

# Town of Warner, New Hampshire

## ***NEWS FROM THE TOWN***

Spring/Summer 2019

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### **From the Board of Selectmen**

Since Town Meeting in March, a lot has been happening that we wish to share with Warner residents. First, we welcomed a new member to the select board. Next, our bookkeeper and town administrator both left their roles in the Town Hall. The select board is using those personnel changes as an opportunity to review the multiple roles they held - bookkeeper, payroll administrator, welfare officer and town administrator and decide how to support those roles and functions going forward. At this time, the welfare officer position is the only role posted on the town website. However, work is well underway to address the others.

As we head into summer, the select board is engaged in several projects. These include the final stages of the construction of the new fire station. Warner Fire & Rescue will be announcing plans for a festive Grand Opening. Meanwhile, the select board has entered into a one year lease agreement with Olde Windows Restorers who recently moved into the former fire station. Please join us in welcoming this unique small business to Warner's Main Street.

Another project underway involves the design and installation of a fire suppression system for the Town Hall. Dovetailing with that effort is the reorganization of the Town Hall in terms of office spaces. A committee of employees recently presented the board with their ideas and plans, earning the board's support.

Finally, the select board is delighted to share that on May 13, Governor Sununu signed House Bill 500 which honors the memory of Warner citizen Barbara Annis who passed away last summer. Barbara was a member of the planning board from 1990 to 2018, chairing the board for several years. Thanks to her hard work and perseverance, she was instrumental in getting the roundabout for Warner. HB 500, co-sponsored by Representatives Clyde Carson and David Karrick (both of Warner), names the roundabout in her honor. A formal ceremony will take place this summer.

### **From Emergency Management**

Thanks to the hard work of many, Emergency Management now has an office at the new Fire Station. It is wonderful to have office space, so that the items associated with emergency management can be located in one space. The Emergency Management Team participated in a Table-Top exercise held at the new Emergency Operations Center. NH Homeland Security & Emergency Management facilitated the exercise. I think that things worked well in the new location. The Town will receive an After Action Report for the State.

If you need to contact Emergency Management at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), there are now two phone numbers for the EOC. They are **(603)239-1086 and (603)724-2042**. You need to dial the ***10 digit number as they are not normal land lines***. Both are equipped with voice mail capability. For an Emergency, you need to call 911.

**Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:** The Hazard Mitigation Committee began meeting in October of last year to update the 2014 Hazardous Mitigation Plan for the Town. After holding a Public Information Meeting in February, the new plan was submitted to NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management for review and approval. A copy of the submitted plan is available on the Town's Web site under the Emergency Management section. It is anticipated that the submitted Plan will receive conditional approval soon. Once the Town receives this approval, the Board of Selectman will need to formally adopt the 2019 Hazard Mitigation Plan. You can contact Ed Mical, EM Director for more information. Remember, without an approved Plan, the Town is not eligible to apply for Hazard Mitigation or other Grants that become available.

### **Emergency Assistance**

Do you or someone you know need special assistance during an emergency or disaster? Please complete the questionnaire on the Town's web site, and then mail it to Town of Warner – Emergency Management P.O. 265 Warner, NH 03278. The library has offered to provide assistance to anyone in completing this form. **All information received will be confidential.**

## **Warner Alerts**

Are you aware that Warner has a Low Volume notification system used for emergency notifications? In the past, road closures, wires down and other emergency situations have been posted. The postings appear at the top of Warner's Home Page. This is a great way to receive accurate information from the Town during an emergency. To sign up, go to the Town's web site and click on the E-Alerts tab, then follow the directions.

## **Town Clerk News**

October 1, 2020, Federally compliant identification will be required to board domestic flights and enter some federal facilities. New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles is offering REAL ID driver licenses and non-driver identification cards that are fully compliant with the federal requirements. When you apply for the REAL ID, additional documentation should be gathered prior to your visit to the DMV. Participation in the REAL ID is voluntary. For detailed documentation requirements and facts about REAL ID visit [www.getREAL.nh.gov](http://www.getREAL.nh.gov).

On-line services are available on the Warner website ([warner.nh.us](http://warner.nh.us)) under the "Departments" then "Town Clerk" tab. Scroll down to additional services to renew a registration, find out how much a renewal will cost or look up the cost of registering a new vehicle. Your Dog should have been licensed by April 30th, if not, penalties, fines or a court summons may result if licensing is late or ignored. Dog licenses are renewable on line and copies of a Birth, Marriage, Death or Divorce are available on line to those who are allowed by law to request them. Payments can be made by credit card or bank ACH.

## **Budget Committee News**

The Budget Committee has developed a thorough informational exchange process. In conjunction with the Select Board this process would lead to a better understanding of how the Department Heads arrive at and determine their financial needs to run their departments as effectively as possible.

A four-step budgetary process has been developed by the Budget Committee which included

- 1.) Identification
- 2.) Recommendations
- 3.) Documentations and
- 4.) Justification.

**Identification:** By specifically identifying problems enables the Department Head to focus more clearly on future tasks for a resolution. Determining the "root cause" of problems identifies the specific problem facing Department Heads.

**Recommendations:** With accountability comes careful planning, as it relates to the Capital expenditures that department foresees for the current budget and in planning their future budgets Based on the needs of their Departments, it is their responsibility to make

specific -detailed recommendations to the Select Board and Budget Committee for review.

**Documentation:** The Budget Committee is requesting all documents that will support the recommendations by the Dept. Heads. The Budget Committee is asking to see multiple quotes from different vendors, dealerships and/or companies that will outline the specific items of recommendations as well as alternative purchasing options, ie leasing, lease with purchase options.

**Justification:** The final step involved the Department Heads being able to justify both their recommendations and documentations to the Select Board and the Budget Committee.

The Budget Committee would like to remind the Citizens of Warner that our meeting dates and times are published on the Town's website and that the members of the public are always invited to attend our meetings.

## **Pillsbury Free Library News**

The Pillsbury Free Library Board of Trustees launched its first Annual Appeal in May with a mailing to all postal boxes in Warner. With the help of the citizens of Warner, the Board is aiming to raise \$10,000 in 2019, for projects and needs that the funds of the Town tax appropriation cannot provide. These monies are essential for maintaining and improving the building, providing special programs for all ages, and necessities such as books and subscriptions. This year we also hope to raise enough to add more book shelves in the Children's Room.

As of May 30th, the Appeal has received 35 responses, totaling \$4720. The Board of Trustees thanks all of these generous donors. Any further donations may be sent to Pillsbury Free Library Annual Appeal, PO Box 299, Warner NH 03278

The Library's Children's Summer Program theme this year is "A Universe of Stories". Theme T-Shirts may be ordered through Sue Matott, Children's Librarian at low cost. Special crafts are held Tuesdays at 9:30 am and Wednesdays at 1:30 pm July 9 – August 13, except for Tuesday July 30 when there will be an evening performance by musician and storyteller "Mr. Aaron". Those unable to attend daytime programs can still participate by logging their reading for weekly prizes. There will be a family potluck picnic and "awards" wrap-up on Wednesday August 14 at 5:30 pm.

New this year, there will be an adult and teen "Summer Reading Challenge", for anyone who wishes to broaden their reading experience and add to community fun. For details contact the library in mid-June.

Last December the Library was awarded a NH Council on the Arts "Moose Plate" conservation grant to repair and restore the two stained glass windows in the West wall. The work will be done in August/September by Tom Gloudemans of Morphos Studio in Hancock.

Recent fund-raising activities in early 2019 with assistance from the Circle of Friends have included cosponsoring a play with S.K.I.T, a flea market at Town Hall in April, refreshment sales at Town Meeting, and a children's play based on a book by Warner resident True Kelley (which also gathered 175 items and \$153.41 for the food pantry). Other general activities included "PoemTown Warner" an art exhibit and poetry readings, an edible books contest and a Teddy Bear picnic. The Story Walk display along the Warner River rail trail that begins on Depot Street has a new story each month, often featuring local authors. This summer's titles will be "Summertime in the Big Woods", "Largo", and "Fish is Fish".

Some of the library Trustees will be participating in the July 3 reading of an Independence Day speech by Frederick Douglass organized by the Warner Historical Society at Warner Town Hall at noon. There will also be a bake sale held at that time and location.

### **From the Assessing Clerk**

#### **Assessors are on the way!**

The Town of Warner will be completing the on-going assessing process of properties beginning March 2019. The reassessment of the town is scheduled to be completed later in tax year 2020.

Residents can expect assessors from M&N Assessing Services, who will be wearing identification badges to come to their doors and ask to perform an exterior and interior inspection.

The inspection should take less than 10 minutes and assessors can only be let in by a resident 18 years or older. If the owner is not home, the assessor will leave a card advising of their presence on your property.

### **July 4 Local Events**



#### **Pancake Breakfast**

July 4, 7:00am – 10:30am

At the United Church of Warner (43 E Main St.)

Adults \$10, children 5 to 12 \$5, under 5 free

#### **Fireworks!**

Saturday, Jul 6, 2019

Brown Shattuck Field in Bradford, NH

Bradford NH Independence Day Celebration. Parade begins at 4pm followed by the celebration at Brown Shattuck Field. This year's activities include live music, live shows by UNH Little Red Wagon Theater, 2nd annual Charity Grilling Competition, bounce houses, face painting, kids train rides, delicious food and MORE!

Fireworks at 9:30pm

### **From the Building Department**

Building 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.

Items that are exempt from building permit requirements are as follows:

1. One-story detached accessory structure used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet.
2. Fences not over 6 feet high.
3. Retaining walls not over 4 feet high.
4. Water tanks supported directly upon grade if capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons.
5. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
6. Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches deep.
7. Swings and playground equipment.
8. Window awnings which do not project more than 54 inches.
9. Decks not exceeding 200 square feet in area that are not more than 30 inches above grade at any point.

**Note per the Class VI Road Policy: No structure shall be constructed or placed on any Class VI Road.**

For assistance you can contact the Selectman's office at 456-2298 ext. 1

***Have a safe and happy summer!***

