

# Madbury Musings

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## Town Meeting

### 2010 Town Meeting Notice

Polls will open at 11:00am on Tuesday, March 9, 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.

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On Valentines Day, 2010, the Friends of the Madbury Library arranged for a glass harmonica concert at the Town Hall. The Friends were joined in their efforts to support the Library building fund by members of the Morong family as a way to celebrate Lorraine Morong's eighty-fifth birthday. Vera Meyer, of Malden, Massachusetts, treated the audience to a collection of tunes: classical, folk, and love songs in honor of the day.

The glass harmonica was invented by Benjamin Franklin in 1761 and was popular for about 40 years. Some feared its sound and thought it to cause insanity, nervous disorder, marital disputes and even wake the dead. There were no ill effects reported at the concert in Madbury.

There was, however, great applause for Lorraine's birthday, and all the effort she makes to inform the people of Madbury through her years of reporting the Madbury news in *Fosters*.



Lorraine Morong tries her hand at making "select notes."

Photo Indulis Gleske

## TOWN OFFICE NEWS

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING** will be held March 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Polls will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for action on Article 1 – the election of town officers.

**SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST** will be in session at the Madbury Town Hall on February 27, 2010 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 and information are available at the town office.

**WINTER PARKING ORDINANCE** will remain in placed until April 1, 2010. 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:** 2010 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.

## *Madbury Community Club*



### **MADBURY COMMUNITY CLUB CELEBRATES 60 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP AND SERVICE**

For 60 years, the Madbury Community Club has been bringing together the women of Madbury who share an interest in the educational, social and civic concerns of our town. All women of Madbury are welcome to attend the meetings on the third Thursday of the months from September to May. Please contact our President, Nancy Pape, to add your name to the email list to receive notices of club meetings: Nancy-Pape at comcast.net.

### **COMMUNITY CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Thursday, March 18th,  
7:00 p.m., at Town Hall**  
**The Haitian Health Founda-  
tion** presentation by Dr. Larry Kane.

Since 1982, the Haitian Health Foundation has been providing care to the poor in southwest Haiti with a focus on maternal and child health.

For 20 years, Dr. Kane has traveled with area physicians and health professionals to Jeremie, Haiti. He will share with us through slides and discussion his experiences and thoughts on the post earthquake challenges facing the country.

**Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting, refreshments will be served!**

**Thursday, April 15, 7:00p.m.**  
**Community Club Meets at the  
home of Peg Irish**

Peg, an accomplished artist, will share with us her collection of beautiful hooked rugs.

**Annual Madbury Spring  
Clean Up is April 18-25:**

Sign up for a road and pick up some bags at the Town Hall to help in this project. We are joining with the New Hampshire The Beautiful and Litter Free NH to make this a very successful campaign. Last year, this group provided our town with 800 daffodil bulbs---watch for the blooms!!

**Thursday, May 20th,  
Community Club Celebration**

Details to be announced.

**Saturday, June 12th  
Madbury Day**

Join Community Club Members in the Parade to Celebrate our 60th Birthday!!

## *Historical Society*

### **Upcoming Events**

**April 13th at 7:00 P.M. Charles  
E. Clark: "What New Hamp-  
shire Thought Was Funny Two  
Hundred Years Ago."**

Using primarily the "Farmer's Museum", a Walpole-based newspaper published by a coterie of lawyers and "wits", Clark will explore the jokes and anecdotes intended to tickle the NH funny bones of the early post-Revolutionary day. He will also offer an explanation of the cultural circumstances that made them "funny".

**May 11th at 7:00 P.M. Gerald  
Sedor: "Covered Bridges in New  
England."**

As New England developed, the simple bridges built to cross its many waterways deteriorated too rapidly. By 1850, American designers provided a longer-lasting solution -- covered bridges. Many of these bridges remain in service. The history and design features of covered bridges are illustrated by photographs taken throughout New England.



## *Conservation Commission*

The Madbury Conservation Commission consists of five members who meet on the fourth Monday evening of every month. Typical topics include: land conservation and easements, review of wetland applications, grant applications to support Madbury's conservation efforts, updating of town reference materials, trail planning and maintenance, site walks on proposed developments sites, and monitoring easements.

The Conservation Commission is looking for interested townspeople who would like to participate on this worthwhile and enlightening board. Contact the Town Hall if you are interested in joining. If you are not sure it would be for you, join us for a meeting or two and find out.

## Reminders

### Attachments to Utility Poles

PSNH remains concerned that many customers are not aware that attachments to a utility pole, without permission, can be dangerous and is illegal. RSA 236:75 prohibits any person from making an attachment to a utility pole without prior consent of the utility owning the pole. PSNH encourages customers to inform them of situations that could pose a safety or electric reliability concern.



### Snow Plowing Notice for Property Owners

Property owners are cautioned that plowing across town or state roads is prohibited.

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## Water Resources Board

The Water Board concerns itself with issues of water quality, quantity, rights, and usage while recognizing these issues go beyond town boundaries and involve complex regional relationships and concerns. There has recently been heightened concern for the quality of the ecosystem of the Great Bay. The declining status of the Bay is not new, and there have been previous initiatives to address the issue. Excess levels of nutrients are of particular concern and have become a significant problem. They are likely to result in more stringent water quality requirements that could affect activities occurring in municipalities throughout the coastal watershed.

The Piscataqua Region Estuaries Project (PREP), formally called the New Hampshire Estuaries Project issues a "State of the Estuary" report every three years. Each report describes the status and trends of 12 primary environmental indicators. The 2009 report describes the environmental quality of the Piscataqua Region estuaries as declining. Eleven of the twelve environmental indicators show negative or cautionary trends. In the previous State of the Estuaries Report, in 2006, only seven of the twelve indicators were classified this way. The only positive indicator in the 2009 report was land conservation, but these projects have not been able to keep pace with development and habitat loss.

In 2010, most estuarine waters in the Great Bay watershed will be listed by the State as impaired

due to high nitrogen concentrations. The sources of the nitrogen include: atmospheric, groundwater, waste water treatment plants, and non-point sources. The treatment plants contribute about 19 percent, while the non-point sources contribute 75 percent of the nitrogen load. Non-point sources are tributaries and runoff, and are generally thought to originate from pollution sources including urban and agricultural runoff, faulty septic systems, among other sources that have no single source point.

The US EPA has warned that something must be done to address the problems. Changes will be required by individuals, communities, businesses, and infrastructure managers. In an effort to address the issues, the NH state legislature enacted RSA 485-E, which allows for the establishment of the Southeast Watershed Alliance. The Alliance will enable and empower communities in the coastal watershed to join together to find cost-effective and creative ways to improve water quality. NHDES is providing initial coordination support for the Alliance. Membership is voluntary from the 42 coastal watershed communities.

Madbury has joined the Alliance and the Selectmen appointed Jim Irish from the Water Resources Board to represent the town. Jim is a longtime Madbury resident and Oceanographer associated with the Marine Program at UNH and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. The Alliance is fortunate to have Jim's expertise, and the Board will work to support Jim and keep the town informed.

## What's new at the Madbury Library?

We have a 40 minute story time on Thursdays at 1 p.m. for children ages 4 through 6. Each session runs for six weeks and does not take place during school vacations.

**Skype** is available on one of our new (thanks to a Gates grant) library laptops. If you have a Skype account but no access to a computer with a camera, you can connect with friends and family in our back office via this free computer service.

Drop in to the library any Thursday at 3 p.m. to play **Bannagrams!** Nancy loved playing this intergenerational game while in Mumbai and thought others might enjoy a few bunches of the game with other Madbury readers. We have several board and card games available for checkout.

Our knitting tutoring group has become in a **Knitting Circle**. Betty Anderson and Jenny Hickman (when she is not in Florida) continue to meet with other knitters on Wednesday afternoons. They share knitting tips (and sometimes a craft). Stop by with your knitting and enjoy good conversation and friendship.

**Museum of NH History** in Concord – we have passes to this wonderful source of NH information, thanks to a generous donation. Check our web page for information about our other museum passes.

**Online Book Club** - thanks to a grant from Granite State Reads, a program of the Center for the Book at the New Hampshire State Library you can read portions of books at home before coming to the library to check them out. Patrons click on the icon on the left hand side of our web page and sign up to read from any of 11 genres. Readers are emailed chapters from their choice each week. They can also participate in a nation-wide moderated book forum/discussion. The next week they get chapters from another book. If they want to finish any of the books they come to the library and check out a hard copy book. The Grant supplies funds for us to buy titles that patrons would like to continue reading and which we may not own. If you like the idea of a “virtual” book group or just want to taste a variety of books, this might be just the thing.



**NH Reads: *To Kill a Mockingbird*.** This year we are spending the month of March reading and discussing this groundbreaking classic. In addition to talking about the book in our Book Groups we have other free events to assist readers in enrich their appreciation and enjoyment this book:

**Showing of the movie** at in the Paul Creative Arts Center, UNH, 30 Academic Way in room 218, which seats 120 people.

**An evening with Atticus Finch** - who exits the pages of *To Kill a Mockingbird* to appear at the Madbury Town Hall on Monday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m. Actor Richard Clark will make this a great evening with his *keeping history alive performance*. If you have read the book, listened to the book, or seen the movie you will want to listen to attorney Atticus Finch, Scout's incredible father, and maybe ask some questions. Both events are free and open to the public thanks to the Durham, Lee, and Madbury libraries and their Friends.

**The Friends of the Madbury Library** have been investigating the possibility of building a new library in Madbury. Our collections and programs have outgrown our current space. Architect Bill Bartell has volunteered his time to create floor plans and a mockup of a library based on the conceptual work of the Friends and library consultant Claudia Morner. The plans are currently available at the library and on the web.

If you have not visited the library please stop by for a tour! If you are one of those people who use their library cards online to download audio books, use our research services for genealogy work, print out full text articles from magazines such as Consumer Reports or Entertainment Weekly, or use our student research center and encyclopedia let us know. We appreciate knowing what is important to you so that we can continue to offer these services. Sign up for our email list or look for us soon on Facebook.

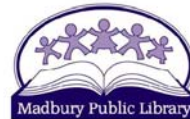
For information about the library, our book groups, programs and Friends of the Library visit our web site at: [www.madburylibrary.org](http://www.madburylibrary.org)

Madbury Public Library

Where the community comes together

### Library Hours

Monday 10am - 8pm  
Wednesday 10am - 8pm  
Thursday 10am - 4pm  
Saturday 10am - 2pm



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