

## **www.warwickma.org: Warwick's Official Town Website**

At its July 16, 2007 meeting, the Warwick Selectboard learned that retired town resident Edward Lemon had offered to set up a web site for the town if the town would buy the domain name, and pay for the site hosting. Selectmen agreed, the domain name was purchased two days later, and on September 6, 2007, [www.warwickma.org](http://www.warwickma.org) went "live." Designed, programmed and serviced on a voluntary basis by Lemon, it has now been online continually for over half a year and is recognized by the State of Massachusetts as Warwick's official web site.

The site's purpose is to serve as a readily accessible repository of municipal information for townspeople, an electronic town hall—insofar as that purpose is not already accomplished by the L and the Warwick Newsletter—and a gateway to background and history for both residents and visitors.

Townspeople can go to the site for all kinds of municipal information (including official forms) that is then often hotly debated on the L, Warwick's e-mail discussion group, as well as for notices of meetings and other events and officials' office hours and phone numbers. Photographs of town events, landscapes and buildings provide local color. As time permits, we hope to make a complete set of the town by-laws and budget documents available to viewers.

During the past six months, the site has received over 52,000 server requests (hits) and transferred nearly 750 megabytes of data.

New features and information continue to be added to the site on a daily basis. Comments and suggestions are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ed Lemon, Webmaster