



Town of Warner

NEWS FROM THE TOWN

June 2008

Administrator's Corner

The Board of Selectmen and town employees were saddened by the news of Jim Mitchell's passing. Jim was an integral part of our community and will be greatly missed.

Audio Recordings of Meetings - The Selectmen have been working with both the petitioner of warrant article #26 and the various committees in order to formulate an agreeable policy which deals with the audio recording of meetings. Chairmen of committees and the Selectmen will discuss this at their June 24th meeting. It's important to note that although the audio recordings are not yet on our website, copies can be obtained in the Selectmen's Office.

Transfer Station - Recently, much of my time has been spent working with Allan Brown, the highway department crew and the transfer station staff in order to come into compliance with deficiencies sent forward from the Department of Environmental Services with regard to the Transfer Station. A complete list of deficiencies is available in the Selectmen's Office. The major items deal with hazardous fluids, containment vessels and household hazardous waste.

Due to the clean up activity, various rumors have cropped up stating that there are drastic changes being made and that the transfer station is being set up to fail. This is not the case. Regardless of the rumors, single stream recycling is not being implemented and in fact, the Selectmen have stated on more than one occasion that although they may place the subject matter on a future warrant for a vote of the town, they are very happy with the way Warner recycles. Additionally, the Selectmen are not selling or getting rid of the horizontal baler or any other major equipment at the Transfer Station. Residents can rest assured that nothing has

changed with regard to the materials that have always been accepted for recycling (plastics, cardboard, cans, etc.). However, until we come into compliance with DES, the acceptance of household hazardous waste has been suspended. Since the front gate is closed when the facility is not open to the public, contractors wishing to dispose of construction debris may make arrangements to come in during those hours simply by calling ahead.

Moving forward, employees will continue working on the DES deficiencies and refresher training for the staff will take place with regard to the Town's Solid Waste Ordinance. There will be a public meeting scheduled in which DES will offer a presentation on best management practices which will be informational to the public and staff. The Selectmen will be evaluating all of the programs in order to make sure the facility is operated in the most efficient and cost effective manner possible. Suggestions from residents are always welcome and can be either emailed to the addresses at the bottom of this page or sent to the Selectmen's Office.

It's important to remember that the transfer station employees deserve to have a transition free from political distractions so that they can remain focused on the job at hand. Both the transfer station and the highway department staff continue to do a professional job as we work on addressing issues which were identified by DES in the timeframe allotted. I'd like to thank all of them for their hard work and to acknowledge Pete Newman's departure from our staff. Pete will be missed and we all wish him well in the future.

Quite a few residents have stopped by or called with positive comments. Change is never easy but their encouraging words have helped a great deal - thank you.

News from Tax Collector's Office

Office Hours for the month of June

Tuesday, June 3, 10, 17, 24 & July 1st

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday Evening June 17 & 24

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 4, 11, 18 & 25

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 12, 19 & 26

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Friday, June 27

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 28

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Monday, June 30

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tax Bill Due Date is July 1, 2008

News from the Assessing Office

Our feature this newsletter is the Veterans' Tax Credit. To be eligible for the Veterans' Tax Credit you must have served 90 days of active duty (service in basic training, National Guard, or Reserve Units do not count as active duty) during certain periods of time which are listed below:

WWII December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1946

Korea June 25, 1950 - January 31, 1955

Vietnam December 22, 1961 - May 7, 1975

*Vietnam July 1, 1958 - September 1, 1961

* This period requires both 90 days active duty and a qualifying medal.

Gulf War August 2, 1990 - current (no closing date has been proclaimed)

The veteran must have an honorable discharge, must be a New Hampshire resident for at least one year prior to April 15th of the year applying, and must provide a copy of his or her DD214 for verification of dates. For an application or to answer any questions please call Martha Mical at 456-2298 ext. 3 Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOMEOWNERS' PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

This program is a State program. To qualify, you must own a homestead subject to the State education property tax, reside in such homestead on

April 1 of the year for which the claim for relief is made, have a total household income of \$20,000 or less if single, or \$40,000 or less if married or head of household. The forms are available at the Tax Collector's and Assessing Office. **This form must be postmarked and mailed to the State no earlier than May 1, 2008 and no later than June 30, 2008.** If you have any questions, please call Martha Mical at 456-2298 ext. 3.

News from the Planning Board

Aside from regular business the Planning Board has been at work updating the Town's Master Plan. The process is expected to take approximately one year to eighteen months for completion. A survey has been finalized that will be sent to all residents and businesses this summer. This will be the first important step to get the process underway. In the meantime, the Planning Board is reviewing all current regulations and is also assembling data collected since 1999 regarding population, new buildings and other changes within the Town. As the Planning Board moves further into the process everyone will see and hear more information. Along with the survey results, the Planning Board will be looking for more public input through scheduled informational hearings as well as through this medium.

News from the Fire Department

The Warner Fire/Rescue participated in the "Spring into Warner" day. The Fire Station was opened to all, and about 40 children and their parents came to visit. The children received fire hats, balloons and stickers and got to sit in the fire trucks. Smokey the Bear showed up and greeted everyone. Do you know Smokey's middle name? (The!)

The Girl Scouts from Troop 282 presented Fire Chief Richard Brown with a poster and boxes of Girl Scout Cookies and proclaimed the Fire Department as their "Hometown Heroes." It is a great feeling to be recognized by our children as their heroes. All we do is our job and help the people of our great Town. Thank You!

Lt. Alan Piroso spearheaded a detail on the Memorial Day weekend to place Fire Department flags on the graves of all of our members who are no longer with us and had 20 or more years on the department. We placed 25 flags and holders on

graves in Warner, Bradford, Contoocook and Webster. The Fire Department will replace these flags as they wear out. Thank you Alan for a great idea!

To all our little friends, the Fire Station is now open every Sunday for you to visit us. Please bring your parents and grandparents and say hi to your friends at the Warner Fire/Rescue. We will be open from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. from now until Fall Foliage Festival.



Fire Chief Richard Brown
with Emily (left) &
Abby (right) Collins

The call rate is steadily climbing. Currently there have been 225 calls. At this rate the Fire Department will surpass their record of 400 calls per year. We would like to thank the people of Warner for their continued support. It makes it all worthwhile.

News from the Health Officer

The Town of Warner welcomes Health Officer, Paul DiGeronimo. The Health Officer's responsibilities include, but are not limited to, tasks of routine and technical nature associated with the enforcement of State and Local health codes in the Town of Warner. He may conduct health inspections of public places, child care and foster home locations, monitor health and sanitary conditions in the community and coordinate tests for water and septic

systems. If you need assistance you can contact Mr. DiGeronimo directly at 456-3029 or through the Selectmen's office at 456-2298 ext. 2.

Building Permits

Any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by the State Building Code, RSA 155-A, must obtain a Building Permit

For assistance on what requires a permit you can contact the Selectmen's office Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 456-2298 ext.2

Congratulations Simonds School

Simonds School recently received the Excellence in Education Award for elementary schools in the state of NH. The award is given to the outstanding elementary, middle, and secondary schools and is determined by criteria developed by the New Hampshire Excellence in Education Awards Board of Directors and applied by selection committees composed of experienced New Hampshire educators and community leaders. After submission of an extensive written application profiling the school and giving a presentation, the committee visited the school. Student council members gave them an instructional tour that included a stop in each classroom to observe reading, math and Bradley phonics lessons, and they joined in two morning meetings. It takes highly qualified teachers, students with good work ethics and an involved community and parents to be considered an excellent school - Congratulations to Simonds for having it all!

THANK YOU

The Town offices received positive feedback regarding the mailing of the Town's Newsletter. Thank you to all those who took the time to let us know their opinion.

A special Thank You to the Nancy Sibley Wilkins Trust for supporting our efforts to get Town information out to the citizens of Warner by providing the funding for the postage to mail the newsletters

to you. The funding is for one year, please call the Town offices and let us know if you think the Town should continue to mail the newsletters. Again, thank you Nancy Sibley Wilkins Trustees!!!!

Committee News

Recycle Committee

The Recycling Committee is in the process of accepting donated materials to build two recycling bins in the shape of covered bridges for the downtown area. Although the committee has received some feedback and a promise of materials, we cannot accept these materials until we find volunteers to help build the bins. If you're interested, please contact Richard Senor at richs@conknet.com.

The committee is also planning to place samples of recycling items above their respective bins at the Transfer Station to help new residents find where those items belong.

The Recycling Committee meets the second Thursday of each month and is always looking for volunteers to help promote recycling in Town. Please attend a meeting if you are either interested in volunteering or have questions.

Energy Committee

The Warner Energy Committee will be holding meetings regularly on the first Thursday of the month at seven o'clock in the meeting room on the lower floor of the Pillsbury Free Library. The goal of the committee is to promote sustainable energy use within the town and everyone is invited to come and share their thoughts on how to make Warner a greener community. We realize that Warner is a town full of engaged, talented people who are long on interest but short on free time. Any thoughts, ideas, suggestions or questions can be e-mailed to the committee at WarnerEnergy@Yahoo.com for consideration and discussion, even if the author isn't able to make it to a meeting in person.

There are various Committees within the Town of Warner such as the Planning Board, Zoning Board, Conservation Commission, Energy Committee, Recycle Committee, Parks & Recreation etc. which are always looking for volunteers. If you are interested, you may contact the Selectmen's office at 456-2298 ext. 2.

News from the Pillsbury Library

The newest 200 items added to our collection can be viewed and search at: www.LibraryThing.com/catalog/PillsburyFreeLibrary (or follow the link to new books at our web page). We are happy to hear recommendations and requests. It's YOUR library!

The Library Trustees are looking for a bookkeeper to help with entering payments and deposits, and printing checks and reports using QuickBooks on the Library's computer. This requires approximately an hour to one and a half hours a week. Please contact the Library if you are interested.

The Board is also in need of two new members to be appointed as Library Trustees, until the next elections in March. Unfortunately, recently elected member Rhonda Rood has needed to resign, and Treasurer Aaron Olszewski will be moving away this summer. If you would like to become a Trustee, please contact any existing Trustee or the Director for information, and your name will be passed to the Board of Selectmen, which is in charge of making mid-year appointments. Library Trustees meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM at the library.

FREE downloadable audio books will soon be available in Mac-friendly format, through the Overdrive service we already subscribe to through the State Library! Starting this summer, these MP3 style files will start to be added to the WMA audio titles already available for non-Mac /i-pod users. The number of these titles will be somewhat limited at first but we are sending extra funds to help jump-start the acquisition. If you want to help increase the number of titles available to Warner residents and other participating towns, tax-deductible donations may be made at any time to the 501(c)(3) Park Street Foundation at 20 Park St., Concord N.H. 03301. All funds received will be 100% used for new titles, as administrative costs are covered with other funding. Be sure to specify that the donation is for Overdrive audio titles, as the Foundation also gives grants for Literacy, and other library-related support.

Planning summer activities closer to home this year? Call to book a free pass to an area museum,

borrow gardening books, or learn a new skill from a book; or curl up with a good (free) book or magazine. If you do travel, borrow our DVD's and audio books for the family car trip, or learn about downloading free audio books.

Our Children's Summer Reading Program theme this year is "G'day for Reading", about all things Australian. Special Tuesday and Wednesday activities begin July 8 and end with a pot-luck on Wednesday, August 20th. Weekly reading logs may be picked up at any time after June 20, and you may sign-up for the activities starting immediately. Please note our special Australian music performance on Tuesday, July 29 at 7 PM is for all ages, and there is a workshop that afternoon at 3 PM for those who want to make their own didgeridoo. This is limited to 25 people, and costs \$5 to cover materials. Jump right into summer (reading), Mates!

The Library has 30 FREE TICKETS to give away to Students, their parents and friends to see Shakespeare's play, "Much Ado About Nothing" Performed by NESE (NorthEast Shakespeare Ensemble) on June 19, 20, 21, & June 26, 27, 28 at 8 PM, Sunday Matinees on June 22 & 25 at 2 PM Lebanon Opera House, Lebanon, NH

Tickets were donated by NESE



News from Emergency Management

A community wide Hazardous Mitigation Planning Committee, comprised of Town Emergency personnel, local officials, Business Association members and citizens are reviewing and updating our previous approved Hazardous Mitigation Plan. This update will enable the Town of Warner to maintain eligibility for reimbursable disasters should a natural disaster occur. Community leaders will be able to update goals and action for reducing the impact of hazards such as flooding and ice storms to Warner's people, buildings, and land.

The Committee will hold their next meetings on Mondays, June 23 and June 30 at 1:00 PM at the Town Hall, 5 East Main Street. Future meetings in July and August will be to discuss the Plan and to solicit public feedback on the document. All are invited to attend and participate. The updated Plan is anticipated to be completed in summer 2008. For more information, please contact Ed Mical, Emergency Management Director, at 456-3350.

July 4th Pancake Breakfast Town Hall

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

WWII Veterans eat for free



Emergency Assistance Survey

We are prepared to help you if you might need assistance during a public emergency. If you or someone in your household might need help being notified of an emergency, sheltering-in-place, evacuating from home, or staying in a mass care shelter, please let us know. Help is available, but is best planned before an emergency happens. Please fill out the information below and return this form.

ALL INFORMATION IS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND ONLY FOR USE DURING AN ACTUAL EMERGENCY

I/This person will need help in the event of an emergency:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City & Zip: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ TTY: _____

Help Needed:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Translator | <input type="checkbox"/> Deaf/Hard of Hearing | <input type="checkbox"/> Blind/Low Vision |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Need a ride | <input type="checkbox"/> Developmentally Disabled | <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Disabled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Need an Ambulance for Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Need Individualized Notification | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Need Help with Sheltering-in-place | <input type="checkbox"/> Service Animal (specify: _____) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair Use | <input type="checkbox"/> Need a Wheelchair Accessible Ride | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Confined to Bed | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify: _____) | |

Relative or contact person:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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