

The Warren Observer

Fact and Opinion about Warren, Connecticut, Population: 1300+

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Notes from Selectman's Meeting October 2, 2004

by Marylyn Hendricks

In the time allotted to public comment two Warren residents spoke asking if the town should reply to the September 26 article in The New York Times concerning the sale of Joe Cicio's commercial property in town. They said that the article made Warren look like an abandoned mining town. Mr. Cicio envisioned Warren more like Washington Depot with a restaurant, fancy food shop and antique shops. He commented that he never thought he'd own a town.

Residents took issue with the condescending comments about the town. It was decided that a letter written by Blake Levitt and printed in a subsequent New York Times would suffice for the time being. Both New York Times articles are available at the Warren Library.

The next order of business was the sand bids. Warren averages 2,500 tons of sand yearly. Bids per ton are as follows:

\$1465 Stone Construction
1450 O'Connor
1755 Cahill Industries
1325 HI Stone
1398 Stoney Brook
1617 AJ Norland

Jack authorized a town meeting for October 28th to discuss a change in an ordinance for motor vehicles. Also, building permits will no longer be issued for additional buildings to residents who are not current with their property taxes.

The generator project is almost finished and needs a roof to be complete.

Notes from Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

by Toni Richardson

The P&Z met in regular session on October 12. Members tabled an application from Virginia Doran of 95 Lake Road for a home occupation permit because they needed additional information.

The Commission approved an application by Alexander and Debra Kovacs for a two lot subdivision on Couch Road, subject to removal of a stone wall as specified by the Torrington Area Health.

They approved the application of James DeStefano for a timber harvest of property on Carter Road. Two applications for homes on Partridge Road were tabled pending approval by Torrington Area Health.

The report of the Zoning Enforcement Office for September indicated that he had approved:

An addition to the back of the firehouse to house a generator switch gear at 11 Sackett Hill Road for the Warren Volunteer Fire Company;

A porch and deck for Elizabeth Haskell at 126 Kent Road;
A four bedroom house and garage for Northland Custom Homes at 84 Reed Road;
A two bedroom house at 32 Cornwall Road for Raphael and Debra Swift; and
A balcony for Thomas Reighard at 218 Kent Road.

Total Body Conditioning Classes at Warren Town Hall

November classes:

Mon 1, 8, 15, 22

Wed 3, 10, 17

Sat 6, 13

Call (860) 354-2107 for info

Bear Visit on Brick School Road by "Hideaway"

Evidence of a bear visit on Brick School Road a couple nights or days ago.

Be aware. Bring in your birdfeeders, protect your trash cans. And please don't feed the bears. As cute as they might be they are a wild animals. Let's keep them that way.

Notes from Town Meeting October 28

by Toni Richardson

About thirty people attended the town meeting on Thursday night. They elected Nancy Scofield as moderator and she led them through the agenda in just under twenty minutes.

Agenda items included moving \$100,000 from undesignated fund balance to the town pension fund. Dave Scofield told the meeting that this brings the fund closer to being fully vested for total liability.

Jim Richardson was reelected member at large to the Buildings Committee. Wayne Wilson and Howard Lethbridge were reelected to the Planning and Zoning Commission. There were no nominations for the filling of the position of alternate to the Planning and Zoning Commission, so that position will now be filled by the selectmen.

An ordinance was passed prohibiting the issuance of building permits for properties having past due tax bills. There is a provision that allows the selectmen to make exceptions for emergency repairs.

The five dollar surcharge on past due motor vehicle taxes was rescinded to bring the town into compliance with recently revised state law.

Warren Public Library

by Toni Richardson

Raffle tickets for gift certificates are available at the library and from board members. The drawing is planned for December 4.

Library Hours are Tuesday 11 am to 7 pm, Thursday 11 am to 5 pm.