

# Madbury Musings

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## SELECT NOTES

Maybe, just maybe, by the time you read this winter will have given us some relief. The snow will surely melt by July.

Those of you who drive or ride on our roads may have noticed a frost heave or two. Even the best constructed roads have been corrupted this winter. The Selectmen are fretting about the impact of the hard winter on our roads and, to get to the heart of the matter, the winter's impact on the budget. Our snow removal contract protects us from much of the incremental cost of snow removal but not all of it. We will see what the damage is when the ground has thawed and the pavement settled back in place (we hope). This year's road improvement projects may be smaller in scope depending on what's left in the piggy bank.

On the bright side, it has been a great year for winter sports. It's not hard to find tracks from cross country skis, snowshoes and snowmobiles in the woods around town.

Did you happen to see dozens of bright headlamps in the woods behind Town Hall and around the Kingman Farm on the night Feb. 15th? No, not UFOs. It was the acidotic Kingman Farm Moonlight Snowshoe Race. The folks setting the course were actually worried about having too much snow! More than 100 competitors finished the race. A portion of their proceeds were donated to the Cochecho Valley Humane Society. acidotic has proven themselves to be responsible

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Racers "shoe-up" for moonlight race.

Photo courtesy of Scott Mason Photography.

## TOWN OFFICE NEWS

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING** will be held March 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Polls will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. for action on Article 1 the election of town officers and Article 2 a change to the Zoning Ordinance. More information is available at the Town Hall. You may request an Absentee Ballot until 5pm on March 10 if you will not be in town during polling hours. If you are not registered to vote you may do so on Election Day at the Town Hall.

**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](http://dover.nh.gov) for current information.

**DOVER HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION:** Dover's collection day has yet to be set, but it is usually in early Fall. Plan on checking out the [www.dover.nh.gov](http://www.dover.nh.gov) website for the actual date.

**WINTER PARKING ORDINANCE** will remain in place until April 1, 2014. This ordinance prohibits parking on all streets and roads during snow plowing and removal operations. Any vehicle so parked will be towed at the owners 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:** 2014 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 may 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 (first class postage required) envelope. Please call or e-mail the Town Clerk with any questions (742-5131) or [tcmadbury@comcast.net](mailto:tcmadbury@comcast.net)

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guests. We will welcome them to "Recreational Madbury" again.

When the glaciers retreat from Tibbetts Field work will resume on the fitness trail which runs around the perimeter of the open area. Grading and seeding was done last fall but the weather was not kind to the seeds. It will be reseeded again this spring.

## Madbury Public Library

### Schedule of Events

You can also find out about upcoming events at the library's website.

**You won't want to miss our Basket Raffle!** Starting February 15, take a chance to win a beautiful themed basket! The baskets will be on display at the library until the Town Meeting, March 11, when the raffle drawing will take place at the town meeting. Themes include socks, movies, wine and books, bees, and Goodies from Lorraine's Kitchen. The raffle is sponsored by Friends of the Madbury Library and proceeds will benefit the library.

**April 7 & May 5, 3 to 5pm Read to Rosa the Dog.** Beginning and experienced readers are invited to spend time with Rosa the Dog, either reading or being read to. Children can sign up for 20 minute sessions. Rosa will be at the library every first Monday of the month.

### Story Time for Children

Story Time is offered every Monday and Thursday at 10:30am and is hosted by Children's Librarian Crystal Lisbon. Here is a sneak preview of upcoming themes: Dr. Seuss's birthday; St. Patrick's Day; parties of all kinds; lions and lambs. Ms. Crystal reads books with a special fun flair, and children can complete a simple craft (which often features googly eyes!) Both sessions are open to all preschoolers.

### Library Groups

Adults are invited to join these groups that meet monthly at the library:

**Friends of Madbury Library** – meets the second Thursday of every month at 7pm. The Friends support the library through books sales, fundraising, and other activities. In the past, they have donated funds that supported summer reading programs and new materials. They are always looking for new members – you are cordially invited to join them.

**Daytime Book Discussion Group** – meets the fourth Monday of the month at 3pm. Upcoming books include the following: March 24, *One Summer, 1927* by Bill Bryson; April 22, *The Lowland* by Jhumpa Lahiri; May 19, *The Signature of all Things* by Elizabeth Gilbert.

**Evening Book Discussion Group** – meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Upcoming books include the following: March 4, *After This* by Alice McDermott; April 8, *Burial Rites* by Hannah Kent; May 13, *Born under an Assumed Name* by Sara Taber.

**Writing Group** – meets the second Monday of the month at 5:15pm. Writers are invited to share their works and receive constructive input from other members.

**Quilting Group** – meets the second and fourth Monday of the month at 6pm.

### Thanks to Our Volunteers & Trustees

In addition to the Friends of Madbury Library, there are several volunteers who donate their time and talents on a regular basis. Many thanks to our volunteers!

The Library Board of Trustees consists of Edna O'Sullivan-Chair, Noreen Gaetjens-Treasurer, Betsy Renshaw-Secretary, Mary Ellen Reisch-Alternate, and Molly Wade-Alternate. They meet at the library the third Monday of every month at 9:00am.

### A Note from the Director

Did you know that you can borrow library materials when the library is closed? Just visit our website, and look for the link "click to download audiobooks & eBooks." (It's located on the left hand side of the page.) You can download all types of eBooks and audiobooks - bestsellers, biographies, teen novels, and so much more. Best of all, they are *free!* If you have a Madbury Public Library card barcode number and a computer, Nook, Kindle or similar device, you are all set. Call the library for help!

Library Hours – Mon. & Wed. 10am to 8pm; Thursday 10am to 4pm; Saturday 10am to 2pm.

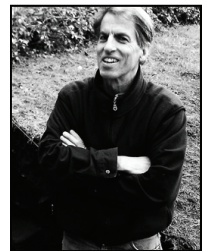
Address: 9 Town Hall Road.  
Phone: 603.743.1400.

Website: [www.madburylibrary.org](http://www.madburylibrary.org)

## Madbury Historical Society

April 8th, 7pm.

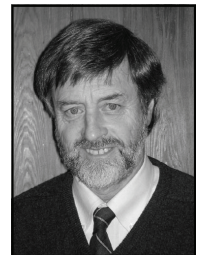
**"A House on the Bay: Life on 17th Century New Hampshire's Coastal Frontier"** with Neill DePaoli, PhD, Archaeologist.



Archaeological study of the Thomas Wiggin home on Great Bay, demonstrating that residents were far less isolated and bereft of the comforts of the more "civilized" world than traditionally portrayed.

May 13th, 7pm.

**"Stark Decency: New Hampshire's World War II German Prisoner of War Camp"** with Allen Koop, PhD, Professor of History, Dartmouth.



The history of Camp Stark which held 300 German POWs, and what it tells us about our country's war experience and about our state.