

Town of Warner, New Hampshire

NEWS FROM THE TOWN

Fall/Winter 2012

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Monday - Wednesday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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From the Town Administrator

As I write this newsletter, I am struck with the realization that this will be the last one I will send out as your Town Administrator. After seven years with Warner, I will be leaving after the Thanksgiving holiday to serve another community. Although it's never an easy decision to leave a community as wonderful as Warner, I am excited about the new challenges that lie ahead. The Selectmen have begun working with Municipal Resources, Inc. to go through the process to hire a new Town Administrator who will bring both their experience and professionalism to Warner and who I have no doubt, will work hard to provide the level of service the residents appreciate.

It's hard not to notice the Town Hall front step repairs that are currently being done. Initially the project began by resetting the existing steps however; some discoveries were made once the steps were removed. The steel support beams underneath the landing slab are rusted and essentially structurally ineffective. There is also work needed on the masonry pedestals that support the main masonry arches over the entryway. We're in the process of having structural engineer work done so that we have a scope of service available so we're able to get prices as to how much the work will cost. Unfortunately, the work may have to wait until we raise the money at Town Meeting to pay for it.

The 2013 budget process is in full swing with the Selectmen and Town Departments meeting with the Budget Committee to review the proposed 2013 budget. Although there are still areas that are being worked on, mainly capital budget items, the process thus far is going along smoothly. If you are interested in attending any of the Selectman's Meetings or Budget Committee Meetings the times and dates are posted on our website.

The 2012 road project on Pumpkin Hill Road consisted of the road receiving some much needed repairs. The project is slated to be completed in mid-November. For the 2013 budget, the Selectmen have a difficult job of deciding how

to move forward with future road projects as far as funding the projects that need to be done. Because the cost of construction has risen over the years, it is difficult to complete necessary projects each year while keeping the budget as level as possible each year. Meanwhile, roads awaiting repairs continue to deteriorate with the possibility of additional work being needed once there is enough money available.

Another project on the horizon is a new fire station. Initially, the Selectmen felt they would place an article on the 2013 Warrant to bond the building of a new fire station. After more discussion and a review of what information they have available, it was decided that they would not place a bond article on the Warrant yet, but will use the year to meet with the fire department to fine tune the project and to provide information to the public.

Over the past seven years, I have thoroughly enjoyed working alongside the department heads, employees, and residents. Within those years, many changes and updates were made and it was a pleasure to work with everyone to accomplish them. Warner is a wonderful community and I would like to thank all of you for making my tenure as Warner's first Town Administrator such a positive experience.

*****Public Notice***** **Project Listening Session**

The Town of Warner, NH is conducting a study of the Route 103 Corridor east of Interstate 89 Exit 9. The Town has long sought to improve this important gateway into the Town Center. The project looks to improve safety along the corridor and improve access to Market Basket, McDonalds, Irving, Shell, and the Park & Ride lot. The Listening Session provides a forum for residents, business owners, and commuters to express their concerns and influence the future vision for the corridor. This session will take place on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 beginning at 7:00 p.m. and located at the Warner Town Hall (5 East Main St.).

From Central NH Regional Planning Commission

The CNHRPC has begun the process to develop an updated regional Master Plan, entitled the **Central New Hampshire Regional Plan: A Granite State Future**. This Plan will be based upon local values and needs that together present a vision for how we can improve our communities, region, and the state. The **Central New Hampshire Regional Plan** will be an advisory document that communities may use as a resource when updating their own municipal Master Plans.

This three-year project is part of a statewide effort by all nine New Hampshire Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs) known as **A Granite State Future**. Each RPC is responsible for developing its own Regional Plan. Throughout the state, communities and regions continually address issues such as land use, transportation, economic development, housing, energy, and natural resources. Every regional Master Plan developed under **A Granite State Future** can serve as a resource to communities when they are making decisions related to such issues.

To gain better understanding of this region's values and needs, CNHRPC will be undertaking public engagement activities from this fall through next summer 2013. From all residents, workers, and visitors in Central New Hampshire, **CNHRPC wants to learn what people like about their community and what could make their community even better**. Outreach will occur at various local events and venues, and also includes collecting ideas through the "listening boxes" placed in each community and working with numerous local and statewide partners on Advisory Teams. Ideas and comments can alternatively be submitted any time on the **Granite State Future** website at www.granitestatefuture.org.

Please look for the listening box in your community (at the Library) and fill out a comment card describing what you love best about the area or your community and what you want to improve. If you don't see the listening box, go to www.granitestatefuture.org and click on "Share Your Idea."

For more information on what CNHRPC is currently coordinating for the **Central New Hampshire Regional Plan through A Granite State Future**, please contact Stephanie Alexander at 226-6020 or salexander@cnrpc.org.

From Community Action Program

The CAP office located at 49 West Main St. is now accepting appointments for fuel assistance and electric assistance. The fuel assistance program can help supplement

fuel costs with a grant during the heating season and the electric assistance program can provide a discount on your electric bill for a year. Please call 456-2207 to schedule an appointment.

Town Report

The Selectmen's office is soliciting ideas and pictures for the cover of the 2012 Annual Report. Pictures and ideas can be submitted to selectboard@warner.nh.us.

Upcoming Important Dates

Wednesday, January 23, 2013

First day for candidates to file declaration of candidacy

Friday, February 1, 2013

Last day for filing declaration of candidacy

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Last day for voters to petition Selectmen to include a article in the warrant.

Please refer to the Town's website www.warner.nh.us for regular scheduled meetings.

Tax Collector Extended Hours

Tuesday

November 20, 27 & December 4
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tuesday Evening

November 27 & December 4
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Wednesday

November 21, 28 & December 5
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Thursday

November 29 & December 6
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Friday

December 7
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturday

December 1
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Due date is December 7, 2012.

Payments may be mailed to:
Tax Collector
P.O. Box 264
Warner, NH 03278

Pillsbury Free Library News

Story time for preschoolers is held every Thursday at 10:30 AM

Monthly after School Crafts: 3 to 4 PM. Nov. 28, Dec. 19, Jan. 16. Call to pre-register.

Library Trustees meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in the Meeting Room. Want to try being a Trustee? There are 2 openings until March, +/or register for elections! We thank outgoing members Nan Cogswell and Sherry Thomas for all their hard work!

Story time is at 10:30 am during the **Warner Holiday Shopping Tour: Sat., Dec. 8.**

We still have T-Shirts (Dream Big- Read!) available for \$4.25 each, 100% cotton.

Online Magazines: In addition to about 70 subscriptions to magazines that you can borrow, you can read many more online via the EbscoHost service that NH State Library provides for all NH residents For even easier access, try the Online Newsstand which allows you to search groups of magazines or to select from a list of recent articles in them, A link is at our website at <http://www.warner.lib.nh.us/online-newsstand/> Contact us for log-in details.

Museum Passes: Remember to book passes for the holidays or any day if you want to visit any of the following Museums: N.H. telephone Museum (Warner), Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum (Warner), Museum of NH History (Concord), Currier Gallery of Art (Manchester), or the Museum of Fine Arts (Boston). Plan a group trip to the MFA in Boston: our passes are coupons for reduced admission, so unlimited numbers can go on any one day.

The NH State Library is no longer providing NewsBank database. Individual local libraries could contract for the service but we it was rarely used here, so this service will no longer be available in Warner.

The library's "Book Nook" group (open to Grades 4 – 7) put on a wonderful skit for the Party at the end of our Summer Program, and "Thanksgiving on Thursday", on **Nov. 3** at Warner Town Hall with a suggested donation of food as admission. Food donation boxes were also set out at local businesses to collect non-perishable foods. 126 items were collected and taken to the Food Pantry.

Quilt Raffle: Many thanks to Liz Dill who made and donated a quilt and to Betty of LizzyStitch for donating the fabric. Proceeds were used towards adding shelving

in the Children's room of the Library. Come see our newly arranged space!

Downloadable Books-to-go: If you don't have your own eBook or audio book device to make use of the NH Downloadable Books site, borrow our Kindle or Nook Color or mp3 player!

Employment Opportunity **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Warner, NH (pop. 2,900) a quintessential NH Community located in the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee region off of I89 just north of Concord, the State Capital, seeks an articulate, energetic and experienced Town Administrator to oversee and direct the daily administration of municipal operations for the Town and act as the liaison between the Board of Selectmen, Department Heads, and other Town Boards and Commissions.. The Town has a \$3+M operating budget with 16 full-time and 17 part-time employees along with a call fire department. A Bachelor's degree in Public Administration, Business Administration, or related field is required; a graduate level degree is preferred along with hand-on experience in municipal administration. Demonstrated skills in personnel administration, budget preparation, public presentation and creative problem solving combined with excellent interpersonal and communication skills are highly valued. A sense of humor and the ability to manage multiple priorities and meet deadlines while under stress to perform without becoming "stressed out" are considered essential attributes.

Appointed by and reporting to a three member Board of Selectmen serving 3 year, staggered terms in an Open Town Meeting form of government. Salary DOQ&E – current range \$46,500 to \$75,337 - plus a very competitive benefit package. Reply electronically with resume and cover letter by December 14, 2012 to: recruitment@municipalresources.com

*Warner Festival of Trees
Preview Party
Friday, December 7, 2012
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.*



*Tickets are \$10 each and are on sale
at the Selectmen's Office
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