

NEWSLETTER

March 2020

Town of Warner, New Hampshire

VOTING DAY - March 10, 7am-7pm

TOWN MEETING - March 11, 6pm

Selectboard

*Clyde Carson- Chair
Judy A. Newman-Rogers
Kimberley Edelmann*

Town Administrator

Diane Ricciardelli

GREETINGS!

Each Spring, towns throughout New England hold Town Meetings to elect officials and vote on the town budget. This is a New England tradition not widely seen in other parts of the country.

Warner's Annual Town Meeting begins with voting on Tuesday March 10, 2020 from 7am to 7pm where registered voters elect the Town Officers. For a complete list of candidates, visit warner.nh.us. This year, all candidates are running unopposed. However, the votes are still counted so candidates can see the amount of support they receive for their new role. Also on Tuesday, you are voting on the KRSD School Warrant and a proposed amendment to the Town Zoning Ordinance.

After voting, enjoy a good night's sleep because you may be up late for the continuation of Town Meeting on Wednesday night starting at 6pm.

Why should you attend Town Meeting? Because it provides an opportunity to learn about projects on which the town has spent tax dollars, you vote on the annual budget, and you decide where funds should be allocated. Why does this matter? Because the money comes from you, the taxpayer.

The Warner tax rate is comprised of the KRSD school tax, the county tax (set at the Merrimack County Delegation), the state education tax, and the town's municipal budget which is presented and voted upon at Town Meeting. This year's proposed municipal budget will be presented by Budget Committee Chair Mike Cutting. Prior to voting on the budget, residents will be able to ask questions of the committee, the Selectboard, and department heads. Town meeting is regulated by moderator, Ray Martin who will call on attendees who raise their hand to speak. **Everyone has the opportunity to speak.**

Building the budget involves months of work prior to Town Meeting. Department heads submitted their budgets to the Selectboard where they were combined into one budget for review. Changes were recommended, the Selectmen's budget was approved and it was submitted to the Budget Committee. This group of residents then reviewed, edited, and approved the final proposed budget which will be presented at Town Meeting. This year, the Budget Committee reduced the Selectmen's budget by \$12,750.

Leading up to Town Meeting, there were many public meetings and hearings to determine what is presented to the taxpayers. For anyone who did not attend public hearings on the budget, you have another opportunity to be heard at Town Meeting.

Warner has roughly 2100 registered voters who can participate at Town Meeting. Historically, only 10% of registered voters attend the meeting and make key financial decisions for the Town. We hope to see you there.

THE WARNER CONSERVATION COMMISSION —DIRECTOR, NANCY MARTIN
(VOLUNTEER)

THE WARNER CONSERVATION COMMISSION (WCC) will be distributing a survey this Spring to assess Warner residents' opinion about WCC activities and conservation priorities since the last survey was conducted in 2011. Your responses will help the WCC set conservation priorities for the future. Release of the survey will be widely advertised with hard copies available at several Warner locations and electronically through the Town website.

PILLSBURY FREE LIBRARY

SPONSORED EVENTS

Wine and Cheese Social with Silent Auction to benefit Pillsbury Free Library. Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 5:00 - 7:30 pm, Pillsbury Free Library

Sponsored by the Circle of Friends of the Pillsbury Free Library, this popular biannual event includes music, food and beverages, a raffle, and the chance to bid on donated art; profits to be used to enhance the building, services and programs of the Pillsbury Free Library. Tickets \$10, available in advance at the library or Bookstore, or at the door. This year's offerings will include a special limited ticket raffle for a grandfather clock. Images being posted as they arrive, at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/pillsburyfreelibrary/photos/>

Saturday March 7, 11 am to noon: "Building Better Brains in the early years". Two reading specialists from Simonds School will conduct a story time at the library for preschoolers and discuss the reasons why reading to babies, toddlers and preschoolers helps their brain develop for easier learning in later years. Simple activity and a free book and snack included.

Thursday, March 26 from 6 to 8 pm The Love Local Soup and Bread Tour. Join us at **Warner Town Hall** for free soup and bread followed by a talk by Hanna Flanders of Bradford's Kearsarge Food Hub presenting some of the ideas contained in her recent Ted Talk in Concord. Discussion to follow. Co-sponsored by the Warner Energy Committee and the Pillsbury Free Library. Limited seating. Donations accepted.

Annual Warner Indoor Flea Market Saturday, April 11 from 9 to 2 at Warner Town Hall. Antiques, household items, art and crafts, raffle and snack bar, plant sale. Table fees, snack sales and sales from the Circle of Friends tables benefit the Pillsbury Free Library in Warner (baked goods welcomed for the sale). Table spaces must be reserved in advance. Most are already taken. See <https://www.facebook.com/events/432688537366235/>

Baba Yaga, a play by Billijeane Martiello, based on Russian folktales, Saturday, **May 9 at 4 pm at Warner Town Hall** by the Pillsbury Free Library Book Nook Theater group, produced by Sue Matott with Billijeane and Chris Martiello, Suggested entry fee is a donated item or funds for the Warner Area Food Pantry. Intermission refreshment sales benefit the Library. <https://www.facebook.com/events/627856138067391/>

Musicians, artists and crafts people: sign up to participate in Annual Spring into Warner **Celebration of the Arts on Saturday, May 16**, on Main Street in Warner. Visit Kearsargechamber.com for forms and eventually, a map and schedule. Farmer's market, museum exhibits, music, crafts, writers, poets, dance demonstrations, 5 K hero hustle race...see <https://www.facebook.com/events/1374748689338853/> for photos and updates.

During **Spring into Warner, May 16**, visit the annual **Edible Books Contest** and cast your votes, or bring an entry of your own (by 9 am). Free to enter. Prizes! (donation of prizes from businesses welcomed) Entry form at <https://Warner.lib.nh.us>

Red Cross Babysitting Training certificate class: Ages 11 and up, Saturdays **May 30 and June 6, 2020** from 9 am to noon. BOTH classes required. Cost \$20 for materials, payable at registration by May 1. Teacher Sherry Colfer is a Red Cross Babysitting Instructor, Red Cross First Aid, CPR, AED Certified. Minimum class size 6, maximum 10 students. Contact Pillsbury Free Library, 456-2289 or find the Signup link at <https://Warner.lib.nh.us>

PARKS AND RECREATION

APRYL BLOOD, DIRECTOR
(VOLUNTEER)

Our parks are scheduled to open **April 1st**, weather permitting. **Warner Youth Sports** Opening Day Ceremony is **May 2 at 8am**; the snack shack will be open for breakfast/lunch items. Come down and enjoy the first day of games for the kids in our town. If kids are looking to still register for youth sports, t-ball, baseball and softball, please go to: warnersports.org.

May 16, 9am start is a **fun 5k run/walk** by WYSA, The Hero Hustle, dress up like your favorite super hero costume; this is for all ages. All proceeds go to Warner youth sports. Please spread the word and you can preregister at: <https://www.active.com/warner-nh/running/distance-running-races/wysa-hero-hustle-2020>.

April 18 at 9am (4/25 rain date) will be our **Park clean-up** day. Come down for an hour or two and help us get the parks ready for the season.

Co-Ed Adult (18+) Softball is to start **May 3** (weather permitting).

Women's Only (18+) Summer Softball starts **June 28th**. For registration information on either of these adult programs, please email us.

Parks and Rec. has a Warrant Article, #20 in the Town budget for funds to repair our existing building at Riverside Park (the bathroom/snack shack) and add an additional storage unit. We would greatly appreciate your support on this item. We have spots available on our board if you are interested in joining. Our email is warnerparksrec@gmail.com. <http://www.warnerparksandrec.com/>



Town Meeting is a reminder to put away your feeder.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT—DIRECTOR, TIM ALLEN

I am grateful to the highway staff for their dedication this past year and to the Town of Warner for your support. We had a very icy year. As a result, now you will see the street sweepers cleaning the winter sand and salt.

In addition to improving and maintaining the highways and byways of Warner, we oversee the historic buildings that require regular maintenance. In the coming year, we will fix the sidewalk around the library and upgrade the recently vacated Town Hall office (due to the Assessing and Land Use offices combining into one office). Upgrades to the front yard at the Town Hall and gardening the roundabout balance the not-so-pretty job of keeping the roads clear with the beautification projects of Warner.

At Town Meeting, you will be voting on a Warrant Article for funds to put in capital reserve for the purchase of a new truck. With that vehicle we start the process of scheduled upgrades for our current fleet.

I will continue to strive to work on behalf of the residents of Warner and look forward to seeing everyone at Town Meeting where I will be available to answer questions.

WARNER VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT —DIRECTOR, RAY MARTIN

AIR BUBBLES IN THE WATER

The District has two gravel packed wells from which it draws water to supply the District, the oldest of the wells is not able to keep up with flows necessary to meet the District's demand. Air bubbles you may have noticed in the water are an indication of this problem when the pump cavitates, this allows air to be introduced to the system. The air bubbles disappear within 15-20 seconds after the tap is opened and a glass is filled. The air bubbles also disappear when the District switches to Well #2.

The water quality is not affected by the air bubbles and, as always, the water is tested daily and it meets all quality standards.

The Commissioners are pursuing long-term solutions to the problem, such as siting new back-up well and installing sophisticated well management controls. Early this Spring, the District will be installing variable speed pump controls to determine if the new controls will help eliminate the air bubble problem.

Thank you for your cooperation.