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SELECT NOTES

It's time for Town Meeting! Polls will open at 11:00am on Tuesday, March 10, and will remain open until 8:00pm. The deliberative session will begin at Town Hall at 7:00pm. This is your opportunity to take an active role in the business of the Town. You don't want to miss it!

There will be a "sense of the Town" discussion regarding the disposition of the bridge on Perkins Rd. As you know, it has been closed for several months due to structural issues. The Selectmen have met with State officials to discuss options for this bridge. We have four options to consider.

Option 1: The state will remove the bridge at no cost to the town.

Option 2: The State will replace the bridge as it is currently constructed. There will be no cost to the Town with this option, but according to the agreement we have with the State, the bridge becomes the Town's responsibility in five years. In approximately ten years, the Town will have to decide whether to upgrade or remove this bridge because current construction does not meet requirements. The upgrade/closing will be a

large cost to the Town.

Option 3: The State will rebuild the bridge to meet the new requirements. This will cost the State approximately \$1,000,000. The Town will be responsible for upgrading and extending the approaches to the bridge, at a cost of approximately \$500,000. There will be an additional cost to this method in the adverse effect on the neighborhood of ex-

tending and raising the approaches to the extent that would be required.

Option 4: The State will remove the bridge and a pedestrian bridge will be constructed to provide access for walkers in the area. The State would remove the current bridge at no cost, but the costs involved in constructing the pedestrian bridge would be borne by the Town.

TOWN OFFICE NEWS

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING will be held March 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Polls will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for action on Articles 1, 2, and 3 (the election of town officers, and two changes to the zoning ordinances).

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST will be in session at the Madbury Town Hall on February 28, 2009 from 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. This will be the last time to register prior town meeting day, however, you may register at the polls that day.

DOVER RECYCLING CENTER is open year round and available to all Madbury residents. Permits are available in at the Center.

WINTER PARKING ORDINANCE will remain in placed until April 1, 2009. This ordinance prohibits parking on all streets and roads during snow plowing and removal operations. Any vehicle so parked will be towed at the owner's expense. Placing of snow in the town road right-of-way during personal snow removal is prohibited. Your cooperation will help keep the roadways open and safe for all travelers.

DOG LICENSES: 2009 Dog Tags are now available. You are encouraged to license your dog prior to May 1 to avoid penalties. A male or female dog license is \$9.00 and spayed or neutered dogs are \$6.50. Owners over 65 years old can register one dog for \$2.00. A current rabies certificate is required.

We will be discussing this issue at Town Meeting during the "other business to come before the Town" portion of the meeting.

We have two new faces at Town Hall. Our first new face is Dr. David Reeves, who has been appointed Health Officer for the Town. He and his family reside in Madbury. Dr Reeves serves as a physician at Frisbie Memorial Hospital in Rochester. We appreciate Dr. Reeves' willingness to serve our Town. Our thanks go to our former Health Officer, Dr. Roger Temple and his Assistant Health Officer, Dr. Jack Myers, who served for the last several years. They have stepped down to enter a second retirement. We wish them well.

Our second new face is Marc Everngam, our new Building Inspector. Marc replaces Mark Morong, who has left the Madbury area to pursue different options. Marc has experience in the building trades, and has made the transition from Mark to Marc easy for town residents.

Just a reminder: mailboxes should be a minimum of three feet from the edge of the road to facilitate snow removal.

For your convenience, e-mail addresses for various town offices are available on the town website, www.townofmadbury.com.

Don't forget – Town Meeting is March 10th. Mark your calendars!

Joan Sundberg



Hello. I am Marcus Everngam, the new building inspector for the Town of Madbury. This note gives me the opportunity to introduce myself to the Town. I have ICC certifications as a Residential Building Inspector and as a Residential Electrical Inspector, and I hope to add more ICC certifications in the future.

Following the lead of the Selectmen, the permitting requirements for the Town have been changed to be compliant with State Building Code and Town ordinances. Citizens will find the revised process clearer and more precise. Please come by the office during Building Inspector office hours (Monday 5:30-6:30 PM and Thursday 8:00-9:00 AM) or feel free to leave a message in my voice mail and I'll call you as soon as I can.

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday May 17th

At the Madbury Safety Complex
Route 155, Madbury (across from Kingman Farm)
7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Come enjoy a delicious "all you can eat" breakfast of pancakes, real New Hampshire maple syrup, sausage, coffee & juice.

Tours of the facility will be conducted.

Over a dozen fabulous silent auction items will be up for bid

\$4.00 donations appreciated

For more information call Lieutenant Dana Smith at 749-2569

Conservation Commission

In the spring of 2008, the New Hampshire Legislature passed a bill (SB 381) that authorizes towns to contribute conservation funds to projects sponsored by private conservation groups (land trusts) without having to hold a legal interest in property. It also specifically allows towns to use conservation funds to purchase property outside of the town boundaries. The motivation for these changes was to resolve a grey area in the law that had long divided municipal attorneys.

For a town to participate in these kinds of projects, the town must adopt the appropriate warrant article(s) at town meeting. Specifically the articles are:

- Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds for contributions to "qualified organizations" for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property?
- Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(a) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds to purchase interests in land outside the boundaries of our municipality, subject to the approval of the local governing body?

The articles are exclusive of

each other. They are not recurring; they would not need to be voted on each year. They can be rescinded at a future town meeting. If not adopted by the town, the town would no longer be able to participate in the two kinds of projects the articles address.

In the recent past, Madbury has participated in two projects that may have fallen in the subject area of the articles. In 2000, a 1,350 acre parcel in Barrington was purchased and conserved because it is the originating headwaters of the Oyster and Bellamy Rivers (both of which are important in regional public water supplies). The Town of Madbury contributed \$6,000 to help with the closing costs and have comment on the stewardship of the property. Last year, the Town participated in purchasing two conservation easements on a portion of the Roselawn Farm that straddles the border of Madbury and Durham. The conservation easement in Madbury is held by a local non-profit land trust, the Strafford Rivers Conservancy, and the US Natural Resource Conservation Service.

The Conservation Commission believes that consideration of these articles should be brought before the Town because important natural resources such as drinking water supplies, aquifers, and wildlife habitat do not stop at town boundaries, and because partnerships can leverage conservation dollars.

We look forward to the discussion on these articles which will take place during the evening session of the Town Meeting.

Madbury Day Committee

The Madbury Day Committee is planning on meeting on March 2 at 7 pm in the upper floor of the Library. All are welcome to help plan another fun event for 2009.



Madbury Community Club



Plant Sale



Old, but what style



Oyster River Jazz Band

Library News

Vacation Program for children –

The Madbury, Lee and Durham Libraries' Friends Groups are sponsoring a special event for children during the February vacation. Story teller Alicia Quintano will engage children nine and under (and their families) with stories and songs in her program "How the Stars Came to be and other Stories.". Save the date: February 26 at 10:30 a.m. at the Oyster River High School. The snow date is March 20th.

Museum pass to the Dover Children's Museum of New Hampshire

Thanks to the Friends of the Library we have just renewed our pass to the Children's Museum. The day pass admits up to four people at a price of two dollars per person. It is available to Madbury Library patrons and can be picked up in advance for any specific date which is not already taken.

Read Around Madbury.

The 2009 book choice is once again three books on the same theme by one author, Greg Mortenson (and his coauthor David Oliver Relin). In 1993 Greg Mortenson promised to build a school in a village in Pakistan in thanks for the care he received from its residents. Overcoming many obstacles, his promise became reality and has since resulted in the building of many schools across rural Pakistan and Afghanistan. We have begun planning programs related to the

books and welcome your suggestions. We will have a tea time with Suzie Noronha dressed in regional attire and serving chai along with handicrafts for families to view. We are looking for people who have served in the Peace Corps or traveled to some of the locales of the books to share their knowledge with us on another day. Some people may want to be involved in Pennies for Peace. The books are:

- *Three Cups of Tea* for teens and adults
- *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Journey to Change the World... One Child at a Time* for middle and upper elementary age children
- *Listen to the Wind* by Greg Mortenson and Susan Roth for young children

Books will be available for check out at the library and at Town Meeting. If you own a copy of any of the books and have read them, we would love to borrow them for a few weeks to share with our patrons.

Thanks!

Tutoring at the Library. Once again the Madbury Library is hosting UNH reading tutors from Seacoast Reads. Children in the second and third grades (ages 7-9) work with a tutor at the library once a week. This reading encouragement (with a good dose of fun and games) is offered on Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:15 at the library. Call the library for more information or to register. 743-1400.

Tax Information – a representative from H&R Block will present a brief overview of changes

in the tax law and discuss the 10 most common tax return mistakes on Monday March 2nd at 7 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room.

Two year CPR and AED Certification (adult, child, infant) training will take place at the library on Wednesday May 13th. Contact the training manager Nick Duclos by email or phone (nduclos@mcgregorems.org or at 862-3674) for more information.

Madbury Day Parade –

We are assembling a Book Cart Drill team to participate in the Madbury Day Parade. We are looking for volunteers of all ages to help us select a theme, some music and to join us in the fun of celebrating books on this festive day! Walk on down to the library on Madbury Day for our book sale too! Contact us at library@madburylibrary.org

Continuing programs at the library include

- Daytime Book Group – 4th Monday of the month at 2 p.m.
- Evening Book Group – First Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.
- Story time for toddlers – Monday at 10:30 - twenty minutes of books, songs and fun
- Story time for pre-school children - Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. forty-five minutes of stories, songs, movement and a craft
- Craft and Quilt group meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
- Writing Group meets the 2nd Monday of each month

Call the library for details: 743-1400