

Town of Warner, New Hampshire

NEWS FROM THE TOWN

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Monday - Wednesday - Thursday
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From the Town Administrator

Last week, I could have sworn the summer weather was upon us but as I write this, it appears fall weather is here. Of course the summer weather will be returning and with it all the wonderful events that are planned throughout Warner which you can find on the community calendar that is available on our website.

It's the time of year at the town offices that we're beginning our capital improvement process and gearing up for the upcoming budget season. Both the CIP Committee and Budget Committee have begun meeting in preparation and the Selectmen will be reviewing the road projects for the upcoming years and researching funding avenues which make the most sense for Warner. All meetings are held at the town hall and open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend.

As we move forward with the warmer months, I'd like to remind you of a few things that seem to come up more at this time of year:

Pet Safety - I received a call from a resident a few weeks ago who asked that I please mention that there is a leash law in Warner. A couple of days after the call I was approaching a stop sign in town when a squirrel came bolting out of a yard and ran across the street. I was amazed at the speed until not far behind I witnessed a German shepherd charging after it and then a smaller black dog bringing up the rear. Had the speed of my car not been slowed due to approaching a stop sign, my guess is the squirrel and possibly one dog would have had an encounter with my car. Please make sure your animals are under your control at all times and if outside without you, tied up to prevent injury.

Building Permits - We've recently been dealing with multiple individuals who have started construction work without getting permits and who have had to stop their work until such permits are obtained. Interior and exterior building permits are required for any work other than cosmetic updates and accessory buildings 120 s.f. or under (although you

do need to be mindful of setbacks). If you have any questions with regard to whether or not you need a building permit for a project, please feel free to call the Selectmen's Office and speak with Mary Whalen. Building permit applications are available either on our website or in the Selectmen's Office.

Downtown Crosswalks - As is always done in the spring, the downtown parking lines and crosswalks will to be painted shortly. Since there is a continued concern over pedestrian safety, we are going to be painting the crosswalks a solid color. This combined with the signs that are currently in some of the crosswalks will hopefully aid drivers. Pedestrians are reminded that they should use the marked crosswalks when crossing the street for obvious safety reasons.

From the Fire Department

The update on the new Fire Station is that we now have drawing and designs for the building, inside and out. These drawings can be viewed in the lobby of the Town Hall. Any question you may have can be answered by Rich Stanley at 496-0464. We are waiting on the drawing for the water and sewer to come to us from the civil engineer.

We have received our new Engine 2 and it is now in service. We would like to thank Valley Fire Equipment for producing such a fine piece of equipment for us! Sunday duty has started for us. Please stop by on Sundays to see the members and see the new engine. We are happy to discuss whatever topics you may have regarding the Fire/Rescue services.

As always, we are looking for new members. If you have an interest in joining the Fire Department or becoming an EMT please contact us and we would be glad to explain what it means to be a member of our team.

Our call volume continues to grow. We are nearing the 200 call mark for this year. It seems that each year the need for our service grows. We continue to provide quality care by continuously training and adapting new techniques.

We thank all of our members for their service and for you the public for your support! Please be safe and enjoy the summer!

From the Health Officer

Ticks and mosquitos are out in full force this season. Here are some facts that you should know.

Eliminate standing water and other mosquito breeding locations around your property. Remove old tires from your property. Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots, or other containers. Don't overlook containers that have become overgrown by aquatic vegetation. Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left outside. Make sure roof gutters are clean and draining properly. Clean and chlorinate swimming pools and hot tubs. Aerate garden ponds or stock them with fish. Turn over wheelbarrows and change water in birdbaths at least twice weekly and turn over plastic wading pools when not in use.

Be aware of where mosquitoes live and breed and keep them from entering your home. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Weeds, tall grass, and bushes provide an outdoor home for adult mosquitoes, including several species commonly associated with West Nile virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis. Make sure that doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace all screens in your home that have tears or holes. Resting mosquitoes can often be flushed from indoor resting sites by using sweeping motions under beds, behind bedside tables etc. and once in flight, exterminated prior to sleeping at night.

Protect yourself from mosquito bites. If outside during evening, nighttime, and dawn hours when mosquitoes are most active and likely to bite, children and adults should wear protective clothing such as long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and socks. Consider the use of an effective insect repellent, such as one containing DEET. Children should not apply DEET to themselves.

What can I do to prevent getting Lyme disease?

When in tick-infested areas wear light-colored clothing to make ticks easy to see, tuck pants into socks and shirts into pants. Consider using an insect repellent. Products containing $\geq 20\%$ DEET have been shown to be effective in repelling ticks. Check after every two or three hours of outdoor activity for ticks on clothing and skin. A thorough check of body surfaces for attached ticks should be done at the end of the day. Reduce the number of ticks around your home by keeping grass short, removing leaf litter, and creating a wood chips or gravel barrier where your lawn meets the woods.

How should a tick be removed? Grasp the mouthparts with a tweezer as close as possible to the attachment (skin) site. If tweezers are not available, use fingers shielded with tissue or rubber gloves. Do not handle a tick with bare hands. Be careful not to squeeze, crush, or puncture the body of the tick, which may contain infectious fluids. It is important that a tick be removed as soon as it is discovered. After removing the tick, thoroughly disinfect the tick site with rubbing alcohol or an antibacterial wash and then wash hands with hot water and soap. See or call a doctor if there are concerns about incomplete tick removal. Do not attempt to remove ticks by using petroleum jelly, lit cigarettes, or other home remedies because they may actually increase the chance of contracting a tick-borne disease.

From the Conservation Commission

On Tuesday, June 14 The Warner Conservation Commission and Simonds Elementary School students, staff and volunteers began a project to stencil storm drains in Warner Village along Main Street and up Kearsarge Mountain Road. Stencils of water dependent critters - fish, salamander and turtle designed by Simonds School fifth grade students accompanied the message: "Drains to Warner River, Do Not Dump". These stencils were to be applied to the pavement next to 16 storm drains between the Library and Sugar River Bank. Unfortunately rainy weather curtailed the stenciling on this Tuesday. Commission members will complete the project once dryer conditions have returned. The purpose of the stencils is to remind the public that what goes down the storm drains ends up in the Warner River. Chemicals or other materials should never be put down these drains. This activity is becoming popular across the country as a way of pointing out the importance of keeping our water resources clean. Some of the larger municipalities in New Hampshire and other states are being required by EPA to carry out such public awareness actions.

Also on Tuesday, all Simonds School students participated in a storm water education program hosted by New Hampshire Department of Transportation as part of the event.

From the Planning Board

Since the last Newsletter in March the Planning Board has approved, with conditions, four individual Commercial Site Plan Applications, one along NH Route 103 East, two off Warner Road and one off Old Warner Lane in the Exit 7 C-1 District area.

Site plans for the Schoolhouse Café & Catering business at 787 Route 103 East was approved, with conditions on April 4; MadgeTech Inc., currently located in Contocook, but previously originated and located in Warner, acquired the land and buildings

at the current location of Knoxland Equipment Inc. at Route 103 East and Warner Road. The board approved a change of use site plan for Madgetech and they intend to occupy the location in August 2011. The board also approved a site plan for Mark Nicholson of Vermont, to construct a combination office/storage garage building with parking area on Map 3, Lot 39-3 on the west side of Warner Road, just beyond the Knoxland Equipment property. At the April 4th meeting the Paul Violette was elected Chairman and Peter Wyman was elected Vice Chairman to serve for the ensuing year.

Also in April, a new Candy Shop, the Warner Sweet Treat Shoppe was given an approved site plan review to operate at 1 East Main Street in the Brackett Scheffy Building.

A Public Hearing was held on Monday, April 18, to present the final draft of the updated Master Plan document. Vanessa Goold, from the Central NH Regional Planning Commission, who had worked extensively with the update committee on the new plan gave an overview of the plan and answered questions regarding the plan. After the hearing the Planning Board voted unanimously to approve the final plan as discussed with some minor changes. We are very pleased to finally have this project completed.

A conditional approval was granted on Monday, June 6 for Knoxland Equipment, Inc. to construct a new, smaller facility, off Old Warner Lane, on land they owned, plus additional land they were acquiring for this purpose.

A number of board members attended the annual educational seminars held in Manchester on Saturday, June 11, to advance their knowledge on planning and zoning issues.

From the Transfer Station

The annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day has been scheduled for Saturday, September 10th. As in past years it will be held at the Town highway garage between 9:00am and 1:00pm. Please take advantage of this event to properly dispose of unwanted cleaners, solvents, pesticides, herbicides, oil based paints, stains, and other hazardous materials.

Recently some local stores have stopped accepting fluorescent light bulbs for disposal. These bulbs contain mercury and other materials that require proper and safe disposal, please bring them to the Transfer Station and see one of the attendants for assistance. Fees are no longer assessed for these items.

If you have a contractor performing construction or renovation work on your property and they plan on

using the Transfer Station as a means of disposal, please provide them with a copy of your building permit. We now require proof that the construction and demolition material that is brought here has been generated in this Town.

News from the Pillsbury Free Library

Watch for our new, improved website this summer! warner.lib.nh.us

Children's Summer Programs for K-5th - One World, Many Stories - Reading incentives for reading at home, and your choice of special activities. Registration is required for each activity, as space is limited.

Schedule: July 5 to August 16 - Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. (Except July 26 at 7:00 p.m. no a.m. activity) Odds Bodkin, Storyteller at Town Hall or Jim Mitchell Park, all ages welcome.

"International" family potluck PARTY! - Wed. Aug.17 at 5:30 p.m. (No p.m. activity)

Story Time for preschoolers is held every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Students in grades 4 to 7 are invited to a youth book group. Come eat, play games, and discuss favorite books. Ask Sue Matott for more details @ 456-2289. Grades 8-11 come see author M.T. Anderson (\$7) at the Tory Hill Reader Series on July 30th at 7:00 p.m.



Programs for Adults

Thursday, Aug. 4 at 7 p.m. located at the Town Hall - October will mark the 120th anniversary of the Pillsbury Free Library's dedication! Members of the Pillsbury family will join us in this program about early Warner libraries, and the Pillsbury family's gifts to Sutton, Warner and Concord. Starting with information from Larry Sullivan's book "*Nineteenth Century Libraries of Warner N.H.*", then Sutton author-historian Jack Noon will talk about the Pillsburys' gifts of the Soldier's Monument and the Pillsbury Town Hall in Sutton. George Pillsbury IV will end the program by sharing some interesting facts from his book, *The Pillsburys of Minnesota*.

Computer Classes: Individual tutoring for beginners, and small group classes on topics of Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint; Topo maps and GPS mapping; To sign up call 456-2289.

COMING SOON! Kindle users will also be able to use our free eBooks at nh.lib.overdrive.com

The Library will be **closed Saturday, Sept. 3 and Monday Sept 5** for Labor Day weekend. To add local events to the online Warner Calendar at warner.lib.nh.us, call 456-2289.

July 4th
Pancake Breakfast
Located at the Town Hall
(5 East Main St.)

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

WWII Veteran's Eat for Free

