# Warwick Community Newsletter

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**A BIG Word of THANKS** 

to the community of Warwick for well wishes, prayers, cards, phone calls, food extraordinaire, visits, flowers, chocolates, wood gathering and shoveling! All these kindnesses in the guise of neighbors and friends certainly boost my healing process!

Thank you ALL! soooooo much!

Love from Clare, as I continue to rest and be on the mend.

Please	e consider donating to the Newsletter. It is an outreach from the T	rinitarian
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#### April 2019

The COA Foot Clinic Dates

## GATHERING

First Friday Gathering will be held in the Town Hall on Friday, April 5. Stop by. Watch the Warwick L and the Facebook page for the menu the Wednesday before. Coffee at 10:00 AM, Lunch from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Desserts available anytime.

Tracy Gaudet, Outreach Coordinator for Orange COA and Shine Counselor, (Serving Health Insurance Needs for Ev rvone) will be at Town Hall Tuesday, April 9 and 30 from 10:00 AM until Noon. Stop by if you need help with health insurance or to talk about available programs. Contact her 978- 544-3481 or @townoforange.org, she will be bringing application forms.

Diana Tandy

## Warwick Council on Aging

The Tuesday exercise class at the Warwick Town Hall will beg at 9:45 AM. It will be followed by a Chair Yoga/Tai Chi class 11:00 A.M. This program will continue throughout the winter a spring months. Chair yoga/Tai Chi will be offered by certified instructor Marcia Gobeil. One will get all the benefits of yoga without getting on the floor. All poses and exercises will be do while sitting. The second half of the class will be tai chi warmand poses. One can attend the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the class or both sessions. The class is funded by Life Path at no cost to those attending, however a donation can is available and donations are gratefully accepted.

Council on Aging Lunches are held Tuesdays at Noon in the Dining Room at the Warwick Town Hall. Suggested voluntary donation for Elders, (age 60 and over) is \$3.00 for non-elders, (Under age 60) is \$8.00. The following April menus are now available.

April 2: Spaghetti W/ Meatballs and Tomato Basil Sauce, Italian Veg Blend, Wheat Bread and Fruit Yogurt.

April 9: Split Pea Soup, Chicken Coq Au Vin, Sour Cream & Chive Mashed Potatoes, Wheat Bread and Tropical Fruit.

April 16: Grilled Chicken Parmesan, Bowtie Pasta, Cauliflower Supreme, Multigrain Bread and Pineapple.

April 23 Gypsy Soup, BBO Pork Rib, O'Brien Potatoes, Multigrain Bread and Pears.

April 30: Chicken Jambalaya, Brown Rice, Broccoli, Wheat Bread and Peaches.

#### To reserve your place at the table call Diana Tandy, 413 992 8478.

	The COA Foot Chine Dates				
	For 2019				
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	June 14th				
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	All at the Metcalf Chapel at 8 a.m.				
	Come calebrate the advent of May				
	<b>Come celebrate the advent of May</b> <b>Day</b> on April 27, Saturday, 3 PM				
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at and	Walk the Woodland Labyrinth in honor of worldwide labyrinth day on May 1.				
one -up :h t- e	Listen to tunes.				
	Sip tea in the fairy cottage.				
	Make a simple May basket for a sur- prise delivery to neighbor or friend. In- clude a handwritten piece of prose for the day.				

Relax and enjoy the emerging beauty of spring.

Open to all ages.

Be Thou, Welcome, Faire May!

Clare Green

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

## **Historical Society**

Looking back, I think how unrealistic this seems, the way that times are now. You have to imagine the way the town was back in the 1930s. There were very few cars in town and if anyone was driving in the winter, they had to use chains and you could hear them coming a mile away.

One of the favorite gatherings place for many of the children in town in the evening after supper was to go sliding at store hill, starting by the center schoolhouse at the top. I was only six or seven, but I had four older sisters that were always asking our parents if they could go. Very often my mother would say yes but take Bubs too, I know they weren't always happy about it but mother having three more boys younger then me, saw it as being good for her, so I often went. We only had one sled worth using but most of the sleds were pretty worn, so it didn't matter. There was one family that brought a travois, that also was pretty worn and had to be repaired a little after pretty near every trip it took down over the hill, but despite sled problems it seemed like everyone was having a good time. Because some of the older boys were always asking my sisters to ride on the travois I got to ride too. There was a young teacher at the school that often came to join us as there wasn't much going on in town for her to do. I guess it was her being there that attracted a young man. I believe his name was Howdy Thorn—he boarded in town and worked at Lincoln Farm. He pitched right in helping fix sleds and the travois; he even brought a file and brightened up some of the sled runners. It didn't take long to notice it was the teacher that attracted him, not us, but we were glad he came. The second year when he came to join us, he brought a brand new shiny black travois. He got the teacher to ride on it with him and as many kids that could fit.

After a week or so most of the older ones had got their fill of the travois and some of us younger ones got to use it. I know that Mickey Brown and Donny Lincoln were often with it when I was on it. They were both older then I was and got to steer it. I can't remember the names of some others who rode with us but believe there were at least a couple more. There was always a lot of talk about how close some of the older boys got to the top of the gulf and how some day they might go down it. One night when it was real slippery, we got the travois to get us to just beyond where the new school is now and started talking about how close we were, some one said lets pull it over and go down. We did, big mistake, we got going faster and faster and Donny kept hollering lean this way or that as we went flying around those corners. As someone realized how far we were going they hollered Donny ditch it we'll never get back in time to be home. By the time he ditched it we were almost to the picnic grounds. (That are no longer there.) By the time we got back dragging that travois up the hill we were all way beyond the time we were allowed to be out. One of my sisters was waiting for me and said, your going to get it. She was right. It was a long time before I got to go sliding on store hill again.

Larry Carey

#### Women's Guild

Everyone is invited to Warwick Women's Guild meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 1 PM in the town hall. We are fortunate to have the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, TRIAD Program to discuss their services and what they offer to seniors of Franklin County. Also joining them will be the Franklin County District Attorney's Office to discuss the latest scams in the area. So mark your calendars!

### Saturday, May 4th is Vernal Pool Day in Warwick!

Please join members of the Warwick Conservation Commission **on Saturday, May 4** as we visit local vernal pools and learn about the amazing animals that depend on them. We will bring nets and other equipment to help us observe the vernal pool residents and/or their eggs and we will learn the steps necessary to permanently protect the vernal pool habitat.

Gather in front of the Town Hall at 1 p.m. to carpool to the site. Some hiking may be necessary so wear appropriate clothing for walking in the woods and waterproof footwear. Bug repellant also recommended.

## **Restaurant Review**

#### The Tavern on Central

3 Central St (Route 101) Ashburnham, MA 01430 Mon-Thu 11:30 AM to 9 PM Fri 11:30 AM to 10 PM Sat 12:00 PM to 10 PM Sun 12:00 PM to 9 PM http://www.thetavernoncentral.com/

Just a short jaunt down Route 101 from Gardner is The Tavern on Central. My theater group has been there a few times and everyone really enjoys their meals. The only problem we run into is the fact we have 7 people in our group and for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time, they tried to seat us in the bar area with high table and high chairs. Most of us are 'short' so trying to get up on a high chair is a chore. So when I got there, I asked to be at a lower table and they were very nice but we were seated in a booth with two tables that did not shift together. Only 3 could be seated at a table and a chair had to be brought in for the 7<sup>th</sup> person. Since my friend, Debbie, was comfortable on the booth seat, she used the chair as her table. Not the best situation so next time I'll request the back room where they can move 2 tables together!

Other than that situation, everyone loved their meal. Most of us got a burger and their burgers are some of the best around. They grind their own meat. You can select from their specialty burgers or build your own. I chose to make my own since I like just tomato, lettuce and mayo but I opted for something called "Fried Onion Straws" which are fried onion rings very thin and very light batter. That was a huge portion on top of my burger with French fries also. The onion straws are a great addition to any burger.

They had a special of chili that night and one in my group got it and said it was delicious, not too spicy but a little zip to it. Another opted for the Pistachio encrusted salmon served on risotto and she said it was divine. Large portions on just about everything so no room for dessert. Prices are very reasonable. Make your own burger basic is \$11 but toppings might be extra (50 or 75 cents depending on what you select). The specialty burgers are \$12-\$13. And dinner entrees range from \$18 to \$22.

This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> time going on theater night because it's about 10 minutes from the theater. So if you are looking for a good restaurant, not far away and willing to drive to Ashburnham, give the Tavern a try, I don't think you will be disappointed. Bon Appetite.

#### **Green** Corner

State Funds \$500,000 in Energy Conservation Improvements

The State of Massachusetts has funded \$500,000 in energy conservation improvements at Pioneer Valley Regional School, Warwick Community School, and Northfield Elementary School. Janice Kurkoski of Warwick and Susan O'Connor of Northfield filed the paperwork to get the money. Warwick and Northfield each received about \$250,000.

Jim Toth, of Warwick, is Clerk of the Works. Trained as a Civil Engineer, Jim has been involved in building projects for government projects for years. He was Franklin County Engineer, Warwick Selectman, and helped start the Warwick Building and Energy Committee. As Clerk of the Works, Jim oversees the work of up to14 contractors in three buildings.

The projects at Pioneer include \$60,000 for transformer replacements, motors, and fans. The payback on this money is under 3 years. In Warwick, the remaining \$190,000. Will be spent on attic insulation, heating and ventilation upgrades, and motor and drive upgrades with an estimated payback of just under 14 years.

So far, almost all the work at Pioneer has been completed. In Warwick, the only work done so far has been to change out motors and drives with higher efficiency models. The attic insulation work has been delayed because there are some design issues to resolve before moving forward. A large part of the heating system is in uninsulated, or cold, space in the attic. How to keep the warm parts warm, in a fire safe manner, without creating mold, requires some study. Jim and Janice are bringing in professionals to get it done right.

Even though Warwick Community School might close, the Town has moved forward with the project of maintaining and improving the building (with the State's money) so that we preserve our investment in the building.

#### Warwick Scholarship Committee

A. George Day, Jr.

The Warwick Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for the scholarship awards for 2019. Students who have been accepted as a full-time student in an accredited post-secondary school and have been a resident of Warwick for 1 year or more are eligible.

(Article 11 Eligibility)

a. The applicant must have been a resident of Warwick for 1 year preceding application.

b. Seniors in the graduating class at Pioneer Valley Regional School, Franklin County Vocational Technical School, other secondary schools and home-schooled students are eligible.

c. Students in Accredited Post-secondary schools are eligible.

d. A student is limited to two scholarships awards from the Warwick Community Committee, either from the Warwick Community Scholarship fund or the Alice, Eric, Oscar Anderson Scholarship fund.

e. The Anita L. Pike Memorial scholarship is awarded to the Warwick graduating senior from Pioneer Valley Regional School with the highest scholastic going to college.

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

Scholarship Committee Members

A. George Day, Jr.	Warwick Firemen's Association
Kathy Connelly	Trinitarian Congregational Church
Erica Nygard	Warwick PTO
Linda Gale	Women's Auxiliary to Fire Dept.
Arline Lincoln	First Parish and Religious Society
Martha Morse	Warwick Historical Society
Carol Foote	Warwick Women's Guild

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

ZUMBA Thursday 6 pm with Susan at Warwick Town Hall \$5

**YOGA** Saturday 9:15 am with Kalliope at Warwick Town Hall \$5-10

**ZUMBA** Sunday 8 am with Christine at Tully Mill Pond Restaurant \$5

# Warwick Recreation Committee will be hosting a free concert on April 7 2 pm Town Hall

# **Farley String Band**

The Farley String Band consists of 11 local musicians playing traditional folk and fiddle tunes with many of those tunes originally coming from Ireland and Scotland. The principle instruments are violin, guitar, banjo, hammered dulcimer, accordion, mandolin, recorder and bodhran. Some of the members play multiple instruments including harmonica, penny whistle and bones.

The group began about seven years ago when Harry Sharbaugh and Wes Green got together regularly to play old time music, Wes on banjo and Harry on hammered dulcimer. Later, Harry's wife Sue joined in with her accordion, as did their friend, Steve Winters on guitar. The group began performing publicly after Shirley Tripp (violin) and Alfred Barten (mandolin, tenor banjo) joined the group. Since then other members have been added.

The group's repertoire includes about 80 tunes and continues to grow. These include rousing old time fiddle tunes, jigs, reels, airs and beautiful slow waltzes. And count on the band to play their signature tune, Cold Frosty Morning!

Any donations will go directly to band members.

# A Word from Moore's Pond Beach Committee

Spring has finally "sprung". Looking back over winter activities, there were some skaters testing their techniques and many ice fisherman. After a relatively quiet winter for the Beach Committee, we are back on track for planning summer activities.

To begin with, we are still keeping a watchful eye on the Scottie Dog, Dunkin, to see when he will take the plunge through the ice so we can determine the winner of our Ice-Out Contest.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, May 18, 9-12 am, we will have a pre-season Beach Clean-up to prepare for the summer swimming season. Anyone interested in helping with this event is welcome. If you come, you may want to bring your work gloves and maybe a rake and/or pruning shears.

**WANT AD**: We are currently seeking someone who would be interested and available to help with the water testing process. This would be to collect a water sample from Moore's Pond Town Beach once a week and deliver it to a processing lab. There is some record keeping involved. If interested, please

contact Kathy Connelly (978-544-2009) for more information.

Looking forward to seeing you all again this summer. In the meantime, stay warm.

# **Town Clerk**

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING and ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION: Annual Town Meeting: Monday, May 6 7 p.m. Annual Town Election: Monday, May 20 Polls open 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Deadline to register to vote for both: Tuesday, April 16 at 8 p.m.

Also, please remember to sign and date your street list (census) forms before returning them to me. Thank you!

### **Dog Licenses**

Your 2018 Warwick Dog Licenses will expire on March 31,2019. Open license period is April 1 - June 30, 2019 (as of July 1st there will be a \$10 late fee per license!)

> License Fees: Intact Male or Female \$10; Spayed/Neutered \$5 Kennel License Fees: Up to 4 Dogs \$20; 4-10 Dogs \$35; 10+ dogs \$60.

\*\* Rosa \*\* Rosa Fratangelo Warwick Town Clerk



# Library

Spring greetings - Ahhhh.....

"It is difficult/to get the news from poems/yet men die miserably every day/for lack/of what is found there," wrote the great American poet William Carlos Williams.

Yes, April is National Poetry Month! Come to the Library on **Sunday, April 14th from 3-4:30** for a **Poetry Celebration and Open Mic**: open to all town residents to attend, listen—and, if you want, read poetry (yours and/or somebody else's) in 5-minute slots. Light refreshments will be served.

**Young Reviewers Initiative from Tanglewood Press**: All Tanglewood books are vetted by young readers to ensure authenticity of voice and a fun read. Now, they are looking to expand and make it more official. If you are parents with kids (8-12) and teens (13-18) you think might be interested in the initiative, please contact me at the Library and I'll forward the follow-up information.

As noted last month, the 10-community book read is featuring the *The Stranger In the Woods: The Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit*, by Michael Finkel. Copies are available at the Library, as well as a flyer listing dozens of public events sponsored by all the libraries—including the **April 10th Warwick Library Book Club discussion from 10-11:30 am**, and the **April 20th Indian Caves Hike—meet a the Library at 1:30 pm** to carpool.

April also kicks off the Warwick Library's **Spring Local Author Series**. Hazel Dawkins is first up on **Monday**, **April 29th at 6:30 pm.** Hazel is the author of several Dr. Yoko mystery novels, the stimulus for which comes from her factual books about the specialty of neuro-optometry. The most recent Dr. Yoko mystery is *Eyes on the Past*. An editor-writer who has worked in London, Paris and New York, Dawkins now lives in self-described "bucolic" western Massachusetts.

Athol-based author J.D. McKintosh will present at the Library on Wednesday, May 15th at 7 pm. Her recently-released book is titled *Niagara Fontaine, a Meredith, Massachusetts novel*. And on Monday, June 3rd at 7 pm, the Library will feature Michael Ponsor, whose 2017 novel *The One-Eyed Judge* is the second in the Judge Norcross legal thriller series. Judge Ponsor serves on the U.S. District Court in Springfield, MA.

**Online Resource: A (Visual) History of the American Public Library**: A stunning exploration of how a critical piece of social infrastructure came to be, from Citylab (<u>citylab.com</u>); look for the link on the Library's web page.

Newly added to the Collection: (recent releases in **bold**)

<u>DVDs</u>: American Beauty, Derek, Finding Fela!, Grace & Frankie - Season One, MASH - Seasons 1-11, The Monarch of the Glen - Seasons 1-7, **Rumble: The Indians who Rocked the World**, Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt - Season 1.

<u>CDs</u>: Leslie Lee & Steve Gretz: *Better Off Someday*; Music of the Earth - *Vermont Kitchen Tunes & Parlor Songs.* <u>Books</u>:

**For young children**: *Wangari's Trees of Peace*, by Jeannette Winter; *Malala's Magic Pencil*, by Malala Yousafzai **Adult Fiction**: *Dark Sacred Night*, by Michael Connelly; *Run Away*, by Harlan Corben; *Look Alive 25*, by Janet Evanovich; *Seven Stones to Stand or Fall*, by Diana Gabaldon; *Elevation*, by Stephen King; *Fire and Blood*, by George R. Martin;

Adult Non-Fiction: American Eden: David Hosack, Botany and Medicine in the Garden of the Early Republic, by Victoria Johnson; My Life on the Road, by Gloria Steinham.

Audio Books - Fiction: The Last Coyote, by Michael Connelly, by Fern Michaels - Free Fall, Hide and Seek, Hokus Pokus.

Audio Books - Non-Fiction: On the Shoulders of Giants: My Journey Through the Harlem Renaissance, by Kareem Abdul Jabbar; The Simple Guide to a Minimalist Life, by Leo Babauta; Escaping the Prison of the Intellect: A Journey from Here to Here, by Deepak Chopra; Don't Know Much About Mythology: Everything You Need to Know About the Greatest Stories in Human History But Never Learned, by Kenneth Davis; Way Off the Road: Discovering the Peculiar Charms of Small-town America, by William Geist; How Starbucks Saved My Life: A Son of Privilege Learns to Live Like Everyone Else, by Michael Gill; The Last Stand: Custer, Sitting Bull, and the Battle of the Little Bighorn, by Nathaniel Philbrick; How Full is Your Bucket? Positive Strategies for Work and Life, by Tom Rath; A History of the World in 6 Glasses, by Tom Standage.

Cheers - Ivan

# TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK

APRIL 2019

Dear Friends,

Last month I stated my belief that the Spirit is alive in New England and in Warwick and, as evidence, I used the term "circles of compassion" referring to loosely organized groups addressing the needs of neighbors and friends. I was reminded (I really do appreciate feed-back) that circles can surround, embrace, comfort and support, but they can also exclude and demonize those outside the circle; "they aren't like us", "you can't trust them", "they threaten us".

This exclusion and demonizing, and the manipulation of fear that often follows, is easiest when there is an enforced rule of non-interaction; "don't speak to them, they'll infect you with their lies." I was recently at a workshop where the presenter said that research has shown that the emotion of fear is 5xs stronger in humans than the emotion of hope. That would explain a lot. If you don't know someone or something, you are much more liable to fear that person or thing. Take for instance, change. For most of us, change is a challenge, especially if it is something we have little control over and/or little understanding of how that change will impact us directly. If fear is indeed 5xs stronger than hope, it will be much easier to reinforce resistance to change than to promote it.

Since the late 1940s and 50s, we, in the US and other developed nations, have become increasingly insulated from the natural environment in which we live. Technology has seemingly given us control over natural forces. We have light when and wherever we want it with the flick of a switch. Heat in cold weather and cooling in hot weather is ours by pressing a button or turning a dial. We can move across and around the earth pretty much at will. Food comes from a seemingly endless supply at the grocery store and is kept in refrigerators until we want it. Industrial farming seems to be more dependent on economic than ecological forces; pesticides control bugs, fungicides control molds, herbicides control weeds, fertilizers promote plant growth and antibiotics promote animal growth. We can envision a straight line trajectory toward a future of more convenience if we continue to extract carbon from the earth.

But what can we envision as we are changing the climate and must change our life styles? What can we envision if we allow an "invasion" of immigrants into our nations? What can we envision if we alter the economic system that has brought us all this comfort and control? Those in power tell us to imagine chaos! They forecast mass starvation, millions of jobs lost, insect infestation of biblical proportions, a total loss of our culture. Fear, being a much stronger motivating emotion than hope, is the tool of choice for those who are insulated by their power and money from the negative effects of our social, economic and technological status quo. They say, don't believe the vast preponderance of science that says we are endangering the earth systems that support human life, even though it is that science that gave us the technologies we now enjoy; don't believe that cultural evolution can be a positive thing, even though the evolution of cultures is what has brought us to this point in history; don't believe that new jobs, new ways of living in tune with environmental restraints can be positive steps forward, not steps backward.

The apostle Paul, talking about divisiveness within the fledgling churches he had established, said, "(T) here are many parts, yet one body...the eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you'...If one member suffers, all suffer together." So it is with all of life, all living systems on earth. We are all interconnected, all the human life, all the plant and animal life are dependent on each other and on the non-living systems that give us air to breath and water to drink and minerals to build our bodies.

Earth Day is April 22, one day after Easter (in the western church traditions), when the universal Spirit of Christ arose after being crucified by the economic, political and religious leaders of that day. Those same forces seem determined to crucify the earth in our day. With courage, conviction and a powerful hope, we can envision and be part of a resurrection of a Spirit of united life forces that heal our earth and all the life it supports. HAPPY EARTH DAY, EARTH MONTH and EARTH YEAR!

In hopeful faith, Dan

# **UP COMING EVENTS**

A LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP will meet each Wed. evening at 7 PM @ the Metcalf Chapel through APR 17. We combine discussion with some time spent in quiet meditation. ALL are welcome.

# **EASTER SCHEDULE**

<u>**Thurs. Apr 18</u>** Maundy-Thursday We will be carpooling to the Athol – Orange Baptist Church for their "Living Last Supper"</u>

**Fri. Apr 19** GOOD FRIDAY 6:30 PM at the Metcalf Chapel

#### Sat, Apr 20 EGG COLORING 10 – 11 AM

Sarah Picard will be at the Town Hall to facilitate Easter Egg coloring for kids and parents. This is free and open to all. Eggs and coloring kits will be provided. All we ask is that some eggs be left for the EGG HUNT during the Easter Breakfast.

<u>Sun, Apr 21</u> SUNRISE SERVICE 6 AM at 155 Royalston Rd (Michael Humphries & Leigh Youngblood's house)

EASTER BREAKFAST 7 – 9 AM at the Town Hall

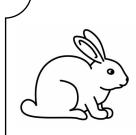
EASTER EGG HUNT 8:30 AM at the Town Hall EASTER WORSHIP <u>10:30 AM</u> METCALF CHAPEL

# DANA VESPER CONCERT SUN, APR 28 2 PM

The Dana Vespers is a series of free concerts funded by the First Universalist Parish of Dana as a memorial for the church and town of Dana, submerged under the Quabbin Reservoir. This will be the 789<sup>th</sup> performance in the series and will feature the Pioneer Valley Brass.

# ROADSIDE CLEAN UP SAT, MAY 4 10 AM – 12 PM

This usually is planned to be near Earth Day but this year that would not fit into our schedules so we will hold it in May. Things should be getting free of roadside snow allow us to do a good clean up. We will have bags and safety vests, but bring gloves and sturdy boots. We will feed everybody after the clean up.



Hall

Easter Sunday Breakfast April 21, 2019 7:00-9:00 a.m.



**Warwick Town** 

FRENCH TOAST SAUSAGE FRUIT COFFEE/TEA/JUICE/MILK Adults: \$8.00/Children \$3.00 (12 and under)

#### **Wooden Fender Concert Series**

Once again a good time was had by all at the annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Town Hall. Folks at our table ate so much corned beef, we thought our server might shut us off. But she didn't! A big hearty "go raibh maith agat" (that's "thank you" in Irish) to the good folks and good cooks from Metcalf Chapel. With full bellies and Irish eyes smiling, we shuffled upstairs for a good ol' hoedown with Josh LeVangie and the Pistoleros. The dance floor was elbow to elbow for several hours while Josh and band kept the outlaw country tunes coming. Another big hearty thank you to Josh and The Pistoleros for a fine musical outing!

#### Dinner and Concert - Saturday, April 13th, Warwick Town Hall

On April 13<sup>th</sup>, Wooden Fender is happy to welcome back **rice - an American Band**. Led by Warwick's own Phil Simon, impresario of the Old 78 Farm Fall Festival, **rice - an American Band** is a six-piece ensemble made up of Phil Simon on guitar and vocals, Brian DiMartino on lead guitar, Emily Jones on vocals, Lauryn Winiarski on bass and vocals, Steve Benson on mandolin, pedal steel and vocals, and Kyle Heon on drums. The band hails from Warwick and the western regions of Massachusetts and combines elements of Americana, Rock, and Jam with a sound that is decidedly their own.

**rice** plays all over New England at some of the finest festivals, including Jerry Jam, Wormtown, Harry's Hill, Ziontific, and Strangecreek, as well as hosting the **Old 78 Farm Fall Festival**, now celebrating its tenth year. With supreme talent and diverse contributions from every member of the band, **rice** strives to produce an evocative and original show with flair and drive. "We hope that in any show the audience can come away with a good idea of the strengths and unique talents of each band member", states Phil. We hope that you'll head on down to Town Hall on April 13<sup>th</sup> and hear for yourself!

For more info, check them out on Facebook <u>https://www.facebook.com/riceanamericanband/</u> And YouTube <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OKmWZwUbtTU</u> and <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DRsSxNXUbAA</u>

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.

# NEWS & TIDINGS WARWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Elizabeth Musgrave, Principal

April 2019

**READING IS POWER!** I am watching our Read-A-Thon log book explode, our penny pole fill, and our Lovely Long book tickets begin to cover the window in our front lobby! And there are still 3 weeks left! Our students are dedicating their earnings to the Heifer Project. WCS certainly care about their hoofed, feathered and four legged friends! I have noticed a remarkable consistency in the choice to support charities that include animals. This year, the excellent choice also benefits two legged animals with a mission to provide farm animals to families in need. And the benefit is shared, as the program requires that the families pass along the gift to another family in the form of the first newborn offspring of the gift animal they received from Heifer Project.



**DINO-MITE FUN!** Our Bookfair and Literacy Night was another fabulous success! Thanks to all who turned out to enjoy and support an evening all about reading! Many thanks to our PTO for funding a book for every child and preparing a Pizza supper so families could relax and enjoy! When we associate reading with fun, we know we're doing something right!

**SENATOR JO COMERFORD VISITS WCS!** We were honored with a visit from our State Senator, Jo Comerford, who visited WCS in support of our school (and other rural schools) in jeopardy from the severe funding crisis facing our district and other rural districts in our state. Our third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade students read essays, which they had written about this issue. You would have been so impressed by their well-reasoned and thoughtful opinions, and even more so by the poise with which they conducted themselves. We were appreciative for Senator Comerford's time and interest and so very proud to show and tell about our truly wonderful and unique learning community.

**GRADES 5 and 6:** We are feeling spring in the air and are excited about what that will bring for our class. Sixth graders, especially, are in the early stages of planning for their 6th grade trip, their 6th grade gift, graduation, etc. Our first fundraising campaign with Hillside Pizza is just winding up and we are looking forward to our annual car wash during the PTO Pancake Breakfast in May.

Meanwhile, academic work continues with gusto! The 5th grade math group is finishing their unit on multiplying with decimals and word problems associated with that skill. Next they will learn dividing with decimals. The 6th grade group is in the midst of a unit on pre-algebra skills such as solving equations, combining like terms, order of operations and graphing equations.

In science, we are simultaneously studying the moon as well as Earth and the solar system. Students are doing research projects on the planets and/or their associated moons and we are charting the phases of our own moon on a calendar to discover what causes the phases of the moon.

In social studies, we are finishing learning about the causes of the American Revolutionary War. We spent two days conducting a simulation of taxation without representation and we are reading a lot. Soon, the students will begin researching for and writing a full report on an event or a person associated with the war.

Writing has been a major focus of a lot of our work this year. Recently, students have been writing compare and contrast essays about things which they are very familiar with (oranges vs. apples, basketball vs. soccer, cats vs. dogs, etc) and are now comparing and contrasting short paired reading selections. They're doing a really fine job! Their writing has come a long way!

It is great to be outside again! We look forward to the festivities that spring brings and to our community's continued support and involvement with WCS! **Ms. Lynn Hansell** 



# LASAGNA DINNER-SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019, 6:00 PM Warwick Town Hall

MENU: Meat & Vegetarian Lasagna, Salad, Bread, Beverage and Dessert Adults: \$12.00 Children 4 -12: \$6 3 & under: Free Proceeds Benefit Weekly Water Testing at the Moore's Pond Town Beach



7:00 pm Saturday April 13th 2019 at the Warwick Town Hall

rice - an American Band, featuring Warwick's own Phil Simon on guitar and vocals, Brian DiMartino on lead guitar, Emily Jones on vocals, Lauryn Winiarski on bass and vocals, Steve Benson on mandolin, pedal steel and vocals, and Kyle Heon on drums, is back at Town Hall. rice is beloved at music festivals all over New England, including Jerry Jam, Wormtown, Harry's Hill, Ziontific and Strangecreek, as well as Simon's own Old 78 Farm Fall Festival, held right here in beautiful Warwick and now in its 10th year.

Shine your shoes! Light your fuse! Dine and dance at Warwick Town Hall! Wooden Fender's concerts are funded by your donations (\$5 suggested) and support our mission of bringing live music to Warwick







Your Ad could be here for \$7.00 a month or \$70.00 per year

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7 Worship Service 9:30 Zumba 8:00 Concert 2:00	8 Library Open 10-4	9 Sr. Mealsite 11:45 Library Open 1-8pm	10	11 Library Open 5-8pm DROP IN KNITTING 6:30-7:30 Library Zumba 6pm	12 FOOT CLINIC Metcalf Chapel 8am	13 Transfer Station 8-3 Yoga 9:15 Library Open 10- 12:30 Supper 6 Concert 7
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# APRIL, 2019

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## **CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

Don't Miss these April events

GUILD MEETING—April 2 GATHERING PLACE—April 5 RECREATION COMMITTEE CONCERT—April 7 FOOT CLINIC—April 12 LASAGNA SUPPER AND WOODEN FENDER CONCERT—April 13 EASTER SERVICES AND EASTER BREAKFAST—April 21 MAY DAY EVENT—April 27 LOCAL AUTHOR SERIES—April 29

#### **Selectboard Minutes**

#### February 19, 2019

Members present: Lawrence Pruyne, James Erviti, Todd Dexter

Others present: Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney, Fire Chief Ron Gates, HEART Committee member Tom Wyatt, PVRSD School Committee member Jessica Marshall, Finance Committee member Laurette Crane, Melanie Schillemat, Max Marcus (*Greenfield Recorder*)

#### I. Call to Order

Chair Pruyne called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. in the Town Hall once a quorum of the Selectboard was present.

II. Minutes

# Dexter MOVED to accept the minutes of February 4, 2019 as printed. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

III. Presentations and Discussions

**1. Highway Department**—Pruyne said that the first issue to be addressed was deficit spending from the snow and ice budget. Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney said that as of February 14<sup>th</sup> there were 40 events and a cost of \$93,195.90 compared with 32 events as of February 8, 2018 costing \$90,245.51. he noted that as of tonight the total number of events stands at 42. Delaney pointed out that this year the Highway crew has done more sanding than plowing.

# Dexter MOVED to allow deficit spending on snow and ice for the rest of FY 2019. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Pruyne said that at the February 17, 2017 Selectboard meeting proposed amendments to the Personnel Policy regarding comp. time and vacation were discussed. He noted that Highway Department member Brian Hubbard attended that meeting and expressed concern over the loss of accrued time. Delaney said that he no longer supports an increase to 100 hours of compensatory time and now favors the maximum remain at 60 hours. Delaney acknowledged that both he and Hubbard now have updated copies of the Warwick Personnel Policy, but did not before. Erviti asked why it took so long to obtain updated copies; Delaney said that he assumed once the policy had been updated it would be given to him. Dexter said that the Highway Advisory Committee (HAC) has assumed the responsibility for the updated policy. He said that a form printed on Town of Warwick letterhead to be signed by the employee and the Supervisor sign and date to acknowledge receipt of the most current Personnel Policy. A copy of the form is to be given to the employee and the original kept on file by the Town Clerk.

#### Erviti MOVED to accept Personnel Policy signature page. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-1. Erviti and Pruyne: AYE; Dexter ABSTAIN (as an author of the form)

Delaney said that he has been too busy to have worked on updating the snow and ice policy. Dexter said that a draft of proposed changes by HAC to the snow and ice policy have been approved by HAC but also must have Selectboard approval. Dexter read aloud the <u>Emergency Situations</u> paragraph. Erviti asked that the Emergency Management Director be added to the list of emergency personnel.

#### Erviti MOVED to accept the changed paragraph on the Draft Snow and Ice Policy under <u>Emergency</u> <u>Situations</u>. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-1. Erviti and Pruyne: AYE; Dexter ABSTAIN (as co-author of the policy change)

Under <u>Special Procedures</u> Dexter said HAC member Bob Croke wants specific amounts to be listed in the policy with the regards to the amount of salt used in the low salt area of town, as well as a specific section just on dirt roads. Delaney explained that if he reduces the salt application to less than half the normal application, the hydraulics become problematic which in turn causes inconsistent salt application on the roads. He said that on average he applies salt every fourth pass in the low salt area of the village center. Delaney noted that he has event they pre-treat with straight salt and use a salt/sand mixture only if plowing several times, pointing out that increased traction and less likely refreeze are benefits of applying the mixture.

Erviti spoke of a recent storm when he observed salt on Orange Road around 10 a.m. but by the time the storm started between 1 and 2 p.m. there was nothing visible on the road; he characterized this as "pointless and unsuccessful". Delaney said that the snow plowed off as it was supposed to during the storm, which is the whole point of pre-treating. He noted that the entire route to cover the town takes about 2 hours.

Dexter said that under <u>David Young's request</u> on how snow plowing operations will function, clarification and better language were asked for. Delaney suggested using "work for the duration" or at least a 3-hour minimum as it takes 3 hours to treat all the paved roads. Erviti inquired if a storm that starts mid to late afternoon can't the workers come in later and not at the usual 6 a.m. Delaney said that there are always things to do in preparation for a storm. He cited as an example the repair of Chestnut Hill Road to fix a washed-out area before a storm hit that same day. Delaney said that right now, with just two people in the department, there is much to be done. Erviti said that he was speaking only of days when the storm will arrive later in the day, so as to save on overtime and have the crew be better rested in the middle of the night.

2. <u>Fire Department</u>—Fire Chief Ron Gates said that he has been applying for grants the last three years to replace SCBA (breathing apparatus). He is seeking a grant for \$100,000.00 to replace the SCBA's and bottles. Chief Gates explained that the bottles are too old and are not in compliance with National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) standards. He said he got a quote of \$995 per bottle to replace them and said we have a total of 24 bottles to replace. The Chief said that the packs can be recertified and although he has not received a quote, he estimated the cost at around \$400.00 each. He said that the grant requires a 5% match from the Town, and he was waiting to hear and expected to receive word by April. Dexter said that not only does the equipment not being certified potentially present liability to the Town, lives are at stake.

Chief Gates pointed out that it has been 7 years since the bottles could be certified by the State, as all of them got too old at the same time. He said that they do have some steel bottles that are heavier and not as easy to carry as the composite bottles but if still operational there were 9 or 10 that could be used. Chief Gates said that he wanted to come back with more information. Erviti suggested doing this in steps to spread out the burden on the taxpayers; gates suggested 6 bottles and 6 SCBA packs per year. The Chief explained that the minimum for a structure fire is four fire fighters and that they go through a pack in about 20 minutes. Dexter said that he favored refurbishing a minimum of between four and six if we do not receive grant funds. Chief Gates said that with mutual aid from other towns extra equipment is brought in. The Chief said that according to FE-MA our low call volume may be part of the problem we are having in being awarded grant funds. Dexter said that he wanted to know the cost to refurbish 4 to 6 units to get that into the FY 2020 Fire Department budget.

**3. Highway Department (Continued)** — The discussion on the snow and ice policy resumed after the break to allow Fire Chief gates to speak before attending a departmental meeting at 7 p.m.

# Erviti MOVED to accept the last paragraph of Section C of the Draft Snow and Ice Policy beginning with "All Town employees will work as needed during storms" as amended during the discussion. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Dexter said that under <u>Highway Department Employee</u> Kevin Alden recommended a \$1.00 per hour raise for Brian Hubbard. Hubbard will be expected to help train and assist the new employee with his duties and will in effect become the working foreman. Hubbard has 8-plus years' experience and as things stand now a new employee would be hired at the same pay rate as Hubbard. Erviti said that he thought Hubbard should receive the \$1.00 per hour raise now without any additional responsibilities.

# Erviti MOVED a \$1.00 per hour raise to Brian Hubbard effective next pay period (February 21, 2019). Dexter SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

There was a consensus of the Board Delaney ask Brian Hubbard if he would be willing to accept more responsibility for another \$1.00 per hour raise in pay.

Dexter said that there were two personal days from FY 18 for Delaney and Hubbard listed in the Personnel

Policy of which they were unaware due to not being in possession of the most updated version of the Policy. Erviti said that it was their responsibility to be sure they had the most current one as they both knew revisions were in the works and that the onus was on them to take the initiative and follow up on it. Dexter said that he thinks Hubbard and Delaney deserve the two days as it was granted by the Personnel Policy and the time should be restored to them.

#### Dexter MOVED two (2) personal days be reinstated for Larry Delaney and Brian Hubbard per the Personnel Policy. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-1-0; Pruyne and Dexter: AYE, Erviti: NAY.

**4. Review of Letter to DESE Commissioner Jeff Riley**—Erviti and Dexter both said that they liked the letter as drafted by Pruyne.

# Erviti MOVED to approve the letter written and sent via Email. Dexter SECONDED. Motion CAR-RIED 3-0-0.

The letter will be sent via registered mail to DESE Commissioner Riley.

**5. HEART Committee**—HEART Committee member Tom Wyatt said that our Selectboard's comments about draft language regarding school closing were shared with the Committee at last week's meeting. He said new language now states "50% of budgeted cost to maintain a fully functioning school" is to be paid by the District in each of the first three years. Pruyne noted that the new language is much improved, and it now sounded like a legal document. Wyatt said that three of the four PVRSD towns must pass the updated District Agreement at their respective Town Meetings. Jessica Marshall pointed out that the new language is not yet pertinent to the current situation as it has not yet been voted upon by the member towns.

Dexter said that a letter from our Treasurer to PVRSD Financial Director Tanya Gaylord was sent on January 16<sup>th</sup> with a formal request for a cost quotation for the total debt and any other financial considerations should Warwick vote to leave the District. Dexter stated that Gaylord sent an Email saving the numbers were still under consideration and has avoided phone calls while our school is on the line. Dexter said that the options should be made public, and yet the School Committee and the District continue to drag their feet and the lack of transparency is disturbing. Marshall gave Dexter a copy of eight possible scenarios for the FY 20 PVRSD budget. She said we need to gather as much information as possible on any line items that can be challenged during budget discussions to save money and lower overall costs. Erviti wanted to know the number of teachers over each of the last ten years and review the student population for those same years. Pruyne said he liked the idea posed by Alan Genovese that the District pay 100% for the first year then 50% for the second and third years, especially as the District is the one exercising an option to close the school and Warwick is not – we suffer the consequence of an unwanted action. Marshall said the talk was full reimbursement for one year followed by reimbursement of 50% of closed cost rather than a fully functioning school. Wyatt said that Gaylord's figures need to be looked at very closely as he feels they are low. Erviti stated that the closure is not our choice and the District should pay us as we are the ones losing the value of the building. He said since we have invested more than one million dollars in WCS building, start there as a negotiating number. Erviti said that we have the best school in the District, and they want a buy out over three years for approximately \$66,000.00. He said that even \$500,000.00 could be used as a starting point in negotiating numbers. Pruyne said that they are exercising the option to close so they should pay 100% of the cost for a fully functioning school for three years. Dexter said that WCS needs to remain open at least one more year to give us time to explore and identify options if closure does in fact happen. He said that we own a building PVRSD leases for free and therefore we should at the very least receive a lower assessment for the first year. Marshall said that there is a time crunch on many highly important issues, and that in her opinion the School Committee needs an entire day just to discuss everything. She noted that because of the special legislation we are at the mercy of the School Committee.

Erviti pointed out that all of this is short-term while school closure is clearly long-term in its effect. He said in the short term you cut the budget to survive while keeping assets and build from there. Pruyne said that no more employees should be hired. Dexter said that they need to be as financially responsible as possible at the elementary schools and PVRS. Marshall said that it needs to be reframed in a positive way and everything has

to work together. Wyatt said he will pass along the Board's sentiments to the HEART Committee. Dexter noted that Susannah Whipps, along with Senator Marks and Senator Comerford, will soon meet with DESE Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner on our behalf.

6. Selectboard Reports—There were no reports given this meeting.

**7. Coordinator Report**—There was no Coordinator Report prepared for this meeting, as Town Coordinator David Young has been out of the office recuperating from hip replacement surgery.

8. New and Other Business Unanticipated at Time of Meeting Posting — Dexter said that he had received a citizen's complaint from neighbor Melanie Schillemat regarding problems with her Warwick Broadband service. He said that the Schillemats had now gone 8 days without service. Dexter noted that John Bradford had been out to the property and pointed out that they have an older disk. He said that the Schillemats told him that they had repeatedly called the WBS number without ever receiving a response. Dexter stated that anyone who pays the rate should have the service. Erviti said that there needs to be a record of calls made and that calls must be returned. He said he would oversee the activity and at each Selectboard meeting he would present a record of calls received and the outcome of each call. There was a consensus of the Board that Bradford go back to the Schillemat property to try and resolve the issue.

#### 9. Public Comment—None.

Adjournment

#### Erviti MOVED to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. Dexter SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting:

\*Draft Minutes of February 4, 2019 Selectboard meeting \*Letter to Warwick Selectboard from Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney dated February 14, 2019 RE: Snow and Ice Deficit Spending \*Warwick Highway FY 2018 and FY 2019 Snow & Ice Budgets \*Memo to Selectboard from Highway Advisory Committee dated February 19, 2019 RE: Personnel Policy/ Draft Snow & Ice Policy Revisions/Highway Employee \*PVRSD DRAFT Language Regarding a School Closing \*FY 19 Budgeted Amounts to Maintain a Fully Utilized Building information supplied by Financial Director Tanya Gaylord dated \*Draft of Proposed Changes to PVRSD 2/14/219 \*PVRSD Updated Regional Agreement Next Steps Agreement dated February 18, 2019 \*Flyer for FRCOG workshop Massachusetts' New Short Term Residential Rental Law: Next Steps for Towns to be held 4/7/2019