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SELECT NOTES

That cold white stuff is piling up, but the sun is shining and the sky is blue. There is beauty all around us, hard as it might be to remember that when the roads are bad and the weather is bringing extra hassles into our lives. Speaking of roads - just a reminder that the name change for the section of Perkins Rd that joins Madbury Rd is now in effect. The new road sign reads Miles Lane.

The Board has authorized some improvements to Town Hall. A "cricket", basically a fancy rain diverter, has been added to the rear entrance. This has been very helpful in reducing the ice buildup on the stairs that was causing a safety hazard. This particular design was selected as it is in keeping with the existing architecture of Town Hall. A second one will be constructed over the side entrance to the large meeting room when weather permits. Also with safety in mind, a new generator that can provide power to most of the systems in Town Hall in an emergency has been installed. This was essential, as the existing generator was inadequate to supply the amount of power necessary after the addition was constructed. Town Hall is our only emergency shelter, and we need to be sure it can meet potential demands.

A public access public computer is now available at Town Hall for you to check property card information. There is also a link on the town's webpage so that you can access your basic assessment information online. The town website also contains copies of the Town Ordinances and



Town Hall sign with snow.

TOWN OFFICE NEWS

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING will be held March 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Polls will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. for action on Articles 1 and 2.

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST will be in session at the Madbury Town Hall on February 26, 2011 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: The Center, located at 265 Mast Road, is available to Madbury residents: be prepared to show documentation that you are a town resident. As hours open are periodically adjusted, call 516-6450 or visit their website at dover.nh.gov for current information.

WINTER PARKING ORDINANCE will remain in placed until April 1, 2011. 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: 2011 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. For previously licensed dogs, you may renew the license via mail by sending in a check and a self-addressed stamped (44¢) envelope.

Regulations, Tax Maps, and Master Plan. (www.townofmadbury.com)

Some of you may have seen the logging trucks around the playing fields. There was selective cutting done in late fall as we had concerns about some of the trees in that area. This was part of the ongoing maintenance done to keep the fields in the excellent condition to which we have become accustomed. For the past few years, Dick Houghton has volunteered his time to keep Tibbetts Field and the Town fields on Town Hall Road mowed and ready for play, and we give heartfelt thanks for his dedication. However, he has taken on other responsibilities recently and no longer has the time to maintain the fields. The town is in need of someone willing to spend approximately 8-10 hours per week from mid-April until mid-November mowing and maintaining these fields. The town has the necessary equipment and there is a small hourly wage for doing this work. For those of you have dreamt of some day maintaining Fenway Park, you might consider starting here. If you have the time and inclination to help your town in this way, please contact Colette at 742-5131, x100 or by e-mail at: adminmadbury@comcast.net

When Craig Seaver left town, after managing publication of our Town Report for several years, Peg Irish and Diane Hodgson rescued us this year. However, neither of them wants this to be a long-term position. They are willing to train whoever agrees to assume this responsibility for next year's report, and there is a \$500 stipend for taking on and completing this task. The work period involves about four weeks in January and early February. Duties involve collecting and collating the reports of the various boards and functions of the town, and some computer skills are necessary. There is an established format and the town works with a printer who has experience with this report. If this is something

you are willing to do for your town, please contact Colette at 742-5131, x100 or at:

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Town meeting is March 8. The polls will be open beginning at 11:00am, with the deliberative session beginning at 7:00pm. Town Meeting is a tradition that has existed here for almost three hundred years. This is your opportunity to participate directly in the governance of your town, and to be a part of its history.

Joan Sundberg

Snow Plowing Notice for Property Owners

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

Planning Board

Planning Board Proposes Zoning Amendments

The Town Warrant for 2011 will contain two questions proposed by the Planning Board (see RSA 675:3 VII). The full text of the revised ordinances can be viewed on the Planning Board web site: www.sitestest.org/Madbury

Question 1:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

"Revising provisions for Special Exceptions in Articles XIII and XV and related references to these articles throughout the ordinance. Eliminating the requirement for involuntary merger of lots (Article XII, 3, B) which is now prohibited by State law."

These changes essentially clean up some ordinance loose ends that were created when most special excep-

tions were eliminated about 10 years ago. Some editorial refinements are also made and state law references updated.

Question 2:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

"Creating the opportunity for Accessory Apartments in Single Family Dwellings by the addition of Article V Section 4, related changes to Articles V, V-A and definition changes in Article III."

This change would allow the creation of small, one bedroom (accessory) apartments in single family homes to accommodate extended family living arrangements. Building and septic codes must be observed and lots must meet current single family standards.

The Police Chief and Fire Chief have been consulted and neither found any concerns with the proposal. Selectmen have cautioned that a tax impact is possible.

The Planning Board has evaluated State data on student numbers in one bedroom apartments and finds only a small risk of adverse tax impact due to student population.

This proposal is consistent with the spirit (but not the letter) of the State Workforce Housing law in that it creates modest income housing opportunities in a manner appropriate for Madbury. The Planning Board will continue to work to develop ways to comply with the Workforce Housing law that make sense for Madbury.

2011 Town Meeting Notice

Polls will open at 11:00am on Tuesday, March 8, and will remain open until 7:30pm. 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.

Madbury Historical Society

There are some engaging presentations on tap this spring courtesy of the Madbury Historical Society.

As always, the presentations are free, open to the public, and a great way to mingle with your neighbors and learn more about Madbury and the region we live in.

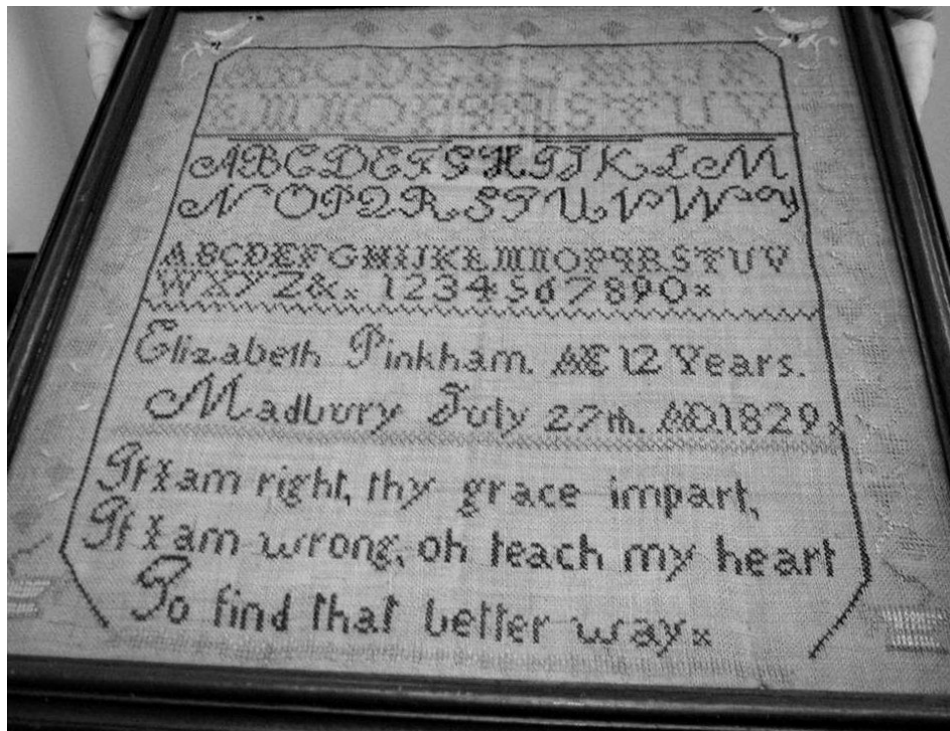
In April, discover the history of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and hear from those who remember the Portsmouth built submarine, USS Thresher, which was lost at sea 48 years ago.

And, if you're a fan of Yankee Magazine, you won't want to miss our May meeting as we hear from longtime editor Edie Clark who separates fact from fiction when it comes to New England lore. Read on for more details:

April 12th, Town Hall @ 7pm Gerald Sedor: "Portsmouth's Naval Shipyard".

Learn about the history of shipbuilding, which has been a vital part of New Hampshire's history for more than 300 years. From the age of wooden ships to the era of nuclear powered submarines, Portsmouth has contributed significantly to this history. Although no longer building ships, the Portsmouth yard is currently a vital cog in the overhaul, refueling and maintenance of U. S. Navy nuclear submarines.

Captain Gerald Sedor, USN Retired, will provide an historical overview of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard concentrating on two of the more well known Portsmouth built submarines: USS Thresher and USS Albacore. Sedor has had personal experiences with the shipyard, as well as with Thresher and Albacore. He spent training time at sea on Thresher only months before its tragic loss at sea in 1963 during deep-diving tests. All 129 on board were killed in the deadliest submarine dis-



Antique sampler recently donated to Madbury Historical Society Photo from Beth Carroll

aster in history. At the time the 3,700-ton nuclear submarine was the most advanced ever built—specifically designed to hunt and kill Soviet subs.

April marks the 48th anniversary of this tragedy. Along with Gerry's perspective, we'll also hear from Madbury's George Mattson, who knew 52 of those lost onboard the Thresher. A shipyard engineer at the time, Mattson would have been on that ill-fated sea trial if not for a coin toss. Other local engineers connected to the Thresher, Perley Armitage and Richard Bernard may also be in attendance to share their experiences.

May 10th, Town Hall @ 7pm Edie Clark: "New England: Myth or Reality?"

Hear from Edie Clark, the former Senior Editor at Yankee Magazine, who's written extensively about New England for more than 20 years. She's perhaps best known for her popular monthly essay in Yankee known as Mary's Farm. The column is rooted in the place where she lives, an old farm in the Monadnock Region of New Hampshire. Clark is

now a contributing editor at Yankee, and currently teaches at Franklin Pierce University. She was featured in the NH Author's series at UNH this past January. Her latest book is entitled "States of Grace: Encounters with Real Yankees".

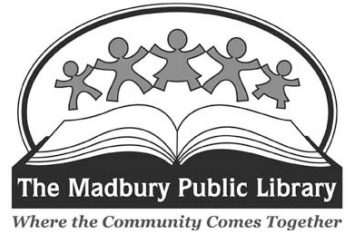
Clark will share with us her views on the 6 states known as New England, which have been romanticized in art and literature for more than 200 years. She'll focus on the work of Robert Frost, Norman Rockwell, Wallace Nutting and others and answer the question: Is the impression they created of New England a myth or reality?



Edie Clark

Photo from www.edieclark.com

	Titles most frequently checked out in 2010
Adult	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Help</i> by Stockett – 51 circulations • <i>The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo</i> by Larsson – 17 • <i>Girl who Played with Fire</i> by Larsson – 20 • <i>Yesterday's Weather</i> by Enright – 12
Young Adult	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Last Olympian</i> by Riordan – 11 • <i>The Hunger Games</i> by Collins – 10 • <i>City of Ashes</i> by Clare – 10
Juv Fiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</i> by Kinney – 12 • <i>The Sword Thief</i> by Lerangis – 10
Picture books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Jellybeans and the Big Book Bonanza</i> –by Numeroff – 16 • <i>Ballet Kitty</i> by Ford – 13 • <i>The Cat at Night</i> by Ipcar – 13 • <i>Fancy Nancy and the Posh Puppy</i> by O'Connor – 13
DVDs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Hurt Locker</i> – 13 • <i>Julie</i> – 13 • <i>Over the Hedge</i> (youth) – 13
Audio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sarah's Key</i> by Rosnay – 12 circulations • <i>The Help</i> by Stockett – 11 circulations • <i>Frog and Toad audio collection</i> – 12



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- **Wanted: a volunteer** •
- **to teach beginning** •
- **typing / keyboarding** •
- **skills to children** •
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The Madbury Library offers many services in addition to providing Books, CDs and DVDs!

Vacation Events for Families

- **February 24 - award-winning songwriter Judy Pancoast will be performing at the High School at 10:30 am**
- **Babysitting Course with McGregor EMS at the Library, April 16, 10am to 3pm**
- **Registration for the Seacoast Reads Tutoring for elementary school children**

Workshops in basic editing of photos using Picasa. Call the library for details at 743-1400.

The Internet - we have four public access computers and two laptops available for use

Free WI-FI - Bring your own laptop and settle down in one of our reading chairs or work at the desk in the Historical Society's room

Art Work - enjoy the work of one of Madbury's artists as you stand at the Circulation Desk.

Electronic Magazines, Newspapers, Encyclopedias and Genealogical databases - most are accessible at home using your patron barcode.

Ancestry Library Edition is available for in-library use and you can take the results of your search home on a flash drive.

E-Books - download audio and e-books at home via our web pages using your patron barcode on your library card.

Meeting Space - our downstairs meeting room is available for use. Check with the library for details.

Pre-school storytimes with Ms. Shawna. Check our web page for weekly themes. No registration is required, just come when you can.

Museum Passes to several museums. Check with the library for a list of current passes and availability.

Check our web pages for details about on-line book clubs, in library book discussion groups, writing groups, craft groups and more library programs.