

Town of Warner

NEWS FROM THE TOWN

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8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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Town Administrator's Report

Spring is one of the reasons we are willing to endure New England winters and its here! As always, our highway crew got us through months of snow and ice and made sure our traveling experiences in Warner were as worry free as possible. There are various spring activities planned in Warner so make sure you check the community calendar that is posted on the Town's website as well as the Library website.

As you do spring cleaning around your property, 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. If you live on a consistently traveled road and have an item or piece of furniture you no longer need, try placing it on your lawn with a "FREE" sign and someone else will probably grab it for their use. This saves you both the time and money of disposing it and recycles something that still has life in it.

We have successfully completed our first year of offering Sunday hours at the Transfer Station and the positive response from the residents has been overwhelming. Thank you all for your comments and thank you to our staff members for their willingness to make the change.

With Town Meeting over and done with (results can be obtained on our website or in the Town Clerk's Office), we are focusing on getting various projects done this year. Since the State of NH will be resurfacing Rte. 103, a second portion of the downtown drainage will be done beforehand. The entire drainage project includes three phases – one of which was completed in 2009. Your support of both the operating and capital budgets has enabled us to continue with our rotation schedule for the Police and Highway Departments and both the new cruiser and the highway truck have been ordered and will be on the road in April.

Another project you will see being done this year is the Safe Routes to School sidewalk project which is covered by a grant received. The project is a coordinated effort between the school and town and both entities should be commended for pursuing these funds to cover the

costs. This will extend sidewalks in the area of Simonds School as well as add some much needed school caution lights and signs.

The Selectmen are working together with the Fire Department Building Committee to identify possible sites for the future fire station and to approach property owners to discuss the feasibility of obtaining certain lots. Much discussion has already taken place with regard to various potential locations which include both private and town owned land.

We've had a very good response this year from people wanting to volunteer for the various committees in town. It's always nice to have new faces and ideas as time moves forward. If you're interested in volunteering, please feel free to contact the Selectmen's Office to find out what positions are still open.

From the Fire Department

The Warner Fire/Rescue is off to a strong start in 2010. To date we have responded to 75 calls for help. Thanks to Mother Nature and her Wind Storms and Floods we have been quite busy. We are fortunate that the town has undertaken an aggressive tree pruning program or we would have had more power outages and trees down.

The officers and members of the Warner Fire Department would like to thank the citizens of Warner for their support at town meeting. As you all know without your support, we would not have the equipment necessary to properly do our jobs. Thanks so much for your help!

We also need to thank the Bradford Fire Department for the use of their spare engine. It is gestures like this that make the Mutual Aid System work. We all need to work together to get our jobs done. Thank you Bradford FD!

On April 24th the Fire Department will be conducting a training using a new type of foam fire suppressant. The new product uses less product and thus costs less

when extinguishing car fires and wetting down brush and structure fires. We will be testing this product on car fires as our monthly training. If all goes as expected, we will begin using this product in the very near future. The Rescue Squad now has two new EMT's. Heather Greenlaw and Ashley Miller have successfully completed the EMT course and are now licensed. Congratulations to you both!

The Fire/Rescue has been asking the citizens of Warner, for what seems like forever, to put numbers on your house or mail boxes. Back in the day we all knew everybody's name and where they lived. That is not true anymore. We want to get to you as quickly as possible and searching for numbers slows down our response. We would love to have numbers visible on both sides of your mail box if possible. Thanks for your help on this matter!!

On April 10th the Warner Fire/Rescue will be attending the Bike Rodeo at Simonds School. We will be available for truck tours and any questions you may have regarding the department. We look forward to seeing all of our fire buddies there.

We will begin our summer open house at the station on Memorial Day weekend. We will be open on Sundays up until the festival. If any groups would like a private tour of the Firefighters Museum or the Fire Station please contact Rich Stanley @456-2120.

From Emergency Management

Volunteers Needed

Warner continues to work with the Capital Area Health Network in addressing health related needs. During the recent flooding event, it became apparent that volunteers were needed to help staff the Regional Shelters. Therefore, the Capital Area Public Health Network is sponsoring the **Capital Region Medical Reserve Corps** (MRC). We need volunteers and have initiated a recruiting campaign.

- MRC units are community-based and function as a way to locally organize and utilize volunteers who want to donate their time and expertise to prepare for and respond to emergencies and promote healthy living throughout the year. MRC volunteers supplement existing emergency and public health resources.
- MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians, and epidemiologists. Many community members—interpreters, chaplains, office workers, legal advisors, and others—can fill key support positions

We are recruiting volunteers from across the capital region and encourage people to learn more about our MRC. You can even apply on-line. Visit www.capitalareaprepares.com for details.

If you have any questions, contact the Capital Region MRC Director, Mary Reed, at (603) 848-6155.

From the Planning Board

The Planning Board was very pleased that all of the proposed zoning changes that appeared on the Official Ballot at the polls during the Annual Town Meeting Voting Day on March 9th were approved. Individual members also heard many favorable comments regarding the format used this year to present the proposed amendments. Thank you to everyone for their input at our public hearings and afterward on these items.

We are currently working on the Economic Development and Transportation Chapters for the Master Plan Update. We are surveying all businesses and commercial enterprises and will hold a public hearing to discuss and receive input on the Economic Development Chapter on Monday, April 19 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

The board is in the process of "cleaning up" some of its regulations, such as the Subdivision Regulations. We have found some discrepancies in format, language and clarity that need to be corrected. We are also correcting and updating the Check List that is used by applicants when they are filing for Subdivisions or Lot Line Adjustments. And we have recently consulted with Allan Brown, Director of Public Works, regarding regulations and specifications pertaining to standards for road construction within subdivisions.

Thank you for your continuing support with respect to our efforts to plan for public safety and future needs in the Intervale Area, along NH Route 103 in the I-89 Exit 9 Area. Earlier this year we had applied for a Federal Grant to make improvements to the existing Park-n-Ride Lot in this area. This would have doubled the capacity of the lot, while also achieving one of our safety goals of eliminating the exit on the northwest end of the site, thus reducing a safety concern by removing a driveway that is only a few feet away from the driveway called Market Basket Drive. Unfortunately we were not awarded this grant.

From the Assessing Clerk

ANNUAL INVENTORIES OF TAXABLE PROPERTIES
ARE OUT !!!

If you have not received your inventory form call or come to the office to get one. This year it is more important than ever to RETURN the filled out form ON TIME, the reason for this is that you may not appeal

your new values if the form is not returned on time.
DEADLINE IS APRIL 15, 2010.

NEW VALUES COMING SOON

During the month of APRIL, you will be receiving a letter from Cross Country Appraisal Group, LLC with the NEW VALUE (Revised Assessment) of your property. Please pay attention to this letter. It will include the DATES AND TIMES TO CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT for an informal review of your assessment with a representative from the company. This hearing process is important because it allows you and opportunity to review your assessment and to make sure the information on your assessment card is correct. This would also be the time to discuss the values given to your property if you disagree with them.

From the Tax Collector

We are in the final phase of the town wide property revaluation. Property owners will be receiving new updated assessments for 2010; But I would like to remind everyone that our first tax bill is based on one half of the 2009 total tax. New values will be shown in the second bill for 2010. For this reason you may notice a greater fluctuation than normal between first and second tax bills of 2010.

From the Transfer Station

Is there cash in your trash? Take a look. Corrugated cardboard; recycled we have received \$150.00 per ton for this material. Card stock from beverage and cereal boxes can be included in the mixed paper along with newspaper, magazines, and office paper; current market price is \$75.00 per ton. Aluminum beverage cans; 60 cents per pound. The cost to all of us if these items are placed in the trash; over \$70 per ton. Please help us lower our taxes by recycling.

With lawn and garden cleanup getting under way please bring leaves, grass clippings, and other organic materials to the compost area. Keeping these items out of the waste stream saves us money and makes a usable end product.

Public Meeting Schedule

Monday

April 5, 2010
7:00 p.m. Planning Board
5 East Main Street, Warner, NH 03278
Lower Meeting Room, Town Hall

Tuesday

April 6, 2010
6:00 p.m. Board of Selectmen
5 East Main Street, Warner, NH 03278
Lower Meeting Room, Town Hall

Wednesday

April 7, 2010
7:00 p.m. Conservation Commission
5 East Main Street, Warner, NH 03278
Lower Meeting Room, Town Hall

Thursday

April 8, 2010
7:00 p.m. Parks & Recreation
5 East Main St., Warner, NH 03278
Selectmen's Office, Town Hall

Thursday

April 15, 2010
7:30 p.m. Transfer Station Facility Committee
5 East Main Street, Warner, NH 03278
Selectmen's Office, Town Hall

Monday

April 19, 2010
7:00 p.m. Planning Board Work Session
5 East Main Street, Warner, NH 03278
Lower Meeting Room, Town Hall

Tuesday

April 27, 2010
6:00 p.m. Board of Selectmen
5 East Main Street, Warner, NH 03278
Lower Meeting Room, Town Hall

Meeting calendar can be accessed through the Town's website @ www.warner.nh.us or through the Pillsbury Free Library website @ www.warner.lib.nh.us



Don't forget to license your dogs by April 30th