Warwick Community Newsletter

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All articles, ads and correspondence may be emailed to andrea@woods4.com (or call 544-6844 eves.) or left at the Library book/drop-box or the envelope just outside the kitchen on the first floor of the Metcalf Chapel by the 20th of the month before the article will run. Please note the following changes to WCN publication rules: In order to save paper and postage (which has risen in cost dramatically over the past couple of years), we are no longer accepting FULL PAGE inserts at all for commercial ads, and are asking every organization in Town to keep their event flyers to 1/2 page or less. If a full page event for news flyer is desired, the organization may print the flyer themselves for insertion (call Nancy Hickler at the Library for the number of copies required—544-7866) or email Andrea Woods, editor, if the information cannot be fit to 1/2 page and a waiver is desired. ADVERTISING NOTE: All Advertisements should now be sent to Beth Gilgun at bethgilgun@msn.com. You may also call her to make arrangements to drop off a hard copy business card. Her number is 544-3464. Business card size ads are $7/month or $70/year or a double size business card size ad may be requested for $15/mo. All material may be edited for length, ink intensiveness, or content and may not be anonymous. Some logs and minutes provided may only be available on the Warwick Website at www.warwickma.org due to space limitations.

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Total: $355
If you would like to make a donation, please make your check out to WCN and mail it to 32 Athol Road, Warwick.

Please join the family of Albert and Janet Alden, long time Warwick residents, congratulating them on their 60th wedding anniversary on April 7th! Albert and Janet have four children: Susan and husband Larry, Nancy, Janice and Andrew and his wife Melissa, eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren. If you would like to send your congratulations, their address is 28 Revere Hill Road, Warwick.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

www.warwickma.org is the Town’s website. Along with things like Permit Applications, Police Logs, Meeting Agendas, Town Hall Office Hours, you can find this newsletter and lots of other very useful information! If you would like post something to the webpage, contact Ed Lemon, Webmaster at elemon@tiac.net.
The Gathering Place menu is available each week on the L, Warwick Web and TCC Facebook page. Thank you all for your ongoing support. Gatherings are held every Friday in the Warwick Town Hall Dinning Room, from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Coffee for $1.00 ready at 10:00 AM, cup of Soup for $3.50, ½ Sandwich for $2.00. Have both (Cup and a half) for $4.50 starting at 11:30 AM. Desserts anytime. Need lunch to go, bring a container for soup a we'll pack lunch for you. Everyone is welcome.

Tracy Gaudet, Outreach Coordinator for Orange COA and Shine Counselor, (Serving Health Insurance Needs for Everyone), is attempting to be more available to Warwick Residents. Tracy will be at the Gathering on Fri., 08 & 22 April 2016 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Stop by and put her to work for you. Tracy can assist individuals with public benefits, fuel assistance, food stamps, Mass Health, etc. You may contact her at 978-544-3481 or tgaudet@townoforange.org, she will be bring application forms for various programs.

April is poetry month and we hope to celebrate once again with local poets, original work, or just plain favorites. Please come to the Library Sunday, April 24th at 2:00 PM for poetry and light refreshments. Come with your own poem, a favorite or just to listen. Marcy Robitaille will also be here to read from her newly published book, Wish You a Goode Journey, and will have books for sale.

On Friday, May 6th at 7:00PM in the Town Hall the Women’s Guild, Library, and Warwick Cultural Council will be presenting an evening with Archer Mayor. Mayor, a Brattleboro local, is a highly acclaimed world famous author with many books published. If you have never read any of his books, stop by the Library – we have all of his books available.

New books: Until We Are Free by Ebadi, Work Like Any Other by Reeves, Death of a Nurse by Beaton, Your Heart is a Muscle the Size of Your Fist by Yapa.

New DVDs: Brooklyn, Spotlight, Game of Thrones 5, Good Dinosaur, Room, The Big Short, Star Wars IV, V, VI in DVD and Blu-ray.

All ages are welcome! FREE Event.

May Basket Making and Fairy Festival
April 30, Sat. 2-4PM possibly a little later?
Clare Green's 71 Athol Rd. Warwick 978-544-7421
Make your original may basket from recycled materials.
Create your small Imaginary Woodland Home with Artist Gene Sanders.
Visit the fairy cottage and see Gene’s creations for sale.
Paint a fairy rock with Artist Debbie Malone.
Relax, breathe, listen to the wind harp and drink tea with the nature spirits.
Walk the Woodland Labyrinth for peace and healing and fun.
Enjoy the music of the strolling musicians. Grab a ribbon and dance to your rhythm.
Lie on a blanket and gaze at the sky and cloud-scapes or do some yoga.
Visit with friends and neighbors as we welcome faire May!
The Warwick Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for the scholarship awards for 2016. Students who have been accepted as a full time student in an accredited post-secondary school and have been a resident of Warwick for 1 year or more are eligible.

(Article 11  Eligibility)  
a. The applicant must have been a resident of Warwick for 1 year or more preceding application.

b. Seniors in the graduating class at Pioneer Valley Regional School, Franklin County Vocational Technical School, other secondary schools and home-schooled students are eligible.

c. Students in Accredited Post-secondary schools are eligible.

A student is limited to two scholarships awards from the Warwick Community Committee, either from the Warwick Community Scholarship fund or the Alice, Eric, Oscar Anderson Scholarship fund.

The Anita L. Pike Memorial scholarship is awarded to the Warwick graduating senior from Pioneer Valley Regional School with the highest scholastic going on to college.

Application forms and current by-laws are available at the guidance department of Pioneer Valley Regional School or at the Warwick Public Library. Applications must be received prior to April 15th. The application form can be sent to any committee member.

Scholarship Committee Members

A. George Day, Jr.                  Warwick Firemen's Association
Beverly Farley                      Trinitarian Congregational Church
Carol Kahler                        Warwick PTO
Linda Gale                          Women’s Auxiliary to Fire Dept.
Arlene (Lincoln) Vanderstelt       First Parish and Religious Society
Martha Morse                       Warwick Historical Society
Carol Foote                        Warwick Women’s Guild
The ice was out March 14th, about a month early. Can anyone remember it anywhere this early?

The pond is now open for boating, canoeing and kayaking. Trout should be stocked by the state soon.

Ducks and geese can be seen on the pond including up in the marsh.

The Moore’s Pond Beach Committee’s annual Lasagna Dinner will be held April 16th (see the flyer elsewhere) from 6-7pm at Town Hall followed by music upstairs.

Testing of water for swimming will occur from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, weekly.

Also our agenda includes:

Beach cleanup on May 21st at 10a.m.

Beach Party for school children and adults on Saturday June 18th at 1p.m. to include swimming, music, watermelon and popcorn. A walk from the cemetery to the beach will be held at 12 noon.

The annual cardboard boat race, “Corregatta” will be held on Sunday of Old Home Day weekend.

An Ice Out contest is planned for next winter.

Enjoy the beach and roadway around the pond with your camera and binoculars. - David Shepardson

Thursday night pizza is back at the Copper Angel 5-8pm. Place your orders at 544-1932. Breads available Thursdays too! 24 Athol Road.

Save May 7, Saturday, 10-noon, for the annual PVRSD Ned Green Scholarship Fundraiser Hike to Mt. Grace summit. More info to follow from Clare Green 544-7421

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 you have

Best Selling Author

ARCHER MAYOR

Will be at

WARWICK TOWN HALL

MAY 6TH AT 7:00PM

This program is sponsored by the Warwick Women’s Guild, the Warwick Free Public Library and the Warwick Cultural Council.

Light refreshments will be served after the program.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Warwick Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

WARWICKIANS ON-LINE - How to subscribe

If you can send and receive e-mail, you can sign up for WarwickList, our town’s on-line discussion group, founded by Ed Hawes during Old Home Days in 1996. Anything that would interest people who live here is appropriate. To join us, write to warwicklist-request@freelists.org with the subject Subscribe. In the message body give your full name, street address, phone number, and, if you’re not a resident, a sentence or two saying why you want to join. You’ll get a message saying your request has been forwarded for approval. Miryam Williamson, the listowner, will approve it, and you’ll start receiving list mail. Also, you will automatically get the Community Newsletter by e-mail.
Welcome to Solarize Northfield-Warwick-Wendell – take the survey!

Warwick, Northfield, and Wendell together are applying to become “Solarize Mass” communities. This program can help lower solar photovoltaic (PV) installation prices for participants. This program pulls together homeowners interested in PV systems and can help lower installation prices for participants. The more participants there are, the lower the installation costs will be.

Coupled with the new solar loans recently rolled out, the stars appear to be well aligned to own your own PV system.

Through the Mass Solar Loan Program, participating lenders offer low-interest loans for Massachusetts residents and property owners, including renters and those with moderate incomes or low credit scores. This includes a 20 – 30% buy-down of the principal if the household income is under $80,000. Other incentives from Federal and State government are still available. For more information on the loans visit: http://www.masssolarloan.com/loan-support-incentives

Please help Warwick to get on board the Solarize Mass program and take a moment to fill out this no obligation preliminary interest survey.

If you would rather respond by e-mail, contact Elaine Reardon at ear.crocker.com

Thanks in advance from the Solarize Northfield-Warwick-Wendell Teams!

Preliminary Interest Survey for Grant Funding Purposes
Not a Commitment!

Please return your survey to one of the collection boxes at the Warwick Library, the Town Hall, or Metcalf Chapel before April 15th

[] Yes! I am considering installing PV at my home within the next 18 months.
[] No, I probably will not be installing PV at my home.
[] My home may not be suitable for PV, but I am interested in sharing a better site with others.
[ ] I might consider installing PV, but need more information before deciding.

Optional
Include your name and contact information if you would like to receive more information about Solarize Mass in Warwick or Northfield.

___________________________________________
Name, TOWN, & some way to contact you (address, phone#, email, etc.)

SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF ELAINE REARDON
THE PIPELINE AND TOWN MEETING

Ted Cady, Warwick Planning Board

The Northeast Direct (NED) pipeline, if approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), will follow the high voltage power transmission line along the Northfield – Warwick town line and go through the Northwest corner of Warwick, crossing Route 78 about a half mile north of Johnnies’ Garage in Winchester. A large (41,000 horsepower) compressor station will be located in Northfield adjacent to Gulf Road at the height of land about where the New England National Scenic Trail (also known as the M&M trail) crosses Gulf Rd. The construction right of way will be about 100 feet wide and cleared of all trees and stumps. The trench will be seven and a half feet deep. Two feet of sand will be placed in the bottom of the trench to bed the pipe. They plan to construct the pipeline from Dracut, across New Hampshire, through Warwick, Northfield, Deerfield and other western Massachusetts towns to a location west of Albany, NY in one year. The plan includes tunneling under major rivers and highways. In order to complete the project on time, they plan to use 20 or 30 work crews clearing, stumping, laying pipe, building compressor stations, constructing valve and metering stations and so forth. It seems obvious that the pipe laying operation will go on 24 hours per day until the job is done.

Warwick is a somewhat unique community in only having one zoning district which is Agricultural/Residential. Major industrial development is not something we have had to deal with in the past. That will change if the pipeline is built, so we are trying to prepare for it. Pictures of completed pipelines show no debris at the side of the right of way. The right of way blends into the adjacent land smoothly. This means that all of the stumps and large boulders from blasting “disappear.” The compressor station is described as sounding like a jet plane taking off, except it runs 24 hours per day. It may be that the stumps will be ground up onsite and used to stabilize the fill, or they may be hauled away. It may be that the blasted rock will be crushed into sand and used around the pipe, or it may be hauled away. It may be that the compressor station will have spotlights on at night as most do, or maybe the light wills be shielded. We do not know what exactly what will happen, but Warwick needs to be prepared.

The Berkshire Planning Commission and the Franklin Regional Planning Board have developed model bylaws for small rural towns who are in the same situation as Warwick. The Warwick Planning Board has looked at these and will be presenting some of them at Town Meeting. If pipeline construction comes through our area during mud season, the impact of heavy trucks on our roads could be serious. Over-width trucks going through the Gulf to and from the work site could create danger to oncoming traffic on the tight curves. When considering actions to protect the town, it does not matter whether you are for or against the pipeline. The Planning Board hopes you will consider these bylaws as protection for all of us. If you have questions or concerns about the issue you may call Ted Cady, Warwick Planning Board, 978-544-6410 or any other member of the Planning Board. Copies of the proposed by laws are available for viewing in the Library and Town Hall lobby.
**TOWN CLERK NOTES**

Just to remind everyone that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, May 2nd at 7 p.m. The Annual Town Election will be Monday, May 16th; polls open from 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Important dates to remember: Last Day to Object or Withdraw from the Ballot: Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Last Day to Register Voters for Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town Election: Tuesday, April 12, 2016. You must register by 8 p.m.

Last Day to Request Absentee Ballot: Friday, May 13 at 12 p.m.

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**RESTAURANT REVIEW**

Bistro 63 at the Monkey Bar  
63 N Pleasant St. Amherst, MA 01002  
Opening Hour 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM  7 Days a Week  
Call (413) 259-1600

Have heard about the Monkey Bar in Amherst and figured it was a pub restaurant so what a surprise we got one lunch time after the senior movie. It turned out to be a very modern, high class looking restaurant on the inside with a huge classy looking bar. Not your typical ‘bar’.

The lunch menu consists of sandwiches, soups, salads and some breakfast items. I chose the Shrimp Po-Boy which was crispy shrimp, lettuce, tomato, pickles, chipotle aioli served on grilled Panini type bread. It came with French fries or a salad. It had a little zip to it but very tasty. This sandwich was $10 and most ran about that price. My companions all had coffee and when the bill came they were surprised to find it was $3 and they didn’t come around with refills.

Service was rather slow but we were not in any hurry. But finally had to ask for the check and the hostess thought we already had it and were just chatting. I’d go back if my favorite restaurant in Amherst was not available….that is Judie’s right next door. We had all been to Judie’s and wanted to try something else. Judie’s will win out next time. Bon Appetite.—Gloria Varno
RABIES CLINIC WRAP-UP: A total of 42 pets -34 dogs and 8 cats - were vaccinated at our annual Rabies Clinic. 26 dogs and 4 cats were from Warwick; 32 dog licenses were obtained as well. Thank you to all who brought their pet(s) to this year's clinic. Everything went well and all ran smoothly, so Dr.Hurley and his staff will be back on March 11, 2017! Many Thanks and much gratitude to Fire Chief Ron Gates and the Warwick Fire Department for doing more than their part in making the clinic a success. Thank you, WFD, for all you do for our Town!

**Wooden Fender Concert Series**
Another hoppin’ good time was had when Wooden Fender presented “rice – An American Band” on March 19th. Phil Simon, Eric Engman, and their supremely talented bandmates provided a rockin’ and rollin’ soundtrack that brought a large crowd to their feet - swirling, twirling, movin’ and groovin’ – they packed the dance floor all evening. A big thank you to rice for bringing so much warm energy to Town Hall on a cold winter’s night. We have one more great show in our series that will get you on the dance floor and heat up the local climate in a good way. The evening will begin with some delicious lasagna and end with some funky dance moves!

**Mark your calendars:**

April 16: Shokazoba, Moore's Pond Beach Committee Lasagna Dinner

**Dinner and Concert – Saturday, April 16th, Warwick Town Hall**

Wooden Fender is pleased to present Shokazoba. "With a groove so funky you can smell it, they blend several different genres in a mixer and leave the listener convulsing to the sounds. From Jazz to Funk to an addicting West African beat, they have developed a wonderfully unique soundscape that fits perfectly with the inspiring message the band delivers." - bandsforbernie.co Shokazoba began in 2005 in Northampton as a 17 piece Fela Kuti tribute project. They now produce original work, aiming to inspire positive social change by creating and performing conscious, funky, danceable music with topically relevant lyrics in the style and integrity of Fela's Afrobeat. **Shokazoba** has performed at a great variety of clubs, music festivals, and theaters. From New York City to Montreal, their music is well received as it is intended to be uplifting and accessible.

**Shokazoba** earned the Valley Advocate's award for Best World Music in 2007, 2010, 2011, and 2012, as well as their Best Funk award in 2008. **Shokazoba** was recognized as "Artists of the Year" by the African Jazz Review in the "Big Bands" category in reference to our 2011 release of "Congress For Sale" as well as "Big Band of the Year" and "Big Band Release of the Year" in reference to their 2015 release of "One Destiny". Come on down to Town Hall on the 16th and hear for yourself.

For more info, check them out at [https://www.facebook.com/shokazoba](https://www.facebook.com/shokazoba) and [www.shokazoba.com](http://www.shokazoba.com)

At 6:00 PM the Moore’s Pond Beach Committee will be serving their famous **Lasagna Dinner**.

At 7:00 PM the concert starts in the main hall. Donations are gratefully accepted at the door to help pay the band and support Wooden Fender's ongoing endeavor - in memory of Jeff Wallace - to keep live music happening in Warwick. Wooden Fender is a project of the Warwick Arts Council.
Lasagna Dinner

Meat & veggie lasagnas, salad, bread, drink & dessert

Saturday, April 16 at Warwick Town Hall

6:00-7:00 PM DINNER

$10 ADULTS  $5 KIDS 4-10  UNDER 3 FREE

Dinner sponsored by Moore’s Pond Beach Committee

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AND THAT’S NOT ALL, STAY FOR THE MUSIC AND DANCING!

Wooden Fender Presents

SHOKAZOBA

7:00pm Saturday April 16, 2016 at the Warwick Town Hall

“With a groove so funky you can smell it,” Shokazoba mixes jazz and funk and serves it up with a heavy helping of West African beat. This uplifting and highly danceable eight-piece Northampton based band earned the Valley Advocate's award for Best World Music in 2007, 2010, 2011, and 2012, as well as their Best Funk award in 2008. Fasten your seatbelts, work on your aerobics, and find some dancing shoes that you can afford to wear through. Holyfreakinsmoke! Shokazoba is coming to the hottest dance floor in the valley!

Join Shokazoba at Town Hall for Peace, Love, and Funky Good Times!
Our concerts are funded by your donations ($5 minimum suggested) and support Wooden Fender’s mission of bringing live music to Warwick.
Dear Friends,

One of the founding principles of this nation was that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Some have argued that this means churches should not address political issues. But that is not what the First Amendment says; it says Congress shall not restrict the free exercise of any religion. In that spirit I am relaying the joint statement of the Episcopal Church and UCC on the current state of political rhetoric and the fear and hatred that it is generating.

A Word to the Church

Holy Week 2016

From the House of Bishops of The Episcopal Church and co-signed by the Council of Conference Ministers of the United Church of Christ

We reject the idolatrous notion that we can ensure the safety of some by sacrificing the hopes of others.

On Good Friday the ruling political forces of the day tortured and executed an innocent man. They sacrificed the weak and the blameless to protect their own status and power. On the third day Jesus was raised from the dead, revealing not only their injustice but also unmasking the lie that might makes right.

In a country still living under the shadow of the lynching tree, we are troubled by the violent forces being released by this season’s political rhetoric. Americans are turning against their neighbors, particularly those on the margins of society. They seek to secure their own safety and security at the expense of others. There is legitimate reason to fear where this rhetoric and the actions arising from it might take us.

In this moment, we resemble God’s children wandering in the wilderness. We, like they, are struggling to find our way. They turned from following God and worshiped a golden calf constructed from their own wealth. The current rhetoric is leading us to construct a modern false idol out of power and privilege. We reject the idolatrous notion that we can ensure the safety of some by sacrificing the hopes of others. No matter where we fall on the political spectrum, we must respect the dignity of every human being and we must seek the common good above all else.

We call for prayer for our country that a spirit of reconciliation will prevail and we will not betray our true selves.

I pray that we, as a nation, can rise above the easy and simplistic notion that all we have to do is identify a certain sector of the population for suppression and all will be well. Lutheran Pastor Martin Neimoller wrote about the progression of fear after the Nazi’s took power in Germany;

“First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out—Because I was not a Socialist.
Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out—Because I was not a Trade Unionist.
Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—Because I was not a Jew.
Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.”

May God bless America by giving us the courage to reject such simplistic bigotry and face complex issues with more thoughtful, patient and civil dialog to mend the tear in our social fabric.

In Faith,

Dan
ON-GOING

BEDDING AND BLANKET DRIVE. Each year during cold weather, we collect warm blankets, clean sheets and pillowcases and warm outdoor clothing for the Franklin Area Emergency Shelter in Greenfield. Drop off useable, clean items at the Chapel and we will get them to the shelter.

ORANGE FOOD PANTRY. The Orange Food Pantry needs both donations and bodies. The Pantry distributes food to about 400 families or individuals each month. Donations can be dropped off at the Chapel. Volunteers can call the Pantry (544-2140) or the Chapel (544-2630) to offer help.

PRAYER SHAWLS. We are looking for people who like to knit, crochet, sew, embroider, to make shawls we consecrate during Sunday worship for people in need of care. Please talk with Dan or a Deacon if you want to help.

WELCOME-TO-WARWICK “BASKETS”. The Deacons have re-started a tradition of giving new residents in town a bag of items with information about Town organizations, the school, the Newsletter and local businesses and artisans. If you would like to be included, (with a business card or merchandize) please let us know. We could buy some items for the baskets, but would appreciate a reduced rate or donations since we have a very limited budget.

COMING IN APRIL

ROADSIDE CLEAN UP SAT, APR 30 10 AM – 12 NOON

Each year, we try to gather volunteers to clean up the trash thrown on the sides of the town’s roads. In past years, we have picked up TVs, tires, mattresses, and lots of bottles and cans along with some pretty unique items that will remain un-named. We will begin at 10 AM at the Town Hall, organizing into groups (for safety on the roads) to pick up the trash and trucks to pick up the picked-up trash and haul it to the transfer station. Then we will regather at the Town Hall for lunch and to trade stories about what we found. We need many hands, trucks and food preparers. If you plan on picking up trash, please come with work gloves and sturdy boots. If you want to donate food (hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, chips, desserts or anything else) please leave a message at the Chapel (978 544-2630).

WARWICK’S ANNUAL ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP

SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH
10AM - NOON “rain or shine”
MEET ON TOWN HALL LAWN

LUNCH SERVED FOR PARTICIPANTS AFTER CLEAN-UP

PLEASE: Wear Gloves and Sturdy Shoes, Supervise Children, Wear Bright Clothes. THANK YOU!

Event sponsored by the Trinitarian Congregational Church
Battery Recycling and Proper Disposal

Free battery and cell phone recycling is available at all transfer stations within Franklin County Solid Waste District. Hand batteries and cell phones to the transfer station attendant for separate processing; never place in recycling dumpsters!

There are many different types of batteries and some contain mercury and other heavy metals. Batteries can release mercury, cadmium or other heavy metals into the air and water, ultimately entering the food chain and posing health threats to people and the environment. Please read below for disposal instructions for specific battery types.

**Rechargeable batteries** are found in those electronics and appliances that can be recharged, such as cell phones; cordless phones; ipads/tablets; laptops; power tools; Roomba vacuum cleaners, some toys; kids ride-on toys; baby monitors; some digital cameras; and rechargeable toothbrushes, razors, flashlights, and handheld vacuum cleaners. In addition, rechargeable batteries that can be recharged with a battery recharger should also be recycled when they can no longer hold a charge. Rechargeable batteries and cell phones contain heavy metals and should never be thrown away; they should always be recycled. Hand rechargeable batteries to your transfer station attendant. Cell phones should also be recycled in this manner.

The specific batteries accepted are: Nickel-cadmium (Ni-cad), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Nickel Zinc (Ni-Zn), Lithium Ion batteries (Li-ion), and Small Sealed Lead (Pb). These abbreviations are printed on rechargeable batteries.

"Call 2 Recycle" boxes for free rechargeable battery recycling are available at Home Depot, Lowe’s and Radio Shack. Rechargeable batteries can also be taken to Household Hazardous Waste Collections.

**Alkaline batteries** are the most common household batteries. They are available in many sizes and shapes such as AA, C, D and 9 volt. Alkaline batteries manufactured since 1996 do not contain mercury or other hazardous materials. Alkaline batteries are safe to throw in the trash, but tape the contacts on 9-volts before storage or disposal. **All batteries should be checked carefully before disposal, as some rechargeable and lithium batteries resemble alkalinies.**

If you would like to reduce the number of alkaline batteries you are using, consider purchasing an inexpensive battery charger and some compatible rechargeable batteries. These batteries can be recharged over and over again, but remember to recycle them (as above) when they cannot be charged anymore.

**Carbon Zinc and Zinc Chloride batteries** may be disposed of in the same manner as alkaline batteries; see above.

**Lithium batteries** are used many applications but most often in cameras. The word “lithium” is printed on the battery. Be sure to check all batteries; some lithium batteries, such as the AA size or the short and fat lithium batteries used in cameras, resemble alkaline batteries, but should be recycled by handing them to your transfer station attendant. Lithium batteries can also be taken to Household Hazardous Waste Collections.

**Button batteries** are the small round silver batteries found in watches, calculators, hearing aids, toys, remote car locks, flameless “flicker candles,” electric fence dog collars, singing greeting cards and singing balloons. Many button batteries contain mercury; therefore, button batteries must be disposed of properly: hand to your transfer station attendant. Button batteries can also be taken to Household Hazardous Waste Collections.

**Lead Acid batteries** from cars, trucks, kids ride-on toys, etc. must be recycled by law. Recycling programs, some for cash or credit back, are available at auto supply stores, local scrap metal recyclers, and at some transfer stations. Lead acid batteries are also accepted at household hazardous waste collections.

For more information please contact the Franklin County Solid Waste District at 413-772-2438, email info@franklincountywastedistrict.org, or visit www.franklincountywastedistrict.org. MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD).
Note: Due to space constraints, the Selectboard minutes printed in the Newsletter will only reflect attendance and motions and votes. Full minutes with discussion notes can be found on the Warwick website www.warwickma.org or from the Town Hall.

Town of Warwick   Selectboard Minutes   February 16, 2016

Members present: Dawn Magi, Lawrence Pruyne, Nick Arguimbau

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary and Town Clerk Rosa Fratangelo, Fire Chief Ron Gates, Fire Department Lieutenant Bill Lyman, Broadband Committee Chair Tom Wyatt, Planning Board Chair Ted Cady, Emergency Management Director Jim Erviti, Steve Ruggiero, Jon Calcari, Derek Drown (Athol Daily News), Rachel Rapkin (Greenfield Recorder)

Pruyne MOVED to approve the minutes of February 1, 2016 and February 9, 2016 as printed. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0.

Arguimbau MOVED to appoint Calvin Fellows Constable for the purposes of the March 1, 2016 Presidential Primary Election. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Pruyne MOVED to appoint Diane Suller an Election Worker for a term to expire on August 31, 2016. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

At 7:56 p.m., Pruyne MOVED to adjourn. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Smoke ~ N~ Hot News.. From the fire house:

Happy Spring.
I hope everyone changed their batteries in their smoke/co detectors when you turned your clocks ahead. It could save you life. Battery for smoke detector.. $5.00  Battery for your CO detector… $5.00  Your life….. priceless.
Please be safe with your brush fires. Have a hose ready and do not leave it unattended.

We are almost done with the apparatus bay. We are hoping to start the training room area this year, it will be easier to get this part done due to conventional framing with 8ft walls vs. the apparatus bay. We still need more funds to finish. Hopefully we can get some corporate donations. I feel the people of this town have done a lot already. We plan to sell hot dogs and hamburgers for the up coming bike race in town. And our chicken barbecue is on July 16th. Mark your calendars.
The fire department needs some new men or woman to join our department if you are interested give me a call or talk to one of the other firefighters. If you are 15years old we have a great junior firefighter team come join us. Meeting nights are the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm and training is the third Tuesday at 6:30.

As always, donations are appreciated.
If you would like to give a donation please make checks payable to: Warwick Fire Association
If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me.

Stay Safe!
Fire Chief Ron Gates
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**APRIL, 2016**
Don’t Miss these April events in Warwick!

Celebrating New England—April 5
Solarize Survey Deadline—April 15
Warwick Scholarship Application Deadline—April 15
Lasagna Dinner and Wooden Fender Event—April 16
Poetry Event and Marcy Robitaille Book Signing Event—April 24
Roadside Cleanup—April 30
May Basket and Fairy Festival—April 30