

THE WARWICK COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

February, 2010

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Total: 1,136.00

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FLOUR HILL COOP LOOKING FOR NEW MEMEBERS – Reva Reck

Flour Hill Coop is a great way to save money on a variety of delicious foods as well as household items and toiletries. We place an order every 4 weeks. Members enter their orders online and the goods are delivered to Metcalf Chapel the following week on a Monday afternoon. Members who are available when the truck arrives divide the items among those who ordered. The process is simple and usually takes less than an hour. You pay by check when you pick up your order.

Anyone in Warwick can join the coop. There's no membership fee. We cover our expenses by adding 5% to each order. You're given a member ID & password so you can place your order online. You can also join the Flour Hill email list to get reminders of when the order is due & to communicate with other members about sharing items or info. There is a catalog at the library, or you can search for products or download the catalog at the website.

Some examples of things people order through the coop are:

- Health versions of junk food
- Coffee & tea
- Bulk spices
- Toilet Paper made from recycled paper
- Granola and nutritional bars
- Frozen pre-made entrees

- Amazing chocolate bars
- Fruit leathers
- Dried fruit
- Nuts
- Yoghurt & cheese
- Soy milk
- Shampoo, bubble bath, moisturizers

To join the coop, call Reva at 978-544-3911 or email reva@revareck.com

BOARD OF HEALTH

- Rita McConville-chair
- Richard Whiting
- Helen Whipple

The Board has been discussing many delicate issues lately.

I am happy to say we will be collaborating closely with FRCOG (Franklin County Regional Council of Governments) to host a **free H1N1 (swine) Flu vaccine Clinic in Warwick, in February**. If you or your children have not yet been vaccinated and would like to participate on Saturday, February 6, 2010 at the Warwick Town Hall from 10am -1pm, free to all.

\$cost of Trash

The cost for trash disposal imposed on the town is always on the rise, and the return value for recycling has not increased since 2008. This imbalance has forced us to now charge \$40 for mattress disposal at the Transfer Station which is equivalent to our cost for disposal. We greatly apologize for this hardship. The Transfer station is struggling to break even with costs for disposal vs. costs to you. Due to these cost factors some price changes will need to be re-evaluated soon.



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TOWN CLERK NOTES – Jeannette Fellows

To all municipal employees, appointed and elected: You should have received the summary of the conflict of interest law and form to sign and return to Town Clerk, (please do return these signed forms which I need to keep on file according to this new law). There is another part of the law to comply with. You must complete an ethics training program on the Ethics Commission's website and print out the final page and file that with the Town Clerk as well by the end of March.

The address for online training program is <http://db.state.ma.us/ethics/quiz>

Please complete this requirement, so I don't have to chase after everyone or make numerous phone calls to get this info. It should take only about 20-30 min of your time. Then return the page at end of quiz to me. Thank you.

I am still collecting street list forms. New dog licenses will be available at the beginning of March. I will include the calendar for the annual town elections in next month's newsletter. Nomination papers are available and need to be returned by the end of March for any of the elected positions

Jeannette Fellows office phone: 544-8303 home: 544-6327

ANIMAL CONTROL - Rosa Calcari

YELP is HELPEd: Thank you to the many generous souls who donated to YELP FOR HELP in memory of the very special Thelma Maynard. Over \$600.00 was donated in December and January. Homeless animals will benefit from this lovely way to honor Thelma's memory for which I am deeply grateful and appreciative.

COMMON PET EMERGENCIES: *Fracture* – Most result from pets being hit by a car, jumping from heights, or other types of trauma. Never let small dogs jump from your arms, as this often causes a fractured leg. *Gastric torsion (bloat)* – Bloat is a life-threatening condition caused by rotation of the stomach. Minimize the chance of bloat by feeding more than one meal a day, not allowing a pet to over eat or drink, and avoiding exercise after meals. *Gastric foreign body* -socks, coins, ribbon, string, toys, string, or just about anything a pet can find in a trashcan. *Ethylene glycol (antifreeze) toxicity* – as little as 1 tsp. of this sweet, deadly toxin can kill a small dog or cat. *Insecticide toxicity* – Cats and small dogs are extremely sensitive. NEVER apply a dog medication to a cat, and vice versa. *Multiple Lacerations* – Most "multiple" lacerations occur from pets hit by a car or from an animal fight. *Snail bait ingestion* – Keep all chemicals out of pets' reach. *Household chemical ingestion* – Make sure your dog does not have access to chemicals, taking special care with open chemicals during cleaning. *Single Lacerations* most often occur from either pets stepping on sharp objects. *Soft tissue trauma* – Soft tissues include the skin, muscle and areas in between. Regularly check your yard, fences, and your inside the home for potential hazards.

WOMEN'S GUILD – Rosa Calcari

Our January meeting featured an intriguing presentation by Rhonda and Renee of "Arts Meets Poetry". These two talented women provided their expertise and a wide variety of materials for the members to create their own personal projects. Hidden talents of many delighted Guild members were realized as beautiful bookmarks were made.

Our February meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 2 at 1 pm in Town Hall.

WARWICK WEBSITE – Ed Lemon

<http://www.warwickma.org>

by Ed Lemon

Our town web site is full of local information: a calendar, agendas, minutes, logs, reports, and photographs of town events. There are also photos of historical and scenic places in town and links to everything from topo maps to articles about Warwick's history and attractions. The site also serves as an electronic Town Hall: You can download real estate or vehicle excise tax abatement forms, for example. Important town documents, such as bylaws and zoning laws can be found there as well. I also try to keep the business page current. If your business is not listed, please get in touch with me so that I can add it to the growing list. Artists, authors and musicians are also welcome to advertise their works and services.

As always, comments and suggestions are welcomed.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Tim Kilhart

The highway department is now fully into the winter mode of operations. The winter has been kind to us so far and we certainly do appreciate it. Our snow and ice budget is doing just fine to this point but winter is by no means over. We have learned to take each day during the winter one day at a time.

We continue to cut brush along our roadsides when we are not busy with snow operations. We have stopped cutting brush on Northfield Rd. for the time being because of the snow banks and the amount of traffic makes it dangerous for us. We are now cutting on Bass Rd. trying to improve that road since it received so much damage during the Dec. 2008 ice storm. We can always find work to do to make our roads better.

As always, the highway crew continues to maintain and make improvements to our roads. Drive safely and have a nice day.

CHASE HILL VEGGIES' CSA PROGRAM – Marie Boisvert



Warwick's newest CSA is now accepting members for the 2010 growing season. The CSA runs twenty weeks from June through October; during this time, members receive a weekly basket with a variety of fresh produce. Depending on the season, baskets may include: salad and cooking greens, tomatoes, peas, summer and winter squash, Brussels sprouts, celery, peppers, fresh and dry beans, herbs, cantaloupe, carrots, recipes and much more. Fresh eggs will also be available for purchase. To sign up, members pay \$24-\$29 per week (\$480-\$580 for the season). Space is limited, so register early to reserve your share. For a

sign-up form or more information regarding prices and what to expect from your share, please contact Marie: (413) 522-6184 or chasehillveggies@yahoo.com

ROYALSTON CULTURAL COUNCIL- Elizabeth Farnsworth

1) Saturday, February 13, 2010, 7pm-10pm, Royalston Town Hall. Join popular local band, Obsession, for a Valentine's Dance. Free. Sponsored by the Royalston Cultural Council.

2) Saturday, February 20, 2010, Noon-3:30pm, Royalston Town Hall. Artist Gregory Maichack will offer a workshop, "Expressive Pastel Painting: Van Gogh's Starry Night." Free, all materials provided, no experience necessary. Please pre-register by calling 978-249-6771 (before February 10) or 978-249-5151 (after February 10). Sponsored by the Royalston Cultural Council.

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RESTAURANT REVIEW– Gloria Varno

Thai Bamboo Restaurant
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Right off Main Street in downtown Brattleboro, is a very nice Thai restaurant. The inside is very bright and cheery and you can watch people walking along Main Street. Piney Park is outside the windows so I am sure on a summer night, there are people sitting in the park. The restaurant itself is not huge but with the high windows and light wood, it appears large.

The food presentation is very nice. Colorful vegetables and edible flowers are displayed on the white plates. A tureen of Jasmine rice is placed on the table for all to share.

I chose their specialty of Thai Bamboo House which you pick a meat/fish and various vegetable dishes and sauces. I chose the Mixed Vegetables with Shrimp and it was a varied selection of fresh vegetables in a light brown sauce. The jumbo shrimp were succulent and delicious. Everyone was satisfied with their meals and praised the presentation and service. We even saved room for dessert and I chose Coconut Ice Cream which was very creamy and full of flaked coconut.

The Thai Bamboo House specials run \$10.95 to \$12.95 depending on the type of meat/fish you select. And most of the entrees were in that price range. All desserts are \$3.25.

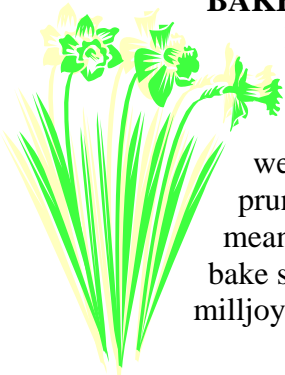
They are open for lunch and prices are less but I am sure the portions are less also but for a nice place to dine for either lunch or dinner, while shopping in Brattleboro, I highly recommend The Thai Bamboo. Bon Appetite.



BAKE SALE AND PLANT SWAP TO BENEFIT THE LIBRARY – Millard Chase

For all you advanced planners out there:

On May 16, 2010, we will again have a large Bake Sale in the Warwick Public Library and a Plant Swap on the front lawn. Although it is the middle of winter and the ground is well covered with snow, it is time to begin thinking of plants and shrubs which need pruning/removal and finding a new home. Next month, more detail will be published; but, in the meantime, do consider what you may contribute to the plant swap. And also yummys for the bake sale. Questions can be directed to Nancy Hickler at the library or Millard Chase at milljoy@earthlink.net



WARWICK CONSERVATION COMMISSION – NEW MEMBER NEEDED – Kasey Rolih

The Warwick Conservation Commission is responsible for administering the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. We review proposed development projects in or near wetlands and other water resource areas. Currently there are six members; we are seeking one additional member. The commission meets regularly once a month. For more information, please see our page or contact Karro Frost, Chair, 978-544-8563 (home), 413-531-5745 (cell), or kfrost@neeinc.com, if you are interested in volunteering.



Like many folks in town, we recently participated in the MassSave energy audit program. We had a visit from an auditor last spring. We were surprised when she suggested we pay half of the suggested contract for air sealing and insulation at the time of the visit. Nothing in the literature or in the phone contacts we'd had mentioned anything about this. Jim was also uncomfortable with the fact that CET, the organization managing the process, wouldn't tell us, in advance, who the sealing and insulation contractors would be. By August we'd decided to give the process a try so we signed the contract and sent it to CET. In early December two very nice young guys came to the house and spent the day air sealing throughout the house. They were pleasant, polite and worked very hard for hours. I've never seen such a neat caulking job. They used spray foam in lots of places and sealed sheets of some type of insulation into other places. When they were done the lack of draft was already noticeable even without insulation. Two weeks later the insulators came. They worked all day and into the evening on a Friday night. They ran out of insulation, having found that the job required more than had been anticipated. Jim approved a new job order and they found more insulation locally and went back to work. They were very pleasant, professional and hard working. The difference in the third floor and in our bedroom is amazing. We are warmer and the insulators reminded me that in the summer the third floor will be noticeably cooler. The utility company paid \$1,800 of the job. We were reluctant to have folks we didn't know and didn't choose work on our house. In the end, the process went well, folks did great work and we paid a lot less than if we'd had to contract the job ourselves. I encourage other Warwick residents who might be on the fence about the MassSave program to check it out. Best of luck!

WARWICK YOUTH GROUP

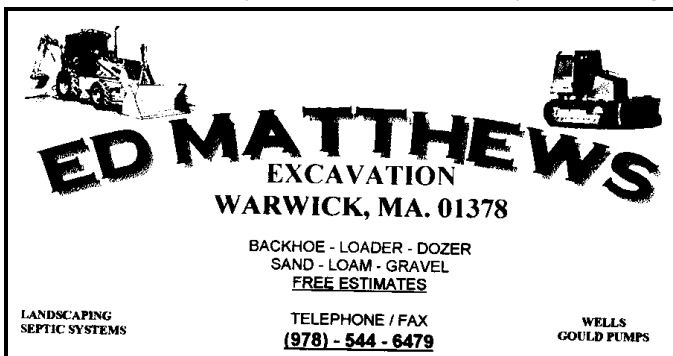
The WYG will meet **Monday Feb 1st 6:30 PM** at the TCC of Warwick (Metcalf Chapel, 32 Athol Road) for our first group meeting. We will be playing some games, talking about what's going on and formulating our basic program, activities and projects. Light refreshments will be served. This promises to be a very exciting group of involved, energetic young people. **It's never too late to join!!!!**

AND DON'T FORGET...the youth group will be showing its second movie on the gorgeous huge new screen at the Warwick Town Hall on **Friday February 19th.**"

WARWICK FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY – Nancy Hickler

Last month we received the unfortunate news that the Bookmobile would no longer be bringing deposits of browsing materials. This is due to budget cuts at the State level. New books include: Under the Dome by King, The New Complete Book of Food, Remarkable Creatures by Chevalier, Await Your Reply by Chaon, Checklist Manifesto by Gawande, While My Sister Sleeps by Delinsky, First Comes Love, Then Comes Malaria by Brown-Waite 13th Hour by Doetsch, Through the Heart by Morgenroth. New videos include: Swimming with Sharks, (500) Days of Summer, Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs. We have received a new deposit of audios and videos from the rRegional Library. If you don't see what you want, you can request specific items. Each month we have a new display of artwork from Picturing America. Stop by and see the new display. During tax season you may find you need a special form from the IRS or Mass. tax sites. The Library will provide forms free of charge to those that need them.





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WOODEN FENDER, a project of the Warwick Arts Council – Matt Hickler, Jim McRae, Alan Morgan, Janice Starmer

February brings **Blues Night** back to the Town Hall, when we prove again that the best cure for winter blues is more blues! At **7:00PM on Saturday, February 20**, Warwick's annual night of live music and non-stop dancing provides fun for all ages.

Returning to center stage this year is a favorite group with a new name: **Rick King and The Town Hall Blues Band**. The group features blues guitarist (and Warwick resident) Rick King, joined by Wayne Potash on bass, Tad Hitchcock on electric guitar, Valerie Walton on saxophones and Billy Klock on drums. King, a blues virtuoso and veteran of Clean Living and other renowned Valley bands, will be feeding in his licks with this eclectic combo whose talents have rocked the Town Hall time and again with their mix of blues, R & B, rock and an occasional ballad. Not to be missed! Suggested donation of \$5 to \$10 benefits future events.

At 6:00PM enjoy Mexican Fiesta Food in the dining room as a benefit for the Mission Fund at the Trinitarian Congregational Church. Build up your dancing energy with chips & salsa, fresh enchiladas, and make-your-own tacos. Mild, medium, hot, and hotter salsa, plus other fixings. \$2 for vegetarian tacos and enchiladas, \$2.50 with beef or chicken. Children's portions and prices are negotiable. It makes my mouth water just writing about it.

Town of Warwick Selectboard December 28, 2009 Minutes

Members present: Rick Abbott, Nick Arguimbau; Absent: Patricia Lemon Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo Calcari, Tax Collector and Treasurer Terry Kemerer, Dawn Magi, Jon Calcari

Call to Order

Chair Arguimbau called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. in the Warwick Public Library.

Minutes-Abbott MOVED to approve the minutes of December 14, 2009 as written. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion carried by a vote of 2-0-0.

Presentations/Discussions

1. Adoption of Local Option Law Extending Deadline to Mail Final Tax Bills -- Young recommended that the town accept the provisions of MGL 59:57C which extends the deadline for mailing tax bills. Usually tax bills mailed in December are due April 1st; adoption of this local option law would allow the bills to be mailed in January with payment due April 1st. Tax Collector Terry Kemerer was in support of this because of cash flow implications and the avoidance of borrowing.

Abbott MOVED that Warwick adopt the provisions of MGL 59:57C, local option legislation that extends the time for mailing fiscal year 2010

actual tax bills in communities that have accepted the quarterly tax payment system, or semi-annual preliminary tax payment system. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion carried by a vote of 2-0-0.

Forest Committee-- Young explained that the Forest Committee has requested permission to erect a steel gate in the Town Forest at the juncture of Hockanum and Wendell Road. There have been problems to prevent unauthorized entry. Young noted that neighboring property owners are in favor of the proposed gate placement. Arguimbau inquired if the Open Space Committee had an opinion on this issue, to which Young answered Mary Williamson is a member of both the Forest and Open Space Committees and no concerns had been expressed.

Arguimbau MOVED to grant the Town Forest Committee permission to erect a gate at the entry of the woods road located across from the intersection of Hockanum and Wendell Road. Abbott SECONDED. Motion carried by a vote of 2-0-0.

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Young introduced the second matter involving the Town Forest Committee, which was the sale of timber on the same lot previously discussed. He noted that an early sign of stress, such as thinning of the tree tops, similar to the trees at the picnic grounds, is occurring on the west side of Wendell Road. Certain areas, such as those with a vernal pool, have been excluded from the proposed cutting, which will take place in the winter to minimize potential damage to the land. The estimated revenue from the sale is around \$10,000.00, less the consulting forester expenses and the cost of the gate. Ross has asked for a cut-to-length harvest. Arguimbau said that he liked the email Ross sent with comments on what should be included in the timber harvest plan. Both Abbott and Arguimbau deferred to the expertise of the Committee.

Abbott MOVED to authorize a timber harvest in the Town Forest as recommended by the Town Forest Committee. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion carried by a vote of 2-0-0.

3. Selectboard Reports -- None.

4. Town Coordinator Report -- Arguimbau commented on the buckthorn problem on town lands. He asked Young if there might be leftover funds from the Forest Committee to address this problem as soon as possible. He also inquired if the Open Space, Conservation or Town Forest Committees had any ideas about controlling buckthorn, including creating a town ordinance to make buckthorn a public nuisance. Arguimbau also asked Young about any potential liability the Town might incur for broadband subscribers who violate copyright laws. Young stated that the Town is not liable. Young said that if the Town were given a lawful court order to turn over names of violators, we would do so. Young noted that the court case with Mr. Shaw was dismissed and the trailer has left town. Arguimbau congratulated Young on a job well done in the Shaw matter.

A letter from the Board in support of the updated Open Space Plan was discussed.

Arguimbau MOVED to authorize the Chair to sign a letter on behalf of the Selectboard in support of the Open Space Plan. Abbott SECONDED. Motion carried by a vote of 2-0-0.

The Chapter 90 draft plan was presented. It includes pavement for White, Leland Hill, Flower Hill and Quarry Roads, plus crumb rubber sealing for Hockanum Road. The proposed project leaves \$94,000.00 unallocated at the end of FY 11, and assumes a level funded Chapter 90 for that fiscal year. Young said that level funding of Chapter 90 funds appears to be a realistic expectation.

5. New and Other Business -- None.

IV. Public Comment None.

V. Adjournment

Abbott MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion carried by a vote of 2-0-0.

Minutes taken by Rosa Fratangelo Calcari

Town of Warwick Selectboard December 14, 2009 Approved Minutes

Members present: Rick Abbott, Nick Arguimbau Absent: Patricia Lemon Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo Calcari, Norm Eggert (North Quabbin Regional Landscape Partnership), Open Space Committee member Mary Williamson, John Williamson, Clare Green, Pam Kimball, Matthew and Kathy Connelly, David Koester, David Shepardson, Anthony Curtis (National Grid), Assessors Clerk Beth Gilgun, Jon Calcari, Sally Sennott (Athol Daily News)

Call to Order-Chair Arguimbau called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Warwick Free Public Library. Patricia Lemon listened via telephone conference call. She intended only to listen and ask questions, and did not participate in any votes.

Minutes-Abbott MOVED to approve the minutes of November 30, 2009 as written. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion carried by a vote of 2-0-0.

Presentations/Discussions

1. Discussion of Acquisition of Moore's Pond property for a Public Beach -- Mary Williamson presented a map showing the exact location of the 60 feet of beach and the non-contiguous 4-acre parcel of land on Wilson Road. The sale of the beach is coupled with the camp on Wilson Road, and several people said that the property owner is unwilling to separate the two parcels. The current asking price stands at \$135,000.00. Williamson noted the decades of history of public use of the beach, which the property owner wants to see continue. Young said that he thinks it is significant that all neighbors are in favor of the Town acquiring the properties. Norm Eggert of the North Quabbin Regional Landscape Partnership spoke about his organization and offered assistance with identifying and applying for grants and other funding sources. He said the NQRLP will work with the Town in any capacity necessary. Arguimbau wanted to know the value of each separate property, and asked if the Open Space/Recreation committee could report on the usefulness, if any, of the 4-acre site and its buildings, as (a) a public picnic area, (b) a place for swimmers to change clothes, (c) a senior or youth activities center. Moore's Pond neighbors who were present voiced no objections when asked about such uses. Ms. Williamson expressed skepticism about the practicality of such uses but said a report would address them. Young said the assessed value of both properties is \$60,000.00, which is less than half the asking price. It was the consensus of the Board that the Open Space Committee should pursue the issue further with the assistance of the NQRLP.

2. Continuation of Richmond Road Pole Hearing-- Young said that National Grid's original petition was for six sole-owned poles on Richmond Road. The proposed location of pole 44-50, which would have been in Wayne and Tracy Kirley's line of sight, was

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withdrawn. The amended petition is for approval of five poles. Young noted that a subsequent petition will be forthcoming to relocate two jointly owned poles. National Grid representative Anthony Curtis concurred.

Abbott MOVED to close the hearing. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion carried by a vote of 2-0-0.

Abbott MOVED to approve the location of five National Grid poles per the amended petition. Pole 44-50 of the six-pole petition is not approved. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion carried by a vote of 2-0-0.

3. Council on Aging Pay Rate--Young said that the Council on Aging has decided to increase the compensation of those employed under the state grant from \$10.00 per hour to \$12.00 per hour. Grant funds are received annually by the COA, and the grant manager approved the change. Accountant Janice Barrett determined that an official vote by the

Selectboard is necessary prior to the distribution of paychecks. Arguimbau MOVED to authorize hourly wages of twelve dollars per hour for the Council on Aging employee compensation paid from grant funds. Abbott SECONDED. Motion carried by a vote of 2-0-0.

4. Renewal of Rodney Whipple Class II and Class III Licenses – Young said that he has received Mr. Whipple's proof of insurance, application and fees for the licenses, for which he applies annually. The term of each license is the calendar year 2010. Abbott MOVED to approve issuance of Class II and Class III licenses to Rodney Whipple. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion carried by a vote of 2-0-0.

5. Selectboard Reports -- Abbott said that FRCOG employee raises were under consideration, and that no decision has yet been made.

6. Town Coordinator Report --Young said that a draft of the right to farm by-law has been distributed. Arguimbau noted that the issue has also been before the Planning Board, who should have something to bring before the Selectboard by its second meeting in January. Young spoke about broadband and some recent problems with radio interference, the source of which has yet to be identified. He noted that the Town received \$11,000.00 in unanticipated ice storm reimbursement from the State.

Arguimbau commended Young for helping to bring the Shaw matter to an amicable closing.

7. Tax Classification Hearing -- Assesors Clerk Beth Gilgun told the Board that it needs to vote on the tax rate for all classes of property. She said that there are only two commercial properties in Town, so it makes sense to keep the single tax class. Abbott closed the hearing for the purpose of taking a vote.

Abbott MOVED that the Town of Warwick adopt a single tax-rate for all classes of property. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion carried by a vote of 2-0-0.

8. New and Other Business -- Young distributed two charts compiled by the Buildings and Energy Committee. One chart detailed the electricity use in KW hours for fiscal years 2005-2009; the other indicated the number of gallons of heating oil used each winter from 2005/06 - 2008/09. Both charts demonstrated an increase in energy efficiency and a decrease in consumption for most buildings. Young told the Board that the Warwick voter turnout in the primary election of December 8 was 23%. He broke it down to 111 Democratic ballots and 12 Republican ballots cast. He noted that in line with the overall percentages in the statewide vote, Martha Coakley received 62 votes, while Mike Capuano received 36.

IV. Public Comment-J. Calcari asked the age one is officially considered to be a senior citizen. The consensus was that there is no one set age.

V. Adjournment Abbott

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion carried by a vote of 2-0-0.

Minutes taken by Rosa Fratangelo Calcari

Town of Warwick Selectboard November 30, 2009 Minutes

Members present: Rick Abbott, Nick Arguimbau; Absent: Patricia Lemon Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo Calcari, Dawn Magi, Wayne and Tracy Kirley, Janet Conover, Jon Calcari

Call to Order - Chair Arguimbau called to order at 6:01 p.m. in the Public Library.

Minutes- Abbott MOVED to approve the minutes of November 16, 2009as written. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion carried by a vote of 2-0-0.

Presentations/Discussions

1. Appointment of Alternate Transfer Station Attendant -- Young said that former Alternate Transfer Station Attendant Mary Thomas had resigned, and that the Board of Health had asked him to check for interest among the original pool of candidates. Woods served in an emergency capacity last week, and the Board of Health recommended his appointment to the Selectboard. The alternate serves when the Transfer Station attendant is unavailable.

Abbott MOVED to appoint Jared Woods the alternate Transfer Station Attendant. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion carried by a vote of 2-0-0.

Designation of Board of Health Members as Special Municipal Employees--Board of Health members Rita McConville and Dick Whiting need the Board's approval of the MGL Chapter 268A Section 20(d) exemption so they may be paid if they are needed to fill in at the transfer station.

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Abbott MOVED to designate the position of Board of Health member as a special municipal employee, and to approve the exemption of Rita McConville and Richard Whiting under the provisions of MGL Chapter 268A Section 20(d). Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion carried by a vote of 2-0-0. Appointment of official Liaison to the Ethics Commission -- Young said that as Town Clerk, Jeannette Fellows has been working to bring the Town into compliance with the new ethics training requirement. A senior level employee must be designated the liaison to the Ethics Commission. Ms. Fellows is willing to serve in this capacity, and Young recommends that she be appointed.

Arguimbau MOVED to designate the holder of the Town Clerk position, currently Jeannette Fellows, as liaison to the State Ethics Commission. Abbott SECONDED. Motion carried by a vote of 2-0-0.

4. Community Development Strategy -- Young said that a public hearing on the final draft of the CDS list was held earlier today. The Board needs to vote to approve the final list and narrative for submission to grant writers at Franklin County Regional Housing Authority.

Abbott MOVED approval of the Community Development Strategy with updated dates and a reference to an attachment in the first paragraph, and changes which David Young will put into the paragraph on economic development regarding the Copper Angel. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion carried by a vote of 2-0-0.

5. Selectboard Reports- Arguimbau noted that he has noticed that the Town clock is running a bit slow and that the chimes and clock may be out of sync. In Arguimbau's opinion the clock repair person should not charge for this because the clock should not be out of sync so quickly after having been repaired. Young said that he will check with clock winder George Day.

6. Town Coordinator Report --Young explained the laws regarding procurement procedures. He said that three bids are required for the photo voltaic array on the Town Hall, two of which he already has. Young also spoke about the Broadband Committee's work on a grant application for expansion and upgrading of our system. Five subscribers have been added this month, which brings the total of connections to 64.

7. Appointment of Election Workers -- Town Clerk Jeannette Fellows had submitted a list of election workers whom she requested the Board appoint.

Arguimbau MOVED to appoint the slate of election workers as requested by Town Clerk Jeannette Fellows, along with any others she may need to fill in for the Special State Primary December 8, 2009 and the Election January 19, 2010. Abbott SECONDED. Motion carried by a vote of 2-0-0.

The full list of names will be attached to these minutes.

New and Other Business -- None.

Richmond Road Pole Hearing -- The hearing was opened at 7:06 pm. National Grid has petitioned to install six sole owned poles on Richmond Road. Conover said that while she favors upgrading the poles and power, she noted that several poles would be less than five feet from the road. Wayne Kirley expressed concern with one pole that would obstruct the view, and wanted to go over things with a representative of National Grid in the hopes the proposed location could be moved. Arguimbau wanted to continue the hearing until the next Board meeting due to the absence of a representative from National Grid. Young said that he would get in touch with National Grid and have someone contact the Kirleys directly. He also noted that a property on Richmond Road changed ownership today, so this abutter would have to be notified of a new hearing date.

At 7:15 pm, the hearing was adjourned, to reconvene on December 14 at 6:30 pm.

Abbott MOVED to continue the Richmond Road Pole Hearing to December 14 at 6:30 pm. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion carried by a vote of 2-0-0.

IV. Public Comment- None.

V. Adjournment- Abbott MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 pm. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion carried by a vote of 2-0-0.

Minutes taken by Rosa Fratangelo Calcari

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TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK

FEBRUARY 2010

Dear Friends,

“We have just experienced a dramatic change in our country that people across the world would like to emulate; the peaceful transition of governmental leadership. Moreover, it was not just a symbolic change of a few faces as we have seen in countries like Russia, it involves, we have been told, a change of basic guiding principles and operating procedures.” Warwick Newsletter, Feb 2009

It has been one year since I wrote those hopeful words and I wonder at their seeming naiveté, especially now that the “safely democratic” senate seat in Massachusetts has been given to the Republican candidate. Has anything changed? It was the promise of fundamental changes that brought Barack Obama into office, not the expectation that nothing would change.

During a recent Sunday worship service, we read an excerpt from the gospel of Luke, in which the newly baptized, adult Jesus returns to his hometown and is given the honor of reading scripture in the synagogue,

“ And there was given to him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened the book and found the place where it was written, ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has appointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,’ ...and all spoke well of him, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth;” (Luke 4:17 – 22)

“...And all spoke well of him” that is until he starts talking about to whom the grace of God is extended and the responsibilities underlying the privileged status of being Abraham’s descendants. Then the crowd turns ugly and is ready to throw Jesus bodily from the top of the hill the town was built upon. Why?, because he had the audacity to proclaim God’s favor to those “others” who weren’t part of the privileged few.

How little things have changed in two thousand years. We still are attracted to the idea of equity and compassion for the poor; of justice and release of captives, until we are told just who would be receiving the benefits of justice and equity. It wouldn’t stop with the good-hearted people like us and, we, the good people, are going to have to make more hard sacrifices and the changes will be some time in coming. I know, because I’ve been caught in the same hypocrisies. I am willing to make some changes, at the edges of my life, but when it comes to long-term, substantive, personal sacrifice, I resist mightily, especially if I can’t control who would be reaping the benefits. “I’m a good person”, I’ll whine. “I’ve already made some serious contributions to the good of others, let someone else bear more of the burden; let someone else pay more taxes; make someone else use less energy; etc, etc.”

Why is it that we can be so generous one moment and so self-serving the next? We willingly open our hearts and purses to the people of Haiti or Indonesia or New Orleans after a disaster, but let any one we don’t approve of get some benefit we don’t think they deserve, and we are in a murderous rage. Just one more reason I hope and pray for a God beyond human comprehension.

In faith, *Dan*

FEBRUARY

COMING EVENTS

(SOME ACTIVITIES OF THE MISSION COMMITTEE OF THE TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK)

BEDDING & BLANKET DRIVE

If you have clean blankets in reasonably good condition that you are willing to donate to the homeless shelter, please drop them off at the Chapel. One trip has already been made to the Franklin Survival Center in Turners Falls and the blankets and sheets were very gratefully received. There is a great need for more. There are more people in need and the winter weather is harsh.

“SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY”

*Churches and organizations across the country will collect money to support Food Banks and Pantries in their local areas. We will have a collection bowl on **SUNDAY, FEB 7** for donations that will be sent to the Orange Food Pantry. If you would like to support the Pantry but can't be here, donations may be sent or dropped off at the Chapel. **FOOD DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED!!** There is a box in the front hall for food.*

HAITIAN AID

The Mission Committee has matched \$500 in contributions (thanks to so many gracious donors). Further donations cannot be matched, but we will forward 100% of any donations to the Church World Service, which has had an ongoing presence in Haiti for many years. Or go to www.churchworldservice.org to make direct contributions.

MEXICAN FIESTA & “BLUES NIGHT” SAT, FEB 20

FOOD @ 6 PM MUSIC @ 7 PM

This year, the food before the dance will be Mexican. There will be a dizzying variety to tempt your palate and, although it will be made by *Gringos* for *Gringos*, there will be salsas and sauces available to heat up any tongue & tummy. Proceeds will help the Mission Committee of the Trinitarian Congregational Church bring comfort and hope around the area and around the world. And if you over indulge, dance those calories away to some RED HOT BLUES!

Pioneer Valley Regional School District
Warwick Community School News
February 2010

February is a short month, and the events calendar looks relatively brief... but don't be fooled! Exciting projects and studies resulting in deep learning continue to happen every day at WCS, some of which are spotlighted here by the Multiage and Grades 3 and 4 classrooms.

The support of Warwick parents and community members, as demonstrated by the wonderful turn out for our Winter Concert on a snowy, blustery evening, also sends a powerful message to our students that their work in school is important- thank you for your participation!

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Feb. 1- All School Meeting 2:15 PM
Feb. 8 - PTO Meeting 6:30 PM WCS Library
Feb. 10 - Early Release 12:00PM
Feb. 11 - 12: Weaving Work with Carol Schnaubel
Feb. 11 - PVRSD School Committee 7:00 PM
Feb. 15 - 19 - Winter Vacation

Reflections of a New WCS Staff Member:

As I have attempted to fill Julienne's shoes for two weeks in grade one and two while she is in on a teacher exchange in Indonesia, it has become abundantly clear to me that the staff at Warwick Community School daily perform complicated and delicate work that magically provide your child or children with an amazing educational experience. Somehow they find the time each and every day to.....

- collect the "just right" books to help your child progress in reading,
- present the "just right" inspiration to facilitate creative writing,
- give the "just right" challenge that gets them curious about mathematics, science & history,
- send the "just right" invitation that inspires them to push themselves into a new direction in art, choral and instrumental music and physical education,
- provide the "just right" motivation that helps them to develop into a respectful and caring human beings.

I am duly impressed with this school and feel very fortunate to be a part of such a talented group of people. Join me and extending kudos to the staff at WCS!

From the "New Kid on the Block",

Laurel Powell, WCS Librarian and Grade 1-2 Substitute Teacher

****Thanks to Emily Peters for her generous donation of healthy classroom snacks!**
Also to the PTO, for yummy treats after of Winter Concert!**

News from Multi-Age:

In the multi-age classroom the children have begun working with patterns in math. There are many levels to learning about patterns, from matching, to extending to creating. Soon, this work will be combined with a study of how cloth is made. Carol Schnaubel is a spinner and weaver, that will spend two days working with the children. We also hope to study patterns of Indonesian weaving when Julienne returns from Indonesia.

In Social Studies, Children have been practicing working together. They have worked with partners to create puzzles, and buildings and have played games that involve taking turns. They worked with their 3rd and 4th grade buddies this week, creating collages of 'black and white working together' as a symbol of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream.

Playing outside, children have really enjoyed sledding, making angels and --- for the first time the other day, the snow was right for rolling snowballs! ~ *Allison White*

WCS Library News

For January and February, we will be spotlighting famous African Americans during Black History Month. Check the window of the library for information, photographs and books. We'll showcase individuals that match our focus for the day. For instance, Satchel Paige or Jackie Robinson would be on display on Thursdays, our physical education days. On Tuesdays when Kim is teaching music we'll present Louis Armstrong and other musicians.

Materials needed: Felt, materials scraps and yarn for art and crafts projects.

Spotlight on Grade 3/4 Reading:

During the month of December and the beginning of January we focused on the following reading comprehension strategies: fact and opinion, compare and contrast, and making judgments. In addition, we focused for several weeks on the reading genre of biography. A biography is a person's true life story. Students each chose and read a biography at their reading level. They then gathered and used information from their book to complete a poster report. One component of the poster report was to complete a Mini-Movie in which students were asked to draw and describe the three most important scenes of their subjects' lives inside a film strip graphic organizer. Posters representing many different people from Anne Frank to Harry Houdini can be seen both in our classroom and in the hall by the cafeteria.

We have also begun to take part in Literature Circles. Groups of students are reading the same chapter book and engage in projects and discussions based on their book. Each member of the group has a responsibility for discussion. Some of the jobs are: Literary Luminary (Their job is to choose a paragraph or sentences from the book to discuss with the group. The purpose is to help other students by spotlighting something interesting, powerful, funny, puzzling, or important from the text.), Connector (Their job is to find connections between the book and the outside world. This means connecting to what you read with your own life, to what happens at school or in the community, to similar events at other times and places, to other people or problems), and Travel Chaser (Their job is to track where the action takes place. They need to describe each setting in detail, either in words or with a picture map that they can show and discuss with their group). *Jennifer Comiskey*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Library Open 10-4</i> Youth Goup Meeting 6:30pm Metcalf Chapel	2 <i>Tai Chi 10:30-11:30</i> <i>Sr. Mealsite 11:45</i> <i>Library Open 1-8pm</i> GUILD MEETING 1PM	3	4 <i>Library Open 5-8pm</i>	5	6 <i>Transfer Station 8-3</i> <i>Library open 10-12:30</i> HINI FLU CLINIC 101M-1PM TOWN HALL
7 <i>Worship Service 10am</i> Souper Bowl Collection	8 <i>Library Open 10-4</i>	9 <i>Tai Chi 10:30-11:30</i> <i>Sr. Mealsite 11:45</i> <i>Library Open 1-8pm</i>	10 Early Release Day PVRSD	11 <i>Library Open 5-8pm</i>	12	13 <i>Transfer Station 8-3</i> <i>Library open 10-12:30</i>
14 <i>Worship Service 10am</i>	15 <i>President's Day</i> <i>Library Closed</i> NO SCHOOL	16 <i>Tai Chi 10:30-11:30</i> <i>Sr. Mealsite 11:45</i> <i>Library Open 1-8pm</i> NO SCHOOL	17 NO SCHOOL	18 <i>Library Open 5-8pm</i> NO SCHOOL	19 YOUTH GROUP 6:30PM TOWN HALL NO SCHOOL	20 <i>Transfer Station 8-3</i> <i>Library open 10-12:30</i> BLUES NIGHT MEXICAN FIESTA 6PM
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28 <i>Worship Service 10am</i>						

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