

Madbury Musings

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SELECT NOTES

Bulletin: Winter ended

May your memories of the winter of '14-'15 fade quickly. Winter's effects, however, will linger on. Our roofs took a beating, our roads took a beating, we all took a beating.

Our (town maintained) roads held up fairly well with the exception of the odd cavernous pothole. The problematic roof at the Safety Complex presented its usual problems. We had hoped that planned roof improvements there would be done in February but the onslaught of snow made that impossible. The roofing contractor completed the new section of metal roof in April. NOW we are ready for snow (just kidding!).

Someone cleaned up

The winter's accumulation of bottles, cans and trash magically disappeared from Hayes Road shortly after the snowbanks melted. Where else did this happen? The Selectmen would like to join the chorus of appreciation for the conscientious person(s) who cleaned-up for us. A little pride is a wonderful thing.

Assisted Living comes to Madbury

You might not have to leave town when you age out of your home. Town officials attended the April 16th ground breaking ceremony for the new Carriage Hill Assisted

Living facility on Knox Marsh Road. Company President Sara Berndtson Nadeau was happy to share her delight in having reached this point in a project that has presented many delays and frustrations along the way. The Selectmen see this as a welcome addition to our community. President Nadeau offered thank-yous to many who have supported their project. You the voters of Madbury helped by supporting the zoning ordinance change that made an assisted living facility possible.

Revaluation and your taxes

This is the year for a state-mandated revaluation of property in Madbury. Our assessing contractor is reviewing property data and real estate sales data in preparation for a town-wide update of property assessments.

How does reevaluation affect you? Probably not much.

Realize that the amount of money to be raised by property taxes is determined mainly by the amounts appropriated at Town Meeting and by School District

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TOWN OFFICE NEWS

ROAD CLOSURE: Town Hall Rd will be closed from Rt. 155 to the Moharimet School bus access lane on Madbury Day, Saturday, June 13. See page 4 for more details.

DOVER RECYCLING CENTER is open year round and available to all Madbury residents. The Center is currently open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 8:30am to 3:30pm. Additional information can be accessed through their website: www.ci.dover.nh.us.

MADBURY TRANSFER STATION opens on the last Saturday in April and closes on the third Saturday in November. Monthly hours are 9:00am to 4:00pm on 1st & 3rd Saturdays, as well as 4:00pm to dusk on the 2nd Wednesdays.

DOG LICENSES: NH state law requires all dogs to be licensed. Dog licenses expired on April 30. Late fees begin to accrue on June 1. Please be sure your dogs rabies vaccination is up-to-date and renew (or get a new license) for your dog during regular business hours. You may call the Town Clerk's Office for more information (742-5131)

TAX BILLS: It is anticipated that tax bills will be mailed on May 27 and due by July 1.

OFFICE CLOSINGS: Town Clerk/Tax Collector office will be closed on September 1 for Labor Day.

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vote (there are other smaller factors). Your property valuation is the basis for determining your share of the total amount to be raised. If everyone's assessed value changes by a similar percentage, everyone's share of the total (their tax bill) remains about the same. If your property has become more attractive relative to others in Town for some reason, your value may go up (lucky you) and your share of the total to be raised (taxes) may increase (still feeling lucky?).

On the other hand, if your property has become less attractive (and less valuable), your share would decrease. This does not mean you should stop mowing the lawn or let the paint peel...

Traffic and Parking

Selectmen updated the Town's traffic ordinance and parking regulation and reconciled them with current state law. Briefly, these are the rules:

Follow State rules of the road on town roads

Don't park where signs say "no parking" (did we need to say this?)

Don't park on the road during snow removal operations. When in doubt, don't park on the road.

The speed limit on Route 155 through the Kingman Farm, Safety Complex, Madbury Road and Town Hall Road area has been the subject of discussions between the State DOT and Madbury officials recently. The speed limit posting in this area may change. Pay attention to those speed limit signs!

Got bees?

If you are a beekeeper, you may wish to contact our mosquito control contractor to protect your

hives from possible mosquito treatments that may be employed later this summer if we find disease carriers (an infrequent occurrence). Call Eric at the Town Office for more information.

Who will monitor Madbury's Health?

One of the many volunteer positions which keep Madbury functioning is that of Health Officer. Our Health Officer position is presently vacant (don't stop reading yet). Medical expertise is **NOT** a prerequisite for this job (you thought you had an excuse?) although it would be welcomed.

As a practical matter, we rarely call upon the Health Officer. The position does not require regular hours or meetings. Interestingly, state law assigns the Health Officer a catch-all role with varied responsibilities which might include (among others):

- investigating sanitary problems
- inquiring into all nuisances and other causes of danger to the public health
- inspecting ice cut from lakes and ponds
- signing burial and disinterment permits
- checking for proper notifications of health issues to owners of outdoor wood-fired hydronic heaters (yes, it's all there in State law).

The first item is the one that requires occasional attention.

If you would like to be considered for the position or learn more about it, please contact Eric at the Town office. If you know of someone who would be a good candidate, we would also appreciate your nomination of a friend, neighbor or mother in law.

Ag. Commission??

There has been some discussion about forming a Madbury Agricultural Commission. Such a commission would serve as a voice for farmers and encourage agricultural-based activities in our town. It would not be a regulatory body but rather work with the town to make sure farming interests are understood and promoted. Nearby towns have formed agricultural commissions, using them to help create master plans, organize farmers markets, work on pro-farming ordinances, provide information on backyard farming and run speaker series.

Would such a commission be a good idea for Madbury? If you are interested, please contact Eric at the Town Hall. 742-5131.

Madbury Water Resources Board

This summer, the Water Board is offering Standard Analysis* well water testing for Madbury property owners for \$45. The Board has set aside a limited amount of funds, so there is a first come-first serve component. If you have an interest in finding out about the water quality of your well and wish to help the town expand its knowledge base of water quality, please submit an indication of interest slip. Slips will be available at the Town Hall, Library, town website, and at Madbury Day. They can be returned by mail or in person to Town Hall, or dropped off at the Library. (*bacteria, nitrate, nitrite, chloride, sodium, iron, manganese, pH, hardness, fluoride, arsenic, lead, and copper)

Madbury Public Library

Library Hours: MW 10 ~ 8pm;
Th 10 ~ 4pm; Sat. 10 ~ 2pm.
743.1400, madburylibrary.org

Programs for Children

Summer Reading!

This year's theme is "Every Hero Has a Story," and so we'll take a look at the deeds of all kinds of heroes—super, historical, and local. Sign-ups for the program will begin early in June and then, after school ends, the Madbury and Lee libraries will hold a joint kick-off event at the Lee Safety Complex. Here's the complete schedule of events:

Monday, June 8 ~ Sign-ups begin! Come in, pick up your reading chart plus a few good books, and start winning prizes, ice cream coupons, and other special treats.

Thursday, June 25, 10:30am @ Lee Safety Complex ~ Andrew Pinard of Absolutely Magic will perform "Alejandro's Olde Tyme Magik Showe", a super-hero themed family event.

Thursday, July 2, 10:30am @ Madbury Town Hall ~ Lindsay and her Puppet Pals. This is a great event for preschoolers through second grade.

Thursday, July 16, 10:30am @ Madbury Town Hall ~ Wildlife Encounters. This very popular event is shared with the Lee and Durham public libraries. Get there early for the best seating!

Thursday, July 23, 10:30am @ Madbury Town Hall ~ our closing event will feature The Boston Museum of Science's Super Cold Science Show.

Legos coming June 20! Thanks to the NH State Library and the Lego Group, the Children's Room will have a huge crate of Legos to

play with all summer long. Just think of the super heroes you can create!

There will be lots of other special summer reading activities during the weeks of June and July and all will be revealed in our e-newsletter, our website, and on our Facebook page.

Read to Rosa

June 1, 3 to 5 p.m. – 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 take a break during July and August but looks forward to being read to again in September.

UNH's Camp EPIC comes to MPL Saturday, July 11, 10:30-12:00! Camp EPIC (Elementary Program Introducing Computing) which holds two one-week sessions at UNH in July, is setting up at the library for a mini-session. The camp helps children think logically and creatively through fun games, challenging puzzles, and visual programming. Kids also learn how to build and program Lego Mindstorm robots. The MPL mini camp will be open to 12 children entering fourth, fifth, or sixth grade this fall. Call or stop by to sign up.

Programs for Adults

Friends of the Madbury Library ~ meets the second Thursday of every month at 7pm. The Friends support the library through book sales, a basket raffle, and an annual appeal. In the past, they have donated funds that supported summer reading programs, purchased the Children's Room rug and our wireless printer. And this summer, through a generous grant from the Friends, the library will have an all-new website!

The Friends are always looking for new members. The next meeting is Thursday, June 11, 7:00pm. Visit them at www.facebook.com/friendsofthemadburylibrary.

Development Committee

In 2014, the Friends and Trustees formed a Development Committee to begin formulating plans for a new library facility. A Campaign Steering Committee has recently been created consisting of Trustees, Friends and community leaders to help guide outreach and fundraising efforts. In the year ahead, we look forward to establishing a public-private partnership to move toward the goal of a new library building. In ten short years, our Library has become an important presence in our town. A new building will not only be a gathering center for learning and enriching activities, it will be a gift to future residents.

Daytime Book Discussion Group

~ meets the fourth Monday of the month at 3pm. We will discuss *Sister of my Heart* by Chitra Divakaruni on June 1 and then, following a summer break, we will meet again September 28.

Evening Book Discussion Group

~ meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Our next book discussion, of *Deep Down Dark* by Hector Tobar, will take place June 9. We will take a break during July and August and reconvene on Tuesday, September 8.

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 ~ generally meets Mondays from 1:00-3:00pm. Come in and see examples of their beautiful work throughout the library.

| <i>Tentative Schedule</i> | Madbury Day ~ Saturday, June 13, 2015 | <i>Subject to change</i> |
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| Time | Event | Location |
| 9:15 – 11:30am | Music in the Morning Cafe - Music, coffee and desserts. | Town Hall |
| 9:00am - 2pm | Friends of Library Book Sale & Open House | Madbury Public Library |
| 9:30am - 2pm | Historical Society, Water, and Conservation exhibits, Moharimet School display, ORHS Robotics, quilting an spinning crafts, farm animals, strolling minstrel, birds of prey, alpacas, and more. | Town Hall and beyond |
| | Church yard sale Plant sale Pottery crafts American and Indonesian food concessions Roberta's Clown, balloons & bubbles | Madbury Church |
| 10:15am | Karate demo | Town Hall |
| 11:00 | Indonesian Street Dancing | Town Hall Road |
| 11:30am | Parade Line-up at Cherry Lane (cars line up at Madbury Woods) | Cherry Lane |
| 12 noon | Parade! - Everyone is welcome to join in! | Town Hall Rd |
| 12:30pm | Oyster River Middle School Jazz Band. | Town Hall |
| 5 pm | FAST Squad Dessert Auction | Town Hall |
| 6 pm | Madbury Fire Department Chicken Barbecue Tickets available from any firefighter, the Town Clerk or Town Library. Reserve now! Adults \$12.00 Children \$6.00 | Town Hall |

Road Closure and Parking

From 8:00am until after the 12:30 Jazz Band concert, Town Hall Rd will be closed from Rt. 155 to the Moharimet School bus access lane. A detour route will be available through the School parking lot. Parking will be at the School, and the lower Demeritt and Tibbetts fields off Rt. 155. The upper Demeritt field lot (by the Library) will be for official handicapped placard holders only. The new gravel expansion lot is available for "vendors" and display folk. Additional parking may be available near the Cemetery on Town Hall Rd, if conditions permit. Shuttle vans will make rounds from the Tibbetts and Demerritt Field lots.

READY RIDES

Ready Rides is a volunteer driver program serving nine towns in our area. Rides are available, free of charge, to disabled residents, and those over the age of 55, to medical appointments. If you need a ride or would like to volunteer, please contact Meri Schmalz, at 244-8719 or info@readyrides.org



FIRE PERMITS

Without snow cover, fire permits are required all outside fires, including outside fireplaces and chimineas (excluding charcoal). Seasonal permits should be renewed as well. Permits may be requested by calling the station at 742-1164, or the Duty Officer at 617-0563.

If you are thinking about installing a fire pit, please contact the Fire Department for guidelines prior to installing it.



The **Madbury Historical Society** needs graveyard inventory helpers. You will be provided assigned gravesite in your neighborhood, instructions and information on the collection worksheet. Please contact Carolyn at: 742-0787.