

**www.warwickma.org: Warwick's Official Town Website
Report FY2010**

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 went "live." Designed, programmed, serviced and now funded on a voluntary basis by Lemon, it has been online continually for over three years and is recognized by the State of Massachusetts as Warwick's official web site.

This year the site won Common Cause's eGovernment Award with Distinction.

During the year so far, the site has received almost half a million server requests (hits) and since the site has been up it has transferred over 24 gigabytes of data.

The site's purpose is to serve as a readily accessible repository of municipal information for townspeople, an electronic town hall, 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), as well as for notices of meetings and other events, and officials' office hours and phone numbers. There are special pages for school, library and local business information. Photographs of town events, landscapes and buildings provide local color. A calendar and "What's New" pages provide dates and exact times for meetings and events.

Comments and suggestions are always welcome.

**Respectfully submitted,
Ed Lemon, Webmaster**