

Town of Warner, New Hampshire

NEWS FROM THE TOWN

Spring 2012

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Monday - Wednesday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
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Town Administrator's Page

Happy Spring! Thank you to all who attended Town Meeting in March. Although attendance was low, there were some very good discussions by those who were there. Now we move forward with enjoying everything Warner has to offer in the spring and summer months. Keep an eye on the community calendar which is on the Library website so that you don't miss a thing.

If any of you have visited the town website recently, you may have noticed some changes and new department pages popping up. We are working on posting a page for each department which will offer useful information to the public. There are also links that are being added which will enable you to download forms and connect to various resources.

This time of year and into the fall tend to be the prime building and renovation season. Please remember that additions, most alterations, and new structures require a building permit. The exception to this are changes under non-living space of 120 sq. ft. or under with no electric service or cosmetic changes. If you have questions as to whether the work you are planning on doing requires a permit, please call our office. There will be a page on our website for the building department in the very near future so you may also check the website for FAQ's.

This is also a time of year that many residents do a thorough cleaning of their homes and property. As you do your "spring cleaning", please remember that worn out flags can be dropped off at the Town Hall or the American Legion. If you come across any items that you want to dispose of but are not sure if there is a fee involved, feel free to call the Transfer Station ahead of time and ask or check our website. Fees are currently listed under "publications" and then "regulations" but will be on our Transfer Station page once that is established.

The Highway Department is sweeping roads as weather permits and has been working on the worst

roads first. If your road has not yet been done and you would like the sweeper to grab winter sand that is on your lawn, please feel free to rake or sweep it onto the road so that it can be picked up when they come by.

The Transportation Committee is moving forward with the preliminary work needed for traffic calming measures in the Exit 9 area so that we're ready for the approved funding through the State of NH which is slated to be available for that project in 2015/2016. Currently, the Request for Qualifications for an Engineer has gone out with a due date of May 24th at noon. The RFQ can be found on our website. The project will be advanced in three (3) phases. Phase I will include a simple survey of the area, meetings with town officials, staff and abutters, holding public workshops to share findings and receive input, and preparing conceptual plans & cost estimates. Phase II will include the design and engineering of the project including a formal survey, the preparation of complete and accurate construction drawings, and construction cost projections. Phase III will consist of the construction and completion of the project which again, is slated for 2015/2016.

We've had a very good response this year from people wanting to volunteer for the various committees in town and you will notice in this newsletter that the Budget Committee is looking for a couple of members as well. It's always nice to have new faces and fresh ideas so if you're interested in volunteering, please feel free to contact the Selectmen's Office to find out what positions are still open. We would love to have you!!



From the Town Clerk

DOG LICENSING TIME! All dogs 4 months and older must be licensed by April 30th of every year (RSA 466). You may license through the mail with up to date rabies information, neutering/spaying certificate if not on file and a self-addressed stamped-envelope with payment to:

Town of Warner- Town Clerk
PO Box 265
Warner NH 03278



FEES:

\$ 2.00.....1st dog for owners 65 yrs or older (additional dogs, regular fee)
\$ 6.50.....4-7 months old
\$ 6.50.....over 7 months & spayed/altered
\$ 9.00.....over 7 months & not spayed/altered
\$20.00.....Group (5 dogs or more)

If the license is unpaid as of June 1st, a \$1 per month late penalty is added. Civil Forfeiture Fines of \$25.00 per dog will be issued to owners not in compliance starting June 20th; all past amounts are required to be paid.

On line registration renewals are available by going to the Town website @ www.warner.nh.us. There is also an "Estimate" option to calculate the cost of a vehicle.

NH has a 15 year title law. Model year's 1998-2012 for vehicles, motorcycles and trailers over 3,000 lbs. need a title to be registered. Model year 1997 and older need ONE of the following:

- 1) Previously issued New Hampshire registration or a copy.
- 2) Out of state title, NH title or a copy.
- 3) Verification of Vehicle ID Number Form filled out by a police officer, an inspection station, a bonded dealer or a NH safety inspector.

Because motor vehicle information is not public information, the current registration or a copy is required by state law at time of renewal. The original registration or a certified copy must be surrendered when transferring plates to another vehicle.

Just a reminder to bring your drivers license with you. The state requires that we see the drivers' license of the person transacting motor vehicle business and write the ID number on the state copy of the registration.

From the Budget Committee

As we begin the 2013 Budget process we find the committee in need of two volunteers. Two elected members of the committee have recently resigned and therefore we need to appoint two new members to fill in through this year's process. Volunteers should submit their names to the Selectmen's office for consideration by the Budget Committee.

The Budget Committee completed the 2012 Budget for both operating and capital budget with a total budget Increase for 2012 of .0042% or \$13,995 above the 2011 Budget. With substantial increases in the costs of insurance, retirement benefits and fuel, it was not easy to keep the budget level. However, with a constant focus on cost containment while providing critical town services, the Budget Committee with the diligent assistance of the Selectmen's Office, Town Administrator and Department Heads, presented the 2012 Budget which passed at the Town Meeting.

In the past two years the Town of Warner tax rate has decreased from 2010 - \$8.99 to 2011 - \$8.60. If all goes well, we expect the 2012 rate to be even lower. This tax rate decrease was achieved through utilizing cash from the Fund Balance to support part of the warrant article expenses for 2012. We realize this approach can not continue indefinitely, but with the economic conditions of 2012, we felt it vital to the residents of Warner with the aim of further reducing the tax rate for 2012.

The next Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for June 12 at 7pm. We hope to meet with potential new members at that meeting.

From the Library

Movies @ the Library

The Library now has a "site license" to show movies. This means that ANY group can use the library meeting room to legally show movies without any additional screening fees. You can check which movies are covered using the search tool at <http://movlic.com/library/search.asp>. Most major studios other than 20th Century Fox and Sony Classics are included. Next, check the online calendar at www.warner.lib.nh.us to see what else is happening, then book the room, DVD player, and projector (for large groups), or the 52" plasma TV (for small groups). Note that to book the room; there must be a Warner resident as sponsor.

Watch for posters giving details of showings at the library for Friday evenings in early May, Saturday, May 19 during the "Spring into Warner" Arts Festival and possibly during summer vacation. Let us know your ideas for titles!

Downloadable Books-to-go:

Thanks to a grant from the New London Rotary Club, the library now has three Sansa Clip Plus audio book players to lend out. Staff will assist with loading free downloadable audio books onto the devices, which can be borrowed for a week by anyone over 18.

Thanks to another donation, the library has also purchased two eReaders, (Kindle and NOOK) which can be borrowed to read eBooks. Available eBooks will include free downloadable titles and some purchased titles (the Hunger Games trilogy was our first purchase!). The eReaders may be borrowed for 2 weeks at a time.

Other Library Activities: (see warner.lib.nh.us)

- After School Craft: 3 to 4 PM on Wed. May 16th, call 456-2289 to pre-register.
- Spring into Warner, May 19: There will be a mini book sale, 9 am to 1:30 pm, Story Time at 10 am, and movies showing at 11 am and 12:30 pm. (Pixar Animated Short films, Disney classic short films.). There will be many artists and other activities in Warner that day.
- Story time for preschoolers is held every Thursday at 10:30 AM
- There will be a special Teddy Bear Picnic story time on Thursday, May 24.
- The library will be closed for the Memorial Day weekend holiday.
- Summer Children's Program: The nation-wide theme this year is Dream Big... READ! Sue Matott has lots of great craft activities lined up for grades K – 5 on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM and Wednesdays at 1:30 PM, July 10 to August 14. Registration is required.
- There will be an evening **performance by Tom Sieling** at 7 pm on **July 31st** for all ages at the Jim Mitchell Park (or Town Hall if raining). Volunteer help welcomed.
- Museum passes: Starting in May, passes to the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum and the Fells become active, available in addition to the Currier Museum of Art, Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, and the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center (Planetarium).

Welcome to our new Trustees, Richard Knapik, David Pook, and Sherry Thomas! Library Trustees meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in the meeting room. The public is always welcome to attend.



Community Wood Bank

The Select Board has given the go-ahead to a proposal by the Warner Energy Committee to operate a Community Wood Bank.



The purpose of the program is to stockpile a reserve of free fire wood for our Warner neighbors who are experiencing unexpected crisis or hardship. (This is not intended to be a primary source of fuel; the intention is to be able to provide a small amount of firewood to help people get through a time of emergency.) Spearheaded by Peter Ladd, the aim is to have firewood cooperatively donated and processed by local residents available for the coming winter.

Volunteers will be needed to help split and stack the firewood at the Warner Transfer Station, to provide or deliver wood. If you would like to help out, please contact Peter Ladd at 456-2626, or the Selectmen's office at 456-2298 ext.2.

May Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at the Town Hall unless otherwise indicated

Wednesday - May 2

7:00 p.m. Conservation Commission

Monday - May 7

7:00 p.m. Planning Board

Tuesday - May 8

6:00 p.m. Board of Selectmen

Wednesday - May 9

7:00 p.m. Zoning Board

Thursday - May 10

7:00 p.m. Energy Committee
Pillsbury Free Library

7:00 p.m. Site Plan Review Committee

Tuesday - May 15

7:00 p.m. Library Trustees
Pillsbury Free Library

Monday - May 21

7:00 p.m. Planning Board Work Session

Tuesday - May 22

6:00 p.m. Board of Selectmen

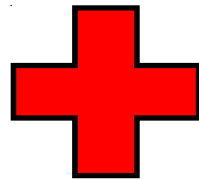
Thursday - May 24

7:00 p.m. Site Plan Review Committee

Monday - May 28

Memorial Day
Town Offices are Closed

BLOOD DRIVE



Warner Town Hall

5 EAST MAIN STREET

WEDNESDAY

MAY 30, 2012

2:00 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m.