

Warwick Community Newsletter

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

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PHONE DIRECTORY

Emergency	911
	978-544-
Selectboard	6315
Treasurer/Collector	3845
Highway	6349
Library	7866
Fire Station	3314
Animal Control	3402
Animal Contr.Pager	217-2681
Clerk/Assessors	8304
Bd of Health	6315
Community School	6310
Fire Dept Business	2277
Police Dept Business	2244
Building Inspector	2236
FAX all depts.	6499
Burn Permits	413-625-8200
Warwick Broadband Trouble	
	413-676-9544

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THANK YOU

The Warwick Walkers raised \$1655.00 for Life Path's "Meals on Wheels" on April 27th. We appreciate everyone who donated to any of us.

The walkers are Carol, Ginny, Betsy, Nancy and Martha.

W o m e n ' s G u i l d

The Women's Guild Meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2019 at Gloria Varno's home on Moore's Pond. Please meet at the Town Hall at 1 PM and car pool as the parking at the pond is limited. If Larry Carey feels up to it, he will come and talk about his books and writings. Refreshments will be served as we enjoy the view and activities at the pond.

Many thanks to the 2019 Annual Town Election team of Calvin Fellows, Freddie Fellows, Dan Dibble, Carol Foote, Judy Johnson, Barbara Walker, Sheryl Fontaine, Bruce Kilhart, Nancy Kilhart, Diana Tandy, Martha Morse, Liz Whipple and Rod Whipple.

As always, it takes a great team to have an election run smoothly, and I am very grateful for everyone who works at our polling place.

**** Rosa ****

Rosa Fratangelo
Warwick Town Clerk

The COA Foot Clinic Dates For 2019

June 14th
July 19th
August 9th
September 13th
October 11th
November 15th
December 13th



All at the Metcalf Chapel at 8 a.m.

B O A R D O F H E A L T H

The Board of Health is now back to their regularly scheduled meetings every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Anyone with business with the BOH should call one of these numbers:

Helen Whipple 978-544-6838

Nancy Lyman 978-544-8229

Don Matthews 978-544-3595

Warwick Council on Aging

The Tuesday exercise class at the Warwick Town Hall will begin at 9:45 AM. It will be followed by a Chair Yoga/ Tai Chi class at 11:00 A.M. This program will continue throughout the winter and 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 done while sitting. The second half of the class will be tai chi warm-up and poses. One can attend the 1st or 2nd half of the class or both sessions. The class is funded by Life Path at no cost to those attending, however a donation can be 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.

June 4: Sweet and Sour Meatballs, Rice, Asian Veg Blend, Wheat Bread and Lorna Doones.

June 11: Macaroni and Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Wheat Bread and Diced Peaches.

June 18: Haddock Newburg, Red Bliss Potatoes, Spinach, Multigrain Bread and Mixed Fruit.

June 25: Beef Bolognese, Penne Pasta, Mixed Veggies, Italian Bread and Pears

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

Tracy Gaudet, Outreach Coordinator for Orange COA and Shine Counselor, (Serving Health Insurance Needs for Everyone) will be at Town Hall Tuesdays, June 4 and 18 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.

The Glass Factory

Among the many unique pieces of history found at the Warwick Historical Society are fragments of blown glass from the Franklin Glass Factory.

The Embargo Act of 1809 and the War of 1812 had led to a shortage of glass bottles and much-needed window glass. Enter Dr. Ebenezer Hall, one of the most ambitious and multi-faceted men in Warwick's history. He was, among other things, a teacher, physician, politician and patent medicine inventor. During this period Hall developed an obsession with the notion of manufacturing glass here in Warwick. His contagious enthusiasm and fascination with the science and production of glass helped persuade area residents to finance the creation of a factory. A large number of local families invested in his idea and mortgaged their farms to raise the needed money.

Warwick's Glass Factory, the first in western Massachusetts, was built in 1812 and began its operations in July of 1813. It was located at the bottom of Cemetery Hill on the east side, on the site of the Old Dresser House. The enterprise manufactured window glass, hollow glassware, pitchers and decanters—and canes for souvenirs. Warwick and Memorial Hall Museum in Old Deerfield have a few of these pieces.

Although they did succeed in producing a certain quantity of glass, the undertaking fell on hard times and experienced many misfortunes. The factory struggled for five long, hard years, draining many local farmers and town residents financially. There were numerous reasons for its ultimate failure. First of all, the town was remote from raw materials: native clay was inadequate and had to be hauled here from Pennsylvania, a time-consuming and expensive process. None of the original directors had extensive business experience and it was hard to find and keep skilled labor. Neither the directors of the company nor the townspeople who had invested in the project realized the huge capital resources that were required for such a large undertaking. When they finally did find some investments of outside capital, it was a case of too little, too late. Lastly the company had bad luck. Lack of experience had led to problems with construction. The first furnace malfunctioned at the worst possible moment, resulting not only in a loss of products, but of public confidence as well.

Even though the Glass Factory was razed in 1820 when all possible attempts to make a go of it had failed, the town of Warwick had very nearly succeeded in creating something that most people would never have thought possible.

In the five years of its existence the company had raised thousands of dollars in capital, mostly from local families. They constructed a glass factory in a rural town, built a complex of worker's housing, warehouses and barns. Most importantly, glass had been successfully manufactured. Local people had willingly invested, hoping to better their lives by looking beyond their own small farms.

Hall, enthusiastic and fascinated with the idea of producing glass as he was, simply lacked the experience and resources needed to run a factory. He was not skilled in the art of glass and in the mixing and methods of glass manufacturing. No records have been found of glass mixing as it was practiced here, as Hall had obtained his recipes from other factories and glass-blowing enterprises in New York, Woodstock and Van Rensselaer. To him it was more of an experimental laboratory than a factory, launched on a theory as fragile as the glass he produced. Fragments can still be picked up today near the site.

By Barbara Walker

To see 3 items from the factory <http://www.americancenturies.mass.edu/> Search the Collection for Franklin Glass click on search exact phrase and go.

Town Clerk

2019 DOG LICENSES: Our open license period is April 1 - June 30, 2019. June is the last month to obtain your 2019 Warwick dog licenses before the late fee of \$10.00 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.

If you cannot come in during regular office hours, you may always use the black mailbox outside Town Hall to drop off your dog's proof of rabies vaccination and check payable to the Town of Warwick for the applicable license fee. I will mail you back the paper license, dog tag, and receipt for payment.

** Rosa **

Rosa Fratangelo

Warwick Town Clerk

Tuesday 12-2:30 Thursday 6:00-7:30 pm



Restaurant Review



RESTAURANT HOURS

Closed Mondays and Christmas Day

Lunch Served

11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (Tuesday-Saturday)

Dinners Served

4:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. (Tuesday-Thursday)

4:00 p.m. - 9:45 p.m. (Friday-Saturday)

12:00 noon - 8:00 p.m. (Sunday)

Sunday Brunch Served

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

My most recent trip to The Old Mill was again excellent. I highly recommend a lunch at the Mill as the prices are right and you still get the additional items that are always a favorite...Corn Fritters (2 for each person) served with butter or maple syrup; a basket of rolls containing their famous pecan rolls and regular rolls; and your entrée, which I selected the Haddock Casserole, which is fresh local haddock, baked with the most delicious seafood stuffing. It was so good I ate the whole thing and didn't bring any home. It didn't contain any sides, but I opted for a side of broccoli for an additional 99 cents.

My dining companion chose the New England Pot Roast which contained 1 side and she too selected an additional side. She had enough pot roast to take a slice and veggies home for another meal. Both lunches were \$12.99 and we enjoyed a glass of wine too.

The place was crowded for an afternoon (about 1:30 PM) so I guess everyone knows the deals you can get at the lunch hour. On the way out, the ducks in the pond immediately come out to greet you. Had I remembered, I would have taken a roll since that is what they are waiting for. It's only a short ride to Westminster from Warwick down Route 2. Hope you get to enjoy a lunch real soon. Bon Appetite!

Gloria Varno

Green Corner

Warwick Buildings & Energy Committee Annual Report for FY 2018 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018)

The purpose of the Warwick Buildings and Energy Committee is to assess town buildings and maintenance needs, research options for the select board and Warwick citizens to encourage efficient energy consumption and optimal maintenance of town properties, and encourage Warwick townspeople's own efforts in renewable energy production and carbon footprint reduction.

Members as of the end of FY 2018 are:

Janice Kurkoski – chair, Dan Dibble – scribe, Jack Cadwell, Mary Humphries, Steve Kurkoski

Green Communities:

The FY17 Annual Report was filed with the Dept. of Energy Resources (DOER) in December.

In FY18, energy use in town buildings was down 20.25% (normalized for weather) while vehicle energy use was up 5% (both compared to FY13). Since this Committee's inception in 2007, energy use in buildings is down 54%.

This Committee collaborated extensively with the Northfield Energy Committee, the UMass Clean Energy Extension, Energy Conservation Inc., PVRSD and DOER, to apply for a large grant to make energy efficiency improvements in both Town's elementary schools as well as the middle/high school. A grant application for \$470,000 was filed in March (and awarded in July 2018).

Warwick Town Hall:

The new air-source heat pumps in the Town Hall were well received. People really like keeping the Town Hall at 60 degrees when unoccupied, and higher during hours of operation. Each room has its own fully programmable thermostat. It remains up to the occupants to control their own room's heating and cooling temperatures and schedules.

David Young reported that the steam boiler, which serves the offices, did not operate at all during the winter, and the furnace, which serves the dining rm/kitchen and main hall, was only turned on for one very cold weekend. In FY18 winter we were 16% colder than normal.

A high efficiency ceiling fan was installed in the lobby to circulate warm air down to the first floor.

Pending still: records & old office equipment in the basement need purging & more shelves built.

Highway Dept:

Truck Garage - A wi-fi connected air source heat pump was installed in the office in June of FY17, along with modifications to the furnace room.

Library:

Electricity use is down 17%, most likely due to the new LED lights.

Pending: an insulated inner door at the bulkhead needs to be built. (done 2019 - thx Clyde P. JR!)

Police station:

No further improvements were made in FY18. Electric use has dropped in half since the air-source heat pumps were installed in 2015, even when including the use of AC during the summer.

Fire station: Winserts, LED lights, and some inexpensive air-sealing should still be done here.

Warwick Community School:

See above under Green Communities.

Hot and cold classrooms and ice dams continue to point to inadequate air sealing and insulation in the attic.

The monthly "**Green Corner**" in the Warwick Newsletter lends this Committee an outlet to share our progress and encourage residents to explore their own energy use reduction options.

Moore's Pond News

The beach will be open from Memorial Day to Labor Day from dawn to dusk! Come and swim at your own risk as there is not a lifeguard on duty. The water is tested weekly for your safety. It is a beautiful spot for summer enjoyment. There is no smoking, alcohol or fires allowed, but 2 picnic tables are available for use. Please remember if you carry it in, you must carry it out. There is no trash pick-up and no refuse containers.

Fishing has been tremendous with many catching large trout. The pond has been stocked.

Thank you to all who helped with beach cleanup on Saturday, May 18. We were able to spread a fresh layer of sand and stain 2 picnic tables. A special THANK YOU to Van Johnson for huge help moving the sand. Duncan, the Scottish terrier and his log pedestal was retrieved for next year's ice out contest. Congratulations to Sue McRae and Sandy Renna for having the closest date and time guess for Duncan's dip.

Our big event will again be the "Corregatta" (cardboard boat race) on Sunday, August 25 of Old Home Day weekend at 2:30PM. Many come to watch which is great, but we need more people to bring down cardboard boats to race. It is fun to make a boat with friends and a blast to race. We encourage kids and adults to participate. We encourage organizations to make a boat and enter also! Your imagination is your only limitation. This event is not just for "Warwickians" but anyone with a creative, fun-loving spirit. Totally FREE fun for all! Please consider making a boat. There will be a kid's race followed by an adult race. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Fan Favorite and Sinker award. The Rules and registration forms will be available at the town hall and library. Watch for further info in future newsletters.

ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL MOORE'S POND BEACH, WITH ITS CLEAN WATER AND WILDLIFE!!!

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

Plant Swap at the Library

There will be a return of the plant swap at the Library on Saturday June 15, 10-12:30 Bring divisions and cuttings of plants which can be planted this time of year. Suggested \$1 donation to the library for each plant you take home. More information will be posted on the "L" closer to the day.

Warwick Historical Society

Protecting & Preserving Massachusetts' Indigenous Ceremonial Stone Landscape

This participatory workshop focuses on how to actively protect Indigenous Ceremonial Stone Landscapes (CSLs) in recognition of their cultural significance to the land and Tribes of the Northeast. Doug Harris, Deputy Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Narragansett Indian Tribal Historic Preservation Office, will lead the process. The workshop builds on the 2018 Let the Landscape Speak presentations, which introduced many townspeople in Warwick and across Massachusetts to CSLs and how to identify them. The 2019 workshops will share images of stone structures and address how to protect and preserve identified sites with formal agreements.

The goal of these workshops is to begin the process of creating a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between each town's Historic Commission, the Narragansett Indian Tribe, and potentially other tribes. In 2015 the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), the Mohegan Tribe, the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation and the Narragansett Indian Tribe made a multiple property listing submission to the National Register of Historic Places defining what Ceremonial Stone Landscapes are. MOU's activate a collaborative stewardship relationship for the identification and protection of the Indigenous Ceremonial Stone Landscape, leading to greater knowledge of towns' Indigenous culture and ways to protect sites of significance.

This event is free, ADA accessible, and open to children 12yrs+ and adults. This program is being held as part of the Warwick Historical Society meeting June 19th, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Warwick Town Hall.



From Clare Green:

Thank you to all who contributed to the Ned Green Scholarship Hike.

Over \$600. was raised. The kindness and generosity of the community is deeply appreciated.

A deserving Northfield graduating senior will be receiving a scholarship for \$1,000 during awards night.

The recipient will be announced in the next month's newsletter.

A small story: I also received a donation from one of Ned's many Wisconsin relatives this year for the first time. This cousin battled a severe health crisis and was victorious. She chose to contribute to honor Ned's memory and her improving health. Well, that very same week she mailed the money, she happened to be on a road trip and park next to a car. She glanced at the license plate: NED 26 along with the dealership frame reading GREEN. (Ned died at age 26.) She sent me the photo on messenger. I just chuckled. She hopes to be here next year to hike Mt. Grace, so sweet.

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK

JUNE 2019

Dear Friends,

"And it shall come to pass...I shall pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams...your young... shall see visions" Joel 2:28

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?...the wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches" Isaiah 43:19-20

The Bible is not so much a book of verifiable facts as it is a collection of inspired writings that contain ideas too large for human words to convey in literal terms, so they must be hinted at, using the language of poetry; simile, metaphor and allusion.

The core of all the major religious traditions, and especially the three traditions that share a reverence for the Bible, is the dynamic relationship of creation with the source of creation. Science tells us that all things are made up of energy and religion tells us that the source of that energy is what we call "God" or "YHWH" or "Allah" or "Great Spirit". As such, that source not only created all things, but is part and parcel of everything that has existed, currently exists and will exist. That is what Jesus was saying when he said, *"...that they may all be one...as You, Father, are in me and I in You."* (John 17:21) He was describing a living, dynamic relationship with everything, interconnected and interdependent. Whatever affects one part affects the whole.

The poetic language of the Bible makes it possible to talk about an infinite Being using finite words to evoke an understanding that is beyond words. God does not have human emotions. God does not get angry or get even. But humans do and we use those terms to describe how we feel about things that happen, things that develop over time periods much longer than human life spans. Then we codify those misunderstandings into legalisms that we claim are God's desires. Or we claim that God would not let such-and-such happen to believers. But these are really justifications used for maintaining a status quo that favors a certain power group.

The prophets (and Jesus is rightfully included among the prophets) were frequently at odds with the defenders of the power of privilege, both secular and religious, who claimed their positions as "Divine Right". The prophets proclaimed the vision of a dynamic relationship of mutual respect and equity that evolves as human history progresses from subsistence to over-abundance, from cooperative support to independent hoarding, division and conflict. The over-arching, interactive relationship between humans, between humans and the earth and between humans and God, needs to be continually examined and adjusted, not because God changes, but because human awareness changes.

My generation, the "Boomers", were once the young, dissatisfied visionaries and out of that dissatisfaction came a push toward a more just and equitable treatment of women, the poor and people of color and a return to a mutually beneficial relationship with the earth. Now "we will be the first generation to leave the world a worse place than we found it" (Bill McKibbin). Glaciers are receding at unpredicted rates, the sea levels are rising faster than expected, the extinction of plants and animals is accelerating at an alarming rate, yet these things seem to be hidden from the eyes of a complacent "me" generation. "Do you not perceive it?" The wild beasts do, the mountains and rivers and seas do, the winds and the rains do, people living next to toxic dumpsites do, why not the wealthy? Are we just too self-absorbed to see the lasting damage of the status quo?

Now God's spirit is poured out on the youth and our job is to listen and dream dreams of restoration; restoration of the earth's environments; restoration of love and compassion for others who struggle against tyranny and oppression; restoration of civility and consideration. We can let the spirit move among us. We can let the vision of the young be seeds we plant for a harvest of hope.

In hopeful faith, *Dan*

UP COMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE:

JULY 7 ICE CREAM SOCIAL on the lawn at the Town Hall. Music, friends and neighbors and “build-your-own” ice cream sundaes.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AT THE METCALF CHAPEL

SACRED STONES For millennia, stones have been used as a way to commemorate important events, times or places for individuals or communities. Abraham marked encounters with the divine presence, Jacob, on the run from his brother, marked the place where he saw angels going up and down a ladder and said, “Surely God is in this place.”

There is a place in front of the Chapel where we have gathered stones. We welcome people coming to commemorate some sacred event in their lives by either bringing a stone to add to the pile or rearranging the stones that are there as a meditation or dedication. Or if you have a “stone” that is weighing you down, leave it here and be free of its weight.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

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

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, PILLOW CASES AND OTHER LINENS

There is a box in the front hall of the Chapel for these items for the Franklin Emergency Shelter in Greenfield.

Library

Greetings - lots to share this month: Summer reading program gets under way, events for kids, additions to the collection—and much more!

But before all that, two library moments: The first is a quickie: What's the "first" book in the adult fiction area? Thanks to a request from a patron of another library, I discovered its *Midnight Riot* by Ben Aaronowitz. Second: When a young patron entered the library and asked "Do you have any books on Optical Illusions?" I didn't know how to answer. Then I remembered the reference book breaking down the Dewey Classification System, so I checked its Index and found Optical Illusions listed—#152. More amazingly, when we walked over to the shelf, there waiting patiently was *The Great Book of Optical Illusions!* "Wow, that was fast!" he said. Yes, it had taken about a minute to get it in his hands. And what an incredibly cool book—the look on his face was priceless!

Our June events kick off with the final program of our **Spring Local Authors** series, featuring U.S. District (Springfield) Judge Michael A. Ponsor on Monday, June 3rd at 7 pm. His first novel, *The Hanging Judge*, became a *New York Times* bestseller in 2015, and was followed in 2017 by *The One-Eyed Judge*.

Pizza Gathering for Teens - Tuesday, June 18th, from 5:30 - 7 pm: All teens in town are invited to come enjoy free pizza, celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning of summer, and just, ya know—hang out! This will be unstructured teen time, with games and puzzles available. They can also bring their own stuff!

Moon Crazy - Thursday, June 27th, 1:30 - 2:30 pm: Featuring performer Jackson Gillman. Suggested for kids of school age and up. Put on your imagination caps and blast off with Jackson on his lunar adventures, including captivating songs and stories. A great entry into this year's summer reading theme: *A Universe of Stories*.

A Universe of Stories - Summer Reading Program: In addition to Moon Crazy on June 27th, look for more Space-themed events this summer for kids and adults (**see the next item**). And stop by the Library to pick up a cool color poster and a suggested reading list for all ages. Kids can also pick up a reading log that comes with some special extras!

Night Sky Telescope Viewing - Sunday, July 7th: With Joe Delfausse, at Shepardson Field. For all ages - mark your calendar! Look for more details in the July newsletter.

Late-breaking addition: June Art Show featuring the beautiful bird drawings of Lynne Stopen of Orange - on display through the month of June. **Reception:** Thursday, June 13th from 6 - 7:30 pm.

Library resources - old and new: many monthly magazines, the *Greenfield Recorder*, museum passes; Large Print adult fiction section; Local Authors section. See what's new on the web page.

One more Warwick Library note: 2019 marks the 100th Anniversary of the Warwick Free Public Library in its current building. It was gifted by the Baptist Church, which had experienced a serious decline in enrollment, and the Library moved across the street from Town Hall, where it had been housed in the present-day Assessors Office since that building's construction in 1894. We'll be celebrating later this summer!

Libraries in the News (online on the Library's web page): 1) Check out *Boston Magazine's* April 24th article on "The Library Land Project" to find out what happens when two fan(atic)s decide to visit every public library in Massachusetts. 2) A great discussion of the powerful role that libraries play in our communities can be found on a recent 99% *Invisible* podcast (March 19th). The program features Eric Kline, the author of *Palaces for the People: How Social Infrastructure Can Help Fight Inequality, Polarization, and the Decline of Civic Life*.

Selectboard Minutes April 16, 2019

Members present: Lawrence Pruyne, James Erviti, Todd Dexter

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Clerk and Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney, Finance Committee members Diana Noble, Laurette Crane and Clyde Perkins, Sr., Buildings and Energy Committee member Janice Kurkoski, Cemetery Commissioner Jim Toth, Moderator David Koester, Lucy Koester

I. Call to Order

Chair Pruyne called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Town Hall.

The Finance Committee also called their meeting to order (*see Finance Committee minutes*)

II. Minutes

[Dexter MOVED to accept the Selectboard minutes of March 18, 2019 and the 4-Towns Meeting of March 18, 2019 as printed. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-1: Erviti and Dexter – AYE; Pruyne - ABSTAIN.](#)

Dexter MOVED to accept the minutes of April 1, 2019 as printed. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-1: Pruyne and Dexter – AYE; Erviti - ABSTAIN.

The abstentions were due to that Selectboard member not being in attendance for the meeting.

III. Presentations and Discussions

1. Appointments—Young said that Jim Abels has agreed to serve on the Conservation Commission.
Pruyne MOVED to appoint Jim Abels to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2019. Dexter SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

2. Annual Town Meeting—Young said that Article 5 may be moved as a slate of revolving funds. He explained that revolving funds are revenue neutral whereby funds must be deposited into an account before it can be expended. Young said that since the last meeting there have been no changes to any money articles. He noted that the School Assessments are divided into Articles 7 and 8 so that matters can be taken up individually.

Young spoke about the omnibus budget and said that free cash should be around \$170,000.00. He explained that BMAG discovered that in two of the last four years the prior Accountant handled Stabilization funds incorrectly which artificially lowered our free cash. Young said that this is a one-time amount and recommended putting most of the additional \$70,000.00 towards future capital expenses. Young said to put at least \$50,000.00 into the Stabilization Fund would be best practice.

Finance Committee Chair Diana Noble listed some increases in various budgets, including \$600.00 in the Accountant budget, a total of \$1,000.00 in both the Fire Department and the Town Counsel budgets. She also pointed out a 12.2% total increase in the Police Department budget, which Noble said is due in part to the Police Chief's request for an additional three hours week for officers. She stated that the total Public Safety amount has increased by 14.7%. Young said the Ambulance assessment has gone up another \$6,000.00, which represents a 33.3% increase. Erviti wanted to know how this figure is arrived at.

Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney said that he had not adjusted actual line items for a few years because he has flexibility to use within his budget. He said that the FY 20 bottom line is virtually the same as FY 19, with a very small increase. Delaney noted that he will have unexpended funds in the

wages and leave line item at the end of this fiscal year.

Young said that in the past the Selectboard has voted unexpended funds can be applied to snow and ice deficit reduction; there is currently a deficit of about \$55,000.00. Dexter said that the Highway Advisory Committee (HAC) would like to see a couple of the uninsulated garage doors replaced. Young said that a Stabilization article of \$4,000.00 for the doors can be added to the ATM warrant. There was a consensus of the Board to do this.

Erviti MOVED to transfer from the Wages and Leave line item an amount to eliminate all but \$17,000.00 of the snow and ice deficit. Dexter SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Noble said the Board of Health budget is increasing by \$1,000.00 due to more work for the BoH Clerk, who is paid an hourly rate and not a stipend. She noted Library maintenance has increased by \$600.00. Insurance and Benefits are up almost \$8,000.00 mostly due to retirement. Young said that there is a solid basis for the changes. Noble said that she would like to see some planning ahead for capital expenses. Dexter stated that our tax rate must be the same or less than FY 19, and that there can be no increase. Pruyne said that he wanted to see more funds in Stabilization and not less.

The warrant articles were discussed, including painting the Library. Young gave a brief overview of the articles on the draft warrant.

COLA was discussed. Young said that a 3.5% increase for all employees would be about \$9,000.00. Pruyne said he preferred a 3% raise in compensation. Noble said that there is an upward pressure in salaries and per hour wages. She said it should be looked at closely and brought to a realistic level, perhaps 2% or 2.5%. Laurette Crane noted that people in the private sector do not receive COLA and don't get a raise unless they ask for it.

Dexter MOVED to recommend a 3.5% increase in compensation for Town employees. Motion FAILED for a Lack of a Second.

Dexter MOVED to recommend a 3% increase in compensation for Town employees. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-1: Pruyne and Dexter - AYE; Erviti – ABSTAIN.

3. Green Communities & Energy Planning Technical Assistance Opportunity—Buildings and Energy Committee member Janice Kurkoski explained that we have a grant from the Department of Energy Resources to be used as needed for technical assistance and procurement services for projects funded by the grant at no cost to the Town. She said we can utilize up to \$9,500.00 worth of technical services which included clean energy planning that is not included under the Green Communities grant. Kurkoski noted that this could help the next Green Communities grant application which is due in March of 2020. FRCOG would be supplying the technical assistance.

Erviti MOVED to approve the MOA with FRCOG for Green Communities Technical Assistance. Dexter SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

4. Authorize Coordinator to Handle FRCOG Fuel Bids—Young said that the Board needed to vote an authorization for him to be able to handle the FRCOG fuel bids.

Erviti MOVED to authorize the Town Coordinator to bid and contract the FRCOG Fuel Bids.

Dexter SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

5. Cemetery Commission—Cemetery Commissioner Jim Toth said that there has been one person mowing and trimming at the Warwick Cemetery, but the positions were initially set up separately. He said back in 2009 the trimmer was paid \$11.25 per hour. Toth stated that the Cemetery Commission has decided to use a second person for trimming, which is paid for from the Perpetual care fund. He said the Commission was looking for guidance for the pay-rate, which they want to be mid-range of the

of the pay rates offered by surrounding towns. Dexter suggested tying the pay rate to minimum wage. Noble said that minimum wage is currently \$12.00 but will increase to \$12.75 on January 1, 2020. As this would fall in the middle of the fiscal year, she suggested going with \$12.75 for FY 20.

Erviti MOVED to authorize the Cemetery Commission to hire as needed a trimmer and/or mower. Dexter SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Dexter MOVED to authorize the Cemetery Commission to pay the mower operator an hourly rate of \$14.50 and the trimmer at \$12.75 per hour. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

6. Police Department —Young said that Chief Shoemaker informed him and the Finance Committee that the cruiser needs its engine replaced. He noted that a used replacement engine is probably the best way to go, as we paid \$40-plus thousand dollars for the vehicle seven years ago. Noble said that she had asked Chief Shoemaker about a new warranted motor and he had said he did not think the vehicle was worth that expense. Young said that the most reasonable investment is a used replacement engine and pointed out that we are short on time. He suggested that the Police Chief come before the Finance Committee and request a Reserve Fund transfer, because the Reserve Fund is to be used for emergency or unanticipated expenditures.

7. [Donation of an American Elm Tree by Greenfield Savings Bank](#)—In celebration of its 150th anniversary, Greenfield Savings Bank has offered the gift of a GSB Sesquicentennial Elm Tree for Town Common. The donation includes planting and installation of a water bag by a tree service, which would likely take place in early May or in the Fall of this year.

Erviti MOVED to accept the donation of an American Elm Tree by Greenfield Savings Bank. Dexter SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

8. Grant to Investigate a Regionalization of the Warwick and Wendell Police Departments—Erviti, as the Board member who requested this item be placed on the agenda, tabled the discussion until the next meeting.

9. Discussion of District Finances, Building Lease and Related Topics — Pruyne said that WCS Principal Elizabeth Musgrave has suggested the name be changed to Warwick Community School and School of the Arts. He said that he would continue discussing this revenue generation option with Principal Musgrave.

10. Discuss Establishment of a Publicity and Advertising Budget — Pruyne said that he wanted to have an advertising or public relations industry person come and discuss with the Board ideas and options for promoting Warwick. He noted that Eastern Massachusetts legislators have never heard of us and that it was high time more people become aware of all our town has to offer. Pruyne said he would try to find someone to come before the Board and discuss ways to promote the Town.

11. Selectboard Reports—There were no reports given at this meeting.

12. Coordinator Report— There was nothing to add to the written report.

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

14. Public Comment—None.

Adjournment

Erviti MOVED to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Dexter SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting:

- *Draft Minutes of March 18, 2019 and April 1, 2019 Selectboard meetings
- *DRAFT Minutes of the March 18, 2019 FOUR TOWNS Finance Committees and Selectboards
- *Coordinator Report dated April 11, 2019
- *Draft warrant articles for May 6, 2019 Annual Town Meeting
- *Draft spreadsheet for May 6, 2019 Annual Town Meeting Omnibus budget
- *Election Warrant for May 20, 2019 Town of Warwick Annual Town Election
- *Franklin County Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) Memorandum of Understanding by and between FRCOG and the Town of Warwick for Regional Energy Planning Assistance *Letter from Greenfield Savings Bank to Warwick Town Clerk Rosa Fratangelo RE: gift of a GSB Sesquicentennial Elm Tree for the Town Common

Joint Meeting Selectboard and Finance Committee Minutes April 29, 2019

Members present: Lawrence Pruyne, James Erviti, Todd Dexter (arrived at 6:04 p.m.)

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Finance Committee members Diana Noble, Laurette Crane, Gregory Brodski, Olivier Flagollet, Clyde Perkins, Sr., Moderator David Koester, Police Chief David Shoemaker, Buildings and Energy Committee members Janice Kurkoski and Steve Kurkoski

I. Call to Order

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

Finance Committee Chair Diana Noble called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

II. Minutes

Erviti MOVED to accept the minutes of April 16, 2019 as printed. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Dexter arrived just after the vote was taken.

III. Presentations and Discussions

1. Annual Town Meeting—Young highlighted some articles and went through changes made to the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) warrant since the last draft was reviewed by the Selectboard. In addressing Articles 7 and 8, Young said that it is our legal obligation to act on the letter given by PVRSD. He explained that DESE has not yet approved the School Committee budget votes, but the closure of the Leyden elementary school has been approved. Young said that Town Counsel has given the legal opinion that the assessment article votes can be split so the proposed Superintendent multi-year contract can be its own article. He explained that the contract is not valid until the first year is funded.

Young said that he has been told Northfield is recommending the PVRSD request and supports the assessment. He said that Bernardston will handle their assessment on their ATM warrant the same way we are, and he does not know how Leyden intends to proceed.

Young said that PVRSD sent WCS Principal Elizabeth Musgrave a letter stating that her last day is June 30, 2019. He said that there will be a full-time person who will act as part-time Principal along with another position.

Erviti MOVED the Selectboard recommend a “No” vote on Article 7 on Annual Town Meeting

floor. Dexter SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Noble MOVED the Finance Committee recommend a “No” vote on Article 7 on Annual Town Meeting floor. Flagollet SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 5-0-0.

Erviti MOVED the Selectboard recommend a “No” vote on Article 8 on Town Meeting floor. Dexter SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Brodski MOVED the Finance Committee recommend a “No” vote on Article 8 on Annual Town Meeting floor. Crane SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 5-0-0.

Erviti stated that the Selectboard and Finance Committee are doing what was agreed upon at the 4-town meeting, because the PVRSD letter does not send the savings from closing the elementary school in Leyden back to the towns.

Young explained that the \$194,958.00 in free cash is a one-time only amount due to the discovery of old accounting errors made in the past few years. He said that we should not fund recurring expenses with a one-time surplus, which is why there is Article 13 asks to move \$95,000.00 to Capital Stabilization. Young noted that Article 24 will have matching grant funds that will double the amount available for Household Hazardous Waste expense. He explained that Article 25 involves a contract longer than three years which requires an ATM vote. Young said that because Jim Erviti is a Selectman, Article 26 has very specific language to allow him to receive compensation for his work on Warwick Broadband billing; Article 27 establishes a rate of compensation for that work. Young said Article 28 was requested by the Moderator to file a petition with the Legislature allowing permanent resident aliens to vote in Warwick municipal elections. He noted this has been done by other towns. Young said Article 30 provides for the establishment of a Board of Public Works, while Article 31 is a petition article to support the citizens petition that calls for changes to the Commonwealth flag and seal.

Finance Committee Chair Diana Noble briefly went through the omnibus budget spreadsheet and noted that the majority of increases seen in the budget were due to the 3% wage increase recommended by vote at the last joint meeting of the Selectboard and Finance Committee.

The Selectboard members each signed six copies of the Annual Town Meeting warrant which were then given to Constable George Day for his signature and legal posting by 7 p.m.

2. [Buildings and Energy Committee](#)—Janice Kurkoski said that she had been reminded that the Buildings and Energy Committee both energy matter and Town buildings fall under its purview. She said that the Town Hall basement is very cluttered and that there are records down there that are no longer readable to having gotten wet. Young said that there were four window air conditioners and the large air conditioning unit that need to be declared surplus property. Kurkoski said that it had already been determined that taking out the entire Town Hall furnace is not a good, workable idea, but eliminating some of the large ducts and being certain that the return duct work is adequate can be done by the HVAC contractor, which is why she wanted the HVAC heat pump installer to inspect the ductwork and recommend what is needed. Kurkoski suggested file cabinets placed up on pallets would be suitable for records that need to be kept. She said that a better use can be made of the space, and that each department or committee must take ownership of what is theirs anywhere in Town Hall. She said the records should be gone through to determine what is to be done with them. Young said old records can easily be digitized.

3. DCR —Young said that DCR wants to acquire a parcel of land in the northeast section of Warwick and that they want to close on this inland holding before the end of FY 19.

Erviti MOVED to waive the 120-day notice period as required by Code of Massachusetts Regulations Chapter 301 Section 51.0 as to one parcel of land of approximately 108 acres in the Town of Warwick as shown on Exhibit A in which the Department of Conservation and Recreation is considering acquiring an interest. Dexter SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Pruyne signed and dated the 120-Day Waiver Form.

4. Highway Department—Dexter said that the Highway Advisory Committee (HAC) met last Wednesday and went out on Athol Road to check the condition of the road. He said Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney is looking to pave Athol Road from Royalston Road to the town line using Chapter 90 funds. Dexter said that the Chapter 90 funds to be allocated for FY 20 plus leftover money totals about \$450,000.00. He said that the lower end of Northfield Road is still a concern and that several under-road culverts need to be located, flushed and their exact condition determined. Dexter noted that GPS coordinates would be used to locate and identify the culverts. He said HAC Chair Kevin Alden does not think that that \$3000,000.00 should be spent on Athol Road as it takes too much of the available Chapter 90 funds. Dexter said that the STRAP grant application will be for the Northfield Road project. He said that portions of Wendell Road were in poor shape from Moore’s Pond to the bridge near the town line. Dexter stated that Delaney wants the STRAP grant to go to the project that stands the best chance of approval. He explained that STRAP grants are a statewide competitive grant that can be applied for every three years, and that there was a consensus of HAC members that Northfield Road is in the greatest need.

Dexter spoke about the Athol Road culvert near Gale Road, explaining the head walls have separated and the culvert is in poor condition. He said that licensed engineer Paul Hadsel will consult on this matter. Dexter noted that new Highway Department hire Kevin Bickford started work today.

5. Cemetery Commission—Young explained that due to inaccurate information a vote taken at their previous meeting caused an unintentional pay-cut for the mower. Young stated there was no issue and no action was required by the Board on this matter.

6. Police Department —Police Chief David Shoemaker said that the cruiser engine has been replaced at a cost of \$3,800.00, funded by a Reserve Fund transfer granted by the Finance Committee. He pointed out the cost was for a used engine and installation. The Chief noted that Dick’s Auto provided free towing as a service to the Town.

Noble said that the Finance Committee wants to look for long-term capital planning and that a Capital Planning Committee would provide the benefit of sharing knowledge and expertise of equipment needs for various departments. Pruyne said that he will speak with John Gagliani who has in the past expressed an interest on serving on a Capital Planning Committee.

7. [Warwick Ambulance Agreement with Orange](#)—Young said he had received an Email with the amount of the assessment for FY 20 but no basis was given. He said he will try to get an explanation before the May 6th Annual Town Meeting. Erviti said that after Town Meeting we need to investigate how these numbers are arrived at.

8. Grant to Investigate Regionalization of the Warwick and Wendell Police Departments—Erviti said that he had information about this issue but had left the paperwork at home and would need to bring it to a future meeting. He said that he had spoken to Chief Shoemaker who felt that there was no reason a grant cannot be used to investigate the possibility of regionalizing Warwick and Wendell Police Department. Chief Shoemaker said that Wendell initiated the exploration of a regionalization solution after finding out that their Police Chief would be retiring at some point in the future. The Chief noted that other towns had been mentioned for regionalization as well. Chief Shoemaker said that there are many questions to be asked and answered, and that his feeling was this would not end up going anywhere even though it does look good on paper. There was a consensus of the Board that Chief Shoemaker to pursue this and investigate the possibility of regionalization.

9. Discussion of PVRSD Finances and Related Topics —Young said that a vote was taken at a previous 4-town meeting to establish a committee to study a possible merge with PVRSD and Gill/Montague School District. There was no need for the Selectboard to vote this again. Young noted that one member of the committee must be a PVRSD School Committee member.

10. Discuss Establishment of a Publicity and Advertising Budget —Pruyne said that he did not yet contact a professional to come before the Board to discuss this matter. Young said that he did not think this would be a good use of funds. Young said that either he or Pruyne could write well crafted press releases to be run in the local press. Pruyne said that towns in the Eastern part of the state do not even know Warwick exists and he wants to make people in that region aware of all Warwick has to offer.

11. Selectboard Reports—Pruyne said he attended the 4-town meeting in Bernardston on April 22nd and he felt the towns showed great coordination of intentions at the meeting. He said the consensus was that the PVRSD budget should be more controlled by the towns.

12. Coordinator Report—Young said that the Moore’s Pond Beach Committee is no longer able to use Rita McConville for water testing, and the rates for a new tester will be higher. Matthew Connelly has requested a one-day beer and wine license for Town Hall on Saturday, May 25, 2019 during the Night of Magic event. All proceeds from the sale of beer and wine will go to the Moore’s Pond Beach Committee.

Erviti MOVED to grant a one-day beer and wine license to Matthew Connelly on behalf of the Moore’s Pond Beach Committee for Saturday, May 25, 2019 at the Night of Magic event. Dexter SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

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

14. Public Comment—None.

Adjournment

Erviti MOVED to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Dexter SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Crane MOVED to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Noble SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 5-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting:

*Draft Minutes of April 16, 2019 Selectboard meeting *Coordinator Report dated April 25, 2019

*Draft warrant articles for May 6, 2019 Annual Town Meeting *Draft spreadsheet for May 6, 2019 Annual Town Meeting Omnibus budget * Memo to the Warwick Selectboard from Buildings and Energy Committee RE: Town Hall basement

(agenda item at WBEC mtg. 11/21/2018) *Letter from DCR to Lawrence Pruyne dated April 17, 2019 RE: acquisition of one parcel of land of approximately 108 acres in Town of Warwick *Exhibit A map of property to be acquired by DCR

*Certificate of Announcement Selectboard Town of Warwick *120-Day Waiver Form Selectboard Town of Warwick



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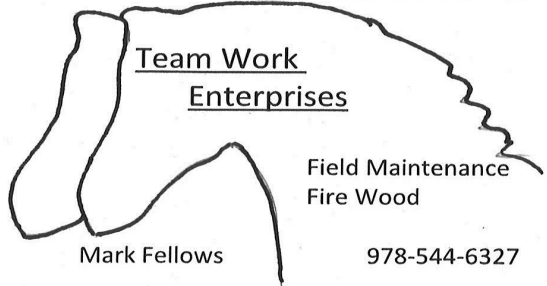
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