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SELECT NOTES

Wentworth Trust

For some folks, service to their community is a life-long commitment. In rare instances, people find ways to continue their service even longer.

Carleton Wentworth and Dorothy Kingman (Laton) Wentworth were longtime residents of Madbury. Both were active in Town affairs. Dorothy served as Welfare Director, Supervisor of the Checklist and was active in the Community Club, Bicentennial Commission and Pudding Hill Thrift Shop. Carl was an election official, School Board member, auditor and cemetery trustee. Both were charter members of the Historical Society.

Carl was one of four founders of the Madbury Volunteer Fire Department, a longtime volunteer and Life Member. Chief Perley wrote about Carl's service in the 2014 Town Report after Carl's death.

The 1988 Annual Town Report was dedicated to them on the occasion of their gift to the Town of eight acres of land on the hill behind Town Hall.

Late last year the Town learned that the Wentworths bequeathed a trust fund for the benefit of the Town and its residents. The Trust document lists two purposes for which the proceeds may be used:

First for the use of the Town of Madbury and or its inhabitants for charitable, educational and recreational purposes to the benefit of the Town of Madbury and its inhabitants and for the acquisition, repair and or replacement of maintenance, fire safety or other equipment necessary or desirable for the safe, efficient operation of the Town of Madbury

Second for the benefit of Madbury residents (hereinafter "students") who intend to continue their education beyond high school and to expend for the benefit of those students for educational purposes such amounts from the trust as are directed by the Trustee with such amounts to be paid directly to the

educational institution at which the student is enrolled. Such funds to be provided for those Madbury residents with an intent and desire to pursue a post secondary education but who because of financial circumstances would be otherwise unable or restricted from doing so. Potential recipients must demonstrate their financial need by application made to and as determined by the School Board Representative and/or the Trustee and as amended from time to time.

The trust also provides for support to education for adults other than graduating seniors.

At this writing the Selectmen, School Board Representative and

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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 4. 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 25 and due by July 1.

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Trustee are working to establish the details of decision-making and mechanics of distributions. The trust will produce around \$38,000 annually.

Madbury's School Board representative has the delicate task of allocating some amount of scholarship money to graduates. We recognize that possible scholarship money is an urgent issue for our high school Juniors and Seniors and pledge to get this working as soon as possible. I presume the high school guidance department will have specifics as soon as they are available. If you are a senior, but not attending the public high school (homeschooler or private), please contact the town hall for scholarship information.

Meanwhile, the Selectmen will have no trouble finding uses for the Town's share of the distribution. We will strive to use this gift as intended and not let it disappear into the general fund.

Trails

If you build it, they will come (walkers, bikers and skiers that is).

Madbury is blessed with an abundance of woods trails. If you want to go for a walk in the woods or ride (as with bike or horse), or ski, you've come to the right place. Madbury has trails: from the Town Hall through the Kingman Farm to the fields of the Hayes easement, from Town Hall or Tibbetts field through the Goss property and on through the Schreiber purchase. The latter area will only grow in popularity when the proposed Forest Society purchase is accomplished.

As foot, bike and horse traffic increase, maintenance of these trails becomes more important.

Right now we have no organized trail maintenance and it is starting to show. A few volunteers have built some wooden walkways and bridges but these need maintenance and more such structures are needed in soggy spots and high traffic areas.

Signs are needed. Brush and trees need trimming and clearing. In winter, tracks need breaking.

We need people to organize, lead and do this work. Want to get some exercise? Spend some time in the woods? Create something that many people will enjoy? Feel like you have been a part of something? If none of these appeals then DO NOT call Eric at the Town Hall. Otherwise do call him and let us know you want to help. (Note: we don't expect Eric to be the trail boss, just a point of contact.) We have some volunteers. We need more.

DeTreeing

You may remember my previous rant about trees invading our roads. Joe Moriarty is working with PSNH/Eversource to get some of the more menacing trees removed. We are collaborating with Eversource; they provide the expensive tree work, Madbury provides traffic control and log disposal (good deal!). Eversource will remove more trees than has been their practice in the recent past, a good thing in my view. Eversource will contact landowners about any trees targeted for removal along their frontage. The Town will undertake additional tree removal this season.

Pudding Hill Road

Speaking of tree removal, have you driven Pudding Hill lately? This tree removal was on our nickel. Work is well under way to correct the deterioration of the

road near the intersection with Mast Road and Freshet Road. Drainage improvements and road-bed repairs are already complete. Some repaving will follow.

Parking pavement

The "new" parking lot near the upper ball field will be paved this summer. The School District finds the lot preferable to the Town Hall lot for overflow school parking as it is closer and avoids pedestrian crossings of Town Hall Road. The ORCSD has offered to pay for the paving in return for permission to use the lot regularly during school operations.

Bob Sterndale, Selectman

Conservation Commission

We hope folks are aware of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests herculean effort to conserve the Powder Major's Farm and Forest in Madbury, Durham and Lee. The total effort will conserve some 290 acres, protecting water resources, wildlife habitat, agricultural soils, and historic resources (our own Chief Moharimet and Powder Major John DeMerritt). With a majority of the land managed as a reserve with 10 miles of trails, the area will be open to the public for horseback riding, hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, wildlife viewing, hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling. The land, abutting the town's Tibbetts athletic fields and next to the Moharimet Elementary School will offer educational and outdoor opportunities. It is a focus area of the Coastal Watershed Conservation Plan and provides a connection between other

conservation lands. The alternative is quite possibly a 76 lot subdivision off Cherry Lane. The \$2.25 million project has received government grant awards and pledged funding from the towns, but will require individual support. Please learn more about the project at forestsociety.org, and consider how you might contribute. For local questions call Eric Fiegenbaum at 750-7519.

Madbury Public Library

Get Ready for Summer Reading!

This year's theme is "On your Mark, Get Set...Read!" and will be about sports, games, and movement. Readers of all age can exercise both mind and body with an assortment of books, programs, performances, science and art projects, and much more. Sign-ups for the program will begin on Madbury Day, June 4. Here are the highlights of our summer schedule:

June 4 ~ Sign-Ups Begin! Come in, pick up your reading chart plus a few good books, and start winning prizes, ice cream coupons, and many other special treats. There will be hula-hoops on the lawn and lots of sidewalk chalk!

June 30, 10:30am @ Lee Safety Complex ~ Lindsay and her Puppet Pals will be on hand for our official 2016 Summer Reading Program kick-off. This is event is jointly sponsored by the Madbury and Lee libraries.

July 7, all day ~ Library Mini Golf! What more do we need to say? Play through!

July 14, 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.

July 20, 10:30am ~ K.H. Arts and Theatre presents "Kinetic Art." This innovative group uses full body expressive movement as a medium to create works of art.

August 3, 6:00pm ~ Summer Finale @ Madbury Town Hall ~ Our closing event will feature magician Bob Riordan's "World of Wonder."

There will be many other special summer reading activities during those weeks of June and July, including yoga, storytimes, games, and workshops. All will be revealed in our e-newsletter, our website, and on Facebook!

Why Should Kids Have All the Fun? Adults can sign up, too! Stop in on Madbury Day, June 4, or during the weeks that follow, pick up your reading chart, a few books, and start winning prizes. We'll have passes to local attractions and events, coupons, and gift cards. You will be entered to win simply by signing or attending a program.

Inside the Lines Coloring Club ~ June 22, 5:30-7:30. Have you heard that adult coloring books are good for you? Find out why! We'll have all the supplies; you just pull up a chair and color.

Regular Monthly Programs

June 6, 3:00-5:00pm ~ Read to Rosa the Dog. Beginning and experienced readers are invited to spend time with Rosa or her son Grover, 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.

NEW! June 20, 3:00-5:00 pm ~ Read to Digby! Digby is a Cava-

lier King Charles spaniel who will be with us on the third Monday of each month. The program will be just like Rosa's, described above. Please call or stop in to sign up.

Friends of the Madbury Library ~ meets the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. 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, our wireless printer, and provided start-up funds for our website.

The Friends are always looking for new members – you are cordially invited to join them. The next meeting is Thursday, June 9, 7:00 p.m. Also, the Friends of the Library now have their own Facebook page! Visit us at www.facebook.com/friendsofthemadburylibrary.

Daytime Book Discussion Group ~ meets the fourth Monday of the month at 3 p.m. We will discuss *Lila* by Marilynne Robinson on June 27 and then, following a summer break, we will meet in September.

Evening Book Discussion Group ~ meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Our next book discussion, of *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman, will take place June. This group will take a break during July and August and meet again in early September.

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

Quilting Group ~ generally meets Mondays from 1:00-3:00. See examples of their beautiful work throughout the library.

<i>Tentative Schedule</i>	Madbury Day ~ Saturday, June 4, 2016	<i>Subject to change</i>
Time	Event	Location
9:00 – 11:00am	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 (raffle), Water, and Conservation exhibits, school displays, honoring veterans, spinning, homemade goods, critters, and antique cars, and a racing lawnmower!	Town Hall and beyond
	Church yard sale, Plant sale, American and Indonesian food concessions, Roberta's Clown, balloons & bubbles	Madbury Church
10:15am	Martial arts demo	Town Hall
11:00	Indonesian Street Dancing	Town Hall Road
11:30am	Parade Line-up at Cherry Lane (cars 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. (Raffle winners, after.)	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 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 lot.

Recreation Commission

The Recreation Commission is moving closer to completion of the Fitness Trail at Tibbetts Field. The trail surface is complete, benches have been installed, and some new trees have been planted. Exercise equipment is on order from Xccent Fitness and the commission is in the process of selecting a contractor to complete the equipment installation. Weather and circumstances cooperating, the Fitness Trail will be fully functional by summer. Many of you have already

discovered that it is a great place to take a walk. Imagine how great it will be when the equipment is installed!

The commission has also been attending to other business. The Fitness Trail will soon be groomed for the season, the field irrigation systems for both DeMerritt and Tibbetts fields have been started up, and OYRA spring soccer and baseball are in full swing.

Baseball Opening Day Ceremony was held on May 7 with appropriate fanfare. There were 270 players and coaches and many more spectators. There is a new sport to be seen at DeMerritt Field, at least for

this season. Due to the field renovation at Oyster River High School, the high school lacrosse teams will be practicing there during the week.

The Fitness Trail will be completed soon, but with so many teams utilizing the fields, there is always more to do when it comes to maintaining and developing the recreational facilities in Madbury. There are openings on the Recreation Commission, and new members and new ideas are always welcome. You are invited to be a part of a commission that rewards you with tangible results for your efforts!