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. The price of advertising has not changed. 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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**THANK YOU TO THIS MONTH’S DONORS AND ADVERTISERS**

| Carmen Rodriguez | Mary and Ron LaBrecque | Total: $35 |

**LETTER OF THANKS**

Thank you to everyone who donated or hiked for the [Ned Green Scholarship Fund](#). An award of $1,200. will be presented to a graduating senior from PVRS during the Senior Awards Evening in June. The community of Warwick (plus others) is so thoughtful and generous with their time and resources. It is truly appreciated. Interestingly, 13 hikers attended on the 13th anniversary hike. A light mist didn’t deter the event. When the summit was reached, the sun broke through and shone upon us. Thank you everyone! Clare Green

**OLD HOME DAYS 2014** Silly me I forgot to include the date in last months’ note about Old Home Days. We will be holding them on Aug 23rd & 24th. As usual, Saturday has the Parade, tag sale, Fireman’s cook out, children’s games, open mike, horse drawn wagon rides, Church dinner and evening entertainment. On Sunday we have a Fireman’s Muster, Satellite Toss, and new this year Cardboard boat race (see rules later in this newsletter). Remember we are honoring Kenny Hubbard this year and are looking for ideas. Anyone looking to add to these events please call me at 978-544-0014. Thanks, Colleen Paul

**FROM THE FOLKS WHO BRING YOU THE GATHERING PLACE**

The Gathering Place will continue to provide lunch on Fridays throughout the summer months, however we will not be publishing the menu by the month in the Newsletter going forward. In order to take advantage of weekly grocery sales we will publish the menu each week on the L, the web and TCC Facebook page. Thank you all for your continued support. Coffee for $1.00 ready at 10:00 AM, cup of Soup for $3.00, ½ Sandwich for $1.50. Have both (Cup and a half) for $4.00 starting at 11:30 AM. Desserts(by donation) anytime. Need lunch to go, bring a container for soup and we'll pack lunch for you.

All are welcome.
Kelly Chappel-Farley and Diana Tandy
If you find yourself in a deep hole, do you keep digging or do you start looking for some way out? We are in a deep climate hole and companies that own a lot of carbon assets (coal, oil, natural gas) still in the ground want us to keep digging. They want to get those assets out as fast as they can, before we realize what is happening. Some people have decided it’s too late to do anything about the changing climate, so keep digging. But there are those who don’t want to leave our children and grandchildren in a much deeper hole than we have already dug for them, and are looking for ways to ease the speed at which we are heading into disaster. But how?

There is a group that will be working with a book by David Gershon titled “Low Carbon Diet”. This is a book to help those who want to reduce their carbon usage in a meaningful way but find the task almost too overwhelming. The basic idea of the book is neatly summed up as:

As individuals we represent 50% of America’s carbon footprint and 50 to 90% of a community’s greenhouse gas emissions. If the bad news is that as individuals we are a major part of the problem, the good news is that we can also be a major part of the solution. By making specific, targeted changes to actions we already take every day, we can significantly reduce our CO₂ emissions.

This “30 Day Program to Lose 5000 Pounds” is a fun, accessible, easy to use guide that will show you, step-by-step, how to dramatically reduce your CO₂ output in just a month’s time.

Grounded in over two decades of environmental behavior change research, this illustrated workbook offers much more than a list of eco-friendly actions. It walks you through every step of the process, from calculating your current CO₂ “footprint” to tracking your progress.

By making simple changes to actions you take every day, you’ll learn how to reduce your annual household CO₂ output by at least 15%. And, for those who are more ambitious, you’ll discover how you can help your workplace, local schools, and community do the same.

Join the growing number of citizens who have decided to take global warming into their own hands.

It’s long past time to stop denying, stop despairing and start slowing down our digging. If you want to find out more about the book, the group or what we are starting to do together, call the Metcalf Chapel office (978 544-2630), Dan Dibble (978 544-2663) or Steve and Janice Kurkoski (978 544-3419) or email <metcalfucc@gmail.com>.

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**New Free Exercise Class**

Town Hall  
Wednesdays 6-7pm.

**Circuit training**

Come join us for a weekly circuit training exercise class. This is a self-paced circuit targeting all muscle groups with resistance training and light aerobics. Appropriate for most fitness levels, work at your own pace. Peer assistance provided.

Wear comfortable exercise clothing and bring indoor only sneakers to change into, so that we can care for the town hall floors. Also bring a hand towel and water.

This class is free. All are welcome, no registration required.

Contact Nan or Leslie for more info at 544-1974

Warwick Recreation Committee Sponsored
"Reflections"
Since my tenure as Town Clerk has ended, I want to acknowledge the support I have had over the years and publicly thank my family, friends, and coworkers for all of their help.

Thank You:
To Mark-- for your love and never-ending support; for leaving a light on and having the fire going when I got home late from town meetings and elections, even when I didn't leave you any dinner!

To my girls-- sorry I missed all those track meets, games, award ceremonies, sports banquets, honor society inductions, superintendent's award dinner, etc. because of town meetings and elections. Some election days I left the house at 6 a.m. and didn't make it home until after midnight. And thanks for stuffing and stamping all those street list envelopes with me!

To Oliver-- for many shifts manning the ballot box
To Ginny-- for being available to sign petition and nomination papers anytime
To Calvin and Freddie-- for working almost every election with me!
To Beth-- for all your help and support at elections, fielding phone calls, voter check-ins at town meetings, working through the recap, etc., and for being a great office mate!

To my many election workers over the years for making everything go smoothly and ESPECIALLY to my ballot counting crews-- we got it Done and Done Well every time..........even when there were over 300 paper ballots to count by hand!
To David-- invaluable Town Coordinator for keeping things running smoothly, navigating murky waters, and always being available as a sounding board.
To our Town Accountants-- especially Dale Kowacki for explanations and verification of town meeting budgets and review of my page 4.
To Chris Ryan--for your attention to town finances during your tenure as a selectman and assessor and for helping me understand those things too.
To the Town Moderators I have worked with over the years: Liz, Al, Miryam-- who ran town meetings smoothly and efficiently. We worked well as a team to keep a complete and accurate record of the town meeting business, without the need for audio or video recordings.
To Ted--for your thorough preparation making zoning bylaw submissions effortless.
To Jeff Cole at Witty's Funeral Home-- for all your help with the preparation of death certificates and making that process simple and accurate.
To Les Black-- for answering any questions I had about legalities and zoning.
To Shoe and Brian Peters-- for being great to work with and helpful whenever I needed your expertise.
To Terry-- for your technical expertise. I can't guarantee you #1 next year!

It's been a good run and I have enjoyed my years as Town Clerk. Now I want to spend more time making cheese, focusing on our farm, and working with the Garlic and Arts Festival planning committee.

Sincerely,
Jeannette

Smoke ~ N~ Hot News.. From the fire house:
Greetings all,
We have some exciting news to report this month.
I mentioned in last month’s newsletter that we were in need of some fire trucks and thanks to the state’s military surplus program, I was able to acquire two newer trucks for free. We now have a five ton 2500 gal tanker and a 1991 4 wheel drive pumper engine.

These vehicles will need some work before we can put them in service. I would not have been able to obtain these vehicles without Brad Matthew’s and Ben Shaw’s generosity to allow us to store them on their property. Thank you so much.

Thank you again to Brad Matthews for all the time and devotion that he has given to these trucks to get them in working order.

As soon as the these trucks are mechanically sound, the rest of the department is going to pitch in their time to get the trucks ready for service.

The plans for the new station are under way!! I have met with the board of health and have received the approval to proceed.

The building plot has been measured out and we will not need a variance from the zoning board and the engineer is in the process of drawing up the blue prints.

My expectations are to have the town’s new trucks into it’s new station this year!

We would like to thank everyone for coming out to the spaghetti supper, it was a great turn out and fun was had by all. We had a raffle for a 39 inch TV that was won by Marcia Legassey. Congratulations!!

Our next fundraiser will be the chicken Bar-B-Que in July, watch for dates in future newsletters, we are thinking about having a casino night as well, more to come on that too.

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
978-544-8052
The Historical Society will meet on Wednesday, June 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. (NOTE: We are meeting on the 4th Wednesday rather than the customary 3rd Wednesday in order to avoid a conflict with the Community School graduation and spring concert scheduled for June 18)

Dick and Pat Shepardson will tell us - and show us - about their recent 8-week journey through Iceland, The Czech Republic, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, and France. We can all vicariously enjoy a European tour and learn about European campgrounds as well! Everyone welcome, and hope to see you there! - Martha Morse

The Guild will meet on Tuesday, June 3 at 1:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Our presenter will be local author Debra Paulson, with a talk entitled "Creating a picture book: what works, what doesn't and why it matters." Deb received her MFA in Writing for Children from Simmons College and reviews children's books for Kirkus Reviews. She is currently working on a picture book titled "Yellow Lady's Slipper." Everyone welcome, and hope to see you there! - Martha Morse

You are invited to an informational and planning meeting for a Navigator's chapter serving the Warwick/Royalston area! This is an inclusive scouting organization for boys and girls. Volunteers of all ages welcome. For more information: www.navigatorsusa.org; contact Claudia in Warwick at all.one.daydream@gmail.com or Grace in Royalston at 617.413.7145

The Library has purchased 7 year-long passes to different museums and attractions. All but 2 provide free admission. Please stop by the Library to learn more about them.

Tower Hill Botanical Gardens - Boylston – Free 2 Adults 2 Children - 4 passes
Historic Deerfield - Deerfield – Free 4 admissions – 2 passes
Magic Wings – So. Deerfield – Free 3 Admissions – 1 pass
Mass MOCA – No. Adams – Free 2 Adults 2 Children 1 pass
Eric Carle Museum – Amherst – Free 2 Adults 4 Children 1 pass
State Parks Pass – Free Parking – Admits one car (Provided Free by State)
EcoTarium – Worcester – ½ price coupon 2 Adults 2 Children Disposable Passes($7 & $4)
Museum of Fine Arts – Boston – ½ price coupon Disposable Passes ($10.00)

New books include: Capital in the 21st Century by Piketty, Divide by Taibbi, Love Songs From a Shallow Grave by Cotterill, Missing You by Coben, Way of Kings by Sanderson, Words of Radiance by Sanderson, Axe Factory by Cotterill, Chestnut St. by Binchy, Monuments Men by Edsel, Transhuman by Bova, Ruin Falls by Michman.

NOTE: June 21 is the last open Saturday until after Labor Day

- Nancy Hickler, Library Director
FAT CAT?: Feline obesity is a serious concern, as cats who carry excess weight have a heightened risk for diabetes, cancer, liver problems, degenerative joint pain and other conditions that could severely curtail its quality of life. Recent studies discovered that more than half of all dogs and cats are diagnosed as either overweight or obese by their veterinarians. Fortunately, there are simple steps you can take to keep your feline from getting fat. If your cat is encased in a thick layer of fur, you may have trouble telling whether he is overweight. You should feel deeply with your hands to see if you can feel ribs, spine or hip bones. You can also compare your cat to the body condition charts developed by Purina diets that are used by all veterinarians. If your cat is too heavy, changes are required for your cat’s eating habits and activity level.

The main tip for keeping your cat at a good weight, or getting your overweight cat to lose weight, is to feed them only canned food. In order for manufacturers to make a food dry, they have to add a lot of carbohydrate to the ration. It is believed that cats need more of an Atkins-type diet, high in protein and low in carbohydrate. It should be a good quality food, balanced with the right proportion of protein, fats, etc, and formulated according to AAFCO guidelines -- be sure to look for this statement in the fine print on the can.

Since calories that go unburned will only turn to fat, you may need to get your sedentary cat moving if you wish to keep him from getting heavy. Try playing games with him, or get a canine or feline playmate who will keep him on his toes. Senior pets are at a disadvantage due to their slower metabolism, especially if they cannot move as freely or comfortably as they once did. For these animals, dietary reductions and modifications, coupled with supplements such as glucosamine or omega-3 fatty acids to ease joint problems, may prove helpful. Also, reduce the number of treats and remove your cats from the dining room during human mealtimes.

-Rosa Fratangelo Calcari

Thank you to everyone who made the effort to write in my name for Town Clerk. I am honored to have been elected and deeply appreciate the privilege to serve the townspeople of Warwick as your new Town Clerk. My biggest THANK YOU goes out to the person who voted for “Rosa the Dog Lady” -- whoever you are, you captured the very essence of me!

My very dignified and classy opponent Nancy Lyman was most gracious in calling to congratulate me last evening. She showed the very best of what Warwick has to offer, a spirit of cooperation and friendliness no matter the situation. We should all thank Nancy for running a good race and for stepping up and wanting to serve the Town in another capacity.

As for the new Town Clerk weekly office hours, there will be both daytime and evening hours, and I am seeking input as to what those hours should be. Anyone who has a preference they wish to express to me, PLEASE contact me at 978-544-3402 or charlemagnesmother@msn.com. Please note that the telephone number is also my home number, and it is always fine to leave a message about anything on that line, not only animal issues.

Finally, THANK YOU to Jeannette Fellows for her 16 years of service to all of us as our Town Clerk. The fact that she received some write-in votes proves just what a valuable resource she has been for this town.

REMINDER: If you have not yet licensed your dog(s), now is the time, as a late fee will go into effect next month. As part of the new dog fee schedule voted by the Selectboard and effective September 1, 2013, a late fee of $10 is assessed for any dog licensed after 3 months of the open license period, provided that dog was over 6 months and living with a Warwick resident for the entire open license period. There is one fee per license, including kennel licenses.

Rosa Fratangelo Calcari

The Warwick COA is looking for young people or senior citizens who are interested in supplementing their income by helping senior citizens in Warwick. These jobs include such things as raking leaves, piling wood, washing windows, etc. You can help a senior and earn some extra cash. Please call Carol Foote, COA to request help or to get your name on the list of providers. Please remember that workers and people being helped must live in Warwick.
"WARWICK IS OUR TOWN!" WCS will finish our year-long study of the history of Warwick with an all-school history fair on June 11th! Classrooms will display their individual history projects. Our sixth graders will present their exhibits and demonstrations of Warwick life, which they developed with the guidance of our Librarian, Laurel Powell. Our students will participate in “Old Time Amusements,” the final in a series of three marvelous history labs from Deerfield Teachers’ Center. Songs and artwork of Warwick, and a slide show, created by Susan Wright, of our exciting year of study, will round out the day. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Susan Wright for her invaluable help with our projects over the year, the Foundation for Educational Excellence (FEE) for their generous support, and the many community members who so kindly contributed to our learning by sharing time, artifacts, and personal stories with us.

SPRING INSTUMENTAL MUSIC CONCERT: 7:00 p.m. Tues. June 10th!
You are invited to the annual Spring Concert at Pioneer Valley Regional High School, where our WCS 5th and 6th grade musicians will join other elementary school players for the all-district evening of instrumental music.

WCS GRADUATION 7:00 p.m. Wed., June 18th!
Join us in the WCS gymnasium to applaud our graduating 6th graders: Garret Cole, Jordan Hurlbert, Joshua Kirley, Dylan Lau, Samuel Simon, Sara Simon, Jacob Tefft, and Lily Walker. We will express our pride and cheer our graduates as they leave us to move into the next phase of their educational journey!

EVERYONE LOVES PANCAKES! Save the date: Saturday, June 7th, for our annual PTO pancake breakfast!!! We’ve planned a delicious breakfast and some fun activities, including a “small animal farm,” where our students will exhibit examples of their own animal farming projects. PTO is still looking for volunteers; so if you can help us in any way, please contact the school or a PTO member. Thanks for your support! We hope to see you there!

CLASSROOM BUZZ… This month we feature our 3rd/4th grade classroom!
Over the next few weeks of school we will be studying all about our town. Today we started to study maps of Warwick. Our first map is from 1830! Warwick had a booming population of 1,150 at that time and boasted 12 saw mills, 10 schools, and 2 tanneries! We are surprised to learn how busy Warwick once was! In the coming weeks, we will examine how the railroad impacted the population of some of our neighbors and how it had the opposite effect on Warwick. We will visit Warwick’s Historical Society and learn from Mr. Lemon about Warwick in the 1800s. We will create a map of buildings and structures in Warwick throughout history to share with all of you at our history fair. As we learn about town government, Warwick’s town coordinator, David Young will come in to speak with us about the jobs of the people at town hall. After learning all about Warwick, we will expand our studies to include Orange (where two of our 3rd graders live) and compare and contrast the two communities in the 19th and 20th centuries, particularly looking at railroads and water power. We will then take a trip to the Orange Historical Society. Finally, we are rounding out our study of the local area by learning about the Quabbin.

The students are enjoying a historical fiction novel about the flooding of the town of Enfield to create the Quabbin Reservoir. Interesting things are happening in third and fourth grade classroom! Ms. Christine Mullen

MOUNTAIN DAY! We’re hoping for good weather on Friday June 20th, when we continue the tradition of climbing Mount Grace together on the final day of school - students, parents and staff all together.
Since I forgot to write a restaurant review and was on vacation till May 17th, I decided to tell you a little about my first time on a Segway. A Segway PT (personal transporter) is a two-wheeled, self-balancing, battery-powered electric vehicle invented in New Hampshire by Dean Kamen.

Many tourist attractions are now giving Segway tours and let me tell you, it is a blast. I went to Virginia Beach with some friends in May and for my birthday they treated me to a Segway Tour. My friends had done one in Florida this past winter and loved it so they knew I was going to love it. I was a little skeptical at first. But, our guide Randy, was fabulous and was very patient with me.

The tour they signed up for was a new tour in Yorktown, VA. Instead of the regular one in downtown Yorktown, which stayed on sidewalks and roads, this one was in a park outside of Yorktown. This tour required the big fat tires on the Segway.

Balancing a Segway is not difficult. Randy held it while I got on which is only a step up to about 8 to 12 inches above the ground. If you don’t move, the Segway doesn’t either. If you want to go forward, you lean forward with your weight. If you want to slow down, you lean back and it slows and will come to a stop. Sounds easy enough. You hold on to the handlebars but you do not have any gears like a bike. You turn the handle to the right, you go right; turn left you go left. Keep it turned and you go in a circle which comes in handy when you want to reverse direction.

After the basics we were off on the paved walkway into the park. When I saw the pavement ending, I got a little nervous but eased out onto the gravel and off we went, through some fields, down some graveled pathways, then into the woods and hit the hiking trails, going up hills and down hills. Fastest speed is 8 mph. They can top 14 but the tour company presets them for 8 mph. The tour lasted 90 minutes and it was the most fun I’ve had. I compared it to a dune buggy ride I was on in Oregon once and thought that was spectacular, this matched it. Randy said I did a great job and he took us on the most difficult trail and it didn’t seem to faze me. I told him once I got my confidence I was ready to go!

If you ever have a chance to go on a Segway tour, I highly recommend it. I know they have them in Boston, Salem and Portsmouth NH and that might be the easier one. But the trail ones are definitely more intense but a lot of fun. Hope you give it a shot one day. If I can do it, you can too. -Gloria Varno

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

Hilary Matilainen graduated from Hampshire College with a BA in molecular biology & has been hired by New England Peptide in Gardner as a chemist. Hilary is the daughter of Leslie (Kim) and Mike Matilainen.
Dear Friends,

Jonah was a prophet of God, but when he was called by God to go to “the great city of Nineveh” to prophesy against its “great wickedness”, Jonah instead tried to “flee from the presence of God”. He got on a ship traveling in the opposite direction. During the night, a mighty tempest arose and Jonah ended up in the sea where he was swallowed by a “great fish”. For three days and nights Jonah was in the belly of the whale. Now there’s not much to do in the belly of a whale so Jonah had plenty of time to think. He finally prayed to be delivered and “was vomited up onto dry land”, but not far from Nineveh. Once he dried himself off, the voice of God again told him to go to Nineveh. This time he went. He prophesied against the way things were done in that mighty city and the king was convinced that he had to change his ways or the place would be leveled by God. The king heard and repented and decreed the evil ways be recognized and ended. So Nineveh was saved.

Nice story, no? Not to Jonah. He left the city in a deep funk. It seems he hated the Ninevites and wanted them destroyed, so he was exceedingly pissed off that they had been spared. He left the city and went off to sulk by himself. Of course, God shows up and Jonah starts complaining, “I knew this would happen! I knew You’d wimp out. You always do when someone repents. You forgive them and fail to punish them. Don’t You know the old saying ‘Spare the rod and spoil the child’? That’s why I went in the other direction when You called me to Nineveh.”

Oh,“ God says, “When things go the way you want it’s all fine and dandy, but if I show compassion for a great city of more than one hundred and twenty thousand souls (not counting the animals that live with them), who don’t understand what they’re doing and when they change, then it’s damn you God?! But, that is what I wanted, change not punishment.”

We, individually and collectively, can be a lot like Jonah. We can justify our actions as right (given the circumstances), but let someone else do the same and it’s “off with their heads”; the myth of deterrent violence. Sure, it feels good to release our anger; let loose with words or worse, but does it change things for the better or does it just up the anger, the violence and the possibility (probability?) that the whole thing will collapse in a heap?

What it boils down to is that we want to be in control. We want to be God. But we aren’t God, we’re more like Jonah. Like Jonah, we don’t want to hear that we aren’t exceptional; that we aren’t more righteous, more deserving than others; that we aren’t separate and distinct from the rest of creation. We don’t want to know that what we do can impact others in unintended, negative ways and that we need to be aware of that. We would like to think of ourselves as independent rather than interdependent.

The hard truth is that we not only are NOT in control, but the more we try to impose our will on the planet, on the other life forms that inhabit the planet with us and on the natural cycles that sustain all life on this closed system we call earth, the more out of control, out of balance the whole thing becomes.

Instead of thinking of the earth and “all that therein is” as “resources” and ourselves as “consumers”, we need to find our place within the intricate and beautiful web of life so that the “whole” is healthy and robust. We need a healthy dol of humility and a ramped-up sense of urgency or our children and grandchildren will be struggling to simply survive. May God grant us both.

In faith, Dan

SOME ON-GOING ACTIVITIES OF THE MISSION COMMITTEE

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS Nonperishable food, personal hygiene items and household cleaning supplies are collected in the front hall of the Chapel.

COMMUNITY GARDEN We are looking for people with lots of and no experience with gardening. We will again be planting food crops for the Orange Food Pantry in the field behind the Metcalf Chapel. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Dan at the Chapel, by email metcalfucc@gmail.com or phone (978)544-2630.

JUNE COMING EVENTS

LOW CARBON DIET GROUP
“Low Carbon Diet” by David Gershon is the basis of a group working to reduce or use of carbon based energy in our homes and community (see “Green corner” in another part of the Newsletter). If you are interested and want to join us or just want more info, contact the Chapel (978 544-2630), Dan Dibble or Steve and Janice Kurkoski.
**Scorsese film on tap for June 14th**

The second Novels to Film showing at Town Hall will feature “Hugo”, by the legendary director, Martin Scorsese. One of his more recent releases, the film is a crowd pleaser for the whole family and destined to be a classic.

“Hugo” is based on a graphic novel, a cross between a novel and the comics. Copies of the book will be in the Warwick Library. It only takes about an hour to read, but what a unique ride – and the movie is fascinating!

The main character is a 12-year-old orphan who winds the clocks in a Paris train station. Woven into the story is a Mister Fixit with a mysterious past, a bizarre mechanical man, strange drawings, and a host of characters who populate the train station. Sasha Baron Cohen (Borat) leaves behind his obnoxious comedy persona and plays a wonderful turn as a one-armed policeman in love with the flower girl.

“Hugo” also stars Ben Kingsley. The showing starts at 7 p.m., with a short introduction by Doc Pruyne, and a discussion afterward.

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**SAVE THE DATES**

**VACATION BIBLE DAYS**

AUG 11 – 14

9 – 12

at the Metcalf Chapel.

Free and open to all children in K – 6th grade. More details to come in next month’s Newsletter.

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$180 PER CORD (SEASONED)

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**Warwick Community School’s PTO's Annual Pancake Breakfast.**

Saturday June 7th  8:30-9:45 AM

$6 adults...$3 children...2 and under eat free

Tickets can be purchased from Town Library, or email me at EANygard@gmail.com Please purchase in advance if possible, limited tickets available at the door.

Barnyard Zoo (during Pancake Breakfast).

We need animals!

If your family has an animal you would like to bring (with enclosure) please contact Tracey Kirley 978-544-2357 kirleywormfarm@gmail.com Please note: for the safety of everyone we must keep this a small animal event (chickens, ducks, rabbits, geese, goats). Sorry, no dogs.

Thanks for your support!
On behalf of the PTO
Erika Nygard 544-2094
Selectboard Minutes—April 17, 2014

Selectboard Members present: Dawn Magi, Nick Arguimbau, Patricia Lemon (arrived at 6:05pm)
Finance Committee Members present: Rick Abbott, Bill Foote, Kevin Alden
Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo Calcari, Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney, Police Chief David Shoemaker, Warwick Police Sergeant Mike Gelinas, Firefighter Bill Lyman, Moderator Miryam Williamson, Jon Calcari (arrived at 7:02pm)

I. Call to Order
Selectboard Chair Magi called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in Town Hall.

II. Presentations and Discussions

1. COLA (Cost of Living) Increases—Abbott wanted to know the Selectboard’s opinion on the cost of living (COLA). He noted that the Finance Committee had not yet voted on the proposed FY15 budget.

   Young said that right now it does not look good for free cash. He explained that outstanding FY 13 tax revenue from uncollected taxes, tax abatements, and the possible Chapter 90 reimbursement in the $23,000.00 range will impact free cash. Young said that the 7-year average for free cash is $74,020.00, but the estimate for this year is anywhere from $0 - $35,000.00. He noted that if there is no certified number by the Town Meeting, the figure will be $0.

   The discussion shifted back to the COLA. It was noted that the current draft budget did not include an increase in wages for most positions. Magi said that the Police salaries reflected an increase; Abbott added that this was at the Police Chief’s request to bring the wages more in line with other departments in Franklin County. Young said that the Town’s total payroll is about $384,000.00. A 1% increase was suggested.

   Moderator Miryam Williamson requested that the impact of the budget on the tax rate be presented at the beginning of the Town Meeting.

   Young said that a 1% increase in wages would add 5 cents to the tax rate. Alden said that 1% or 1.5% is not a large raise but he felt that a 1.5% increase would be a happy medium to help people survive. Foote said that unfortunately this is a lean year overall, but he liked the 1.5% increase. A 1.5% increase was favored by Lemon, Abbott, Alden, and Magi as well; Arguimbau supported it if it was feasible.

   There was a consensus that a 1.5% COLA was acceptable, excluding the Police and Inspector of Animal wages, which already reflect a requested increase.

Lemon MOVED that everyone who has not yet had a raise in some other way this year be given a 1.5% COLA. Foote SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 6-0-0 (full vote of Selectboard and Finance Committee members present).

2. PVRS District Technology Budget and Financing—Young said that the Bernardston Selectboard had voted unanimously to recommend this budget be disapproved and voted down at their annual Town meeting. He explained that the law says that the School Committee can vote to incur debt and must notify the member towns within seven days. The towns then have 60 days from the date of the School Committee vote to repudiate it, or else it passes by default.

   Young said that currently there were 483 PCs in the District and 54 MACs, and that they need more than this. He said that most are from 2007 and run on the obsolete Microsoft Windows XP operating system, which is no longer being supported by MS. Young suggested that this budget be voted down and the District be encouraged to come back with a better proposal, one with which he said he would assist. He said that the District clearly needs more computers.

   Alden agreed that PVRS has a poor quality computer system, but that clarification of the project is needed to move forward. He advocated staying on top of the issue to get a better plan, as the students definitely need better technology. Young pointed out that all inherent costs of the project are unclear. Lemon wanted to see a spreadsheet to show exactly what the $400,000.00 would be used for.

   Foote said that technology has a lifespan of two to three years, and this plan is for four years. He said that this plan was skewed, not well thought out, and did not make much sense. Foote said that we need to get the District to acknowledge that the current plan won’t work and help them get back on track with a better plan.

   Lemon MOVED to recommend a vote to disapprove the PVRS technology budget and tell the Annual Town Meeting that the Selectboard and Finance Committee do not support it. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 5-0-1. AYE: Magi, Lemon, Arguimbau, Foote, Alden; Abbott ABSTAINED because his wife is employed by PVRS. (Full vote of Selectboard and Finance Committee members present).

3. PVRS District Operating Budget—Young said that the numbers in this budget do not recognize that we told them that Warwick could not abide more than a 2.5% increase. He said that our current assessment reflects about a 10% increase, which would raise the tax rate by about 80 cents. Young said that the figure is about $60,000.00 higher than what they were told that the Town could abide, and that it might have to be moved on Town Meeting floor and then amended down.

   Lemon MOVED to recommend the PVRS operating budget assessment with an increase of only 2.5%. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 5-0-1. AYE: Magi, Lemon, Arguimbau, Foote, Alden; Abbott ABSTAINED. (Full vote of Selectboard and Finance Committee members present).
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Review of Omnibus Budget Spreadsheet and Money Articles on Draft Annual Town Meeting Warrant — Young gave a summary of the estimated revenue projections and went over page 10 of the draft budget. He noted that the Cherry Sheet receipts were up about $2,000.00. He explained that the Enterprise funds were self-funding and in balance, and pointed out that the proposed budget assumes that Town departments will no longer be charged for Broadband. Young said that while he was hoping for $20,000.00, free cash could be $0. He also said that the $40,000.00 from line #490, unrestricted grant program income, could be appropriated to Capital Stabilization.

Young said that the $3.2 million transportation bond bill item made it through House/Senate Reconciliation and awaits the Governor’s signature. This would be used for the Route 78 project. He also said that every town in the Commonwealth received a $40,000.00 supplemental pothole grant, which must be spent by September of 2014.

The warrant articles were reviewed. Articles for transfers from capital Stabilization included Article 8, which was for repairs to the entryway to the addition at the Library in the amount of $10,000.00; Article 7 for a new snow plow, and Article 10 for the Police Department. Chief Shoemaker reduced the amount in Article 10 from $5,450.00 to $3,800.00, and Young said that grant funding could come through for the snow plow. It was noted that if grant funding came through prior to the ATM, the article would be passed over, and if funds came in afterwards, the funds would be returned to Capital Stabilization.

The spreadsheet for departmental budgets was reviewed page by page. The Moderator line #7 was decreased at the Moderator’s request. Line #90, computer maintenance, repair and replacement, was reduced by $500.00. The Conservation Commission asked for a $210.00 increase in line #114, training and travel. Town Hall expense was decreased by $600.00 to reflect discontinuance of the broadband fee.

In the requested Police Department budget, lines #164 and #165 reflected wage increases and #167 had an increase for cruiser maintenance. All increases were requested due to doubling the on-duty hours for the officers and the hours the cruisers are out. Arguimbau had to leave the meeting for a zoning hearing, as he is also a member of the Planning Board.

Abbott said that the Finance Committee had already voted to recommend the Police budget.

Lemon moved that the Selectboard approve lines #164 and #165. Magi seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

It was noted that the 1.5% increase in requested wages would be included in the next iteration of the budget draft spreadsheet. Magi inquired about line #323, training and travel for the Board of Health, and line #360, Recreation Committee expense. Line #323 reflected an increase of 650.00, and the Recreation Committee expense line showed a requested increase of $820.00. Young explained that the Board of Health wanted and needed to update their training. Foote said that the Recreation Committee, which has been operating with a budget of just $500.00 for awhile, used those funds primarily for basketball, exhausting the budget before soccer. Foote noted that the Recreation Committee also wants to expand and add events. Young said that their fee income has been lower due to less participation.

Lemon said that she wanted to ask the parents of the sixth grade students whose artwork will appear in the FY 13 Annual Report to have their children dress up formally and be introduced at the Annual Town Meeting. She said that she would take of contacting the parents if Young would supply the names.

5. Proposed Article to Record Selectboard and Town Meetings — Firefighter and Town resident Bill Lyman spoke to his proposed article, currently Article 41 on the draft warrant. He said that it would entail video and audio recordings being made of all Selectboard and Town meetings, upload the content to the internet and archive the recording of each meeting on DVDs at the Library. He said that it would cost little to upload to the internet, and figured three hours for each meeting at $10.00 per hour. He proposed a starting budget of $2,000.00 per year; $1,500.00 for the recording and archiving work and $500.00 for equipment.

Arguimbau returned to the meeting at this point in the discussion. Lyman said that most towns record the Selectboard meetings, and while it may not be necessary it makes the meetings more accessible for all, whether they can attend the meetings or not. Lemon felt that the article was premature and wanted to hold off until fiber optic becomes available, as she was concerned that current bandwidth required for streaming the meetings live is insufficient for the task.

Lyman said that it is important to have a full record of the meetings and not just minutes. He admitted that streaming live might produce some glitches at this stage, but the recording and uploading to the internet could be done. Young said that $10.00 per hour discounts what the work is worth. He said that $25.00 an hour would get someone committed to the job. Young thought that $5,000.00 was a more reasonable figure than $2,000.00, and that we could shoot for that in the future. He pointed out that it would damage the concept if it were done poorly at the start.

Lyman said that recordings would provide full disclosure of Selectboard and Town meetings, not the abridged version presented in the minutes. He acknowledged the possibility that he had brought the initial cost below where it should be, and suggested hiring a teen who wanted to learn media technology.

Magi said that we did not need to spend more money, and that the minutes are good now. Lyman said that full and open meetings should be full and open. Arguimbau said that Rosa (Fratangelo Calcari, who takes the minutes at Selectboard meetings) is good, but she is not complete. He saw no reason to wait for upgraded technology as people can use the archived DVDs.

Williamson said that videotaping is not a job for a high school student, as it is much more complicated than it seems. She noted that the cost of equipment had not yet been discussed, and recommended the exploration of costs for equipment and a qualified videographer.

Young said that one site he had visited had a package of about $80.00 per month, but the cost goes up with increased viewership. Lyman said that the content of public meetings is real and valuable.
Lemon MOVED to table this until we have a complete written proposal with all the figures including the cost of equipment and a professional. Motion DIE for Lack of a Second.

Young said that Lyman could get this article on the warrant by petition, but the Selectboard had voted at the April 14, 2014 meeting to allow the article on the warrant. Lyman said that he would be willing to dedicate some time to the project. As Moderator, Williamson wanted to know if the wording of the article is sufficient, or does a specific sum of money need to be declared. There was a consensus that “a sum of money” is legal wording when the exact amount is unknown. Lyman suggested that they try it and see how it works with a budget of $2,000.00, and added that the content was more important than the quality of the video. Abbott wanted the sum to be defined. Lyman asked for $2,000.00, while Arguimbau favored a higher amount, at least $4,000.00. Neither Magi nor Lemon agreed with Arguimbau.

Arguimbau MOVED the $4,000.00 be the defined sum of money. Motion DIE for Lack of a Second.

Arguimbau suggested obtaining a consultant’s report and vote for that instead of a video project, so we could find out what we can get and for what amount of money. Williamson suggested contacting “Doc” Pruyne as this is his area of expertise and he would be well qualified and might be willing to give his advice. Young favored phasing the project in by doing it in stages. He suggested doing things in steps: first audio, then audio-visual, then streaming live, then organizing and archiving, then DVD distribution.

Neither Magi nor Lemon agreed with Arguimbau.

Abbott asked why Article 29 for dust abatement on unpaved roads was on the warrant. Young said that by law the Town is allowed to apply dust mitigation materials and charge the residents of the unpaved roads. Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney said that this would have to be done at least every time the roads were graded or raked. Lyman said that the Fire Department might be able to assist in a bad drought season. Magi noted that no one came forward willing to pay, and nothing was received into the donation account established for this purpose.

There was a consensus of the Board to remove Article 29 from the warrant.

III. Adjournment

At 7:48 pm, Lemon MOVED to adjourn. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 6-0-0.
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Magi noted that Nick Arguimbau had requested that logs be placed along the side of Gale Road; Frost said that she would be happy with guardrails or other protection to keep the fill from going into the wetlands. Magi said that there needs to be some clarification of what the Hurlberts can do, and Frost suggested that they attend the next ConsComm meeting for input. Magi said a letter should be written to the Hurlberts reminding them about obeying conservation principles and asking them to contact the ConsComm, or go to their next meeting on Tuesday, May 6 at 7pm in the Boards Room in Town Hall.

Lemon MOVED to ask David Young to write a letter to that effect. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

III. Minutes

Lemon MOVED to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2014 and April 17, 2014 meetings as printed. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

IV. Presentations and Discussions

1. Buildings and Energy Committee Appointment—Magi said that Buildings and Energy Committee member Janice Kurkoski had requested that the Board appoint Mary Humphries to the committee.

Lemon MOVED to appoint Mary Humphries to the Buildings and Energy Committee. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

2. Execute and Post Warnings for Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town Election —Young gave Magi and Lemon six copies of the Annual Town Meeting warrant and the Annual Town Election warrant for their signatures. Young noted that two Board member signatures were sufficient, so absent member Arguimbau’s signature was not required. Young explained that the word “warning” was the old language and he had decided to respect that wording.

After Magi and Lemon each signed all copies of both warrants, Constable George Day said that he was pleased to find out from the current treasurer that she had worked with an investment counselor so the Anderson Scholarship will once again be able to award funds. Day then left to post the warrants.

Solar PV—Young said that Soltas has succeeded Pequoig and bought our contract and those of Adams Farm, the Town of Petersham, Athol Memorial Hospital and the Athol YMCA. He explained that Soltas then oversold its available power to the City of Lowell. As this is a breach of contract, Town Counsel is reviewing the agreement and Young said that he has asked Town Counsel to contact the Attorney General’s office regarding Soltas’ business practices. Young explained that our contract specifies 8.5 cents per kilowatt hour, but the Soltas CEO has proposed that instead we agree to deal in net metering credits at a 20% discount.

Young said that Soltas sold our electricity to Lowell claiming it was theirs to sell. He noted that The Athol YMCA, Adams Farm and Town of Petersham have the same deal as we do, it may be advisable to work collectively with these three entities if a settlement cannot be reached to honor the original deal.

Young spoke next about Seaboard Solar, saying that he had seen the paperwork submitted to the State for one half of the ten megawatt project for the reservation of solar net meter hosting project. He said that he would try to get another update on the matter.

Young said that he had completed the paperwork in time for the April 25, 2014 deadline regarding solar renewable energy credits (SRECs) for the solar project on the Town Hall roof.

Young concluded by speaking about the Hampshire Council of Governments (HCOG) power aggregation project. He said that a previous Town Meeting vote had approved that our petitioning the legislature to aggregate electrical demand. He said that HCOG lawyers are handling the public utility filings.

4. Preparation for Annual Town Meeting —Young said that the Moderator had requested specific instructions for Article 9 to make clear that a “yes” vote means “no” and a “no” vote means “yes”. Young explained that for the PVRSD technology debt article our authority is to reject, not to approve. He noted that this was a totally new structure for voting on school debt. Young said that he, John Bradford, Bill Foote and Jim Erviti will attend the Technology Committee meeting on Thursday, May 1st at the PVRS Library. The meeting will be for the soley for discussing technology borrowing. Both Magi and Lemon said that they will also attend, so Young said that he will post the meeting.

Young said that the ATM warrant articles can be moved by a Board member with each member reading every third article. He noted that Article 9 would be read aloud, and that he will make a sign that reads “Article 9: Yes vote means no, No vote means yes to the debt!”

Young noted that there is a 9.6% increase in Warwick’s assessment for the PVRSD budget. He explained that the recommended amount is $934,000.00, but PVRSD’s requested amount is $984,000.00. The Board will move the lower amount which is the figure recommended by the Selectboard and Finance Committee. Young pointed out the upward trend of our assessments: $865,000.00 in FY 13, $934,000.00 for FY 15 and the FY 16 projected amount of $1,044,000.00.

Young said that free cash has been certified in the amount of $35,922.00.

5. MBI 123 Update— Young said that there is still no fiber to Mt. Grace or the cell tower at this time.
6. **Pioneer District**—Young said that Bernardston is considering dropping out of the Pioneer Valley School District, and recommended that Warwick also look into that option. Young cited out of control PVRSd costs, and noted that WCS is built for 125 students but currently has 40-something enrolled in the school. He suggested that we could make the school one that could actively appeal to tuition-paying, non-Warwick students.

7. **Zoning Enforcement**—Young said that the Building Inspector has issued a cease and desist order to the Wagon Wheel campground for illegally operating as a year-round RV/mobile home park. He explained that the issue is that the campground is zoned for recreational, not residential, use. People have been living there all winter, which made the use residential and not recreational. Young noted that an annual permit is required for a family campground, and that he expected an application for the license/permit to be forthcoming.

   Young broached the subject of billing the owners of the campground for the expense of teaching the students living there and attending our schools. Lemon said that we need to look into what is involved, such as how many students in what grades and at what cost, before making a decision on the matter.

8. **Selectboard Reports**—Magi said that she attended the FRCOG quarterly meeting, and that the question of the gas pipeline came up. She said that Sam Lovejoy of the Planning Board thinks that the pipeline will end up going down the Mass Pike, but other did not share this opinion.

9. **New and Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated Prior to Posting Notice**—Fire Chief Ron Gates said that his department was getting two 5-ton military surplus trucks, one to be made into a new tanker with greater holding capacity for water, and the other to be used solely for parts. He said that the old brush tanker would be taken out of service once the new one is refurbished. Chief Gates said that he was still trying to get plans for the new Public Safety Building, and that there is only one copy of the latest drawing. He said that he had sent an Email to Steve and Janice Kurkoski to see if he can meet with the Buildings and Energy Committee later this week.

   Young said that the old Highway truck needed to be declared surplus property.

   Lemon MOVED to declare the circa 1999 International Highway truck as surplus property. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

   Police Chief Shoemaker said that there has been a huge influx of illegal dumping. He said that someone had reported a recent dumping on Hastings Heights Road near the Orange line, and that he had been able to catch the perpetrator making a second dumping trip a few hours later. The Chief noted that charges had been filed in court. He said that mattresses, televisions and tires had been dumped. Young explained that there are costs associated with the removal of the dumped items: $40 per mattress or box spring; $15 per television; $3 per tire. If the items are dumped on public land it costs the town; if the items are dumped on private property, the responsibility falls on the property owner. Chief Shoemaker noted that the court could require the offender to assume the costs of removal and disposal of the illegally dumped items.

10. **Coordinator Report**—Young said that he favored looking at making WCS a really good school and make it an exemplary destination school that would be competitively the best school.

   Magi noted with sadness the recent passing of resident Joseph Rummel.

V. **Adjournment**

   At 7:11 pm, Lemon MOVED to adjourn. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Minutes taken by Rosa Fratangelo Calcari

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For Old Home Days:

**Homemade Cardboard Boat Race Rule**

1. The entire boat hull and seating must be made of corrugated cardboard, any thickness of corrugated is permissible. Corrugated bonded to other substances like vinyl, coated with wax, etc. may NOT be used. Plastic corrugated material, fiberboard tubes, angle board, etc. may NOT be used in hull construction. However, any material may be used for the superstructure such as masts, stacks, outriggers, etc.

2. All boats must be constructed with tape only; duct tape, cellophane tape or any kind of tape. Tape must be within 4 inches of a seam or joint and may NOT wrap entire boat. NO adhesives or glues are permissible.

3. Any paintable “one part” substance may be used as waterproofing. NO epoxy glue, fiberglass resins, or other “two part” finishes may be used. NO urethane based products or tar substance is allowed.

4. The hull CANNOT be wrapped in plastic or any other material.

5. **ALL ENTRANTS AND CREW MUST WEAR LIFE PRESERVERS AND BE ABLE TO SWIM.**

6. Boats must be easy to enter and exit should they become an unexpected submarine. They should also be free of sharp edges or other dangers to crew safety.

7. Boats will be inspected for rules compliance prior to the race.

8. **ALL ENTRANTS MUST REMOVE THEIR BOATS OR REMNANTS OF IT AFTER THE RACES.**

9. All participants must sign a “Hold Harmless” release prior to the race. If a racer is under 18 years old the release must be signed by a parent or guardian.

10. Races will begin in the water with crew(s) in the boat. One person may steady the boat. No pushing.

11. Judges reserve the right to divide entrants into individual heats. Total elapsed time will determine the winner(s).

12. Boats that are deemed non-compliant with event rules will be allowed to race, but will not be eligible for timed races awards except THE FAN FAVORITE AWARD. The judges’s decisions are final.

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Don’t Miss these June events

TOWN HALL GATHERINGS—Fridays at 10am
WOMENS GUILD—June 3
WARWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT—June 10
“HUGO” MOVIE—June 14th
WCS Graduation—June 18
Historical Society—June 25