



*Town of Warner*

# NEWS FROM THE TOWN

April 2008

## **Town Administrator's Corner**

I'd like to extend a thank you to all the residents who came out to vote this year. As a result of the voting, we have a change in the Board of Selectmen. David Karrick, Jr. is the newest member and although we've had experience working with him as a member of the Budget Committee, we look forward to working with him in his new capacity as Selectman.

Town Meeting brought a good crowd with good discussion on various warrant articles. When all was said and done, all warrant articles passed with the exception of the Exit 9 funding. If you would like a copy of the meeting minutes for Town Meeting, please contact the Town Clerk's Office.

The Right to Know Law – There has been some statements circulating with regard to the Town of Warner's compliance with the Right to Know Law as well as the content of meeting minutes.

The Right to Know Law (RSA 91-A) is in place so that the public has access to municipal records as well as to make sure board and committee meetings are open to the public. Meetings must be posted at least 24 hours ahead of time in two public places however, the posting of public hearings require longer than a 24 hour notice and are dictated by the statute those hearings fall under. There are six instances when a Town is allowed to hold nonpublic sessions (RSA 91-A:3 II) in which the meetings are closed to the public (personnel, hiring, reputation, property negotiations, legal, and emergency functions). At a minimum, meeting minutes are required to contain the names of board members present, other people participating, a brief summary of the subject matter discussed and any final decisions reached or action taken, which includes the time the meeting was called to order and the time the meeting was adjourned.

The Town of Warner not only complies with the law but in most instances, we go beyond the minimum requirements. The Selectmen, Planning Board and

## **BLOOD DRIVE**



**WARNER TOWN HALL  
5 EAST MAIN STREET  
WEDNESDAY  
May 28, 2007  
2:00 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m.**

Zoning Board tape their meetings (not a requirement) and those tapes are available to the public for at least six months with most being available indefinitely. Some meeting minutes are typed verbatim and minutes of the Selectmen, Planning Board, Zoning Board and Conservation Commission are posted on the Town's website. Town records are available for public inspection during regular business hours and copies are provided upon request.

Please go to [www.nh.gov](http://www.nh.gov) to view the entire wording of RSA 91-A and as with anything, please feel free to call or stop in with any questions or concerns.

## **Planning Board**

Although the Planning Board's request for Capital Reserve Funding for an engineering study regarding traffic safety solutions along the Route 103 Corridor in the Exit 9 Area was turned down at Town Meeting, we will continue to pursue more information and will report on our discoveries to the voters of the Town. The Planning Board feels strongly that at some point within the next few years, improvements to the traffic flow will become necessary at the intersection of the Market Basket Plaza and Route 103. Whether the increase in traffic is a result of development within the Town or development at Mount Sunapee or development activity in an adjoining Town, we are firmly convinced that traffic in this area will continue to increase significantly. With the safety of the general public in mind we want the Town to be prepared before it becomes a larger problem.

## **Warner Village Water District – Annual Meeting Results**

On March 18, 2008, voters of the Warner Village Water District met in a reconvened special meeting, recessed from the earlier date of December 4, 2007. This meeting approved a water rate increase from \$2.80 to \$5.60 per thousand gallons of water metered. Also approved were a number of minor changes to the by-laws.

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Website: [www.warner.nh.us](http://www.warner.nh.us)

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(603) 456-2298 ext. 1  
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Immediately following this special meeting, the District's annual meeting was opened by Moderator John Dabuliewicz. Pete Newman was reelected Commissioner for 3 years, Jim McLaughlin and Chris Perkins were elected respectively Secretary and Treasurer for 1 year.

The District voted to pass over an article that would have assessed a surcharge on users of the McDonalds pump station. Concern for the legality of the wording of this article in view of the agreement between the District and McDonalds prompted this action. The Commissioners offered to work with legal counsel to find a different approach. Several other possible ways to ease the cost of water and sewer services on residential customers are being investigated by the Commissioners as well.

The voters approved placing \$10,000 into a capital reserve fund for the purpose of drilling wells for four North Village Road customers now receiving water from the District. Once sufficient funds are available, estimated at \$30,000, wells will be drilled for these houses and the water line closed.

The Voters approved the annual budget for the District of \$387,839. They rejected Article 8 which called for a change in the ways in which the District posts its meetings. The Commissioners expressed their willingness to follow the spirit of the article in alerting the public to pending meetings. The voters also rejected Article 9 which called for digitally recording the minutes of all meetings and make these recordings available on the Town's web site.

**From the Fire Department** - The Warner Fire Department has been very busy in 2008. With the weather being what it is we have spent much time on Route 89. We have also had 4 building collapse from the heavy snow. When possible be sure to shovel heavy snow off of your roof.

Summary of calls

EMS calls	51
Motor Vehicle Accidents	33
Motor Vehicle Fires	2
Fire Alarm Activations	5
Structure Fires	4
Service Calls	8
Chimney Fires	2
Mutual Aid Calls	18
(Mutual aid calls are mostly for building fires in other towns)	
Miscellaneous	7
Total calls YTD	130

The Warner Fire/Rescue is proud to be of service to the residents of Warner. In need of an emergency call 911. **Be sure that your house number is visible from the street.**

**From the Assessing Office:**

RETURN YOUR PROPERTY INVENTORY FORMS !!!!!!!  
The 2008 Inventory of Taxable Property Forms have been mailed. If you did not receive yours, please call (456-2298 ext. 3) or stop by the Town Hall and pick one up. **THEY MUST BE RETURNED BY APRIL 15, 2008 OR YOU WILL RECEIVE A PENALTY ON THE SECOND TAX BILL IN AN AMOUNT BETWEEN \$10 -\$50.** The forms must be postmarked April 15, 2008 or dropped off at the Town Hall no later than 6:00 p.m. on April 15, 2008. Since there is no holiday, there are no extensions.

The assessors will be in Town the beginning to middle of April to visit properties that have made changes to them. Please cooperate and let the assessors view the interior of your home. They will have identification, but if you feel unsure, please give Martha Mical a call at the Town Hall, 456-2298 ext. 3 or at home 456-3350. The Police Department also have the assessors identification on file and can answer any concerns.

**TAX EXEMPTIONS**

Our feature exemption this issue is the Elderly Exemption. To be eligible for the Elderly Exemption the following applies:

- Applicant must be 65 years old;
- Resident of NH for 5 years on April 1 of the year applied;
- Single income of not more than \$30K;
- Married income of not more than \$45K;
- Income includes but not limited to social security, retirement, wages, rental income, annuities & interest income;
- Applicant may not have assets of more than \$85K (not including home & the property it sits on). This would include vehicles, stocks and bonds, CDs, savings & checking accounts and other real estate.

If you qualify you may contact Martha Mical at 456-2298 ext. 3. Forms are available at the Assessing Office, Town Hall, 5 East Main Street. **APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 15 OF EACH YEAR.**

**From the Tax Collector**

The Low and Moderate Income Homeowner's Property Tax Relief program runs annually between May 1 and June 30. The State of New Hampshire defines eligible homeowners as - Single with adjusted gross income equal to or less than \$20,000; Married or head of NH house-

hold with adjusted gross income less than or equal to \$40,000; who must also own a homestead and have resided in that homestead on April 1, 2007. This is a program administered by the State. Their contact number is (603) 271-2191.

#### **From the Transfer Station**

New Hampshire Concurrent Resolution 17 looks to reduce the distribution of polyethylene carry out bags, thus encouraging the wide spread use of compostable and reusable shopping bags. Here in Warner, Market Basket has very nice, reusable shopping bags for 99 cents. Plastic shopping bags are extremely hard to recycle and most throughout the country end up in landfills or incinerators. The bags that escape these two options litter the landscape and waterways endangering wildlife.

On Saturday March 22, 2008 the Transfer Station had to call the Fire Department because someone had thrown hot wood ashes in the trash compactor. If you have ashes, please notify an attendant.

Transfer Station reminder: No metal, glass, recyclable plastics, clean paper (even glossy), cardboard, styrofoam peanuts, chemicals, electronics are to be thrown in the compactor. All these items are worth money and savings by recycling. If you have any questions ask an attendant.

Household Hazardous Waste is collected on the first Saturday of each month. Any questions please ask an attendant.

#### **From Emergency Management**

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2008

In 2003, Warner adopted our Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires communities to update their Plan every five years and then submit the updated Plan to the State and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for approval. Beginning in April, Warner's Emergency Management Director, with assistance from the Board of Selectmen, will invite Department Heads, Board Chairs, and administrative staff to participate in meetings to begin this update. There will be five to six meetings scheduled between April and September. The Central Regional Planning Commission will also be assisting in this update.

Public notice will be posted in public places in Warner as well as the website [www.warner.nh.us](http://www.warner.nh.us). A press release will be distributed to the local papers. If you are interested in participating, please contact Warner's Emergency Management Director, Ed Mical, at 456-3350.

#### **Emergency Assistance Form**

Do you or someone you know need special assistance during an emergency or disaster? As Emergency Management Director, I am working to identify residents that may require assistance during an emergency. Please review and complete the questionnaire attached at the end of this newsletter and mail it to: Town of Warner - Emergency Management P.O. Box 124 - **All information received will be confidential.** For further information, please contact Ed Mical at (603)456-3350.

#### **From the Highway Department**

Class V Roads have been posted restricting wheeled vehicles to a maximum of 6 tons. Special permits may be obtained from the Public Works Director at 456-3366.

The Highway Department would like to thank the voters for approving funding for a new F550, new dump body and the funding to replace the Connors Mill Bridge. Also, thank you for approving funding to establish a Capital Reserve for bridge repair.

#### **Invitation for Sealed Bids**

The Town of Warner, NH is offering the following property for sale via sealed bids:

8.05 +/- acres of land located at 347 Poverty Plains Road in Warner a/k/a Map 7 Lot 70-4  
(Property has a septic system and shared well)

The property file is available for viewing during normal business offices at the Warner Town Hall at 5 E. Main St., Warner, NH.

All bids must be sent to the following address in a sealed envelope clearly marked "*Poverty Plains Road Property*":

Laura Buono, Town Administrator  
Town of Warner  
PO Box 265  
Warner, NH 03278

Bids must be received by Wednesday, April 30, 2008 by 12:00 noon. The Town of Warner reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

## **News from the Pillsbury Free Library**

Nancy Ladd, Library Director  
456-2289, <http://warner.lib.nh.us>

The Pillsbury Free Library is one of only 5 New Hampshire Libraries amongst 851 Museums, Libraries, and Archives nationwide to be selected by the Institute of Museum and Library Services to receive "Connecting to Collections", an essential set of free books, online resources, and a user's guide that are geared to helping small libraries and museums and other conservation institutions to care for their collections. Our application noted the presence of an active Historical Society, Conservation Commission, and two museums (Telephone Museum and Indian Museum) that could make good use of the collection.

The books have been cataloged and are available for use by library card holders and institutions.

A full press release can be read on the IMLS Web site at <http://www.imls.gov/news/2008/021908.shtm> , and a list of items received can be seen at: <http://www.aaslh.org/Bookshelf/documents/Bookshelfbibliography3.pdf>

George S. Pillsbury of Minnesota, grandson of the Library's original benefactor George A. Pillsbury, is writing a book about his family history, with the assistance of a Reporter/writer who will be visiting the area in April to gather information and photos.

The Library has received funds from the Nancy Sibley Wilkins Fund and from the Warner Fall Foliage Festival, Inc. to complete the creation of "pdf" digital images of the Kearsarge Independent Newspaper from the microfilm version. The digital files will be available on CD-ROMs, which can be used on a computer to view and print articles, photos, or ads. This project was begun with a Moose Preservation Grant. Technology has developed since that time, so some research will be needed before deciding which company will be given the new contract.

The Currier Gallery of Art in Manchester re-opened March 30, and will be free to all for a week. After that, borrow a pass from the Library for free admission. Also available: passes for the Museum of NH History, Christa McAuliffe Planetarium (both in Concord), Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum in Warner, The Fells (Newbury), and the Museum of Fine Arts (Boston).

If you have taken a child to a well-child visit at Family Tree Health Care in Warner recently, you will know that free, age-appropriate books are being given out at each visit. This "Reach out and Read" Literacy initiative is being funded by the Library and administered by Dr. Maitland and Dr. Bassi and the nurses in their

practice to ensure that reading is a part of every family's lifestyle.

With the closing of Video Pursuit of Warner and Bradford, we would like to remind everyone that FREE DVD's and VHS tapes are available at the Library, as are audio book cassettes and CD's, music, and magazines. Ask us about free downloadable Audiobooks (mp3 versions coming later this year for Apple/ipod users!). Remember that you can request items not owned in Warner, through our Interlibrary Loan service. Call 456-2289 or apply from the web page, <http://warner.lib.nh.us> .

The newest 200 items added to our collection can be viewed and searched at: [www.LibraryThing.com/catalog/PillsburyFreeLibrary](http://www.LibraryThing.com/catalog/PillsburyFreeLibrary) (or follow the link to new books at our web page). We are happy to hear recommendations and requests. It's YOUR library!

## **April Meeting Schedule 2008**

All meetings are held at the Town Hall  
(5 East Main Street)

**Note:** Water District Meetings are held at the  
Treatment Plant (55 West Joppa)

<u>Day</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Time</u>
2	Conservation Commission	7:00 p.m.
3	Energy Committee	7:00 p.m.
7	Planning Board	7:00 p.m.
8	Board of Selectmen	6:00 p.m.
9	Zoning Board	7:00 p.m.
10	Recycle Committee	7:00 p.m.
14	Water District	1:00 p.m.
15	Board of Selectmen	6:00 p.m.
21	Planning Board Work Session	7:00 p.m.
28	Water District	1:00 p.m.
29	Board of Selectmen	6:00 p.m.

# Emergency Assistance Survey

Let us know in advance if you might need any assistance during an emergency.

We are prepared to help you if you might need assistance during a public emergency. If you or someone in your household might need help being notified of an emergency, sheltering-in-place, evacuating from home, or staying in a mass care shelter, please let us know. Help is available, but is best planned before an emergency happens. Please fill out the information below and return this form.

ALL INFORMATION IS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND ONLY FOR USE DURING AN ACTUAL EMERGENCY.

I/this person will need help in the event of an emergency:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY & ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ TTY: \_\_\_\_\_

Help Needed:

- |   |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Translator (specify: _____)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Deaf/hard of hearing     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Need a ride                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Blind/low vision         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Need a wheelchair accessible ride    | <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair user          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Need an ambulance for transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Confined to bed          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Need individualized notification     | <input type="checkbox"/> Developmentally disabled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Need help with sheltering-in-place   | <input type="checkbox"/> Learning disabled        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Service Animal (specify: _____)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify: _____)   |

I consider myself to be:

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Relative or emergency contact person:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY & ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_