

September, 2014

# Warwick Community Newsletter

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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
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### Letter of Thanks

We wish to thank the Warwick Library Trustees and Librarian Nancy Hickler for the lovely retirement celebration they prepared for us. From the words of tribute to our dedication to the library to the great refreshments to the wonderful gifts, we enjoyed every moment. Thanks Nancy Kilhart for making custards, one of our favorite desserts. Plus a very grateful thanks to Oliver Fellows for making the forever library plaques for us.

And even though it was a thunderous, rainy night, we loved seeing all the Warwickians who came.

Thank you again, Ann and Janet (Ann Miner and Janet Alden)

### FROM THE FOLKS WHO BRING YOU THE GATHERING PLACE

See the Gathering Place menu each week on the L, the web and TCC Facebook page. Thank you all for your continued support. On Fridays at Town Hall, coffee for \$1.00 ready at 10:00 AM, cup of Soup for \$3.00, ½ Sandwich for \$1.50. Have both (Cup and a half) for \$4.00 starting at 11:30 AM. Desserts( by donation) anytime.

Need lunch to go, bring a container for soup and we'll pack lunch for you. All are welcome.

Kelly Chappel-Farley and Diana Tandy

### Warwickians On-Line

If you can send and receive email, you can sign up for the Warwick-L, our town's on-line discussion group. Anything that pertains to Warwick and the people who live here is appropriate. To join us, send an email to [message to miryam@mwilliamson.com](mailto:miryam@mwilliamson.com) including your full name, address, phone number, and if you are not a resident, a sentence or two saying why you want to join.



### Green Communities and the Stretch Code

Warwick has decided to apply for Green Communities designation this fall.

This is both a financially motivated decision as well as a forward thinking plan for better energy security and lowering our collective “carbon footprint”.

Warwick has many neighbors who have already been accepted into the Green Communities program. Early adopters were the towns of Greenfield, Athol, New Salem, Montague and Gill, and more recently Northfield, Petersham, Barre, and Wendell. In Wendell this brought with it an immediate grant of \$138,125, which was used for town-wide energy conservation projects. They also received permission to use \$37,500 of the Green Communities money for residents who get home energy audits to help cover the 25% of the costs that MassSave does not cover.

What a great idea! Do you have any more great ideas like this?

One of the more contentious criteria for becoming a “Green Community” is adopting the “stretch” building code. 143 Massachusetts cities & towns have already done so.

The stretch code uses real-world testing and energy modeling to ensure energy savings in new construction. Prescriptive codes don't guarantee well-planned construction details, air and water tightness, or that thermal insulation is effective. Even small air gaps can reduce insulation R-values by 50% or more. Had there been a simple blower door test of the school gym at the time of construction, it would have picked up on the gaps in the ceiling that have wasted thousands of our energy dollars over the past 14 years, not to mention how uncomfortable it has been in that part of the building during cold weather.

For major residential renovations and additions, the stretch code allows a less stringent ‘prescriptive’ path, and this is already very similar to the existing 2012 IECC (International Energy Conservation Code) that went into effect for all of Massachusetts on July 1, 2014.

Some say Warwick has a wonderful “We Can Do It On Our Own” approach to many of the modern day challenges we face now and in the near future, so why do we need yet another set of rules to follow when the existing code is almost the same as the stretch code? I would say that if the existing code is so similar, then why not accept the new rules, work with them, learn by them, challenge and improve them, and meanwhile take the grant money to do projects that save everybody money?

With so many questions surrounding this topic, there is need for a lot of open discussion. An informational meeting is planned for Sept. 11 at 6:00 pm in the town hall. Bring your questions and concerns!

Adoption of the stretch code will come up for vote at the Special Town Meeting scheduled for Sept. 22 – please be there, and come informed!

Janice Kurkoski

### Franklin County Home Care Corp. News

#### Energy Savings for Seniors

Turners Falls—September 24, 10 a.m., Great Falls Discovery Center

Athol—September 18, 10 a.m., Athol Senior Center

Attend Energy Savings for Seniors and learn about home energy benefits that persons age 60+ qualify for already! Save money on fuel and obtain rebates for energy efficient appliances; 1:1 assistance and light refreshments will be available. Both events are sponsored by FCHCC's Benefits Counseling program. For information, contact Gretchen Smith at 413-773-5555 or [info@fchcc.org](mailto:info@fchcc.org). Read more at [www.fchcc.org](http://www.fchcc.org).

#### Understanding MOLST is a Must

On September 10, 1:30-3 p.m., an educational session at the Farren Care Center in Turners Falls will explain MOLST (Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment), Massachusetts's new tool for documenting health care choices. Lea Appel, NP-C, of Hospice of Franklin County, will present. Light refreshments will be provided. Seating is limited, so pre-registration is requested. Call 413-773-5555 x2242 to register by August 29. This event is a collaboration between Franklin County Home Care Corporation, the Hospice of Franklin County, and the Farren Care Center. Read more about MOLST at [www.MOLST-MA.org](http://www.MOLST-MA.org).

Jessica E. Albrecht, FCHCC

Editor, *The Good Life*

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

The Guild will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 2 in the basement of the Town Hall. We will enjoy "Part II" of Family Photo day. If you did not have a chance to do so at the August meeting, bring a few photos and share a bit of family history with us! As usual, a business meeting and refreshments will follow.  
- Martha Morse

**W a r w i c k C o u n c i l o n  
A g i n g N o t e s**

The Warwick COA is pleased to announce that we have been able to contact a new provider for the foot clinic (toenail clipping). Mindy Powling will be at the chapel on Friday - September 19th from 8-9 AM to provide this service.

Please remember to bring a towel.  
- Helen Whipple , COA secretary

**Get Moving!**

At Town Hall, Sponsored by the  
Recreation Committee

Tuesdays and Thursdays 6pm and Sundays at 8am for **ZUMBA!** Drop in fee just \$5. Call Leanne if questions 544-5553

**Circuit Training** is 6-7pm on Wednesdays and is **FREE!** Contact Nan or Leslie for more info at 544-1974

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

The Warwick Historical Society (WHS) will meet at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday September 17 in the basement of the Town Hall. Officers will be elected for the next two years, and members will be asked to pay dues for the coming year. Dues are \$10 per person, and \$15 per couple. All community members are invited to attend and learn what so many folks are doing to preserve our town's history. - Martha Morse

**T O W N C L E R K N O T E S**

The State Primary Election will be held Tuesday, September 9th. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. in the Town Hall dining room.

If you missed the deadline to register to vote for the primary, you have until Wednesday, October 15th to register for the November election (which will be held on Tuesday,, November 4th). Also, MORE Election workers are needed for the November election.

Those who have yet to license your dogs, please do so now. Please note that there is now a \$10.00 late fee per license. Please check with me to see if the late fee will apply to you, as there are exceptions.

If anyone cannot come to my office during normal hours of Tuesdays 12 noon - 2 p.m. and Thursday from 6 p.m. - 8p.m., or you need something immediately, please call 978-544-3402 to make an appointment.  
Thank you, Rosa Fratangelo

**P U B L I C L I B R A R Y**

Mark your calendars for another great family program. On Saturday, September 27 at 1:00 PM we will be hosting Animal Adventures at the Town Hall. This is the animal program that we had 2 years ago to great reviews. Don't miss this wonderful performance.

Jonathan Haber has donated his video entitled "No Fracking Way" to the Library. For more info on this program, go to FlybyNews.com. It is available for checkout.

New books include:

Frozen Dead by Minier, Unwilling Accomplice by Todd, Matchmaker by Hilderbrand, Book of Life by Harkness, Hundred Year House by Makkai, Hurricane Sisters by Frank, Long Time Gone by White, Man Called Ove by Backman, Robert B Parker's Cheap Shot by Atkins, Silk-worm by Galbraith, Vertigo 42 by Grimes, Wayfaring Stranger by Burke, Written in my Own Heart's Blood by Gabaldon, and one Plus One by Moyes.

## A N I M A L   C O N T R O L

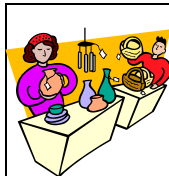
**A CAT NAMED KATHERINE:** Bible School children recently found a very thin stray cat that has been named "Katherine". This very friendly stray is in need of vet care, including a physical exam, vaccinations, tests, and spay surgery. YELP FOR HELP will be paying for all necessary veterinary expenses. Please keep donating your returnable bottles and cans to help this cat!

**BABY, IT'S HOT INSIDE!** Even late Summer's warm temperatures can make it tempting to bring your pet with you on car rides around town. While many people believe that cracking a window is enough to keep their dogs cool in the car while they make a quick pit stop—but they couldn't be more wrong. **When it's 80 degrees outside, your car will be a staggering 114 degrees in less than 30 minutes.**

Because dogs can't cool themselves down as easily as people, once they overheat they can suffer extensive organ damage or die. To help save animals from dying in hot cars, take the following actions:

**Immediately call 911 if you see an animal trapped in a hot car.** Local law officials have the ability to enter the vehicle and rescue the pet. Do not leave until help has arrived.

If you see an animal in a hot car in a parking lot, also immediately notify the managers of nearby businesses so they can make an urgent announcement.



**SAVE THE DATE:** The Annual Metcalf Chapel Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, **November 29, 2014**. We are looking for craftspeople and artisans to rent a table. A 6-8' table is provided for a \$15 rental fee for the day or \$8 for a card table size - Reserve table space by emailing Andrea Woods at [andrea@woods4.com](mailto:andrea@woods4.com) or calling 544-6844.

## Warwick Arts Council News by Claudia Lewis & Tom Wyatt

Summer will soon come to an end, and the chill of Fall will be in the air - but first, on Saturday, September 20th at 7pm, the Ha-Ha's will warm us up with an evening of improv!

The Ha-Ha's describe themselves as "...a bombastic bouquet of actors from The Pioneer Valley (Massachusetts) who perform the brave art of improvised comedy." This troupe has been performing together since 2003, and have a regular engagement at The Arts Block in Greenfield on the second Saturday of every month - The Happier Valley Comedy Show!

We are excited to welcome them to the Town Hall stage, and hope we will be joined by Warwickians of ALL AGES for this FREE end-of-summer show! Come for the laughter and enjoy light refreshments!



Thank you to the Warwick Cultural Council for allowing us to bring an

evening of merriment to town!

Don't forget: The 24th Annual Arts Council Art Show & Sale begins this year at 7pm on Friday October 10th, with a special reception, to be followed by exhibit hours on Saturday & Sunday (10am - 3pm). Warwick area artists of all ages and experience levels are strongly encouraged to submit up to 3 pieces. There is no admission fee. Bring your work and help us hang the show on Thursday October 9 from 5-7pm or Friday from 1-3pm. Also needed is help staffing and breaking down the show. Questions: call or email Tom Wyatt: 978-544-3911 or [tom@tomwyattphoto.com](mailto:tom@tomwyattphoto.com)

Visit Warwick Arts Council <<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Warwick-Arts-Council-Wooden-Fender/296226740504269>> & Wooden Fender on Facebook for more information, photos & video

**DID YOU KNOW?** If you ever lose a newsletter, or want to look at an old issue, they are on the Warwick Webpage at [www.warwickma.org](http://www.warwickma.org) along with things like *Permit Applications, Police Logs, Meeting Agendas, Town Hall Office Hours*, and lots of other very useful information! If you would like post something to the webpage, contact Ed Lemon, Webmaster at [elemon@tiac.net](mailto:elemon@tiac.net).

## OLD HOME DAYS THANK YOU!

A great big thank you to Colleen Paul and Larry Carey for the planning and execution of a flawless, fun-filled Old Home Days.

From the touching Ken Hubbard dedication ceremony to the silly antics at the Corregata cardboard boat race, there was something for everyone.

Check out Ed Lemon's pictures on line at [www.warwickma.org](http://www.warwickma.org). Thanks, Ed for chronicling the events in pictures!

Warwick Rocks! (pun intended, Bill L.) -ed.

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



-Bill Lyman

There's lots going on in Warwick, and for those of you who have paid attention to the new trucks and activity at the Public Safety Building are probably wondering if we can get the building up this year. We can and we will.

As summer slips away, I still say...We Can and We Will.

It is the attitude of progress, realistic and unrelenting. It will get our Public Safety Building from dream to reality, because of the people who say we can and we will. Don Matthews, Tim Matthews, Brian Peters and Mike Peters are all owed a great Thank You for recent work. All of us at WFD have put in extra hours to move the project forward.

We can and we will. It is the attitude that saved a 6 year old boy when Eaden Marti and a lifeguard pulled him from a pool and did CPR. Eaden didn't back away, and his mentality to move forward when others hesitate is what we do. Eaden is a Warwick Junior Firefighter. Our Junior Firefighter program helps create great people, and every Warwick kid that has gotten involved has gained a "We Can and We Will" attitude. Great Job, Eaden.

The new Warwick Public Safety Building and its place in our community is to inspire heroes. I have no doubt. We Can and We Will.

Hopefully by the time you read this, us older firefighters will have beat the Juniors in the Old Home Days Muster. That may be wishful thinking, me getting older and a bit slower. Nah, ain't no kids beating us at firefighter games.

Chief Ron Gates can be reached at 978 544-8052.



It's harvest time and a great time to make a Film for the 2014 PVTT Film Festival on one of the many ways Warwick is working toward Sustainable Living

Please keep in mind that no previous film making experience or personal equipment required to make a film. You can get help if needed from either local media center: BNCTV-Bernardston/Northfield, at PVRS - 413.648.6300, [info@BNCTV.net](mailto:info@BNCTV.net), [www.BNCTV.net](http://www.BNCTV.net) -or- AOTV-Athol/Orange, 163 S. Main St, Athol - 978.249.4470, [info@AOTV13.org](mailto:info@AOTV13.org), [www.aotv13.org](http://www.aotv13.org)

Submissions and the festival are **free**. Submission forms are available on line <http://www.transitionnorthfieldma.org/2014-submission-form>.

The Submission deadline is **October 17th**. For additional information contact: [PVTTF@gmail.com](mailto:PVTTF@gmail.com) or call 413.774.4288.

The 2014 Pioneer Valley Transition Towns Film Festival will be held November 14<sup>th</sup> at Cohn Commons, GCC.

The Film Festival is co-sponsored by Transition Towns: Northfield-MA, Amherst, Northampton, Wendell, Greenfield, Pelham and the *Pioneer Valley Institute*. This program is supported in part by grants from the Pelham, Athol, Northfield and Wendell Cultural Councils, local agencies which are supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. The Festival is also partnered with 10 area Community Media Centers.

## RESTAURANT REVIEW

Clamber Hill Inn & Restaurant  
 111 North Main Street  
 Petersham, MA 01366  
 978-724-8800  
 Thursday – Saturday 5PM to 8PM  
[www.clamberhill.com](http://www.clamberhill.com)

Want a place to go for a special occasion which is not far from Warwick? Then I highly recommend Clamber Hill in Petersham. Expect to pay much more than your average dinner but the setting is superb including the ride up the road to the Inn, lined with beautiful trees and meadows along the way when all of sudden you see the Inn on the hill. What a beautiful setting.

We were greeted by the family dog and he escorted us to the front door. Then the owner greeted us and seated us inside on the 'porch'. A room all glass enclosed looking out on the gardens in back. It's small with only 3 tables on the porch and probably 6 in the main dining room. Reservations are definitely needed. It was not busy the night we were there, but I'm sure it can be.

I opted for one of my favorite dishes, Duck Breast and this was

topped with plum sauce. It was delicious. The plum sauce was not overpowering and the duck was so tender and juicy. All dinners were served with roasted potatoes and a broccoli slaw which was excellent. My dining companions had the salmon pesto and chicken scallopini and both were very pleased with their choices.

We had to try dessert, so we each tried something different so we could taste them all. I had Raspberry-Rhubarb pie (not strawberry, but raspberry). It was very tart but I loved the combination. The Chocolate Pots-de-Crème was rich chocolate custard and the Chocolate Blueberry Cheesecake got a rave review.

We felt very comfortable at the inn and even walked around to the horse barn and were greeted by 2 horses. I think they thought we were bringing them leftovers....sorry guys. Entrees run \$19.95 to \$31.95 and desserts were \$6.95. They have special wine dinners and events throughout the year which I am sure are quite awesome. I highly recommend the inn for a special dinner and I'm sure all seasons are beautiful. Bon appetite. -Gloria Varno

### **SOME ON-GOING ACTIVITIES at the TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**      *Nonperishable food, personal hygiene items and household cleaning supplies are collected in the front hall of the Chapel.*

**COMMUNITY GARDEN**      *We are still growing food crops for the Orange Food Pantry in the field behind the Metcalf Chapel. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Dan at the Chapel, by email [metcalfucc@gmail.com](mailto:metcalfucc@gmail.com) or phone (978)544-2630.*

## **SEPTEMBER**

### **FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY MEALS PROGRAM - THURSDAY, SEPT 25**

The Franklin County Community Meals Program (FCCMP) is the organization that coordinates the Orange Food Pantry and the twice weekly meal at Bethany Lutheran Church in Orange. FCCMP relies on other organizations and volunteers to feed approximately 50-60 people every Monday and Thursday evening. The Mission Committee has provided food and served this site in the past and has signed on for the meal on **Thursday, Sept 25**. We will be grilling (weather permitting) hamburgs and hot dogs along with potato salad, fresh veggies (out of the garden) and brownies. We invite others to join us in this effort and would welcome donations. We are looking for ; frozen beef patties, homemade potato salad, garden fresh veggies (carrot sticks celery sticks, broccoli & cauliflower, cherry tomatoes, etc.) already cut up or whole and brownies. You can sign up on the list in the church or call and leave a message on the church's answering machine (978) 544-2630

## **COMING EVENTS**

**FRANKLIN COUNTY "CROP" HUNGER WALK** to raise money for the Church World Service and local food pantries and the Food Bank of Western MA. A recruitment supper will be held on Wed. Sept 3 in Montague. The walk will take place on **SUN, OCT 19** in Montague Center.



## TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK

SEPTEMBER 2014

Dear Friends,

On August 19, Jay Caspian Kang, an editor of *The New Yorker*, posted the following on their website;

*“This summer marks the fiftieth anniversary of the Freedom Summer, when more than a thousand volunteers, mostly white students from elite Northern colleges, went down to Mississippi to help an even greater number of local activists register black voters. They endured a violent backlash from the local police, the media, the Ku Klux Klan, who, working with the police, murdered three of the volunteers. The death of the volunteers...made front page headlines throughout the country and helped change voting laws in the South.”*

Unfortunately, changing laws does not necessarily change the prejudices and fears of those who hate others because of race, religion, sexual orientation or any other difference they perceive as a threat to their world-view. Half a century later, we are still living in a nation where skin color makes a difference in how people are treated by those in authority; where initially peaceful protests are met with police in armored personnel carriers, dogs, rubber bullets and tear gas. Is it really surprising when fear and violent suppression breeds hatred and violent retaliation?

*“These are our children...and they are in danger. We have to fix this; we have to address the ways racism in these United States is like a virus that mutates and continues to affect us. Our children are not born to hate, nor are they born with fear. But adults who have the virus can harm them and children can catch the virus, too. It can feel overwhelming to address racism, but we have to do it.”*

*Rev Dr Jacqui Lewis*

Benedictine monk David Steindl-Rast, in a recent TED talk, said that “the one thing all humans have in common is that each of us wants to be happy.” But we don’t know how to go about becoming happy. It’s very easy he said, but it’s not to be found by acquiring money or power, it is by developing our ability to be grateful; by becoming aware that every moment of life is a gift; an opportunity to learn something new or relearn something we have forgotten. That does not mean that every experience is going to be pleasant, some learning experiences are painful. What is needed to live gratefully, Steindl-Rast says, is to “Stop/ look/ go”. Some people don’t want to stop and look at their lives, they just want to “go”, they think admitting an error means showing weakness; first intimidate then negotiate.

It isn’t easy, especially in tense situations, to stop, to look from a different perspective before proceeding, and sometimes the stopping needs to happen in retrospect. To never stop, never question, just keep moving “forward” is the environment that allows the “virus” Dr Lewis was describing to continue to spread and destroy seemingly healthy organisms/societies.

Just how easy it is to unintentionally inoculate our children was recently demonstrated for me. My son and his family are living with us now. Ari, our 3 year old granddaughter, has grown up with their dog Shaw as a constant friend and companion. We have recently gotten new chicks that will be our egg source next spring and we are letting them run around in a small pen in our backyard. Shaw has been VERY interested in them from day one, but we were never sure whether she wanted to protect them or taste them. The other day, the chicks were in one of their “the-sky-is-falling-and-I’m-totally-freaked-out” moods and Shaw lunged at the fence. I lunged at Shaw yelling, “No! Bad! Get out! Bad dog!” When I turned around, there was Ari, stunned, watching the whole thing. She looked at me genuinely perplexed and asked, “Shaw is a bad dog?” to which I replied, “Yes, she was bad.” Ari asked again, “Shaw is a bad dog?” Her innocent, genuine anxiety brought me up short and made me see where her painful confusion lay; Shaw, her constant companion and friend was “bad”? I was able to say, “No, Shaw is not a bad dog, she is a good dog, but she did do a bad thing.” Ari’s pained look dissolved and she said, “Oh, OK.”

Speaking in stereotypes of fear, anger and prejudice can too easily breed the next viral outbreak of violence if we can’t bring ourselves, and our society, to stop/ look/go.

In faith, *Dan*

## Selectboard Minutes—July 7, 2014

Members present: Nick Arguimbau, Dawn Magi Member absent: Patricia Lemon

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Firefighter Bill Lyman (arrived at 7:52pm), Jon Calcari

### I. Call to Order

Chair Arguimbau called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm in Town Hall.

### II. Public Comment None.

### III. Minutes

Magi MOVED to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2014 and June 30, 2014 meetings as printed. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

### IV. Presentations and Discussions

- 1. Remote Participation at Meetings Other Than the Selectboard**—Arguimbau said that he thought that last meeting's discussion was too hurried and he wanted to discuss the matter further with relation to other entities besides the Selectboard. Magi said that she thought it an insult to insinuate that other boards cannot use remote participation properly and correctly. Arguimbau wanted to be certain that the committees have the control over whether or not to use the option if granted by Selectboard vote, and that remote participation is to be used in an emergency situation rather than as a matter of routine or convenience because someone just doesn't feel like going to a meeting that day.

Magi MOVED to allow all Town Boards, Committees and Commissions the option of remote participation of their members in the instance of disability, illness or inability to reach the meeting. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

- 2. WCS Roof Report**—Young said that the labor bid was done and that the bids for materials were due on July 14, 2014. He said that the gym roof must be dealt with as part of the WCS roof project. Young explained that Bill Lyman had been up on the gymnasium roof and had discovered the equivalent of "a three square feet of hole to the sky". He said that there was a ¾-inch gap where the roof meets at its peak. Young said that the solution might be removal of existing shingles, plywood and strapping and stagger more 3 or 4-inch foam panels in a staggered pattern prior to re-roofing a "hot deck". He pointed out the cost of a new membrane would be approximately \$20,000.00 and the cost of disposal of old materials could run about \$8,000.00. Young said that he would like to discuss with the contractor and Building Inspector the possibility of adding a second layer of shingles and using the savings to insulate the gym roof. There was a consensus of the Board that Young should pursue this idea to see if it is an acceptable alternative that could maximize efficiency and minimize costs.
- 3. PVRSD Technology Upgrade "Plan"**—Young said that he, Bill Foote, John Bradford and Dawn Magi attended a meeting on the PVRSD technology plan. Arguimbau asked to be informed of any such meetings in the future. Young said that the School District thinks that we are made of money, and that their consultant found that none of our ideas had merit. Magi said just as with the capital definitions, Warwick's input was completely disregarded and ignored. Young said that after the \$400,000.00 initial cost for technology upgrades, service, support and replacement, there would be an annual cost of \$200,000.00 every year, and by his calculations this worked out to \$500.00 per work station per year. Magi noted that John Bradford and David Young had worked so hard on this matter, and to be ignored was like a slap in the face. Young said that Bernardston shares our concerns, Leyden is okay with it, and Northfield was silent at the meeting. He noted that Northfield votes on the School budget override tomorrow, July 8, 2014. Magi inquired what would need to be done to withdraw from the District. Young said that we would have to pay off our share of all District debt, and that at least one Town Meeting vote to leave the District would also be required. He pointed out that we would also have to have another, less costly plan and said that he favored running our own elementary school and remaining in the District for junior high and high school. Arguimbau said that we need a consultant and also to look at the school budget very closely. Young said that we should contact Bernardston and Leyden to identify any common ground and shared concerns. Magi concurred. Firefighter Bill Lyman arrived at 7:52pm and gave a brief update on road conditions after a severe thunderstorm that went through town this afternoon.
- 4. Tennessee Gas Pipeline Surveying Route** — Young said that someone representing the Tennessee Gas Pipeline came by his office last week and left his card. The man gave notice to Young that TGP would be surveying the proposed pipeline route where it crosses town roads. Young said that he told the man to notify the Police Department, and that Chief Shoemaker had told him that the PD had not been notified and had received several calls about the surveying activity earlier today. Magi and Young favored letting the survey continue, as this will identify the exact location of the proposed pipeline. Arguimbau wanted to slow down the progress by voting to prohibit the process. Young pointed out that it the best way to oppose TGP is to make anything they do be done right in compliance with our environmental laws. He also noted that the survey may already be completed or very near completion.

Arguimbau MOVED that TGP cannot do the survey without first obtaining permission from the landowners. Motion FAILED for Lack of Second.

- 5. Sale of Surplus IHC Highway Truck**—Young explained that the Town of Orange has offered the fair price of \$10,000.00 for the retired heavy IHC Highway truck, the dump and sander bodies and plow. He pointed out that the truck had been posted on Craigslist for over a month and that there were no offers higher than that from Orange.



**Selectboard Minutes—July 7, cont.**

6. **Selectboard Reports**—There were no reports.
  7. **Coordinator Report** —Young did not add to his written report.
  8. **New and Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated Prior to Posting Notice**—There was no new business.
- V. Adjournment

At 8:08 pm, Magi MOVED to adjourn. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

*Minutes taken by Rosa Fratangelo*

**Selectboard Minutes—July 21, 2014**

Members present: Nick Arguimbau, Dawn Magi, Patricia Lemon (joined via Remote Participation at 7:30 p.m.)

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Firefighter Bill Lyman, PVRSD School Committee member Martha Morse, Police Chief David Shoemaker, Jon Calcari, Paula Robinson (*Athol Daily News*)

I. Call to Order

Chair Arguimbau called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in Town Hall.

Bill Lyman was recording the meeting.

II. Public Comment None.

III. Minutes

Magi made a correction to the draft minutes of the July 7, 2014 Selectboard meeting by adding the word “and David Young” after the name John Bradford in the first paragraph of IV. 3.

Magi MOVED to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2014 meeting with the correction. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-

IV. Presentations and Discussions

1. **Set Date for Gale Road Pole Hearing**—Young said that a new date had to be set for the Gale Road Pole Hearing, as the previously scheduled hearing was not put on the agenda. He noted that the Commonwealth is the only abutter to be notified.

Magi MOVED to set the date for the Gale Road Pole Hearing for August 18, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

2. **PVRSD Budget**—Young said that the Pioneer District budget is in limbo due to the tie vote in Northfield on a Proposition 2 and ½ override. He said that we were not dealt with fairly by the District, and that we had been were sandbagged in the FY 15 budget process. Young noted that it would be possible to revisit our appropriation at a special town meeting, before the tax rate is set. PVRSD School Committee member Martha Morse said that at the budget hearing held on February 11, 2014, only Warwick had no one present from the Selectboard or Finance Committee when the budget was first presented and there was an opportunity for questions to be asked by those from the member towns. Arguimbau concurred with Young that during a meeting attended by the full Selectboard the District appeared to approve the 2.5% increase that we said we could handle, but then we were ignored and now feel sandbagged. Morse explained that the budget is for the District, while assessment is what each member town pays, and said that the District FY 15 budget increased by 3.29% and the assessment for Warwick at our May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting was \$49,662.00 higher than the figure recommended by the Selectboard and Finance Committee. She said that Leyden passed their assessment, Bernardston rejected theirs, and Northfield voted the full amount but the override vote resulted in a tie and would hold a recount on Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. Morse said that she did not feel that there was any intention to sandbag Warwick. Young pointed out that for the first time in six years the amount recommended by both the Selectboard and Finance Committee was challenged at Town Meeting. Young said that the basis for a reconsideration of our assessment is the anticipated continued rise in taxes and the future reaction of taxpayers every year hence. Morse inquired whether the special town meeting would revisit only the PVRSD budget or all the other CY 15 budgets previously voted; Young answered that he intended only PVRSD. Morse noted that at the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting Warwick’s assessment was lowered, but was unsure of the exact figure. She said that the Board would be receiving written notification of the reduction. Young said that the DOR had told the District it is allowed to spend 1/12 of last year’s budget each month until they have a budget for this fiscal year. Patricia Lemon joined the discussion via remote participation by telephone at 7:30pm. Morse said that the Selectboard has access to all steps of the budget process and encouraged Town officials, especially those from the Selectboard and Finance Committee to attend the budget meetings. She noted again that all towns except Warwick had Selectboard and Finance Committee members present at the February 11<sup>th</sup> budget hearing, and that she was the only person there from out town. She pointed out that the first budget meeting occurs in February every year. Lemon said that the District administration behaved irresponsibly and rudely towards us with respect to the technology budget and also ignored us on capital definitions and expenses. Morse said that there was a need to work for better communication. Lemon said that the District needs to listen and pay attention. Morse said that she has been on the School Committee for four years and wants to get to the bottom of the deteriorating communication and relationship between the District and the Town. Arguimbau said that this issue needed to be revisited, and there was a consensus of the Board to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.
3. **Athol Road One Way Signage**—Young said that at least once every day he sees someone driving the wrong way on Athol Road in front of Town Hall and make a potentially lethal turn onto Route 78. He proposed some signs that read “Wrong Way Go back” to be placed between the Historical Society and the Town Hall facing the wrong

**Selectboard Minutes—July 21, 2014 cont.**

way traffic. He also suggested painting some angle parking lines in front of the Inn to improve parking there. Young said that he was looking for a directive from the Board to the Highway Department to purchase and place signs and paint the angle parking lines.

Lemon MOVED to ask the Highway Department to look into the expense of each of David Young's suggestions and report back by the next meeting. Magi SECONDED

Magi asked for input from Police Chief Shoemaker, who said that he sees what Young sees and that it is a dangerous road. He favored taking action and letting the Highway Department to get the signs and paint the lines.

Lemon WITHDREW her motion.

By consensus, the Board agreed to direct the Highway Superintendent to get the signage and put in the angle parking lines in front of the Inn.

**4. Vote to Close Athol Road for Old Home Days** — Young said that this is done every year in front of Town Hall and the Historical Society for the Saturday of Old Home Days.

Magi MOVED to close Athol Road in front of Town Hall on Saturday, August 23, 2014 for Old Home Days. Lemon SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

**5. Report on WCS Roof Project**—Young said that, weather permitting, work would begin Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> and that he has hired Bill Lyman to be the site supervisor. Young said that the contractor was putting ten men on the job, which should be completed before school opens on August 27<sup>th</sup>. He said that he would be discussing specific material choices with the Chair of the Buildings and Energy Committee. Young said that R18.6 insulation would be used on the gym roof, and that the project was coming in on budget.

**6. Surplus Declaration of old Sander Body**—Young said that Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney had requested the Board declare an old sander body surplus property so that it can be sold, possibly for scrap value.

Magi MOVED to declare the old sander body surplus property. Lemon SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

**7. Seaboard Solar Revised Contract** —Young said that Seaboard Solar has proposed a new contract which Town Council has been given for review. Lemon requested that Young send her copy; he agreed to do so. Arguimbau said that this should be voted on quickly and wanted it on the next agenda.

**8. Correspondence**—Young said that this matter had already been resolved, but a homeowner had his property marker dug up by the Highway Department during drainage work on Winchester Road. Young said that Larry Delaney had used a metal detector to pinpoint the location of the remnants of the boundary marker and reestablish the spot. Young said that there was no dispute over the location of the marker.

**9. Selectboard Reports**—Magi said that she attended the FRCOG meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup>. She gave highlights of the meeting: the Franklin County Emergency Communication Services (FCECS), which has been facing major problems, should be fixed by the end of July; FRCOG has been asked to assist with the last mile of broadband expansion; FRCOG has a new website [www.FRCOG.org](http://www.FRCOG.org). Patricia Lemon left the meeting by remote participation at 8:03 p.m. Magi mentioned that she had been voted Vice Chair of the FRCOG Executive Committee.

**10. Coordinator Report**—Young said that he would be away next week, and that the agenda and meeting packets must be completed by Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup>, with the agenda posted by 7 p.m. and a copy sent to Ed Lemon for the website and an Email sent to the press. Young said that he would work on everything this week, but Board Chair Arguimbau and Town Secretary Fratangelo would be responsible for completing the task next week.

**11. New and Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated Prior to Posting Notice**—Arguimbau said that things completely turned around at the second ZBA hearing regarding the Wagon Wheel Campground and congratulated Young and new Town Counsel. He asked Young to send a thank you letter to the new Town Counsel. Young said that the ZBA voted unanimously to uphold the Building Inspector's cease and desist order. He said that they were informed by the Wagon Wheel owners' attorney that they would appeal in court. Young said that the ZBA voted unanimously that the Wagon Wheel is not a mobile home park and is acting as one. He noted that their ruling has not yet been issued. He also said that he would extend the Board's gratitude to Town Counsel. Arguimbau said that he wanted to see it be a policy of the Selectboard that the Building Inspector does a tour of the town every six months looking for violations of zoning and for failure to seek proper permits and report his findings to the Board. Young said that he would seek legal advice from Town Counsel on the Building Inspector's right to enter on to people's properties. He also said that he would invite Phil Delorey to a meeting in September.

**V. Adjournment**

At 8:12 pm, Magi MOVED to adjourn. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

*Minutes taken by Rosa Fratangelo*

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

Warwick Selectboard has scheduled a **Special Town Meeting for September 22, 2014 at 7:00 pm** at the Town Hall. This is a Monday. Four articles are anticipated. Two action items have to do with getting a Green Communities designation and the others contemplate revisiting the town's Pioneer Regional School District appropriation. One would be shall we rescind the vote and the other a new and presumably lower budget amount.

A Green Communities designation would bring grant funding to town in excess of \$125,000 in the first year to fund energy saving work or alternate energy development. To be eligible the town must adopt by right zoning for some form of alternate energy and it must adopt the local option "Stretch Code" provisions of the building code which defines minimum energy saving outcomes for new housing and not most additions to homes. There will be a **Stretch Code presentation and discussion on September 11 at 6 p.m.** at the Town Hall. The strongest argument against adoption of the code is the requirement that the builder hire an accredited inspector to review and test the builder's work. An argument in favor is that had this been done at the school when it was built we wouldn't be remediating the 1999 construction on the gym roof today and would have saved a ton of energy and lots of money over the past years. In addition it takes on average only three years to recover the added construction cost from energy savings obtained from the "Stretch Code".

The Green Communities requirement that the town provides for expedited permitting and some sort of "by right" alternate energy development is being met by designating the entire town-owned "Allen Lot" on which the transfer station is located, as zoned for solar. This meets the Green Community requirements while maintaining local control by way of the Selectboard, and for contracts longer than three years, the Town Meeting.

The Selectboard has reached a consensus that the Annual Town Meeting school district appropriation needs to be addressed in light of new information obtained. This includes budgetary changes made by the district subsequent to the vote, changes to the revenue picture since the vote, and a concern about the District's lowering school choice and tuition revenue and thus shifting cost to the local taxpayers.

Reminder: important **Special Town Meeting on September 22, 2014 at 7:00 pm** at the Town Hall. Registered voters, please attend.

The Warrant closes on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Look for more detail regarding this meeting in the mail in a few weeks.


David Young

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<b>21</b> Worship Service 10AM  <b>Zumba 8am</b>	<b>22</b> Library Open 10-4 <b>SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 7PM</b>	<b>23</b> Sr. Mealsite 11:45 Library Open 1-8pm <b>Zumba 6pm</b> First Day of Fall	<b>24</b> <b>Circuit Training 6pm</b>	<b>25</b> Library Open 5-8pm  <b>Zumba 6pm</b>	<b>26</b> Town Hall Gathering 10am	<b>27</b> Transfer Station 8-3 <b>Library Open 10-12:30pm</b>  ANIMAL ADVENTURES Town Hall 1pm
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- FOOT CLINIC—Sept. 19
- HA HA'S IMPROV GROUP—Sept. 20
- SPECIAL TOWN MEETING—Sept. 22
- FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY MEAL IN ORANGE—Sept. 25
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