Warwick Community Newsletter

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Please help us keep the Newsletter going! If you would like to make a donation, please make your check out to WCN and mail it to 32 Athol Road, Warwick, MA 01378.

Thank You!

Please save May 13, Saturday, 10-noon for Mt. Grace Hike in honor of Ned Green and the PVRSD scholarship fund in his name. More info to come next month. Thank you, Clare Green

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.
The Gathering Place menu is available each week on the L, Warwick Web and TCC Facebook page. Gatherings are held Fridays in the 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 and we'll pack lunch for you. Everyone is welcome. Thank you all for your ongoing support.

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 Friday, 14 and 28 April. 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 bringing application forms for various programs. Got questions, need assistance, stop in between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

I have local honey, pure and natural from Hagerman’s Apiary: 8 ounce bottle $3.00; 16 ounce bottle $6.00. Should be available all winter. -Diana Tandy

April is Poetry Month! Please join b.g. Thurston on Tuesday, April 11 from 6PM to 8PM for a workshop entitled How to Fall in Love… With a Poem. This will be a general introductory session with example poems and exercises that encourage people to write. This is limited to 8-10 people, so please register by calling the Library at 544-7866 during open hours, email warwicklibrary@gmail.com or stop by. Then on Sunday, April 23 at 2PM you will get a chance to read your creation or listen to others read their poems. Light refreshments will be served. This is our third celebration of poetry month and we hope you will join us.

-Nancy Hickler, Director

A Poem posted on the -L this month (ed.)

The Bustle in a House
The Morning after Death
Is solemnest of industries
Enacted upon Earth -

The Sweeping up the Heart
And putting Love away
We shall not want to use again
Until Eternity -

Emily Dickenson

Continued Next Column ->
Celebration Of Life for Gail Spooner
Saturday, April 29, 2017
At the Warwick Town Hall
2-4pm
Kerry and Gregg Stone and family will be hosting a Celebration of Life for their Aunt Gail, who passed away on Feb 7, 2017.
Gail lived with Kerry and Gregg for 12 years in Warwick.
She was an artist, an animal advocate, a great dancer, a Special Olympic medalist, a book lover and a wonderful, happy person.
Johnny King (Elvis) will be singing Gail's favorite song!
Gail's art work and memorabilia will be on display.
Refreshments will be served.
All are invited to the celebration.

St. Patricks Coffeehouse Concert
Friday, April 28th - 7:30pm  featuring Robin Lane
Homemade Desserts and Drinks  $10  St. Patricks - 80 Main St. Northfield

Robin Lane, Founder/Director of Songbird Sings Workshops, is a singer, songwriter, performer, teacher and survivor of trauma. She began her musical career singing with Neil Young on the Everybody Knows This is Nowhere album. She then went on to form her renowned band Robin Lane & The Chartbusters, whose hit single "When Things Go Wrong" was the eleventh video broadcast on the debut day of MTV.

Songbird Sings workshops offer a unique approach to healing trauma through the creative process of songwriting.

Warwick Council on Aging  Foot Clinic Schedule for 2017
Metcalf Chapel – 8:00-8:30 AM  Note:
These dates are THURSDAYS
April 20     Oct 19
May 18      Nov16
June 15     
July 20     
Aug 17     

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.
To start out, I would like to thank the community of Warwick for your support to the Warwick Fire Department during this difficult time since the tragic fire on March 4, 2017. The outpouring of love and support toward us and the two survivors has proven once again that this town is where we want to live and are proud to serve.

It is so very important, and I can’t stress this enough, that you have working smoke/CO detectors and that you practice a plan of escape from your home. Sometimes just the sound of the smoke detector going off makes children afraid and they forget everything they’ve been taught. Do an actual home fire drill just like the ones they do at school. We are taught at the fire academy that you have to do something 52 times before you will do something without thinking about it, so......... Practice makes perfect!!

The WFD has purchased 100 “911” street number signs. On my way to a recent inspection, I passed by 4 houses in a row that did not have a clearly visible house number for their address. That slows down our response time tremendously.

They are green reflective signs that you put your number (which is reflective too) on both sides. We will have them available at the station, spaghetti supper, and old home days. They are $15.00 each and we strongly recommend that you purchase one. We are willing to help you install them if need be.

If you feel that there may be any issues with your heating sources do not hesitate to contact the department. We will be glad to come out and inspect. The WFD has made it a new mission to educate this town and make it the safest town around.

On a lighter note, we are looking forward to finishing our station this year. The excavation work should start in early spring.

It is our hope to be able to get a new brush truck this year. This truck will replace the Chevy Tahoe rescue and the old brush truck. We will be using this truck for all medicals and brush fires. It will be our main truck for calls. We are hoping to have the town’s support. Thank you

As always any questions or concerns, please call me at 978-544-8052
Stay Safe
Chief Ron Gates

FOREST COMMITTEE: You are invited to walk the Town Forest at Wendell and Hockanum Roads Saturday April 15th at 9 am to look at the planned thinning to reduce crowding and attempt to improve the health of the white pines as they deal with the multiple stresses of various fungi negatively affecting their needles and bark. Consulting forester Michael Mauri who has marked the trees for removal and will supervise the sale will lead the walk. If you have questions or comments please contact Keith Ross of the Town forest Committee at kross@hughes.net or call 978-544-2181.
TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AND SAVE THE CHILDREN

GIVE $5 SAVE LIVES

The Mission Committee of the Trinitarian Congregational Church is joining SAVE THE CHILDREN, one of our most trusted aid agencies, in a Community-Wide appeal to save the lives of children around the world. Did you know that millions of children around the world do not make it to their 5th birthday? Nearly 17,000 children under the age of 5 die each day due to preventable causes such as pneumonia and diarrhea – that adds up to about 6.3 million children a year.

For every $5 we raise, we can help a child live past 5 years old.

WE WILL BE ACCEPTING YOUR $5 DONATION (or more!) THROUGH MOTHER’S DAY, MAY 14. THERE IS A LOCKED BOX INSIDE THE METCALF CHAPEL DOOR TO THE RIGHT ON THE FOYER TABLE FOR YOUR CHECKS OR MAIL THEM TO TCCW, 32 ATHOL ROAD, WARWICK, MA 01378. You can also donate directly on the Save the Children webpage, but it won’t be matched by TCCW: www.SavetheChildren.org/Give5 or visit the Trinitarian Congregational Church of Warwick’s Facebook page for a link.

Together, we can make a difference with our small donations of money infused with prayer or good will and the work of this amazing non profit agency. MAKE YOUR CHECKS PAYABLE TO “TCCW” memo line SAVE THE CHILDREN or GIVE5.

Thank You! The Mission Committee is planning to MATCH YOUR DONATIONS up to $300.

WARWICK RECREATION COMMITTEE  APRIL CLASSES

Warwick Recreation Committee sponsors 5 exercise classes per week to help you meet your fitness goals. We welcome newcomers and all instructors have modifications to fit your level. Most classes are held at our beautiful school gymnasium, we encourage you to take these classes and use this space. It is yours to enjoy. Bring towel/mat , water and indoor shoes.

STRONG  Tuesday's 6-7 pm  $5
Be ready to sweat and see results this is a powerful new program that is sweeping across the country. Not dance, but music led interval training that will challenge you to be healthier and stronger. This class is becoming very popular, come see what the buzz is all about! Taught by Christine Rouleau

YOGA  Wednesday 5-6:15 pm at school / Saturday 9-10:15 am town hall  $5
An all level Hatha yoga class to meet students needs. With an emphasis on proper alignment. Pranayama breathing techniques, deep relaxation, and meditation. A dynamic, yet harmonious approach to cultivate strength, physical awareness, and inner balance. Taught by kaliopa Kalombratsos

Two ZUMBA classes ; $5
This is a dance fitness class performed to energetic music.
Thursday’s 6-7 pm taught by Susan Krieger. Congratulations to her! She is now licensed to teach Zumba.
Sunday 8-9 am taught by Christine Rouleau

See you there! questions or feedback to leannelimoges@gmail.com or call (978) 544-5553
WARWICK’S ANNUAL ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP

“EARTH DAY” SATURDAY, APRIL 22TH
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

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**Review**

Jake’s
17 King Street
Northampton, MA 01060
413-584-9613
Open 7 days a week 7 AM to 3 PM
www.jakesnorthampton.com

Time got away from me last month and the deadline for newsletter articles was past when I remembered I hadn’t written a review. And I guess people notice because some people asked me where my review was.

Luckily I found a new one to review this month, Jake’s in Northampton, located next door to the Calvin Theater. They are only open till 3 PM everyday serving breakfast all day and lunch starting at 11 AM.

Very small but they can pack quite a few people inside as we found out one lunch time. The place was mobbed.

They use all local and organic ingredients. I had the Jake’s Burger which was a 6 oz patty rubbed with their secret seasoning and topped with grilled onions and a house sauce on a grilled brioche bun served with lettuce and tomato. It comes with chips or “the side of the day”, which I chose and was home fries. It was the best tasting burger I’ve had in quite some time. All their meats come from Sutter Meats, a local meat market located down the street which I happen to see as we left. My burger was $9.

My companions had the Mediterranean Chicken ($9.50) which was a lemon grilled chicken breast served on the Brioche bun with cucumber dill spread, seared spinach, roasted tomatoes, and feta cheese. They said it was delicious.

Next time I want to try breakfast as all their dishes sound great. Service is great and prices are reasonable so stop in sometime, I’m sure you won’t be disappointed. Bon Appetite. - Gloria Varno
REMINDER: Please submit your 2017 Street List/Census Forms.

Dog Licenses are now due for 2017 and are available from the Town Clerk during her office hours, or by mail. Please remember that proof of current rabies vaccination must be provided along with the fee for the license.

Annual Town Meeting Monday, May 1 at 7 p.m.

Annual Town Election Monday, May 15  Polls open 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Offices on the 2017 Ballot:
Selectman
Town Clerk
Assessor
Board of Health
Board of Health (2 years)
Cemetery Commissioner
Constable
Library Trustee (2 offices)
Transfer Station Commissioner
Tree Warden (1 year)
- Rosa Fratangelo

The Green Corner

As individual consumers and caring communities alike, we are bombarded with frequently disheartening environmental news and the persistent and sometimes elusive goal of "Going Green!" In view of the daunting Big Picture, it's possible to become slightly numb; how, exactly, do our efforts translate? When will we see results of the measures taken? Is any of this energy-saving stuff even making a difference?

The Green Corner has excellent news: WBEC has been implementing energy reduction projects such as air sealing, insulation, and a new air-source heat pump which have combined to result in clearly-measurable improvements in energy use in our Town buildings. When comparing the cost of electricity in FY 2013 to the cost in FY 2016, we see a significant increase of 39%; however, because of these projects, Warwick has been able to decrease each department's use of electricity -- thereby creating little or no budget increase for this utility. For example, the Police Station has lowered its electricity use by 42% and has avoided an otherwise 39% increase in its electric bill. Had we not implemented these energy reduction measures, our electric bills would have almost doubled! This is the reason why we do not have to raise the budget for electricity even in times of increasing energy costs.

GREEN: measurable and specific...great for the planet and good for our wallets, as well!

Happy Spring from your friends at WBEC
Easter Sunday Breakfast
April 16, 2017
7-9 am
Warwick Town Hall

MENU:
FRENCH TOAST/SYRUP, SAUSAGE, FRUIT, COFFEE/TEA/JUICE/MILK

Adults: $8.00
Children 12 and under: $3.00

Wooden Fender Concert Series
We had yet another hoppin’ happenin’ this past Saturday night at Wooden Fender’s third concert of the season featuring Shokazoba. A big thank you to Shokazoba for a fabulous performance that was anything but a repeat. These folks don’t phone it in – they give it their all! And the extra-large crowd, with some attending a Warwick Town Hall show for the first time, spent the majority of the evening on their feet dancing the night away.

And, once again, another huge thank you to Michael Humphries Woodworking for their supremely generous sponsorship of this year’s Wooden Fender line up. Thank you, Michael and company! We have one more great show in our series, so come on down to Town Hall on April 15th for the Khalif Neville Trio.

Concert – Saturday, April 15th at 7pm, Warwick Town Hall *
Wooden Fender is pleased to present, the Khalif Neville Trio. Khalif was born in New Orleans but grew up in Western Massachusetts where he studied music with his famous father Charles from a young age and always had an appreciation for jazz, particularly bebop. Some of his major influences include Thelonious Monk, Oscar Peterson, Red Garland, Erroll Garner, and many more. He has played with his father for some time now, and has also performed with many New England greats such as Avery Sharpe, Samirah Evans, and Jeff Pitchell. Khalif’s personal musical endeavors run the gamut of genres, but he has a deep love for jazz that seems to be rooted in his DNA, particularly solo jazz piano. And this month, he brings that love of jazz piano and a bit of funk flavor to the spectacular acoustics of Warwick Town Hall.

While the Neville Brothers have clearly been an influence, Khalif says, “It’s not like I’ve studied their recordings or something, but having gone on tour with them and listened to them all my life, I think it’s ingrained in my musical subconscious. That’s definitely helped my playing and my style.” On the 15th, Neville will be playing with Chris Merritt on bass and Ian Haus on drums. He describes their music “as a mixture of standards and the old school bebop tinge that they carry, with my own originals which employ some contemporary techniques and sounds. . . .” Check out his sound and listen to his latest album, Discerning the Transmudance at www.khalifnevillejazz.com.
Then come on downtown and hear these rising jazz musicians. You’ll be glad you did!

At 7:00 PM the concert starts upstairs 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.

*Since this event is falling on Easter weekend, there will not be a Town Hall dinner that night.
Dear Friends,

3 AM Tuesday morning, Feb 28, Jaylin and I loaded our bags in the car and our son Nate drove us to Boston to catch a flight to St John, US Virgin Islands. Our friend Jane had been encouraging us to come visit her for years and, to sweeten the deal, she offered to stay nights with a friend so we could stay in her one bedroom apartment. How could we refuse?

Cell service on St John, if you can believe it, is even more sporadic and limited than Warwick. So when Jaylin got a call on her cell phone late Saturday night it was unexpected. The news was even more unexpected. Our friend had received word that there had been a fire in Warwick. OMG! Where? Who? When?

Over the next hour, we were able to get a scratchy, intermittent connection with Nate at home; Richmond Rd, the Seago home, tragic loss of life. More broken connections with Tom Ziniti; more relayed phone messages from Nate. No way of getting home. Isolation had seemed to be an idyllic scenario, now it was just isolating. Sunday, more broken calls reassured us that the church community and the school community and the Town community were responding with love, compassion and energy. Nothing was needed from us but thoughts and prayers.

We got back to Warwick in the wee hours of Friday morning and after a short night’s sleep, I began making contacts with people and was able to join in the on-going process; help a little with setting up the apartment, talking with people, sharing hugs, hearing of all the offerings of time, food, gathering of resources for Scott to be able to function electronically. It was overwhelmingly inspiring. This was a living definition of community.

The UCC has, in Massachusetts, a Disaster Response Team that helps communities respond and recover from disasters. Usually it is something like a tornado, a flood or some other large scale natural calamity, but this fire was as devastating to the community as any of those events. There were two calls on our home phone from UCC representatives offering help. The Deacons recently met with one of the Team leaders, who happens to be the head of the MA firefighter Chaplains, to help us think about what lies ahead for this community and how we might be able to respond. He listened to what the church, school and town had done and said it was an impressive and appropriate response. We asked what we could expect in the coming weeks and months. He said there are many different ways communities and individuals respond to the trauma and grief that come with such a tragedy and the best we could provide is what he called a “ministry of presence”; listen deeply to the pain, frustration and anger that is expressed without judgement or advice, just listen with compassion. Grief comes out in different ways, he said. There may well be some expressions of anger and frustration that could manifest as placing blame. Don’t react harshly, emotions are raw, understand that this is a form of response that comes out of grief, an attempt to gain some understanding, some control over unsettling circumstances. Listen intently, perhaps gently suggest an alternate view and don’t spread the blame or denounce the blamer.

We are in the Christian season of Lent, a time of wrestling with grief and repentance. The stories we of Jesus’ last weeks give us an image of a God that connects with our own struggles with compassion and love, not with judgement and condemnation. The Spirit that is evident in Jesus is one of trust in spite of pain; trust in God working through community to heal deep wounds. To paraphrase the Bible story, God is not in the tragedy; God is in the quiet, healing love of the community.

In hopeful faith, Dan
UP COMING EVENTS

HOLY WEEK & EASTER EVENTS

MAUNDY-THURSDAY    APR 13     6:30 PM     METCALF CHAPEL
GOOD FRIDAY         APR 14     6:30 PM     METCALF CHAPEL
EGG COLORING        SAT  APR 15 10 AM   TOWN HALL
                      this is open to all. Tracey Kirley will help parents and kids color eggs to take home and some to leave for the Easter Sunday Egg Hunt
SUNRISE SERVICE     SUN APR 16  6 AM At  155 Royalston Rd
                      (Michael Humphries & Leigh Youngblood’s house)
EASTER BREAKFAST    7 – 9 AM at the Town Hall
EGG HUNT            during the breakfast, usually around 8:15-8:30
EASTER WORSHIP      10:30 AM     METCALF CHAPEL

EARTH DAY ROADSIDE CLEAN UP
SAT    APR 22       10 AM – 12 PM

We will gather at the Town Hall to form groups to go out and clean up some of the roads in town. If you have suggestions, please let me know. If you want to help but can’t make it on that Sat, we can give you a colored bag so you can go out whenever you can. Leave a message at the Chapel (978) 544-2630

RE-DEDICATION of the ANDERSON SANCTUARY in the Metcalf Chapel   APR 23

POT LUCK after worship with re-dedication ceremony at 12 PM

41 years ago, the back addition to the Metcalf Chapel was dedicated in honor of the gift given to the church by Alice Anderson in her and her brothers’ memory. That was a gracious act that has largely been forgotten. To keep that memory fresh, we will be placing a plaque in their memory at the entrance to the sanctuary. To help us in this endeavor, Rev Dr David Ray, who was the pastor at the time and instrumental in the design and building, will be in attendance. All are invited to help us celebrate.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AT THE METCALF CHAPEL

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Nonperishable food, personal hygiene items and household cleaning supplies are collected in the front hall of the Chapel. The personal & household cleaning items are especially needed as they cannot be purchased with “food stamps”.

MEDICAL SUPPLY LIBRARY

We have crutches, wheelchairs, walkers and many other medical supplies for free loan at the Chapel. Check us out before buying new.
THIS MONTH WE FEATURE..... TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Here’s a brief summary of recent digital literacy projects that students have been working on at WCS!

Kindergarten and Grade 1: Students refined their digital artistry skills using KidPix while representing the artistic style of Eric Carle using solids and patterns to create their own Very Hungry Caterpillar illustrations. Modeling the popular children’s story, If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Joffe Numeroff, students created their own video version of this story entitled If You Give a Giraffe a Piece of Steak. This video can be viewed using the link posted on the WCS homepage.

In addition to the above, we have also introduced students to coding using a website called Kodable, offering a K-1 Code Club session during choice time on Monday afternoons.

Grade 2 and 3: Students completed a Scratch programming unit that culminated in programming engaging geometric designs using regular polygons. More recently, grade 2 and 3 students have been working on turning their personal choice research projects into stunningly beautiful Google Slides presentations.

Grade 4 and 5: Students applied their problem solving skills to program video quiz games using Scratch with quiz questions based on their research of world explorers. Students are currently learning to use Thinglink, an image annotation tool, to document what they are learning about the 13 colonies.

Grade 6: Students explored their marketing know how to design and program a video game for a specific target audience. These games will be “tried out” and “evaluated” by the age groups of WCS students for whom the game was designed. More recently Grade 6 students have continued their study of Digital Citizenship exploring the topics of efficient and effective use of a search engine and Copyright and Fair Use.

Ms. Mary Leyden

Warwick Community School thanks our community for the embrace that has held us through the recent tragedy that has brought us all unutterable loss.
You Are Invited!

WCS and Warwick Arts Council present
Piti Theatre Company’s Jonathan Mirin in
Sammy and the Grand Buffet

Wednesday, April 12th at 6pm
Warwick Community School

Free Performance! (Donations accepted for the Seago Fund)

Godeliève Richard directs this solo comedy performance. Sammy and the Grand Buffet was inspired by Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton, New Vaudeville and Norway’s Grenland Friteater.

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.

Wooden Fender Presents

KHALIF NEVILLE TRIO

7:00pm Saturday April 15, 2017 at the Warwick Town Hall

After falling in love with Warwick’s beautiful grand piano last year when he appeared with his father Charles and the Skeletons Big Band, Khalif Neville is coming back to Town Hall to tickle our ivories again, this time alongside Chris Merritt on bass and Ian Haus on drums. This talented jazz/funk trio will be performing a mixture of standards with an old-school bebop tinge, as well as Khalif’s own originals showcasing contemporary jazz techniques and sounds. Come on down and get jazzed up and get funky! You’ll be glad you did!

Join the Khalif Neville Trio at Town Hall for a hot night of cool jazz! Our concerts are funded by your donations ($5 minimum suggested) and a very generous gift from Michael Humphries Woodworking to support Wooden Fender’s mission of bringing live music to Warwick.
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**APRIL, 2017**
Members present: Dawn Magi, James Erviti, Lawrence Pruyne (arrived at 3:23 p.m.)
Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Finance Committee member Steve Ruggiero, Jon Calcari

I. Call to Order
Chair Magi called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. in the Town Hall. This was a joint meeting of the Warwick Selectboard, Broadband Commissioners and Municipal Light Plant Governors.

II. Minutes
Erviti MOVED to approve the minutes of February 13, 2017 as printed. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

III. Presentations and Discussions
1. MGL 268:20D Exemptions—Young asked the Board to designate the positions of School Council member and HEART Study Committee member as Special Municipal Employee. He also noted the need to grant MGL Chapter 268 Section 20D exemptions for Dawn Magi and Sue O’Reilly McRae.
   Erviti MOVED to designate the positions of HEART Study Committee member and School Council member as Special Municipal Employee and to grant MGL Chapter 268 Section 20D exemptions to Dawn Magi as a member of the Selectboard and the HEART Study Committee and Sue O’Reilly McRae of the HEART Study Committee and the School Council. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

2. Personnel Policy Revisions—Young said that the first change was on page 11 under Selection and should read “minimum of three (3) days in at least one locally published daily paper”. The subject of compensatory time for nonexempt employees (page 16) was discussed. Currently the cap is 60 hours, and Erviti wanted to make sure that if the number of hours were to be increased there would still be a cap. It was noted that Highway employee Brian Hubbard currently has over 120 hours of compensatory time. As the policy states that “the Selectboard may authorize increased compensatory time earning for a limited and defined time period”, there was a consensus of the Board to leave the number at 60 and deal with individual issues at a separate time. Young pointed out that on page 31 the word “unlawful” now precedes “possession of firearms or explosives during work hours”. It is stated on page 6 that “this
policy shall take effect upon adoption of the Warwick Selectboard at a public hearing and shall repeal all previous policies and procedures.”

Erviti MOVED to accept the new Personnel Policy including the changes as noted. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

3. **Selectboard General Government Budgets FY 17 and FY 18**—Young began with the FY 17 budget by saying that the bookkeeping is up to date through March 1st. He said that the one concern in the current budget is the snow and ice account is now in deficit, and noted that in previous years other line items with extra funds can be used to cover some of the snow and ice expenses. Young said that there will be about $28,000.00 in the wage and salary line item due to the resignation of a Highway worker whose position was not filled. He noted that the snow and ice deficit would be added to the FY 18 tax rate and any surplus would not be recognized until FY 19. Young next brought up the Town Accountant, saying that because she has said that wage line item funds cannot be allocated for expenses he is seeking a legal opinion from Town Counsel. He noted that the Reserve Fund will be greatly reduced for previously unanticipated health insurance costs due to an increased number of people taking insurance.

Pruyne arrived at 3:23 p.m. and joined the discussion as it turned to the FY 18 budget.

Young said that the Tech School assessment will double (from $60,000.00 to $120,000.00) due to an increase in the number of Warwick students attending the school. He said that the proposed PVRSD budget reflects approximately a 5.5% increase and estimated an increase in Warwick’s assessment in the range of a $16,000.00 to $18,000.00. Young noted that ten teaching positions and four instructional aide positions will be cut from the District and 4 teaching positions will be added for online learning. He pointed out that health insurance costs for PVRSD staff is also increasing, and said the proposed PVRSD budget is $14,400,000.00.

Young said that if there is to be a change in personnel in the Accountant position, it will likely cost about 50% more than the current salary for FRCOG accounting services. He said that he will look further into the FRCOG option to see how much the overall budget would increase. Finance Committee member Steve Ruggiero said that all options should be considered and not just FRCOG, as he felt a qualified individual could be found without increasing the budget. Former Selectman Jon Calcari said that all budgets should be level funded and said that the Accountant always acts professionally and does things by the book. Both Young and Erviti strongly disagreed; Pruyn characterized past Cultural Council’s dealings with the Accountant as “a nightmare”.

4. **Inter-municipal MOA with Westfield Gas & Electric**—Young said that he had received verbal legal findings from both the Attorney General and Inspector General that it is permissible to have a no-bid MOA with Westfield Gas & Electric. He said Town Counsel has reviewed the MOA and recommended we enter into the agreement as a Municipal Light Plant and include a blanket liability waiver, a complete waiver of damages. Young pointed out that the pole setting quote from Westfield is $24,593.05, considerably less than the one bid of
$46,000.00 received after the bid deadline had passed. At this time Young left the meeting to get supporting documentation of costs and scope of service.

5. **Selectboard Report** — Pruyn apologized for being late due to a necessary appointment that could only be scheduled earlier today.

Magi said that she attended a PVRSD HEART Study Committee meeting with a speaker from the BEST Committee from Mohawk regional School District who gave ideas on how to proceed. She noted that fellow Warwick member Alan Genovese was very helpful as well due to his past experience as a school superintendent. Magi said that the HEART Committee will meet every two weeks for the time being and said that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Center for Aging in Bernardston. She noted that much of the legislation passed benefits schools in the eastern part of the state and our need in this region are very different. Magi stated that we need groups to become active to advocate for local needs.

6. **Continuation of Discussion of MOA with Westfield Gas & Electric** — The Board reviewed scope of services and costs documents for the Westfield Gas & Electric project. Young pointed out considerable savings over the initial budgeted costs, noting that the total cost for the Westfield project was $38,809.07. Erviti said that he was still reluctant because of what he saw as too many unknowns. Young pointed out that the number of poles could be changed from 13 to 12 and that renegotiations can occur. Because Young had mentioned that this company was part of the Leverett build, Erviti wanted to know how things went in Leverett. Magi said she still wanted a bit more reassurance. Erviti said that trust is one thing but as the Board represents the townspeople they need to know more. Pruyn said that he was inclined to trust this company and the MOA. Magi asked what could go wrong and Erviti wanted a worst case scenario. Young said that if everything is not aligned and agreed upon there could be delays and much higher costs.

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Erviti MOVED to authorize the Chair to sign the MOA subject to amendment to 12 poles instead of 13 and that James Erviti is confident in his reference check. Pruyn SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0
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7. **Coordinator Report** — Young invited everyone to attend the PVRSD budget hearing being held tonight at 7 p.m. at PVRHS. Young also noted the success of the new monitoring software being done by WBS staff member Jason Cook, saying that it has saved considerable time in identifying and fixing problems.

8. **Public Comment** — None.

9. **New and Other Business Unanticipated at Time of Meeting Posting** — Young said that he has oftentimes found the manual flapper valve in the dining room open and has the Kurkoskis from the Buildings and Energy Committee working on finding a better way to control the flow of heat, such as a timer. He said that the Board should consider enacting a policy to have
events held in the dining room rather than the main hall to conserve energy and decrease unnecessary heat to the upper floors of Town Hall thereby decreasing the heating costs.

IV. Adjournment

At 4:37 p.m., Pruyne MOVED to adjourn. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting:
* Draft Minutes of Selectboard meeting of February 13, 2017
* Coordinator Report dated March 1, 2017
* Intergovernmental Agreement Fiber Network Design Between City of Westfield Gas & Electric Light Department and Warwick Municipal Lighting Plant
* Letter from Westfield Gas & Electric to David Young dated February 22, 2017 Re: Proposal for Pole Setting and Wireless Antenna Construction
* Warwick Wireless Broadband Itemized Budget
* Town of Warwick FY 2017 General Fund Expenditure Report as of March 2, 2017
* FY 18 Draft Omnibus Budget
* Draft Town of Warwick Personnel Policy endorsed by Council July 2016
Don’t Miss these APRIL events in Warwick!

SAMMY AND THE GRAND BUFFET - APR 12
THE GATHERING PLACE - FRIDAYS - 10am - Town Hall
ROGER TINKNELL CONCERT AT WOMENS GUILD - April 4
POETRY WORKSHOP—April 11
MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE—April 13
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE—April 14
EGG COLORING—April 15
SUNRISE SERVICE, EASTER EGG HUNT, EASTER BREAKFAST—April 16
WOODEN FENDER EVENT “KHALIF NEVILLE TRIO” —April 15
EARTH DAY ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP—April 22
POETRY EVENT—April 23