costs (by mile, by household or by some other standard). Lemon said that if any Town vote for such a guarantee were ever required, an informational meeting and discussion would be held before the Town Meeting at which it would be voted.

4. Police Chief's Report — Chief Shoemaker said that he had met wit the Finance Committee regarding the proposed FY 15 Police Department budget. He said that officers are conducting a couple of ongoing investigations, and that he had to pull one officer off of patrol and assign him to investigative work because of the time commitment involved.

Shoemaker noted that a resident had recently been taken in by a Nigerian online scam, and added that in the very near future he wants to set up a presentation on various types of fraud. It was thought that a Women's Guild meeting might be a good forum for launching such an educational effort.

Lemon inquired if the Chief was aware of a dip in the road caused by a collapsed culvert on Mt. Grace Road. He said that he was not, but that he could inform the acting Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney about it. The Chief said that our roads are bad, despite being better than most in surrounding communities. Lemon also asked about the intersection of Flower Hill and Leland Hill Roads, where she recently narrowly avoided being hit by a car coming from Leland Hill Road without slowing or pausing. The Chief said that there should be Stop sign at that intersection, which he could mention to Delaney as well.

5. Selectboard Reports—Lemon said that she thought that a discussion of the proposed Tennessee Gas pipeline should be included on a future agenda. She noted that the pipeline had recently generated considerable discussion on the "L" as well as on Facebook. Magi said that Arguimbau had told her that the Planning Board would be involved in the issue. Young said that he had granted permission for the proposed location to be marked, both to expedite bureaucracy and to find out where exactly they propose to dig. He noted that the company must come to the Town for permission before doing any major digging.

Young mentioned that on Saturday, March 8th at 6:30pm in Town Hall there will be a screening of the movie "Gasland II" with a discussion to follow.

- **6.** Coordinator Report—Young said that within the past couple of weeks Senator Rosenberg's office had called to ask if the Town had any projects to be added to the Transportation Bond Bill. Young said that he asked for 3.2 million dollars to reconstruct Winchester Road, particularly the portion through the Gulf. He said that Mary Jane Bacon from Senator Rosenberg's office had called to say that it looks promising and that nothing had been excluded from the bill. Young said that he contacted Representative Denise Andrews, who supports the bill. He said that we could receive close to \$4,000,000.00 including the Chapter 90 funds for Winchester Road.
- 7. New and Other Items Not Reasonably Anticipated Prior to Posting—Lemon said that she will send something to the *Athol Daily News* tomorrow regarding a hearing to be held later this week on the Updated Bottle Bill. She said that every town in Massachusetts supports it and yet Representative DeLeo still refuses to allow it to be brought up for a vote. Lemon wanted as many people as possible from Warwick to attend the hearing in Boston. Young said that lots of telephone calls and Emails to local legislatures are often very effective. Lemon noted that both of our legislators had signed on as sponsors of the bill.

 V. Adjournment

At 7:03 pm, Lemon MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Minutes taken by Rosa Fratangelo Calcari

Writing Seminar at the Library

An eight-week writing seminar, "Writing Fiction from Characters", will be offered by Doc Pruyne on Tuesday nights at the Warwick Library. The first meeting will be from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on **April 15th**. We'll be exploring well-known characters from books we've read, meeting new characters in class, and creating characters to use in our own fiction. The goal will be to learn how to create characters and complete a short story.

The seminar is limited to a maximum of ten (10) writers. Please email Doc at docpruyne@gmail.com to reserve your place. Participation will be on a first come, first serve basis. A contract to attend all eight sessions will be required. The minimum age is 16 years old.

This seminar is funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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Can you name 7 bodies of water in Warwick? Do you know which one this is? Hint: The one that is helped by you eating some delicious lasagna this month.



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Smoke~N~Hot News...From The Firehouse

Bill Lyman

HA! Winter has largely passed, and it looks like we made it. But are you still burning a fire to keep the Spring chill down? We're not out of the woods yet with regards to chimney fires. It was a tough, cold winter that exhausted your supply of dry, seasoned wood. People are burning greener wood with more creosote buildup potential. This mix of conditions means CHIMNEY FIRE is on our firefighting minds.

Are you going to be calling 911? Check your stovepipe for poor draft and debris buildup- when starting a fire, does the smoke move up the chimney easily? Most chimney cleanings are under \$100, while most homes are something we consider priceless, especially when they have our family and friends inside. If you think you may have a problem, you probably do. My own stovepipe needed a brush-through in February, and I cleaned everything in September.

Another thing on our firefighting minds is brush-burning season. Most people want to burn after the snow is gone- it is easier, but more dangerous. Snow is a pretty good buffer to fire, I think, as I have never seen a snowbank burning out of control. Grass, leaves and other low-lying brush that was alive last year- that catches quickly. If it is windy, please fly a kite. Don't burn without being ready to knock down small getaway fires, and if it is windy...please do not burn. We rushed to 3 different brush fires on the same day last year. Burn permits are available at www.fcburnpermits.com.

Rumors! The Firefighter Spaghetti Dinner went well, and we appreciate the turnout of smiling faces that showed up in the brightly lit Town Hall dining room. There was a rumor that we would have a famous guest. We got lucky, because no Hollywood A-listers came. Everyone is famous in a small town like Warwick, and we at Warwick Fire celebrate our community. Hence, you are all A-List Celebrities to us. We had political friends Dawn Magi and State Rep. Denise Andrews join us. There is a rumor Dawn is going to run for Governor.

Rumors! A new \$300,000 firetruck is something that has been discussed. There will not be any request for buying one put before Town Meeting this May. The town hired a consultant, who concluded we needed to look at the option and what it could do for our fire-suppression abilities. We are doing that, while keeping in mind what our town's financial burden is. Fire Chief Gates considers big expenditures by keeping his neighbors' budgets in mind. Maybe later, but only if it is financially feasible.

There was a rumor that Warwick Fire's good friend Nick Arguimbau was not going to seek re-election to the Board Of Selectmen. Well, it's just a rumor, because Nick asked me to help him get nomination papers signed. And every Warwick Fire Officer signed it right away, because Nick was really helpful when we needed to put down a political fire. He battled, so we could be here to protect our town. Nick Arguimbau had our backs, and he'll get our votes.

Who was the genius that said "All things are political."? Well, we are in 2014. The Fire Department and Selectboard, with Coordinator Young are forging ahead, in an era of respect and cooperation. We have much to do together. David has been helpful, along with Finance Committee, to help us with longer range plans. We appreciate it, as well as the efforts of Patricia Lemon and Dawn Magi. We're moving FORWARD.

The rumor about the BRAND NEW PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING – well, it's just a rumor until it starts getting built. I drive by the BRAND NEW PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING often, looking forward to confirming it as more than just a rumor. And the weather is getting warmer.

Chief Ron Gates at 544-8052

Bill Lyman at 544-9654

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.

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6 Worship Service 10AM Zumba 8am	7 Library Open 10-4	8 Sr. Mealsite 11:45 Library Open 1-8pm Zumba 6pm	9 Bluebird Felting Workshop at Town Hall	10 Library Open 5-8pm Zumba 6pm	11	12 Transfer Station 8-3 Library Open 10- 12:30 Lasagna Dinner and SURLY TEMPLES
13 Worship Service 10am Palm Sunday Zumba 8am	14 Library Open 10-4	15 Sr. Mealsite 11:45 Library Open 1-8pm Writing Workshop Begins Zumba 6pm	16 Pipeline Info Meeting in Athol	17 Library Open 5-8pm Zumba 6pm	18 Good Friday Worship Service	19 Transfer Sta 8-3 Library Open 10- 12:30 FILM NIGHT "Adaptation" EASTER EGG COLORING
20 EASTER SUNDAY Sunrise Service 5:45am Breakfast 7- 9:30 Worship Service 10:30am	22 PATRIOT'S DAY Library Closed SCHOOL VACATION WEEK BEGINS	23 Sr. Mealsite 11:45 Library Open 1-8pm Zumba 6pm	24	25 Library Open 5-8pm Zumba 6pm	26	27 Transfer Station 8-3 Library Open 10- 12:30
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PIPELINE INFO MEETING IN ATHOL—April 16

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE—April 18

FILM NIGHT "ADAPTATION" - April 19

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