

# NEWS FROM THE TOWN

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### **Administrator's Page**

I hope you all had a very happy holiday season in whatever manner you celebrated. With the holiday season comes our end-of-the-year routine of closing the accounts as well as putting the final touches on the budget for the upcoming year.

The budget process is moving along. Currently, there is an overall decrease of 1.77% in the proposed 2010 Operating and Capital Budgets from the 2009 Operating & Capital Budgets. As part of the process, the Selectmen, Department Heads, Town Administrator and Budget Committee have discussed many items as well as priorities in the coming year. The proposed budget, as it stands today is listed on the following page. It's important to understand that there still may be changes to the proposed budget before it is finalized. Selectmen and Budget Committee Meeting minutes can be viewed on the Town's website for those of you interested in following the progress. Meeting schedules are also available on the website if you are interested in attending the meetings.

Petitioned warrant articles are accepted until the close of business on February 2, 2010. Petitioned articles must have a minimum of 25 signatures of registered voters in the Town of Warner. Once an article is submitted, the signatures are checked against the list of registered voters for verification. As long as the article has been properly submitted, it is posted to the Warrant. Any questions or problems with petitioned articles are brought to the attention of the submitter for clarification or corrections. The earlier an article is submitted the better just in case corrections or additional signatures are needed.

Within this newsletter, there is information on filing for candidacy as well as upcoming openings on various Boards and Committees. There are also volunteer positions on non-elected committees open and you can find those openings on our website.

Remember if you would like to attend any meetings but are not sure when they are held, you can check our online calendar by visiting our website. You can also follow us on Twitter (Warnernh03278) and receive meeting reminders and emergency information when applicable.

### **Candidacy**

The first day to declare candidacy at the Town Clerks Office is Wednesday, January 20, 2010 the last day is Friday, January 29, 2010. There are vacancies in the following elected positions. An explanation of each position can be found on the Town's website at www.warner.nh.us. Town Clerk's office hours are: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday - 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Tuesday - 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Friday, January 29, 2010 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

	Vacancy	Term/Years
Almoners of the Foster & Currier Funds	1	3
Budget Committee	2	3
	1	1
Chandler Reservation Committee	1	4
Selectman	1	3
Supervisor of the Checklist	1	6
Treasurer	1	2
Trustees of the Pillsbury Free Library	3	3
	1	1
Trustees of Town Cemeteries	2	3
Trustees of the Trust Funds	1	3
	1	2
Moderator	1	2
Warner Rep. to the KRSD Municipal Budget Committee	1	3

### **From the Energy Committee**

The Energy Committee contracted with Margaret Dillon to conduct energy audits of several Town buildings and the Warner Precinct Waste Treatment Facility during December. The audits were funded through a grant, awarded to Warner from the NH Public Utilities Commission this past fall. Margaret will present her results at January 7th Energy Committee Meeting at 7 pm in the lower meeting room of the Town Hall. The public is invited to attend.

DESCRIPTION	2009	2010
	BUDGET	PROPOSED
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE	116,604.92	120,432.71
ELECTIONS	1,961.20	3,536.20
FINANCE DEPARTMENT	39,504.00	35,165.00
TAX COLLECTOR	41,843.00	44,465.40
TREASURER	4,794.00	4,812.00
TOWN CLERK	74,724.42	85,043.42
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS	500.00	500.00
ASSESSING DEPARTMENT	44,650.00	40,550.00
LEGAL	11,000.00	7,000.00
PERSONEL ADMINISTRATION (BENEFITS)	170,818.00	142,471.68
LAND USE (ZONING & PLANNING)	37,925.00	36,625.00
GENERAL GOVT BUILDING - TOWN HALL	49,125.00	47,506.00
GENERAL GOVT BUILDING - OLD GRADED SCHOOL	30,132.00	23,074.00
CEMETERIES	14,500.00	14,500.00
INSURANCE	69,300.00	70,400.00
CENTRAL NH REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION	3,085.00	3,085.00
OTHER GEN GOVT - CONTINGENCY FUND	5,000.00	5,000.00
OTHER GEN GOVT - CAP	15,792.00	15,792.00
OTHER GEN GOVT - DONATIONS CONTRIBUTIONS	1.00	1.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT	438,196.88	435,092.38
FIRE DEPARTMENT	162,312.00	188,715.00
BUILDING DEPARTMENT	4,400.00	4,400.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	10,875.00	10,690.00
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	886,949.79	890,400.98
STREET LIGHTING	8,500.00	8,000.00
TRANSFER STATION	327,350.00	277,192.40
HEALTH & WELFARE ADMINISTRATION	26,083.00	26,006.00
PARKS & RECREATION	21,725.00	23,739.50
LIBRARY	189,673.46	190,666.65
MEMORIAL DAY	1,500.00	1,500.00
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	952.00	952.00
BOND PRINCIPAL	48,908.21	50,620.00
BOND INTEREST	11,212.47	9,500.68
HOPKINTON LAND-FILL CLOSURE	27,000.65	27,000.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>2,896,898.00</b>	<b>2,844,435.00</b>
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY BY DEPARTMENT</b>		
CONSERV. COMM. - LAND ACQ. FUND	30,000.00	30,000.00
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & MAINTENANCE *CRF	50,000.00	50,000.00
EMERGENCY GENERATOR(S)	0.00	37,500.00
DRY HYDRANTS	0.00	25,000.00
HIGHWAY ROAD CONSTRUCTION *CRF	200,000.00	200,000.00
EXIT 9 IMPROVEMENTS	5,000.00	5,000.00
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT *CRF	110,000.00	50,000.00
PROPERTY REVALUATION *CRF	20,000.00	30,000.00
TRANSFER STATION EXPANSION & IMPROVEMENT *CRF	65,000.00	0.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT - CRUISER *CRF	20,000.00	15,000.00
TOWN HALL ROOF REPAIRS	0.00	50,000.00
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>500,000.00</b>	<b>492,500.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS</b>	<b>3,396,898.00</b>	<b>3,336,935.00</b>
*CAPITAL RESERVE FUND		

**From the Budget Committee**

Since the March 2009 elections, two members of the Warner Budget Committee (WBC) have stepped down after much appreciated contributions, and two new members have joined. The committee now consists of Chairman Marc Violette, Vice Chairman Mike Cutting, Kimberley Edelmann, Alfred Hanson, Martha Bodnarik, Richard Cutting, Selectman’s Representative Clyde Carson, and Warner Village Water District Representative Peter Newman.

The WBC, whose function is to assist Warner's voters in the prudent appropriation of public funds, continues to work closely with the Selectmen, the Town Administrator, and the Department Heads, reviewing and discussing Warner's budget in great detail. With an agreed goal of reducing Warner's operating budget this year, as well as the overall tax burden for Warner, together we are approaching the budget work from various angles.

With the current economy challenging individuals, families, businesses, and governments to tighten their belts yet again, we've been discussing the budget in terms of wants versus needs. Priorities are always considered. We're also concerned about how proposed changes in 2010 may impact Warner's budget in 2011.

So far, the WBC meetings have involved many hours of drilling down into financial data, discussing individual expenses ranging from uniforms to salaries, lawn mowers to road salt, office supplies to street lights, water to welfare.

WBC member Martha Bodnarik has been our active representative in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) meetings. Accordingly, a good deal of WBC meeting time has been spent discussing the merits of the items in the CIP, covering everything from power generators to land conservation.

The work continues. As we get closer to finalizing the proposed budget for presentation to the citizens of Warner, we encourage everyone to keep an eye on the WBC Meeting schedule which gets updated as additional meetings are needed. If you're unable to attend the meetings in person, please consider taking a moment to review the WBC meeting minutes available on the Warner website.

**2010 Budget Committee Meeting Schedule**

January 6, 2010	Open Meeting & Work Session
January 14, 2010	Finalized
February 4, 2010	Review Petition Articles Public Hearing Town & Precinct
February 9, 2010	Snow Date
February 11, 2010	Final Vote on all Articles
February 16, 2010	Snow Date

Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. located at the Town Hall

**From the Planning Board**

Along with our regular business activities during 2009, the Planning Board has been working on a number of items that will be included on the written ballot for the Annual Meeting in March 2010. Some of these proposed amendments are being placed before the voters as a result of laws passed by the NH Legislature; and other items include proposed amendments to existing zoning ordinances. A Public Hearing has been held in December and another is scheduled for January 18, 2010 on these proposals. Complete written information is posted at the following locations: the Town Hall; the Concord Monitor; the library; the Warner Post Office; and on the Town’s Website. We have included a summary of these proposals in this article. NOTE: These proposed amendments may be changed somewhat after the public hearing.

**Summary:** To vote by ballot on the following amendments to the Town of Warner Zoning Ordinance.

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 1** as proposed by the Planning Board to insert Article XIV-A, Workforce Housing Overlay District into the Zoning Ordinance in response to NH RSA 674:58-61 that mandates Workforce Housing Requirements for all communities?

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2** as proposed by the Planning Board by deleting the current Building Code Ordinance as written and inserting the State of NH Building Code Ordinance in order to comply with NH RSA 155-A; other life safety measures; and specific local requirements?

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 3** as proposed by the Planning Board to revise the Article XVII, Board of Adjustment, Section D, Hardship Requirements for a Variance of the Zoning Ordinance in order to comply with NH RSA 674:33?

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 4** as proposed by the Planning Board to revise the Zoning Ordinance Article XIV Open Space Development minimum acre requirements as follows?

*For District OC-1 change 12 acres in the text to 15 acres and in the corresponding table change 20 acres to 15 acres so they are in agreement. For District OR-1 change 15 acres in the text to 20 acres to be in agreement with the 20 acres amount existing in the corresponding table.*

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 5** as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows?

*“Unless approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment, no building shall exceed 35 feet, except in the C-1 and B-1 Districts where buildings are allowed to 45 feet in height.”*

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 6** as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Business District B-1: Increase the maximum gross floor area of buildings as permitted in this District from 2,000 square feet to 4,000 square feet and to read as follows:

*“The maximum gross floor area shall be 4,000 square feet for new construction as permitted in Table 1 of the Use Regulations. Existing buildings may be expanded to include a total of 4,000 square feet. Adequate parking must be provided.*

**From the Pillsbury Free Library**

The library will be closed Mon. Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> for Civil Rights Day, and Mon. Feb 15 for Presidents’ Day.

For breaking news of library events or closings, you can now follow us on Twitter @pillsburylib or at <http://www.twitter.com/pillsburylib>. The newest posting also displays on our home page, [warner.lib.nh.us](http://warner.lib.nh.us), just above the Community Calendar.

There will be some openings on the Board of Library Trustees in 2010. If you love libraries and want to join an energetic, fun-loving group please consider registering in January, to be elected in March. Projects in 2010-2011 include developing more teen and adult programs, building improvements such as reducing energy use, masonry repair, and remodeling the Meeting room. To find out more about being a Trustee, please contact any Trustee or the Library Director.

**Programs:**

NH Association for the Blind will be at the Library at 1 PM Wednesday Jan. 27 to explain their services and

show some helpful devices such as magnifiers for reading. This was rescheduled from Dec. 9.

**Winter Movies:**

The Library will be co-sponsoring free documentary movies in January and February:

Fri. Jan. 22: “*The End of Suburbia*”, will be shown at 7 PM at MainStreet BookEnds.

Fri. Jan. 29: “*Under Our Skin*”, an award-winning documentary about the controversy surrounding diagnosis and treatment of long-term Lyme Disease symptoms will also be at 7 PM at MainStreet BookEnds. February Movies will be shown at the Library, dates TBA.

**Free GED Pretest**

Susan Bubp of Second Start Adult Education Services will come Monday Feb. 8 at 6:00 to do a free GED pretest session – usually \$15. Call 456-2289 to register.

**Children’s Programs**

Toddler/Preschool story time is every Thursday at 10:30 AM. After School crafts: Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 3 PM. Please call to register.

Thank you to all who returned magazine surveys this year. We have looked at your suggestions and so far have added the following titles: Hobby Farms, and Money. Coming soon: a Homeschooling title and a knitting magazine.

We now have 4 Kill-A-Watt meters to lend out so you can measure the energy used by your appliances. (PSNH recently donated 2).

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