

Town of Warner, New Hampshire

NEWS FROM THE TOWN

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Monday - Wednesday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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From the Town Administrator

Become one of "U.S."

It was in a recent conversation that I heard someone use the term "They" in a frustrated manner. I believe it was in reference to some governmental action, some program that "They" are enacting on "us". This got me thinking about how so many of us refer to people in government at all levels as "They" as if it was some outside foreign group deciding things for us. It's true that our country was born because the colonists did not like what "They", the British parliament, was doing to "us", colonists regarding taxes. Maybe that is why many of "us" come to use the term "They" when referring to governmental matters, especially when the comments seem critical.

I'm here to tell you that I have met and work well with members of this group so often referred to as "They". I have come to appreciate and admire their sincerity and efforts in helping "us" manage the affairs of the Town of Warner. "They" are the citizens who, as members of the Budget Committee, meet nearly every week from October to January to diligently review the budget requests for the next year from department heads so "They" can run their departments and provide police and fire protection, road maintenance and other town services. The Budget Committee tries to balance the expenses of and demand for town services with fiscal prudence in order to keep our taxes reasonable. "They" present their end product, which is the annual operating budget for vote at Town Meeting each year.

There are also the residents who sit on the Warner Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. "They" make sure those property owners, who develop and use their property, do so within the established, agreed to, rules of the town; the zoning ordinances and building regulations that the citizens voted in at Town Meetings. These dedicated volunteers make sure that the new road that a developer builds and wants the town to accept for maintenance is built to town standards and that you're not surprised to discover one

morning that the person who purchased a lot near your beautiful home is now starting a pig farm!

The point of this discourse is to demonstrate that town government functions through the dedication of the citizens of Warner, who are your neighbors and acquaintances. "They" volunteer hours together and share the responsibilities, making the job of governing easier and more inclusive. And "They" could use your help. There are vacancies on several committees right now that we'd like to fill. It's interesting work, you receive training and support, the people are really nice and you have a chance to make a significant positive impact in your community.

You may not feel that you have the time to commit to a standing committee. Some committee terms are for just a year, there are special projects and ad hoc committees that form and disband after the work is done. The town always welcomes a helping hand from its citizens, no matter what you can do. You can give the Selectmen's Office a call or pay us a visit to see what the active citizens in town are doing to make Warner a wonderful community. Maybe you have a talent or experience we need.

In the 1700's, the colonists were right in referring to the British as "They", but not after we gained our freedom and certainly not now. The "They" you hear about is really "us" – either actively involved or not. So come join "us" and volunteer a little. You'll find that the work offers challenges and a great sense of accomplishment. Oh, and it's fun, too!

*******NOTICE*******

**The Transfer Station will be closed on
Thursday, November 28th**

From the Fire Department

The following is a story of enormous generosity. Back a few months ago the Warner FD held a modified CPR class for the people of the local museums as well as the Historical Society. The purpose of this class was to inform the employees on what to do if someone has a heart attack or chokes while in one of these places. The class consisted of about a dozen people. We instructed them on how to do chest compression during a cardiac event. Everyone was very interested in how and why we do CPR. Although all participated they all agreed that it was very difficult and exhausting. This is where it gets good! As the instructor finished up he mentioned that there was a device, Lucas 2, that had just come out that would mechanically do chest compressions and allow the EMT's to other life saving procedures for the patient. The Warner FD was in the process of raising funds to acquire one of these units. However, due to the cost it was taking a lot of time to raise that much money. After the meeting we returned to the fire station to find Mary Cogswell (who was in the class) speaking with Chief Ed Raymond. Mary told the Chief to order a Lucas device and that she and her sister Nancy would pay for it. People like the Cogswells do not come along very often but it does give you a good feeling that they are members of the Warner community. Thanks to the Cogswells the department was able to use the money we had raised to acquire a new Cardiac/Defibrillator. These additions will help the WFD provide even better care to the citizens of our GREAT town.

Thank you very much Mary and Nancy!

From the Town Clerk

Since Motor Vehicle information is confidential, please remember to bring in your most current registration or plate number(s) you would like to renew.

Just a reminder, registration renewals may be completed on-line. Go to www.warner.nh.us, click on Departments, then scroll down to Vehicle E-registration or go to Departments, click on Town Clerk, scroll down to Vehicle E-Reg. and follow the instructions..

FYI - Trailers **under** 10,000 pounds no longer need to be inspected.

For anyone wishing to run for Town Office, the filing dates are Wednesday, January 22 to Friday, January 31 (Friday the Town Clerk will be open from 3:00 pm. to 5:00 pm.). Available positions will be posted on the Warner web site.

Remember that we are now processing boat registrations, which keeps the money in our Town. Boat decals will be available in December for 2014. Have a Safe and Happy Holiday from the Town Clerk's Office!

From the Tax Collector

Tax bills will be mailed soon. A small delay has occurred in setting the 2013 tax rate. Please watch for your new tax bills in the mail, as the due date will be thirty (30) days after the bills are mailed. If you have any questions please contact the Tax office at 456-2298 ext. 4.

From the Emergency Management Director

What is REVERSE 911?

REVERSE 911 is a communication tool that utilizes a database of telephone numbers and addresses, which are associated with GIS mapping technologies to deliver emergency notifications to the community via telephone. Earlier this year, the State of New Hampshire placed this system in operation. This service can alert users on their landline phone of an emergency. Cell phones are not included in this notification unless you sign up.

Using REVERSE 911

Emergency officials can quickly target a geographic area and potentially reach thousands of people each hour by phone, text or email messages. Under extreme circumstances, residents and businesses would potentially receive an alert in the event of emergency situation.

During Warner's Fall Foliage Festival, members of Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountain, Cadet Troop 12579 (Kearsarge School District) manned an information booth to inform Warner residents and the general public of the FREE sign up to receive Reverse 911 emergency notifications on your cell phone and/or email. Many thanks to the girls from Cadet Troop 12579 for their service to the community.

For more Reverse 911 information, visit the Town's web site or go to the State's web site to sign up: <http://www.nhe911.org/selfregistration/>



From the Energy Committee

On Oct 19, more than dozen volunteers helped split and stack several cords of donated firewood for the Warner Wood Bank. The wood bank offers an emergency supply of firewood to our neighbors in need. If you are in need of wood please call the Selectmen's office at 456-2298 ext. 2 and arrangements will be made. Darren Blood, an Energy Committee member said the Energy Committee members are very grateful to the volunteers, wood donors, Dunkin Donuts and Charlie Macs Pizza of Warner, Absolute Welding of Contoocook, Board of Selectmen, and Transfer Station staff.



Volunteers are Needed!

Volunteers are needed for the Planning Board, Zoning Board and Energy Committee. If you are interested please contact the Selectmen's office at 456-2298 ext. 2 or you can download a volunteer interest form from the Town's website warner.nh.us.

From the Library

The Library will be closed:

Veteran's Day – Monday, Nov. 11

Thanksgiving Day- Thursday, November 28

Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25.

Library will close early on Tuesday, Dec. 31.

Join Miss Sue for a special story time Saturday, December 14 at 10:30 am during the annual Kearsarge Chamber of Commerce Holiday Shopping Tour event. A great way to occupy the children while the other parent shops.

Many thanks to all who helped and participated in the "Dig into Reading" Summer program, especially our volunteers Elizabeth and Natalie Dill, Betty Johnson, and a wonderful skit by the Book Nook group.

The library's "Book Nook" group's April play will be decided in January. Contact Sue if you are in grades 4 and up, and are interested in participating.

A group of Warner home school students recently won honorable mention in the Scholastic "**Kids are Authors**"

contest for their original picture book, "*Do NOT Read This Book*". The prize included \$500 of new Scholastic catalog books for the Pillsbury Free Library. Their wonderful book is on display in the Library's children's room, and we thank them for choosing us as the prize recipient!

Library Catalog news: The Library's new KOHA online catalog and circulation system is up and running, and public response has been very positive. You can find it by clicking "search the catalog" on the library website warner.lib.nh.us. Come get your new Library card number and a demonstration of how you can use it to see your own library account, or to log in to the NH Downloadable Books for free ebooks and audio books. You can also reserve or recommend items, and request email reminders.

The Book Sale during Fall Foliage Festival was a big success, earning just over \$1,800, of which 15% has been donated to the Festival fund. Thank you to all who donated books, helped, or purchased.

The Library Board of Trustees has recently had a plan accepted by PSNH for replacing and/or retrofitting lighting fixtures in the library to save energy use. This means we are approved for matching funds, and an interest-free Smart Start municipal loan to be paid back through electric bills over several years. We hope to be in line for the project to begin by early 2014.

The Library has also applied for a matching grant via the NH Preservation Alliance for an architectural building assessment. This is a first step for long range building maintenance and improvement planning, and also increases the chances for receiving LCHIP or other funds in future, to assist with any large projects. Of particular concern are the old mortar joints, the granite arch and steps, and drainage from roofs near the chimney.

If you are interested in being a Trustee, please consider registering in January to run for a position in March. Three positions are elected each year for three years, and some people may choose to not renew. Library Trustees meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in the Frank Maria Meeting Room.

Mango Languages subscription was not renewed for 2013, so it expired in July. If you are interested in seeing an online language learning system available again for 2014, please let us know ASAP.

Thank you to C.S. Welding & Repair, Chris Sicely, for donating his labor during the installation of the new Town Hall front steps railings.