

Warwick Community Newsletter

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Thank You!

This spring and summer the Assessors must update the photos of



all the buildings in town on the assessing software. The new photos will be taken from the road if possible, otherwise we will need to drive up the driveway. We will have ID and the car will have a sign that it is the Assessors. Please call [978-544-8304](tel:978-544-8304) if you want to be notified ahead of time.

- Beth Gilgun

WARWICK-L 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 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.

LETTER OF THANKS

Thank you to Warwick folks for the food, prayers, and kind words which have sustained me and my family. After a long wait, I spent a week in January at Boston Children's Hospital where a new aortic valve was placed, replacing one I had since 2008. The waiting period means I was able to receive a newly-released artificial tissue valve which should last much longer than the last one. Recovery is going well, and I will soon begin cardiac rehab at Baystate Franklin. I am looking forward to a gathering next month in Boston of adults with congenital heart disease and some of the physicians who specialize in our care. If this is of interest to you or someone you know, please contact me for more information!

Claudia Lewis and family all.one.daydream@gmail.com

LIBRARY

The Library's not just books – you can borrow a telescope, infra red camera, Kill-a-Watt meter, Go-Pro camera, digital camera or ukulele. How about free passes to local attractions: State Parks, Eric Carle Museum, Magic Wings, Historic Deerfield, Mass MoCa, Trustees of Reservations, Worcester Art Museum, Clark Museum and half-price admission to Tower Hill Botanic Gardens.

New DVDs: Coco, Get Out!, The Darkest Hour, Murder on the Orient Express, Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri.

New Books: Summer Hours at the Robbers Library by Halpern, Force of Nature by Harper, The Immortalists by Benjamin, The Wife Between Us by Hendricks, Woman in the Window by Finn.

Audio Books: In the Midst of Winter by Allende, Killers of the Flower Moon by Garin.

-Nancy Hickler, Director

THE GATHERING IS BACK

The Gathering will return to Warwick Town Hall as a monthly event. It will be the first Friday of each month, 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM. The first one will be **Friday, 06 April**. There will be soup, quiche, sandwiches and a variety of desserts. Looking forward to seeing previous attendees and hopefully some new faces as well. Watch for the menu to be posted on the Warwick -L email list and Warwick L-ternative Facebook page, Wednesdays prior to the The Gathering. -Diana Tandy

TOWN CLERK

**2018 Dog Licenses are available from the Town Clerk and will expire March 31, 2019.

License Fees: \$10 intact male or female; \$5 spayed or neutered.

KENNEL- up to 4 dogs \$20; 4 - 10 dogs \$35; over 10 dogs \$60.

You must provide proof of your dog's current rabies vaccination in order to obtain a license.

** Dog Licenses will be issued during the Rabies Clinic on Saturday, April 28th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the new Fire Station.

**Tuesday, April 17th at 8 p.m. is the deadline to register to vote for the May 7th Annual Town Meeting and May 21st Annual Town Election.

REMINDER: If you have not already sent yours in, please be sure to sign and date your street list form before returning it to the Town Clerk!

—Rosa Fratangelo

ANIMAL CONTROL

Warwick's annual Rabies Clinic will be held on **SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018** from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. at the Fire Station. Veterinary staff from Adams Animal Hospital will provide the rabies vaccinations at a cost of \$20.00 per shot. Please remember to bring proof of last rabies vaccination, and that the veterinarian asks that you keep your dog on a leash and your cat in a carrier.

—Rosa Fratangelo

GREEN CORNER

I had a chance to speak with Andy Cole of Cole Simms Design Build (Gill, MA) about the home his construction crew has been working on for the past six months. The owners of the house – Bob and Linda Paquet, whose daughter Susan lives in town – worked with Andy on a floor plan that will allow them to “age in place” with easy access to rooms and few to no energy bills.

What may look like typical construction to passersby is anything but. This residence is a NetZero home, a state-of-the-art structure that is designed to provide a healthy and comfortable environment with minimal impact on the environment. It is, as Andy explained, “easy to deal with.” So, what makes it “green?” He focused on the importance of the shell the house. It is super-insulated with 12” thick (double) walls containing blown cellulose, giving the house a substantial insulation envelope. Andy didn’t talk about complex technology but instead said, “the idea is to get away from lots of complicated things.” Mini-splits are highly efficient units used for heating and being used more and more. ERV (Energy Recovery Ventilation) is another key component to this house. There will be solar panels mounted on poles some distance from the house. Some notable details include splayed out window trim which allows more light to enter the room, and deep window sills.

Also of interest is the financial piece of this construction, which Andy said is based on the same square footage approach as any other building plan. “Green” isn’t more expensive; “bad decisions are what cost more.” Over time, he explained, all building codes are headed this way - for example, the stretch code. He added that it is less expensive to build in this manner from the ground up as opposed to retrofitting an existing structure. After the Paquets move in to their new house this summer, they will quickly start to see the benefits of their investment in terms of energy conservation and solar power.

Andy Cole never wanted to be the average builder. He grew up on a farm in Gill and learned carpentry at a young age. He’s worked as a carpenter for many years and believes in an inventive and creative style. “I build way beyond the code,” with a focus on education and progressive techniques. We are happy to have such an environmentally conscious home here in our White Road neighborhood.

(As thanks to Andy for taking time to speak with me, I’d like to mention that Andy’s daughter and boyfriend are starting a CSA in Gill called the Everyday Farm. Half and full-shares will be available. Check them out this summer. Lots of fun things are planned at the farm for share pick-ups on Saturdays!)

~ Mary Humphries for the Warwick Buildings and Energy Committee

Wooden Fender Concert Series

We ate, we listened, and we danced. What more can we say? Apparently, a lot. Once again, a team of Warwick’s finest chefs and bakers fed us as much corned beef dinner as we wanted. The corned beef was cooked to perfection, the red bud potatoes and gorgeous carrots were tender, and the cabbage melted in your mouth. To top it all off, some fabulous and supremely delicious carrot cake was on the menu, as well. We send a hearty thank you to the good folks from Metcalf Chapel for taking such good care of us! Shortly thereafter, we moved on up to the main hall to enjoy The Tommy Filiault Band who regaled us with a bit of old-fashioned rock ‘n’ roll, a lot of classic blues, and a few melodic original compositions. As usual, the dance floor was a happenin’ place. A warm thank you to Tommy Filiault and his talented bandmates!

Dinner and Concert – Saturday, April 21st, Warwick Town Hall

Winter is in the rear view mirror, but you need to see it to believe it. So, we’re bringing on **The Rear Defrosters** to make it crystal clear. This authentic honky-tonk, rockabilly band from Brattleboro boasts **Michael Roberts** on guitar and vocals, western Mass. vocalist **Kate Lorenz**, **Sam Moss** on guitar and vocals, bassist **Jeff Murphy**, and drummer **Jesse Fox**. Come dance or sit back and relax and help us melt away the last remnants of winter.

For more info, check out **The Rear Defrosters** on <https://www.facebook.com/thereardefrosters/> and listen to their digital album “Defrost Your Heart” at <https://thereardefrosters.bandcamp.com/releases>.

Mark your calendars:

April 21: **The Rear Defrosters, Moore's Pond Beach Committee Lasagna Dinner**

At 6:00 PM the Moore’s Pond Beach Committee will be serving their famous **Lasagna 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.

T O W N C O O R D I N A T O R

Town meeting is May 7 and if you haven't already, get your department's submission in for the Town Report for FY17 (the period ending June 30, '17) and make your budget requests for FY19 (beginning July 1, '18).

At Warwick Broadband our new billing system has issued bills for the past two months. If we show you with a past due balance you need to pay it or make an aggressive payment agreement to catch up. Or correct us. We remind folks that the number for service is 413-676-9544. If you report in this way all WBS employees get notified of your issue and your concern gets logged automatically.

Warwick Broadband customers should make sure the Ethernet cable that their Warwick Broadband comes into the house on is plugged into the WAN or Internet port of your home router and not the LAN port. That way you don't skirt your firewall and security and become vulnerable to intrusion. If you don't need it, don't turn on file sharing. And check periodically as newly installed applications will sometimes make changes for you. If your broadband is plugged into a single computer, keep Windows Security running and let it update. We will be at the half-way point of the system rebuild soon as we get live on the neighborhood masts. Then we will turn our attention to Mt Grace tower.

In response to some village center resident's having elevated salt levels in their drinking water a citizens committee was formed to address the matter and advocate; and the town in response is making changes. If you would like a volunteer to test your water for salt, let Chairman Pruyne know via the Selectboard office. Since he is one of the resident's affected, he isn't participating as a Selectboard member on the salt matter. Our next step is to map the affected sites, locate the wells and pass information on to MA DOT who have experience with road salt and drinking water for some analysis.

Diana is bringing back "The Gathering Place" at the Town Hall on the First Friday of the Month beginning in April; the next date is 4/6. The fireman's Association spaghetti dinner is April 14. The following week is the final Wooden Fender event of the season. I join all of you in welcoming Spring.

David Young, Town Coordinator

It is not too Late to join our "**Lovers and Fools**" Discussion Group.

We had 20 friends and neighbors join for our first discussion. Our second was snowed out. All Spiritual seekers, regardless of your spiritual perspective, are warmly invited to a series of discussions on the new daily devotional, Lovers and Fools, published by The United Church of Christ. Discussions will be held on 3 more Wednesdays (3/21, **4/4, and 4/11**) at 7:00pm at the home of Gordon and Diane Ellis, 12 Sammy Lane, Warwick. Booklets are available at the Trinitarian Congregational Church at Metcalf Chapel, 32 Athol Road. Share what you like, what you don't like, alternative views and resources, inspired memories and thoughts about these daily reflections, or just listen to others.—Diane Ellis



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

The Women's Guild will meet at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, **April 3** in the dining room at the Town Hall. Come join us as we plan for our Spring activities. - Martha Morse

R E V I E W

110 Grill
307 Market Place Drive
Athol, MA 01331

I had my first experience at the new 110 Grill, in the Market Basket area. Not good. It was the first Sunday they were open and my friend and I were coming back from seeing my great-nephew perform with the Symphony by the Sea in Beverly MA. He has the lead role in West Side Story at Endicott College and the symphony invited the chorus and cast to perform some songs from the play as they were celebrating Leonard Bernstein's 100th Birthday. The concert was fabulous.

Our stop at 110 Grill was not. When we arrived there were a few people waiting so we asked how long a wait and one of the 3 hostesses said, "depends on whether you want to sit near the kitchen" as she pointed to an open booth. We said we didn't mind so she said "give us 5 minutes". We continued to wait watching other tables open up as people were leaving and others seated. After about 10 minutes we asked what the problem was. They gave some excuse about the kitchen being backed up. Don't know what that has to do with us being seated so we waited longer. Strike One. Finally, after 15-20 minutes, one of the hostesses walked us to the booth by the kitchen as we looked at tables and booths available in the dining area. So I asked why we couldn't be seated at one of those. She replied, "You can sit anywhere you want, Sweetie", very sarcastically. Strike two.

As we sat down my friend told me she announced to the other hostesses that I was the "Warwick Food Critic" and I was not happy. That must have gotten a rise because our waitress was over immediately and I must say that she was very nice and very attentive. However, we saw various other things happening that we were not happy with, for example; food waiting 10-12 minutes for pickup; employees walking around the dining area not doing anything while people waited for water, refills, or checks; and the final one which set me off was a waitress clearing a table and wiping the table and seats with the same cloth. Strike three, four, and five. Now I started making a list.

Our dinner arrived about a half hour after we were seated. All we ordered was hamburgers and fries, which, incidentally is \$13 and the fries were so salty, I couldn't eat them all. Strike six. As luck would have it, the restaurant manager came by and apologized for the wait at the front and also for our meals taking longer. And offered us a free dessert and if there was anything else to tell our waitress and she could get him. We steamed for a few minutes, got our check and told the waitress he offered us a free dessert which we would like to take it 'to go' and could she please send him over.

He came over and we told him we would like to take our desserts 'to go' and he said it wasn't a problem. Then I asked for his email address as I had a list of complaints I wanted to send to him. With a shocked look on his face he asked if we wanted to talk about it. So I moved over and he sat down with us and we covered everything. He used the excuse that this was their first week and they will be getting the 'kinks' out now. We both hit him with "now is the time you should be doing your best because first impressions count". I'll give them awhile before I go back to get the 'kinks' out, but overall, I think their menu is limited and high in price. I hope if you all decide to try it, you have better luck with your first experience. Bon Appetite. -Gloria Varno

LASAGNA DINNER

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018, at 6:00 PM

Warwick Town Hall

**MENU: Meat & Vegetarian Lasagna, Salad, Bread,
Beverage and Dessert**

Adults: \$10.00 Children 4 -12: \$5; 3 & under, Free

Proceeds Benefit Weekly Water Testing at the Moore's Pond Town Beach

AND THERE'S MORE!!!

After dinner, be sure to go upstairs to enjoy a WOODEN FENDER musical event featuring **The Rear Defrosters** and their Honky Tonk melodies for an evening of dancing. Donations at the door are gratefully accepted and support Wooden Fender's ongoing endeavor to keep music happening in Warwick

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

Warwick recreation committee sponsored classes:

YOGA Saturday 9:15-10:30 am At Warwick town hall \$5

An all level Hatha Yoga class to meet students needs, with an emphasis on proper alignment, Pranayama - breathing technique, deep relaxation and meditation. A dynamic, yet harmonious approach to cultivate strength, physical awareness and inner balance. Led by Kalliope Kalombratsos

Zumba is a Latin inspired dance fitness program that anyone can do.

My class is low to no impact and provides an excellent cardio workout. Zumba is adaptable for all ages and fitness levels. It may take a couple of classes to learn the rhythms and some basic moves, but once you do it's JUST PLAIN FUN! Hope you will join us **Thursdays at 6:00pm at the Town Hall**. Led by Susan Krieger \$5

Tuesday 6pm STRONG and **Sunday 8am ZUMBA** classes have moved out of Warwick to the Boiler Room in Tully. Only 10 minutes away and a great work out. Led by Christine \$5

Tracey Alden- Energy Therapist, is offering a therapeutic meditation class Tuesday evenings **thru April 24th from 6:30 -7:30 at Town Hall**.

This class will be guided using Reiki and Solfeggio Sound Therapies in a group setting. We will also explore other healing and meditation modalities throughout the winter months including but not limited to aromatherapy, chanting, crystals, plants, journeying, and more. Attend weekly for best results, or drop in at your leisure. Class is sponsored by your weekly donation :)

-Leanne Limoges

In honor of **World Wide Labyrinth Day** on May 1, come walk the woodland labyrinth by the pond on Sunday, **April 29**, 2-3 PM, at 71 Athol Rd. Walk at your own pace and with your own intention. The walk is a simple and designated path of **Circuits**, lined by stones, to follow to a central point and then reverse the walk to exit. All ages are welcomed. This labyrinth was originally installed in 1998, with many helping hands from neighbors and friends. Come celebrate its 20th anniversary! Bring a poem, a song, a story, a laugh to share if so inclined.

Questions? Call Clare Green [978-544-7421](tel:978-544-7421)
(Inclement weather cancels event.)

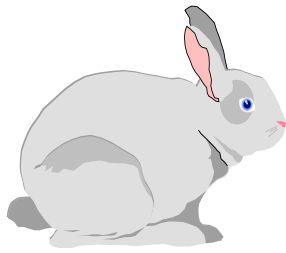
I want to thank everyone for prayers and good wishes as I recovered from surgery and my brother's passing. It has helped brighten many of my days. Thanks. Virginia Fellows

WARWICK FIRE DEPARTMENT will be having another spaghetti supper on **Sat. April 14th @ 5:30**. It will be held at the town hall. Tickets will be sold at the door. Prices are \$8.00 for an adult and children under 12 \$4.00. These prices include spaghetti and meatballs, salad, rolls and a beverage. This is a fundraiser, all monies will go toward the completion of our fire station. Hope to see you there.

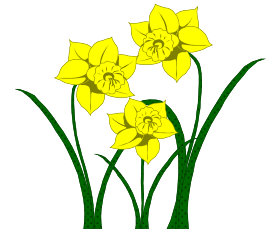


I will not be seeking another term as **Cemetery Commissioner**. I urge others interested in serving the Town of Warwick, in this capacity, to consider this opportunity.

—Alana Day



Easter Sunday Breakfast
April 1, 2018
7:00-9:00 am



Warwick Town Hall

MENU:

**FRENCH TOAST / SYRUP, SAUSAGE, FRUIT,
 COFFEE / TEA / JUICE / MILK**

Adults: \$8.00

Children 12 and under: \$3.00

Sponsored by Trinitarian Congregational Church of Warwick Metcalf Chapel

FULL MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THE NEWSLETTER.

February 12, 2018 Warwick Selectboard Minutes

Members present: Dawn Magi, Lawrence Pruyne. Member absent: James Erviti Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney, Todd Dexter

Magi MOVED to approve the minutes of January 29, 2018 as printed. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Magi MOVED to authorize deficit spending for snow and ice removal. Pruyne SECONDED.
 Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

At 7:42 p.m. Magi MOVED to adjourn. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

February 26, 2018 Warwick Selectboard Minutes

Members present: Dawn Magi, Lawrence Pruyne, James Erviti. Others present: Town Secretary and Town Clerk Rosa Fratangelo, Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney, Buildings and Energy Committee members Janice Kurkoski and Steve Kurkoski, Finance Committee member Steve Ruggiero, HEART Committee member and School Committee member Sue O'Reilly McRae, Jessica Marshall

Magi MOVED to approve the minutes of February 12, 2018 as printed. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-1 – Magi and Pruyne: AYE; Erviti; ABSTAIN.

Magi MOVED to appoint Jessica Marshall to the HEART Committee. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Magi MOVED to grant a MGL 268A:23(b)(3) exemption to Sue O'Reilly McRae. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

At 7:27 p.m. Magi MOVED to adjourn. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Hello Warwick,

Thank you everyone that attended our recent past spaghetti supper, it was a good turn out and everyone had a great time. Thank you to Mel Talbot for donating all of the raffled off items, congratulations to the winners.

WFD will be having another spaghetti supper on **Sat. April 14th @ 5:30**. It will be held at the town hall. Tickets will be sold at the door. Prices are \$8.00 for an adult and children under 12 \$4.00. These prices include spaghetti and meatballs, salad, rolls and a beverage. This is a fundraiser, all monies will go toward the completion of our fire station. Hope to see you there.

Once again It is so very important, and I can't stress this enough, that you have **working** smoke/CO detectors and that you practice a plan of escape from your home, two methods of escape. I am amazed at the number of people who still do not have working smoke and CO detectors in their home.

Please, if you have any questions on whether you have enough or financially you can not afford to purchase some, contact me anytime.

We are still selling and encouraging you to purchase a "911" street number signs. On my way to a recent inspection, I passed by 4 houses in a row that did not have a clearly visible house number for their address. That slows down our, and other mutual aid companies that are not familiar with the town, response time tremendously. It is imperative to make your house number visible for an ambulance to find you. They are green reflective signs that you put your number (which is reflective too) on both sides. They are \$15.00 each (\$5.00 xtra for a post) You can call my home and I will arrange for you to get one. We will put the numbers on for you and help you install them if necessary as well.

We have some orders right now to process, we are waiting for better weather, so if you have already contacted us for yours, we will be delivering them to you soon, thank you for your order.

We have recently applied for 3 grants:

1. Safety grant for \$1708.00 for student awareness and \$2115.00 for senior awareness. We were awarded this grant.
2. VFA grant for new brush gear. Not granted as of yet, still waiting to hear.
3. AFG grant to replace our out of date, non compliant self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) for \$99,000.00. Not granted as of yet, still waiting to hear.

There will be a rabies clinic at the fire station on Sat. April 28 @ 10:0 AM – noon.

Adams Animal Hospital will be the vet at the clinic that day.

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

Stay Safe, Chief Ron Gates

WARWICK RABIES CLINIC

Saturday, April 28

10am - 12 noon

New Fire Station

\$20.00 per Vaccination

Please bring proof of most recent vaccination

DOG LICENSES Available during the Clinic

Please Have:

- Cats in carriers
- Dogs on leashes



Vet Services provided by
Adams Animal Hospital

APRIL NEWS & TIDINGS WARWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Elizabeth Musgrave, Principal

BOOKS ARE THE BEST! WOW! What a lot of terrific readers we have at WCS! Do you know that in just 4 weeks, our children have read over 1500 picture books/chapters and more than 80 lovely long books (over 75 pages)! Remarkable! And there are still 2 weeks in our 2018 Read-A-Thon! Our students are dedicating the pennies and dollars they earn by reading for our Read-A-Thon to the Wildlife Conservation Network. WCN is a less well-known, but very highly rated charity, with a mission to preserve endangered species and their natural habitats all around the globe.



WASN'T THAT FUN?! "Paws for Learning" Bookfair and Literacy

Night was a fabulous success! We want to thank all who turned out to support the Bookfair and enjoy an evening all about reading with friends. We especially want to thank all those amazing woodland creatures who showed up in their ears, tails and wings to swoop, dance, burrough, and wiggle their way into their animal homes to enjoy a good story! And thanks to our generous PTO, who funded and prepared a Pizza dinner so that families could relax and enjoy! When kids associate books with fun, we all are doing something right. Thanks to all the community members who came out to support us!



THE CLASSROOM BUZZ... This month we feature Grades 3 and 4!

Spring is coming!! If we think it, it *will* happen! The third and fourth grade students are working hard to keep moving along in their studies despite all of the snow-days. We recently finished a unit on fractions in math and a unit on energy in science.

During the energy unit we learned about stored energy, height energy, and passing energy. We built air powered and wind up cars, roller coasters, and chain reaction machines. The students learned a lot about perseverance and the engineering and design process during these lessons that required them to try, tweak, and try again.

Our fraction studies taught us that fractions are a part of a whole and we worked on using visual models to compare and find equivalent fractions. We are looking forward to the study of decimals in 4th grade this week and the study of graphs in the 3rd grade. Before April vacation both grades will complete a unit on measurement that will help prepare us for a fantastic end of the year project called *Geometry City*.

In reading students completed a unit on nonfiction reading that has helped them become deeper thinkers about their reading. We read about animals, famous disasters, and moments and people from history. We are currently combining reading and writing in an effort to learn how to write about our reading and craft effective literary essay.

Our social studies lessons are taking us on a journey through the Southeast Region. We are learning about the Everglades, Jamestown, The French Quarter, life on a plantation, the coal mines of West Virginia, and much, much more. The students are engaged in quiz games, digital slide shows, and activities that teach them about the region by bringing it to life for them. We are having a lot of fun learning about this region.

April will bring (hopefully) warmer days and the start of many projects in third and fourth grade, as well as the beginning of testing season. We will be spending a day or so a week working on MCAS preparation within the classroom. This will help the students become accustomed to the types of questions they will be seeing on their state tests. In addition, we will be launching our final math unit for the year and traveling to the remaining regions of the USA. We will also launch our final two science units on plants and rocks and minerals. **Ms. Christine Mullen**

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NORTH QUABBIN HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR

SATURDAY, MAY 12TH 10AM-4PM RAIN OR SHINE!

METCALF CHAPEL 32 ATHOL RD. WARWICK, MA

Bring **Mom** for a special treat to meet local holistic practitioners, attend a workshop, sign up for some healing therapy or a CSA, shop with local vendors & farmers, and grab some seedlings or a healthy bite to eat while listening to live therapeutic music! **Entry is FREE!**

Holistic Practitioners Include – Massage, Reiki & Sound Tuning, Acupuncture, Craniosacral, and more! Sign up for a private session!

Workshops On - Pregnancy Health, The Healing Code, Using Essential Oils, Sound Immersion with Bowls & Gongs, The Human Energy Field, EMF Awareness and more!

Local Vendors & Farmers Providing – Organic Food and Clothing, Heirloom Seedlings, CSA's, Handmade Wellness Products, Herbals, Crystals, & more!

Now Accepting Registration Applications for Vendors and Practitioners!

Contact Tracey at torustraditionals@gmail.com or call/text 413-313-3643

Ned Green Scholarship Fund Hike for PVRSD graduating senior

Save the date: Saturday, **May 12**, 2018 10:00 to noon

Meet at Oscar Ohlson Field parking lot, base of Mt. Grace.

More info next newsletter. (Severe weather cancels it.)

Call Clare Green with any questions, thank you.



TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK

APRIL 2018

Dear Friends,

“The world that we share – the ground we tread, the air that we breathe, the water we savor – unites us in a very tangible and profound way. Despite our diverse religious or racial differences, the earth provides a basis of solidarity and the ground of harmony for all people, all creatures, and all things...the spiritual heads of the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches are able to profess with one mind and one voice the sacredness of God’s creation and proclaim the need to respect and protect its resources for the benefit of all people, especially the vulnerable among us.”

This is the first time that the Pope and the Ecumenical Patriarch have cosigned and jointly issued such a statement.

At a time of global crisis and international instability – when so many people throughout the world have become the subject of displacement and deprivation resulting from the violence of political leaders and the greed of corporate heads- it is a source of consolation and inspiration that Pope Francis and Patriarch Bartholomew take time out to focus on the heart of what matters in the world...” from L’Osservatore Romano, the Vatican newspaper.

On July 3, 2017, I was privileged to be one of 700 representatives of the United Church of Christ voting on an emergency Resolution brought to the General Synod in response to President Trump’s announcement in June that the US would withdraw from the Paris Climate Accord. In less than a month, more than half of the UCC Conferences across the country had endorsed the Resolution and 97% of the Synod delegates approved the resolution. The resolution urges members and congregations to “prayerfully engage” this opportunity by 1) preparing safe places where all can share their deepest fears and hopes, 2) “be the change we long to see” (echoing one of Gandhi’s well-known principles), and 3) act to undo “*the disproportionate impact of climate change on communities of color, indigenous communities, and poor white communities around the world...and commit to hold all our religious, political, corporate, and global leaders accountable to do the same.*”

A blog from the Massachusetts Conference stated;

“It was a big claim: ‘Imperatives for a New Moral Era’

It was a big ask: to ‘resist all expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure and demand new sources of renewable energy that are accessible to all communities’ and to write a new story for America - ‘a story that is not dependent on fossil fuel or on wealth for the few and misery for the many’ ... It demands that the church itself ‘bear witness’...not only to declare a new moral era, but to name the current climate crisis as ‘an opportunity for which the church was born’.”

The Trinitarian Congregational Church of Warwick has, over many years, engaged in making our building much more energy efficient, provided information and held workshops to inform community members how to do the same in their homes, promoted local energy projects with the Warwick Building and Energy Committee, supported local farms, CSA’s and 4H projects, and provided educational opportunities for kids to learn about the environment and “Creation Care”. But there is much more we could be doing and will be investigating further.

With a federal government that is in willful and shameful denial of the consequences of climate change and environmental racism and classism, it is up to states and local communities, to become more aware of our own complicity in this moral and environmental crisis and make the changes science says we must. We may feel we are small and inconsequential, but many “smalls” working together can make a big change, and drag our “leaders” kicking and screaming into a new era of justice for all the world.

In hopeful faith, *Dan*

UP COMING EVENTS

EASTER SCHEDULE 2018

Maundy- Thursday worship	7 PM	MAR 29	Metcalf Chapel
Good Friday Worship	7 PM	MAR 30	Metcalf Chapel
Easter Egg Coloring	10 AM	MAR 31	Town Hall
Easter Sunrise Service	6:30 AM	APR 1	An outdoor service @ Michael Humphries' home 155 Royalston Rd
Easter Breakfast	7 – 9 AM	Town Hall	(egg hunt ~ 8:30)
<u>Easter Worship</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>		Metcalf Chapel

EASTER EGG COLORING is open to all kids and parents. Eggs and egg coloring kits will be set up at the Town Hall on Sat, Mar 31 at **10 AM**. Some of the eggs are to be taken home by those who color, but we ask that most be left for the Easter Egg Hunt which will be held during the Easter Breakfast, usually around 8:30, depending on when we have a critical mass of young hunters.

It's April !!! Time for the Annual Roadside Clean up

SATURDAY, APRIL 21 ANNUAL ROADSIDE CLEAN UP 10 – 12 Celebrate Earth Day by taking time to help clean up a small corner of our beautiful Earth. We will gather at the Town Hall to leave in groups by 10, clean up selected roads until a little before noon giving us time to clean up and re-gather for lunch.

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, MAY 12 (Mothers' Day weekend) We will be hosting, at the METCALF CHAPEL, 32 ATHOL RD, the first annual **"North Quabbin Health & Wellness Fair"** with workshops, vendors and practitioners of alternative medicine. Come learn about what is available in our area, how they work, and who is providing the services.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AT THE METCALF CHAPEL

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS *Nonperishable food, personal hygiene & baby care 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".*

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.*

SHEETS & BLANKETS FOR THE EMERGENCY SHELTER *Single-size sheets and blankets, pillowcases, towels, washcloths can be brought to the Chapel. We will take them to the Emergency Shelter in Greenfield.*



THE REAR DEFROSTERS

7:00 pm Saturday April 21st 2018 at the Warwick Town Hall

Winter is in the rear view mirror, but you need to see it to believe it. So, we're bringing on **The Rear Defrosters** to make it crystal clear. This authentic honky-tonk, rockabilly band from Brattleboro boasts **Michael Roberts** on guitar and vocals, western Mass. vocalist **Kate Lorenz**, **Sam Moss** on guitar and vocals, bassist **Jeff Murphy**, and drummer **Jesse Fox**. Come dance or sit back and relax and help us melt away the last remnants of winter.

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WARWICK ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP



It Starts By Caring About Our Own Community!

In conjunction with the observance of Earth Day, there will be a Warwick Roadside Clean-Up on

Saturday, April 21ST
10am – 12:30pm
Meet at the Town Hall

Please wear gloves, sturdy shoes, and bright clothes.

Children are welcomed and encouraged to help – an adult must accompany younger children for safety reasons.
 If you wish to do your own area of town, stop by for bags and instructions.

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THE GATHERING PLACE—April 6
SPAGHETTI SUPPER FOR WFD—April 14
LASAGNA DINNER AND WOODEN FENDER CONCERT—April 21
ROADSIDE CLEANUP—April 21
RABIES CLINIC—April 28
LABYRINTH DAY EVENT—April 29

**Town of Warwick
Selectboard
February 12, 2018
Minutes**

Members present: Dawn Magi, Lawrence Pruyne

Member absent: James Erviti

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney, Todd Dexter

I. Call to Order

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

II. Minutes

Magi MOVED to approve the minutes of January 29, 2018 as printed. Pruyne SECONDED.
Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

III. Presentations and Discussions

- 1. MGL 268:20D Exemptions**—Young said that he wanted the minutes to reflect that the Selectboard is inclined to grant the exemption to Sue O'Reilly McRae once the appropriate paperwork is presented. Ms. O'Reilly McRae has already been granted some exemptions, but she has discovered that one more will be required.
- 2. Meeting Behavior Guidelines**—Pruyne said that much of what he wants included in a Standard of Conduct/Civility Policy is already covered in the Town's personnel policy. He handed out copies of his draft policy for the Board members' review. The matter will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- 3. Contracting for Town Accounting Services**—Young said that he and Jim Erviti will be meeting with Bay State Municipal Accounting Group (BMAG) on Wednesday, February 14th to discuss and negotiate a contract for outsourced Town Accounting services.

4. DLTA Funding—Young explained that DLTA stands for Division of Local Technical Assistance and that this in is regards to our Town Technical Assistance Request to FRCOG. He said that the Planning Board met last week and identified the Open Space Plan as the sole high priority as it is a plan for protecting and preserving our open space. This matter will be discussed further at the next meeting.

5. Road Salt Discussion—Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney said that since the last meeting there have been a few storms. He said that on several occasions they were able to pre-treat and noted that when well-timed, salt works well. Delaney pointed out that if snow arrives sooner than expected, the Highway crew waits for a 1-inch accumulation, then plows and applies salt to the roads. He explained that when pre-treating the roads, the sooner to the start of the storm the better. Delaney said that crushed rock salt is a bit finer and is treated with magnesium chloride and appears to be more effective. He noted that the crew has to plow more with straight salt then when using a sand/salt mixture. Delaney said that he is still using about one-half the rate of salt application in the center of town and that salt is not used every pass and characterized the overall use of salt in the village center as being “way down” from previous years.

Delaney said that the crew is “beginning to get things dialed in”. He noted that for black ice a mixture of salt and sand will be used, as it is more effective, and it doesn’t take much material to get this type of ice off the roads. Delaney said that compared with the same time last year, we have purchased about half the amount of salt. He estimated that we will realize a small savings in cost of material using pre-treated salt once best practices have been identified and established.

Delaney said that the trucks have been out 8 of the last 12 days and said that this has been a busy month so far. He said that there have been 31 events this season to date, compared with 39 at this time last year. Delaney stated that he intends to pursue research on alterative products such as GeoMelt.

Young said that he had priced calcium magnesium acetate, which would cost \$4,000.00 for 1 ton of 50 lbs. bags. He said that we should try it out at some point. Delaney said that he wants to have a three-sided covered bin constructed to store the dirt road mix.

The discussion turned to the Salt in Drinking Water Advisory Committee proposed letter and survey. The wording was of some concern to the Selectboard members. There was a consensus of the Board to have the letter come solely from the Salt in Drinking Water Advisory Committee and not from the Board of Selectmen. Young said that the Interoffice Supply budget could cover the mailing costs.

Todd Dexter inquired if supplying bottled water to certain residents could open the door to a possible admission of liability. He said that no liability should be assumed before any testing by a licensed geologist to determine the cause and the source of the salt contamination. Dexter said that while he understands the goodwill gesture and caring for our townspeople, there has not yet been a determination of a geologist or hydrologist. He said that bottled water should only be offered for a limited time until a qualified expert determines the source of the problem. Young pointed out that the bottled water is only being supplied for those who have demonstrated a medical sensitivity. He said that he did not want anyone stubbornly continuing to drink contaminated water, and only those who get a letter from a doctor can adequately demonstrate their medical sensitivity to salt in the water.

Pruyne said that he will consult with Town Counsel about the wording of a declaration. He said that the Selectboard is here to make certain people are not threatened in any way and wanted to seek guidance from Town Counsel Jeremia Pollard.

- 6. Discussion of Needed Funding and Possible Town Meeting Warrant Articles**—Young said that there is no budget line item for supplied bottled water or testing of wells. He noted that the current water testing is being done in-house. Young said he will check with the Board of Health to see if they have any funds to apply to the purchase of bottled water. Young pointed out that if the need for bottled water continues or increases, a Town Meeting article could be needed and proposed a place-holder Annual Town Meeting article for salt related expenses.

Young said that in order to fund tax foreclosures, a warrant article will be required to fund taking the cases through land court. He said that about \$5,000.00 will be needed at the beginning of the process, and that the total amount will be around \$10,000.00.

Young said that Bernardston wants two or three years to pay off its portion of the PVRSD lunch revolving fund debt retirement supplemental appropriation. He suggested that it be structured so that any town that wishes to pay down sooner could do so. Young estimated that the finalized PVRSD budget should be ready around mid-March. He said that one way to reduce transportation costs would be to combine bus routes and eliminate the need for one of the buses.

Pruyne said that Gill/Montague is interested in sharing a Superintendent and Business Manager. Youngs aid that there is also interest for a central office. He said that he will meet with people from Mahar and Gill/Montague Regional School Districts on February 13th.

Young spoke about the PVRSD assessment growth recommendations. He explained that there are three options currently being discussed: no growth, a middle ground and the “blue sky” budget that would add \$69,000.00 to our assessment and result in raising the tax rate by almost \$1.00 per thousand (\$75,000.00 adds a dollar on the tax rate). Young said that they need to find ways to cut things that make sense.

- 7. Selectboard Reports** —No reports given this meeting.
- 8. Coordinator Report**—Young said that David Koester sustained serious injuries while at work as a Broadband installer and was found by the homeowner who called 911. He said that Koester was life-flighted to Bay State and needed surgery. Young said that Koester is now home and even phoned in to the weekly Broadband staff meeting this morning. Young stated that Warwick Broadband Service will no longer have installers working alone when on roofs or ladders.
- 9. New and Other Business Unanticipated at Time of Posting Meeting** —Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney asked the Board to approve deficit spending from the snow and ice account.

Magi MOVED to authorize deficit spending for snow and ice removal. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Delaney said that the repair bills are the highest in years, due mostly to Brian Hubbard being ill and unable to perform the repairs as he normally does. He noted that Hubbard is doing better and will be able to make repairs going forward.

10. Public Comment—Todd Dexter asked if anyone has looked in to the Town of Erving and how it handles its school situation. Young said that grades 7-12 school choice to Gill/Montague. Dexter said that the Warwick Community School is under capacity with regards to student enrollment and overcapacity in relation to all that it offers, especially since we are a town with an aging population. Young suggested that Dexter attend a HEART Committee meeting as they discuss topics like the concerns expressed by Mr. Dexter. Dexter said that he applauded the Selectboard for being fiscally concerned and thanked them for their service.

IV. Adjournment

At 7:42 p.m. Magi MOVED to adjourn. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting:

- *Draft Minutes of January 29, 2018 Selectboard meeting
- *Coordinator Report dated February 8, 2018
- *Salt in Drinking Water Advisory Committee DRAFT letter/survey
- *Email from Jeremia Pollard to David Young dated Thursday, February 8, 2018 Re: review of the Salt in Drinking Water Advisory Committee's DRAFT letter/survey
- *Request from Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney to the Selectboard dated February 12, 2018 to approve deficit spending for the snow and ice account
- *FY 2018 Snow and Ice Costs Summary Through Warrant #16
- *Participation Guidelines for Selectboard Meetings – Draft by Tom Wyatt
- *Town of Foxborough Personnel Policies Standards of Conduct/Civility Policy
- *Town of Warwick Standard of Conduct/Civility Policy DRAFT
- *Letter from Emily Jones to David Young dated February 1, 2018 Re: Boston Post Cane
- **Athol Daily News* article Monday, February 5, 2018 “Kudos to Warwick For Taking Concerns About Salt Seriously”
- *Letter to Warwick Selectboard from Brian P. McHugh of HRA dated January 19, 2018 Re: annual report on activity in Warwick's Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Fund January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

**Town of Warwick
Selectboard
February 26, 2018
Minutes**

Members present: Dawn Magi, Lawrence Pruyne, James Erviti

Others present: Town Secretary and Town Clerk Rosa Fratangelo, Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney, Buildings and Energy Committee members Janice Kurkoski and Steve Kurkoski, Finance Committee member Steve Ruggiero, HEART Committee member and School Committee member Sue O'Reilly McRae, Jessica Marshall

I. Call to Order

Chair Pruyne called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the Town Hall.

II. Minutes

Magi MOVED to approve the minutes of February 12, 2018 as printed. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-1 – Magi and Pruyne: AYE; Erviti; ABSTAIN.

Erviti noted that he could not vote to approve minutes of a meeting form which he was absent.

III. Presentations and Discussions

- 1. Appointment** —Jessica Marshall said that she knows that being appointed to the HEART Committee will require a considerable time commitment, and that she and her husband decided that it would be worth it. She said that she is very interested in being a part of the process and wants to see our school district succeed on behalf of all students.

Magi MOVED to appoint Jessica Marshall to the HEART Committee. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Ms. Marshall was sworn in by Town Clerk Rosa Fratangelo.

- 2. Update on Contracting for Town Accounting Services**—Erviti said that Justin Cole of BMAG was here last week and took several accounting reports back to his firm. He said that we are in the beginning steps of negotiations and that he is waiting to hear back from Mr. Cole.

- 3. MGL 268A:23(b)(3) Exemption** —Sue O'Reilly McRae explained to the Board that she had two conflict of interest disclosure forms to file. One was a MGL 268A:23(b)(3) form to disclose that she is a teacher in another school district and in the same union as the one currently in negotiations with PVRSD. The second was a 930 CMR form to disclose she is a parent of a student in PVRSD and she is also on the School Committee.

Magi MOVED to grant a MGL 268A:23(b)(3) exemption to Sue O'Reilly McRae. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

- 4. FY 19 Wage and Salary Requests** —Pruyne said that the Board needed to make a recommendation to all departments for FY 19 wage and salary requests. There was a consensus of the Board to recommend level funding all wage and salary requests for FY 19. Finance Committee member Steve Ruggiero also supported a wage and salary freeze.
- 5. Highway**—Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney said that for the last several storms they were able to put straight salt on the roads ahead of the storm. He noted that temperatures have been warmer of late as well. Delaney said that for the most recent storm on February 25th he worked alone and pre-treated all the roads in town himself starting at 2:30 a.m. Erviti asked Delaney about estimated salt usage so far this season. Delaney said that so far this season 750 tons of salt have been purchased compared with 11,000 this time last year. He noted that there has been a tremendous amount of ice this year, and that while he is certain the overall usage of road salt is less this year he was uncertain of an exact percentage. He said most likely there has been around a 30% reduction in road salt usage compared with last year. Delaney said that he is still trying to achieve the lowest effective amount for each event. He explained the functions of hydraulics and gearing. Delaney said that because we have no spraying equipment, so he has been purchasing salt treated with a corn by-product. The discussion turned to Chapter 90. Delaney said that we currently have \$597,777.69 available and we receive around \$225,000.00 a year from the State. He identified his highest priority Chapter 90 project: 7,000 feet of Orange Road from the Orange town line to Hockanum Road. Delaney said that there is a section of Northfield Road from the center of town to Wendell Road that needs attention as well but explained that as a priority habitat with a vernal pool the permitting issues would be difficult. He said a culvert would need to be changed as well. A discussion ensued regarding culverts, drainage, over-layment. Delaney explained that the cost of \$90,000.00 per mile for product that only lasts for a couple of years is a waste of money. He said he will be getting hot mix to try and fill some of the potholes and pointed out that cold patch would be no more than a band-aid until Spring. Besides the Route 78 project, Delaney said that he wanted to do crack-sealing on Orange Road to help keep the rest of the road from breaking up, and work on Flower Hill and Hastings Heights Roads.
- 6. Buildings and Energy Committee**—Janice Kurkoski said that we have expended all funds from the first Green Communities grant. She said the Department of Energy resources (DOER) is offering a new competitive grant and all towns that have completed their 5-year plan are

eligible to apply for part of the \$12,000,000.00 in available grant funds. Kurkoski said that we are collaborating with Northfield to obtain funds for improvements to the elementary schools of both towns and the PVRs middle high school. She pointed out that a joint project is unique and could possibly be received more favorably. Kurkoski asked the Board to schedule a brief meeting the first part of next week for the purpose of signing off on the grant application, which is due March 9th. There was a consensus of the Board to come in and sign the appropriate paperwork early next week.

7. **Meeting Behavior Guidelines**—Pruyne said he would like to set the tone for how town officials and employees behave and conduct themselves in and out of town. Magi said that we must be mindful that we represent the town and should always be respectful, listen and ask questions in a respectful manner. Pruyne said he advocated a civility policy in addition to the Personnel Policy and the meeting guidelines drafted by Tom Wyatt. Both Magi and Erviti said that shorter is better, and both favored a simple, straightforward policy that expands on Wyatt's meeting guidelines. Pruyne said he would work on this some more and bring a new draft to a future meeting.
8. **Selectboard Reports**—Pruyne said that he attended a PVRSD Budget Sub-Committee meeting and learned that there are three options being considered for the FY 19 budget: a \$400,000.00 increase, a \$680,000.00 increase or a \$1,000,000.00 increase. He noted that current Superintendent Ruth Miller supports the million-dollar budget, while other member towns are pushing for the \$400,000.00 or \$680,000.00. Magi said she supported the lowest figure and Erviti favored level funding. Pruyne said that an increase is unavoidable due to the Teachers Union contract. Finance Committee member Steve Ruggiero said that we should vote a 0% increase for school employees and let the District deal with it. There was a consensus of the Board to approach the Selectboards from the other member towns to see where they stand. Erviti said that the March billing for Warwick Broadband was done by him using the new program.
9. **Coordinator Report** —As Town Coordinator David Young was attending a School Committee meeting, there was nothing aside from his written report.
10. **New and Other Business Unanticipated at Time of Posting Meeting** —None.
11. **Public Comment** —Larry Delaney said that the tree by the cemetery is rotted beyond the point of being able to have a controlled felling. He said that the Highway crew does not want to risk potential damage to the road. Delaney said that a bucket truck is needed for safe removal of the pine tree.

Ruggiero asked for an update on the issue of Verizon service. Magi said that the Town is pursuing legal action against Verizon. Erviti said that after the Town's complaint was filed with the Department of Communications, Verizon began renewing old connections beginning at Route 2A and will do so until they are told that they can no longer do it.

Ruggiero also inquired about Town liability regarding the work-related accident and resulting injuries sustained by Broadband staff David Koester. Erviti said that Koester is eligible for

worker's comp. because he is a Town employee and the Town owns and runs Warwick Broadband.

Ruggiero's last issue had to do with the revaluation of real estate. He noted that property values have decreased by 14% and he expressed concern that low valuation combined with a high tax rate deters new families from moving to town. The Board members suggested that he speak with the Assessors about the matter of revaluation.

IV. Adjournment

At 7:27 p.m. Magi MOVED to adjourn. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.
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Documents consulted at this meeting:

- *Draft Minutes of February 12, 2018 Selectboard meeting
- *Coordinator Report dated February 22, 2018
- *Email from Ted Cady to Sharon Matthews, forwarded to David Shoemaker and David Young dated February 20, 2018 Re: Dead Pine at Cemetery
- *Town of Warwick DRAFT Standard of Conduct/Civility Policy
- *PVRSD Proposed Table of Projects for 2018 Green Communities Competitive Grant
- *Chapter 90 Balance Sheets FY 2008 – FY 2018 for Town of Warwick