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# Madbury Musings

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## SELECT NOTES

The leaves are turning, school is in session, and boards are in full meeting mode. We all lead busy lives, but the town needs someone to take on a task that will make life even busier for that special person. Craig Seaver, who organized and assembled the town report for several years, has moved on to a new chapter of his life in Colorado. While we wish Pam and Craig well, Craig's departure leaves the town with a volunteer gap that will soon become a volunteer crisis. We are in great need of someone to take responsibility for producing the town report for our March 2011 Town Meeting. The job involves a major time commitment in January and February, when the assembly, layout and printing of the report takes place. Craig has left detailed instructions, and the town uses a printing company that is familiar with the format. If you are comfortable with your computer skills, can organize material, and would like to know your town and the people involved in it a bit better, we really need you. Please contact Colette at 742-5131 if you are willing to become the new "town report guru".

McGregor Memorial EMS has supplied the town with updated emergency information cards, which are available in the lobby at the town office. They may also be downloaded from the McGregor EMS website at [mcgregorems.org](http://mcgregorems.org). These cards should be filled out and placed on refrigerators for EMS responders to use in case of emergency. When properly completed,

these cards will help EMS to provide more informed care when responding to a call. These forms can also be brought to the emergency room by patients as a resource. According to McGregor EMS, the goal of the new emergency information cards is to promote a higher quality of patient care and a healthy community.

Following a recent public hearing, the Board of Selectmen has renamed the Madbury Rd end of Perkins Rd, which is no longer accessible from the other end of Perkins Rd due to the closing of the railroad bridge. In order to alleviate confusion and to make it clear that this is now a separate road, this section will be called Miles Lane. The change becomes effective on January 1, 2011.

We want to extend our sincere

thanks to Richard Hiltunen, who moved to town recently. He donated the services of his company, RCH Paving, to restripe the parking lot at Town Hall. This is a great service to the town, and it is very much appreciated.

There have been several requests for a bike rack at Town Hall. This is an excellent suggestion, but unfortunately a bike rack is not in this year's budget. If any resident or organization in town is interested in making a donation of a bike rack, we would be happy to find a place for it – and put it to good use!

As always, town information is available at our website: [www.townofmadbury.com](http://www.townofmadbury.com)

Joan Sundberg

## TOWN OFFICE NEWS

**TAX BILLS** – As of this printing, the tax rate has not been set. It is anticipated this will occur on October 25 and second issue bills mailed out by October 30 and due by December 1. PLEASE CHECK THE DUE DATE ON THE TAX BILL ENCLOSED AS LATE FEES ARE ASSESSED.

**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. Currently the hours are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. As hours open are periodically adjusted, call 516-6450 or visit their website at [dover.nh.gov](http://dover.nh.gov) for updated changes.

**MADBURY TRANSFER STATION** will close for the season on Saturday, November 27.

**WINTER PARKING ORDINANCE** will be in effect on November 1 and will remain in place until April 1. It prohibits parking on streets and roads during snow plowing and removal operations. Any vehicle 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 as well. Your cooperation will help keep the roadways open and safe for all travelers.

**OFFICE CLOSINGS:** Thanksgiving Day ~ November 25

## Planning Board News

It has been a quiet year for the Planning Board. We have received no applications for subdivision yet this year. We aren't complaining. We are also enjoying a full complement of members and alternates for the first time in several years.

We are using the available time to work on Madbury's response to the new state workforce housing law and ordinance refinements in other areas.

We are developing detailed ordinance proposals to implement three workforce housing concepts. We hope to submit these to the voters next March. These are:

*Accessory Apartments* - Small apartments would be permitted in the residential zone (most of the town) with appropriate limitations.

*Cluster subdivision bonus for inclusion of workforce housing* - Developers would be given an incentive to include a proportion of workforce-housing-qualified dwellings in a cluster subdivision.

*Multifamily zone* - The state law requires opportunities for multifamily housing (5 or more units per structure) somewhere in each town.

The Board has already started to consider draft language for the first two items. The third presents a challenge! The Board expects to submit a separate warrant article for each of these so that voters can express their preference on each item. Public hearings on these articles will be conducted late in 2010 or early 2011. In the meantime, Board members can be available to talk to small groups if anyone is interested to learn more about this.

The Board is also attending to some ordinance housekeeping with refinements to the Special Exception section of the ordinance. If time allows there may be other "housekeeping" changes on the warrant in March.

## Madbury Community Club News

Since 1950, the Madbury Community Club has brought together the women of Madbury interested in the educational, civic and social needs of the town. All women are invited to join us for these events:

**November 18<sup>th</sup>:** Tour the Studio of Shaune McCarthy at the Salmon Falls Mill in Rollinsford, meet at the town hall at 6:45 p.m. to carpool.

**December 16<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Gathering at Carol Loughlin's home on Hayes Rd. A festive occasion with food, fun and good will toward those in need.

**January 20<sup>th</sup>:** Afternoon tea, details to be announced.

**February 17<sup>th</sup>,** 7:00 p.m. at the town hall. A viewing of the documentary: An Island Kingdom, which chronicles the history of the Isle of Shoals.

**March 17<sup>th</sup>,** 7:00 p.m. at the town hall, Noreen Gaetjens will share her experiences in Jeremie, Haiti as part of the Haitian Health Foundation.

**April 21<sup>st</sup>:** Afternoon Tea at Ruth Colprit's home in Dover at 2:00 p.m.

**May 19<sup>th</sup>:** Annual End of the Year Celebration, Details to be announced.

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

**Ads** are now being collected for the **Madbury Community Club Calendar**. If you would like to place an ad, or know of a local business that might be interested, please contact Noreen Gaetjens, noreeng1025@gmail.com.

The Community Club will sponsor a **FOOD DRIVE** on **Election Day, November 2<sup>nd</sup>** during voting hours at the town hall. Non perishable food items, paper goods and personal care items as well as monetary donations are appreciated.

The Annual **Madbury Art Show** seeks local artists to display their talents on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Priscilla Polichronopolis, 749-1654 for details.

For more information about the Community Club contact: **Peggy Wolcott, President** by phone 742-7494, or pegseggs@gmail.com

## Madbury Historical Society

**Native American History of NH  
November 9<sup>th</sup>, 7pm  
Potluck dinner @ 6 pm**

Learn all about Native American History of New Hampshire with David Stewart-Smith as our guide. Discover how Indians and colonists exchanged cultures, trade goods, religions and even kinship in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. Stewart Smith, who is of Scottish and Penacook descent, will share his 30 year journey into New Hampshire's Indian archaeology and history. His grandmother's family history comes out of New Hampshire's frontier and Indian heritage.

Stewart-Smith will share his research into the Penacook Indians of the Merrimack Valley who were the largest and most powerful coalition of native people on the northern New England frontier during the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. They, along with their Abenaki allies from Maine and Canada, held off Europeans for almost 90 years during a succession of "Indian Wars" culminating in the end of the French and Indian Wars in 1761.

Come join the Madbury Historical Society for a fascinating evening of history and fellowship. A pot luck dinner at 6 pm will precede the program. Don't miss this chance to mingle with your neighbors and learn all about our past. As always, the event is free.

## Winter Festival

It's that time of year again! Come one, come all to the second annual Madbury Winter Festival hosted by acidotic RACING, LLC taking place on Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Madbury Town Hall! The day will start off at 12 PM with a chili cook-off put on by The Friends of the Madbury Library. There were some really delicious entries last year. If you are interested in entering the cook-off, please inquire at the Madbury Library. The cook-off will be followed by a Kids Snowshoe Race (kids snowshoes will be available for use) on some of the same trails as the Kingman Farm Moonlight Snowshoe Race held later in the evening and Paws 4A Cause, a guided snowshoe trek for owners and their dogs. Both Paws 4A Cause and the Kids Snowshoe Race are free but will be a fundraiser for the Cochecho Valley Humane Society so donations are welcome. CVHS will be at the festival for anyone who is interested in learning more about CVHS and pet adoption. The Kingman Farm Moonlight Snowshoe Race will cap off the festival starting at 6 PM.

If anyone is interested in participating in the Kingman Farm Moonlight Snowshoe Race, please contact Chris Dunn of acidotic RACING, LLC at: [acidoticRacing.com](http://acidoticRacing.com)



Brenna Lilly responding to the announcement that she won the 2010 Chili cook-off.

## Cherry Lane Chronicles

Sometimes the duties of parenting require that we do things that are uncomfortable. Sometimes the rewards of risking discomfort are greater than we could have imagined. Both these became true for me with *The Cherry Lane Chronicles*.

The longest I have ever spent at one address in my life is here in Madbury. While driving my girls home earlier this year, my older daughter Brenna remarked that, even after living on Cherry Lane for eight years, we still knew very few of our neighbors. This struck me as a sad state of affairs. We had known the names of every family on my street growing up in the 1960's, and knew most of the families very well. My parents are still close to a couple on our street from those days. I want my kids to have fond memories of their days growing up here in Madbury and decided we would get to know our neighbors.

Over the course of several weeks, Brenna, aged 13, Emily, aged 8 and I would knock on the doors of our neighbors' homes and introduce ourselves. To my surprise, everyone we met treated us with respect and friendliness. Almost all were receptive to the idea of contributing some information about their families to a publication that would be distributed to their neighbors and to taking part in a pot luck supper to meet and break bread with their neighbors. Over and over we were told what a great idea this was and that someone should have done this sooner.

Along the way we met Shawna and David Coppola and their daughters Sydney and Gianna. Emily gained some new playmates and I gained an ally in Shawna, who would enlist other neighbors into our venture and volunteered to produce the publication. We also met Deidre and Kent Lepkowski and their daughters, Brenna and Keegan. We had only

ever met one other person named Brenna and now discovered another one living on our street! Deidre became another ally who helped enlist other neighbors and took on organizing the pot luck supper.

On October 13<sup>th</sup> we published the first issue of *The Cherry Lane Chronicles*, four beautifully crafted pages of stories, photos and history contributed by thirteen families on Cherry Lane. It was really helpful to get to know a little bit about our neighbors before meeting them all together. It prepared us with information to have meaningful conversation at the pot luck supper.

The Cherry Lane Social event took place on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall. Thirty-nine men, women and children from Cherry Lane came together to meet, dine, chat and enjoy each other's company. The food was wonderful and the company was even better.

We've already begun planning for future events as a community and the kids all want to play together again soon. We have given our children and each other the gifts of friendship and of being part of a neighborhood, which is much better than living on a street.

*Submitted by Mike Lilly*

## Discount Museum Passes at MPL

**NEW Museum Passes** Thanks to the Friends and a patron we have two new Museum discount passes: **Museum of Fine Arts in Boston** **Canterbury Village in Canterbury NH**

Our other passes include:

**Children's Museum of N.H**

**Currier Museum of Art**

**Seacoast Science Center**

**New Hampshire Historical Society** museum in Concord – through 2010.

**Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum** and **the Children's Museum of Boston** in Boston – available to our patrons at the Durham Public Library

**Boston Museum of Science** – available to our patrons at the Lee Library

# Madbury Public Library

## Hail and Farewell:

Liz Burbank, our original keeper of all knowledge (Assistant Librarian) has left us for a job with Yankee Peddler Books. She is still with us one Saturday a month. Elanor Pickens, of Lee, is our new Assistant Librarian. Elanor is with us two evenings a week and two Saturdays a month. Please come in and welcome her to Madbury.

Our children's librarian, Susanne Dompkowski, has moved on to a new position with the Rochester Elementary Schools. We wish her well. We are delighted to welcome Madbury resident, Shawna E. Coppola, as our new Children's Librarian. She will be with us two mornings and one Saturday a month.

## Patron Update:

We have called each of our patrons to update our library records. We could not reach some people as their email or phone number had changed. If you are a patron of the library and have not heard from us, please email: [library@madburylibrary.org](mailto:library@madburylibrary.org) or phone us at 743-1400 with your up-to-date contact information (phone, address, email). If you would like to be added to the library email list for program updates, along with Town and area news, please let us know (we do NOT share your address with others).

## Our Collection

We currently have 13,909 items in our collection and so far this year (as of October 18) we have circulated 11,510 items.

## Story time changes:

We continue to have a story time for children ages 1 to 3 on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Our other story time has changed from Thursday morning to **Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m.**

## Book Groups @ the Madbury Library

The Evening (first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.) and Daytime (4th Monday of each month at 2 p.m.) Book Groups have chosen their list of books through June 2011. Just go to [madburylibrary.org](http://madburylibrary.org) and click on the First Tuesday or Fourth Monday of the month to find out what the group will discuss each month. You can also click on the link to the Book Group page and see what the groups are reading or have read in the past. We also have printouts of each list at the library circulation desk.

## On-line Book Club

For those of you who are not able to make it to book discussions, perhaps you might enjoy our on-line book club. Just go to [madburylibrary.org](http://madburylibrary.org) and scan down the left hand column of our page. You will see a place to join the on-line book club. Click on the icon and follow the directions. You will be able to read the first few chapters of books, one day's email at a time, which will give you a sense of a book over one week. You may select from 14 genres and sample a great number of books. On every weekday you will receive (in your email inbox) a short selection from a chapter of a book. By the end of the week, you'll have read 2-3 chapters. Alternatively, you can choose to read the entire week's selections on Friday. Every Monday we start new books. If you enjoy the book and want to read further you can check the book out of the library, request it via Interlibrary Loan, or we will purchase it for you for our collection.

If you are already using the On-line Book Club Nancy would love to hear from you. Our membership in this Club, and our purchase of books requested by on-line readers, is supported by a grant from Granite State Reads, a program of the Center for the Book at the NH State Library. Your feedback will be helpful in writing our Grant Evaluation.

## Grant for Books

We have been awarded a Libri Foundation Grant. In 2011 we will receive \$1,400 worth of children's books, including \$350 in math and science books. The Friends of the Madbury made acceptance of these books possible by providing the required \$350 in matching funds. Thanks to the Friends and to those of you who donate books to or buy books from the Friends at their book sales – your support helps make these matching funds a reality.

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We also welcome donations of books in print or CD format or movies on DVDs. Thank you for your continued support of the library, its services and its programs!

The Library will host a **breakfast for volunteers** on Monday November 15 at 8:45 a.m. in the library.

The Library's **Volunteer of the Year** will be announced at the library on Thursday November 18 at 4 p.m. Past recipients include Suzie Noronha and Eric Fiegenbaum. You will not want to miss congratulating the 2010 honoree. Patrons are encouraged to come to this special event to honor a person who has been instrumental in assisting the library through the years!

**Upcoming Friends Events** include the Chili Cook Off on February 19th. Contact the Library at 743-1400 if you would like to enter.

Nancy Bergeron, Director,  
Madbury Public Library.

Hours: Mon. and Wed. 10 to 8 p.m.;  
Thursday 10 to 4 p.m.; Saturday 10 to 2 p.m.