

Town of Warner, New Hampshire

NEWS FROM THE TOWN

April/June 2011

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

The calendar says spring but Mother Nature doesn't seem to be on board with that 100%. I'm hopeful nicer weather arrives in time for the various spring activities planned in Warner. Make sure you check the community calendar that is posted on the Town's website as well as the Library website to keep on top of all the upcoming events.

Thank you to all who attended Town Meeting and engaged in conversation about various items of interest. As you can probably imagine, we're keeping a close eye on the State budget and have been active in expressing our concerns over any downshifting which may result from budget cuts. Currently, there is a danger of incurring downshifting of expenses in retirement, education and social services.

As we move forward with 2011, there are various subject that will be discussed and researched on the Selectmen level including the planning of future road maintenance, creating a new and updated website, energy audit recommendations and community composting.

Those of you who travel through the center of town have probably noticed that the structure has been removed from the parcel of property that was purchased for a future fire station. Thank you to the Highway Department crew for handling that job and making the site look fantastic! Moving forward the Selectmen will continue to work with the Fire Department and our engineer to evaluate the site and work on preliminary plans for a station.

Matthew Waite took over the helm at the Highway Department as of January 1st since Allan Brown retired in December. We did talk Allan into being on our on-call plow list at least for this season. With the passing of the torch came a month full of high accumulation snowstorms. Nothing like being broken in with back to back snowstorms, equipment issues that come along with storms and two full-time staff members being out for a good portion of that time. Along with a new Director, the Department also has a new Foreman, Tim Allen. Tim is a very familiar name and face around

here and we're happy to have him as an addition to our staff.

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 well 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.

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 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!

Parks and Recreation

Do you enjoy contributing to the overall health of your community? Do you have a couple hours a month to be a part of something you can be proud of? The Parks and Rec. team needs a few volunteers.

We need to prepare for the future by adding some people to the group who can grow into leadership positions. We need some people that will bring some new energy to the team. It is always healthy to get some new outlooks and opinions that will help the Parks and Rec. Department grow for the betterment of our town.

We are charged with managing the recreation facilities owned by the Town: Riverside Park, Silver Lake, and Bagley Field. Field maintenance and enhancements, mowing, painting, and other various projects help keep the facilities up to date and an enjoyable place to visit. If you would like to become part of the team, call George Smith at 456-3851. I would love to hear from you.

From the Planning Board

Spring is finally here as we begin to see activity in the Land Use Office pick up a bit lately.

We were very pleased that all five (5) zoning articles included on the ballot for the Town Meeting were adopted. Thanks to those who supported them.

Committees within the Board are working on a number of items that need review and possibly some changes. Site Plan Review Regulations need a bit of an overhaul to ensure all definitions and regulations are presented correctly and follow the formats and definitions used in other Town ordinances and regulations.

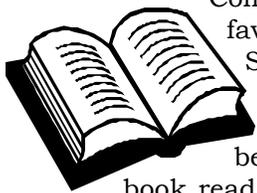
As we move into April, the Town Master Plan update is in its final draft stage. We have been working closely with staff at the Central NH Regional Planning Commission to get this very important job done. We will give notice and conduct a public hearing to present the draft and gain public input very soon, before finalizing the project.

From the Cemetery Trustees

If you would like to participate in the Spring clean-up of our Town's cemeteries please contact Gerald Courser at 456-3521.

News from the Pillsbury Free Library

Programs for Children (all free): Students in Grades 4 to 6, who have been reading Great Stone Face Book list titles are invited to a party on April 8th, 5-7PM.



Come eat, play games, and vote for your favorite book to help determine the Statewide winning book. Ask Sue Matott for more details, and RSVP by calling 456-2289. Readers have been submitting an entry slip for each book read from the GSF list for chances to win a prize each month. Congratulations to Nathan Stryko, Bernadette Klucinec, and Sophia Harne, our monthly winners so far! GREAT READING!!

* **Our monthly "After School Craft"** for grades K-5 will be on April 20th and May 18th, 3-4 PM. Call to register.

* **Story time** for preschoolers is held year-round every Thursday at 10:30; May 26th includes our special Teddy Bear Potluck Picnic.

* **Volunteers** for the Summer Program (One World, Many Stories): please contact Sue Matott.

Programs for Adults (all free): Tax hints and savings (NH and IRS), a free 1-hour workshop. Choose from 3 sessions; Tuesday, April 5 (9:30 AM or 11 AM) or Saturday April 9 (11 AM). Lots of free, useful information will be provided by Fillipa Viola of the NH Legal Advice & Referral Center (LARC) Taxpayer Advocate Services. Learn about changes coming for 2012 as well as how to avoid hidden NH sales taxes on food. Credit and budgeting class in May.

* **"Under our Skin"** a documentary about Lyme disease, its effects and treatment controversies, will be shown at the library on Friday, April 15 at 7 PM, co-sponsored by At The Mountain Yoga.

* **A free G.E.D. clinic** by Susan Bubp of Second Start in Concord will be held on Monday, April 18 at 6 PM in the Library. Pre-registration required - please call 456-2289. This clinic is required before taking the G.E.D.

* **Computer classes:** individual tutoring for beginners, and small group classes on topics of Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint; Topographic maps and GPS mapping; and hands-free, voice activated computer use. Contact the library to sign up.

* **"Susan B. Anthony, the Invincible"** Thursday, May 20 at 7 PM in the Town Hall. Sally Matson portrays Susan B. Anthony in this NH Humanities Council living history program co-sponsored by the Warner Historical Society.

Other Programs: Canvas book bags with a picture of the Library, are now available for \$10 each.

* **Spring Into Warner May 14th:** Book sale, 9 - 2:00, and Family Story Time at 11:30

* **Ancestry Library** genealogy resource is back! (available in-library only).

* **National Library Week** is April 10-16, 2011. Please take time to thank trustees and staff - they all work very hard at keeping the building and services working for you!

* The Library will be **Closed Monday May 30th** to observe Memorial Day.

* **Grades 6 - 8:** what activities do you suggest / want or school vacations? Please help us plan some events for you, by offering your ideas to the Library.

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

* **Teens:** Grades 7-8 can vote on Isinglass Award titles, and Grades 9-12 can vote on the Flume Award list. See links from our web page @ warner.lib.nh.us.

* **Save the date:** Aug. 4 at 7 pm at Town Hall: Pillsbury family and Library's 120th anniv.

Calendar: please contact the library if you have local events to add to the Library's online calendar.

From the Energy Committee

In light of a difficult economy, increasing heating fuel prices, and cutbacks in fuel assistance programs, the Warner Energy Committee is moving to establish a permanent community firewood reserve.

The "wood-bank" concept has recently proven its value in other nearby towns. Free firewood is made available in limited quantities to residents in crisis or temporary need. This winter unfortunately revealed that we have such emergencies in our town too.

Success will depend on donations of firewood, volunteer labor to cut, split, and stack a centrally located supply of seasoned fuel, and people with suitable vehicles to

distribute it when necessary. It is also a great opportunity to mutually 'build community' and enjoy cheerful outdoor work alongside friends and neighbors.

Our first priority is to locate and accept donations of suitable fuel wood logs as soon as possible, then coordinate groups or individuals willing to help process the wood before next winter. Anyone interested in participating may contact the Selectman's Office (456-2298 ext. 2), or Peter Ladd (456-2626)

From Transfer Station & Recycling Center

When cleaning up the yard and garden this spring please dispose of compostable material at the compost pile rather than the compactor or burn pile. This saves the Town money and creates a beneficial product for reuse.

Please place brush and clean sawn lumber only in the burn pile. Treated and painted lumber and materials like plywood and chipboard cannot be burned. Pizza boxes can be recycled only if they are clean. Greasy box bottoms go into the trash but clean box tops can be placed with the cardboard for recycling. You can also bring any mercury containing device such as compact fluorescent bulbs and thermostats to the attendants for safe disposal. It is unlawful to place such items in the trash.

Thank you for recycling. Your efforts in 2010 generated \$37,407.39 in revenue and significant savings to the town all of which helps reduce our taxes.

From the Highway Department

Class V roads have been posted to a 6-ton weight limit including the load. Special permits can be obtained by contacting the Director of Public Works, Matt Waite at 456-3366. All Class VI roads are closed to wheeled vehicles from April 1 to May 1.

Burn Permits

The following is a list of Forest Fire Wardens that are available to write burn permits. Please contact one of the Wardens before beginning any outside burning.



L. Ernest Nichols, Sr.	456-3266
Richard D. Brown	456-3033
Charles "Pooch" Baker	456-3837
Edward P. Raymond, Jr.	456-3770
Stephen W. Hall	456-3357

From the Fire Department

We would like to thank the residence of Warner for the kindness in allowing us to purchase our new Engine 1. The truck has arrived and has been placed in service. The members have had driver training as well as truck operation training. We would also like to thank our friends at the Bradford Fire Department for allowing

us to use their spare engine while our new one was being built. This is truly "Mutual Aid".

As many of you know, the Fire Department is in the process of designing a new fire station. We have purchased land and are in the process of designing a building to fit our needs for the future. The future is looking out fifty years. As you can imagine this is a bit of a challenge. We will have a design for the folks to see in the next month or so followed by a public meeting to discuss the design.

Fire/Rescue is also looking for some new members. Anyone interested in joining the Fire Department or becoming an EMT please contact us and we will explain the job of Firefighter or EMT.

We will begin our Sunday duty at the end of May. Please stop by and see the new engine or just say hi to the folks on duty.

From the Town Clerk

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

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)

Penalties

- ❖ \$1 per dog, per month, after May 31.
- ❖ \$25 civil forfeiture fine to follow if owner is not in compliance according to State Law.
- ❖ Past amounts outstanding carry over.

From the Building Inspector

Permits are required and must be obtained by the property owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, change the occupancy or uses of a building or structure. Also permits are required to erect, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert, or replace any electrical (service panels, solar systems, outlet, lighting fixtures etc.), mechanical systems or plumbing (heating system, water heaters, water and drain lines, etc.). The installation is regulated by the State Building Code, RSA 155-A.

For assistance on what requires a permit you can contact the Selectmen's Office during office hours at 456-2298 ext. 2

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American Legion – Warner, NH

MEMORIAL DAY - MONDAY, MAY 30, 2011

8:00 a.m. - Legion Members, other Veterans, Boy Scouts and the Marching Band assemble for the parade at the Legion Hall on Kearsarge Street Extension.

8:30 a.m. - Parade begins accompanied by the Kearsarge Regional High School Band. Marching units will cross Main Street onto Kearsarge Mtn. Road and stop at the monument.

8:50 a.m. - The Legion Unit, along with Boy Scouts will conduct a Flag Raising Ceremony on the Town Hall lawn. The Band will play "To the Colors."

9:00 a.m. - Legion Detail with colors enters the Town Hall, followed by the general public, to attend the program.

9:30 a.m. - After the program, all units form to resume the parade outside the Town Hall. The parade marches on West Main Street to the Pine Grove Cemetery. (Approximately ½ mile)

10:00 a.m. - Legion Unit will conduct a brief ceremony and a salute to departed veterans at the Pine Grove Cemetery.

10:15 a.m. - Parade continues traveling out through the rear exit road of the cemetery to the bridge over the Warner River on North Village Road for a brief ceremony saluting veterans lost at sea.

10:25 a.m. - Return march via Mill Street & West Main Street to the Legion Hall.

10:30 a.m. - Parade reaches the Legion Hall and all participants are dismissed.



Town Offices will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2011