

Town of Warner

NEWS FROM THE TOWN

October/November 2010

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Town Administrator's Page

The Warner Fall Foliage Festival was another success bringing with it hundreds of people who come from various locations to visit our beautiful town. The holiday season is around the corner and with the season brings the annual Festival of Trees which is set up in the Town Hall each year. It's a wonderful display of community holiday spirit.

We were fortunate to have hosted the September Governor and Council (G & C) Meeting in Warner and presentations were made to the G & C by local farmers, historians and museum representatives. Ben Goss played his violin for everyone in attendance and a few residents were recognized by the Governor prior to the beginning of the meeting.

The 2011 budget process is well underway with the Selectmen, Town Administrator and Department Heads working on the operating and capital budgets. There is information within this newsletter with regard to the dates and times of the Budget Committee meetings. The School Budget will be presented in a public meeting on Wednesday, October 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. This is a great opportunity for the Warner residents to make comments on their budget at the beginning of the process and to hear what challenges they are facing. Some important dates to remember for the budget season are dates involving petition articles. If a resident wishes to submit a petition warrant article, you must have the signatures of 25 registered Warner voters and submit it no later than the close of business on February 1, 2011. Once received, the signatures will be verified and as long as the requirements are met, the article will be placed on the warrant. If a resident wishes to submit a petition article to change the zoning ordinance, the same process is used however the article must be submitted by the close of business on December 8, 2010.

The Selectmen continue to participate in Joint Selectmen's Meetings with Selectmen from other towns who are part of the Kearsarge School District. The goal of these meetings is to share information which is mutually important and to discuss issues which may

be resolved by working together with other communities.

The Selectmen will be meeting with the Town of Hopkinton later this month with regard to an ambulance contract. Hopkinton has provided Warner with excellent coverage and we would like to continue that relationship moving forward. The Selectmen have also been working on their list of objectives that they put together at the beginning of the year and although sometimes the process doesn't go as quickly as they would like, they continue to forge ahead.

The East Roby Road project is underway and should be completed by the first week of November if all goes according to planned. This project will alleviate the long standing erosion problem in the area and allow for many years of safe passage.

The Transportation Committee, which is a subcommittee of the Planning Board, continues to look at a long range traffic plan for the Exit 9 area. The Odd Fellows Building Committee is also working on gathering information and figures for town meeting.

As you are aware, the Fire Department has outgrown the existing fire station on Main Street and there have been numerous discussions over the years about building a new station. The Selectmen have entered into a purchase and sales agreement with the owner of the property at 136 East Main Street as a possible site for a new station. Much work is needed before the issue of building will be brought before the voters but we're hopeful at the very least that the plans will be completed by 2012.

Remember if you would like to attend any meetings but are not sure when they are held, you can check our online calendar by visiting our website which is listed on this page.

October-December News from the Pillsbury Free Library

The summer programs were a resounding success, with an average of 31 children (41 at one event!) attending activities, and some good attendance at adult/teen events. We much appreciated the volunteer help of many people, especially Al Karg, Bill Ross, Casey Milender, Betty Lovejoy, Molly Jenna, and other friends.

Upcoming programs include the 3rd annual National Gaming @ your library event on Saturday, November 13 from 10 to 1:30 and a special (GingerBread Man!) story time at 10:30 AM during the Holiday Shopping event on Saturday Dec 11.

For Grades 4 to 6, there is a new Great Stone Face Club! Read titles from the GSF book list and submit an entry slip each time for chances to win a prize each month. In April a party will be held, and voting for your favorite book will help determine the winning author Statewide. Ask Sue Matott for details.

Grades 6 – 8: what activities do you suggest for school vacations? Please help us plan by offering your ideas to Sue Mattot and Nancy Ladd.

High School Students needing volunteer credits? Stop by and see us to arrange a time.

In August, Warner library users logged a total of 30 sessions, learning or trying out a total of 19 languages in library's new "Mango" online language learning system. "Way to go, Warner!" Let's see if we can increase the number of sessions every month, and we will post the statistics at the Library and on Twitter (@pillsburylib). We can see the total usage but not any individual's; so don't worry about the privacy of your personal usage. New features added in October include v.2.0 lessons which incorporate grammar and other requested elements.

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If you have an "MP3 player" or ipod and a PC, or a mobile Internet device, you can probably download and listen to the 3500 free "WMA" audiobooks as well as

the 540 "MP3" audios (but sorry, you can't do it using a MAC).

Having completed essential roof and masonry repair to address water leak problems in the old library building, the Library Board has been busy painting, redecorating and planning renovations in the Meeting Room. Don't forget, this room is available free for public use by any Warner group. There is a small kitchenette, an LCD projector and screen, and it will hold up to 50 people. Call 456-2289 to book the space.

We recently replaced 5 of our old and slow computers with new Windows 7 PC's. We are seeking volunteers to help staff teach basic computer skills to the public. Please contact Nancy if you could help even for one session.

Remember you can now access our catalog via Internet to see what is owned, or whether an item is checked out. You can reserve items online and also check to see what items you currently have checked out and when they are due back.

Congratulations to MainStreet Warner, Inc for the completion of the Jim Mitchell Community Park's beautiful patio and walkways. We especially love the grand walkway connecting the park, the library and the bookstore, making it even easier for people to meet all their reading needs.

From Emergency Management

Hazard Mitigation Plan Semi-Annual Plan Update 2009

In 2008, Warner adopted our Hazard Mitigation Plan following the Federal Emergency Management Agency's guidelines. As part of this approval, Warner's Hazard Mitigation Committee, consisting of the Emergency Management Director, Board of Selectmen, Department Heads, Board Chairs, Businesses, and the School Administration must review and consider changes to our project priority matrix. This meeting will be scheduled in early November.

A Public Notice will be posted in public places as well as the website www.warner.nh.us. A press release will be distributed to the local papers. **If you are interested in participating, please contact Warner's Emergency Management Director, Ed Mical at 456-3350.**

From the Health Officer

The annual influenza (flu) season is about to start and the NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is encouraging all residents to consider getting immunized against the flu. This year's vaccine, which contains the H1N1 strain as well as two others, is for the first time recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to anyone over the age of six months as well as the following groups who are at an increased risk and should definitely receive a flu vaccine every year:

- * Children aged 6 months up to their 19th birthday
- * Pregnant women
- * People 50 years of age or older
- * People of any age with certain chronic medical conditions, including asthma or heart disease, or those who are immune compromised
- * People who live with or care for those at high risk of flu complications, including:
 - Health care workers
 - Household contacts of persons at high risk of complications from the flu
 - Household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children younger than 6 months of age

Those who should not be vaccinated are:

- * People with a severe allergy to chicken eggs
- * People who have had a severe reaction to an influenza vaccination in the past
- * People who developed Guillain-Barre syndrome (GBS) within 6 weeks of previous influenza vaccination
- * Children younger than 6 months of age (the vaccine has not been approved for that age group)
- * People who have a moderate or severe illness with a fever should wait to get vaccinated until their symptoms lessen.

For more information on influenza and the vaccine, contact the NH Immunization Program @ 1-800-852-3345 ext. 4482

**Town of Warner
Budget Committee
Meeting Schedule for 2010/2011**

**Meetings begin at 7 p.m.
and are held at the Town Hall**

Thurs., November 4, 2010	Draft Town Budget
Tues., November 16, 2010	Police Department & Fire Department
Thurs., December 2, 2010	Highway Department & Transfer Station
Thurs., December 9, 2010	Board of Selectmen & Water Precinct
Thurs., December 16, 2010	Work Session to include School Board & MBC
Thurs., January 6, 2011	Capital Budget Work Session
Thurs., January 13, 2011	Work Session
Thurs., January 20, 2011	Finalize 2011 Operating & Capital Budgets
Thurs., January 27, 2011	TBD
Thurs., February 3, 2011	Public Hearing
Thurs., February 10, 2011	Final vote on Operating & Capital Budgets

Petition Warrant Articles

February 1, 2011 is the last day for 25 or more voters or 2% of the total, whichever is less, but in no case fewer than 10 voters, to petition selectmen to include an article in the warrant.

From Simonds School

Simonds School is pleased to announce recognition as a Gold Circle School. This Achievement Award was received on September 27. Simonds is one of 32 schools in the state of New Hampshire who have been acknowledged as having significant partnerships with community businesses that have improved education for our students.

MainStreet Bookends and Simonds School have long been partners in education:

BookEnds has sponsored many local authors and illustrators in past years who have visited the school to give talks, conduct workshops and share their books. Lucky students have received autographed, hard copies of books for their very own. The funding for these events has been available through literacy grants by the Warner Fall Foliage Festival.

Katherine Nevins and PTO volunteers set up a book fair in the school that makes excellent literature available to our school families at discounted rates. Teachers are able to select the books they think their students would like in advance, thus assuring a high quality book fair.

The Jim Mitchell Local Hero Book Award is given to a 5th grade boy and girl at the annual Davis Awards each June. Students are selected who demonstrate through kindness what it means to be a good friend to others and a good school and town citizen.

Simonds School named its library The Jim Mitchell Library with a plaque and dedication ceremony on October 25, 2008.

Simonds School staff members read stories to children by the fireplace at BookEnds every Wednesday night during the school year.

Flag Etiquette



When you are displaying your American flag always remember regardless of whether it's flown horizontally or hung vertically the field (star section) is always in the upper left corner when viewed.

All Town Departments will be closed on these
following dates
November 11, 25 & 26

Warner Festival of Trees

Preview Party at the Warner Town Hall

December 4, 2010

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

Tickets are available at the Selectmen's Office, Sugar River
Bank & MainStreet Bookends

Adults only \$10

