

# Madbury Musings

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## SELECT NOTES

It has been quite a busy and progressive summer around town, especially around the Town Hall. As illustrated by photos in this issue, the new maintenance shed has recently been completed and the new library is not far behind.

The new shed houses two field mowers, a lawn mower with attachments for leaf pickup and snow removal. Also housed are push mowers, a snowblower, as well as lawn and garden tools and associated maintenance tools and equipment. The additional space eliminates the need to tightly manage equipment and will provide a safe place to work.

The new Madbury Public Library has made great progress and is near completion. The construction trailer is gone and the paving for additional parking was just completed. Loam is waiting to be spread and soon the outside will be complete for the season. This past month the inside was painted and flooring was laid. Electricity was just brought to the building and phone lines are expected soon. There are lots of finishing touches to do, but everything appears to be on schedule. See the Friends article on page three to learn how you can help with the move-in.

The large road project for the  
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The new maintenance shed is completed. It will provide needed room for current building and grounds equipment, as well as save working space, and a bit of room for future.

## TOWN OFFICE NEWS

**OFFICE CLOSINGS:** Thanksgiving Day – November 28; Christmas Day – December 25; New Year's Day – January 1; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – January 20; Presidents' Day – February 17. The Town Clerk's office follows the Oyster River School District's closing policy for weather related events.

**TAX BILLS:** The 2019 second issue tax bills have been mailed and are due on December 2, 2019. (There is a requirement to assess late fees.)

**ONLINE PAYMENT SERVICES:** The Town of Madbury is excited to offer residents an easy and convenient method to view and pay their motor vehicle, dog license, and tax bills online. Links for these transactions are located on the town website: [www.townofmadbury.com](http://www.townofmadbury.com). This is a fee-based service. For credit card transactions, the service fee is either **\$1.95** or **2.95%** of the transaction amount, whichever is greater. For electronic check (ACH/EFT) transactions, the service fee is **\$0.95**.

**MADBURY TRANSFER STATION** will close for the season after the session on Saturday, November 16, 2019.

**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.

season was the replacement of the culvert for Dube Brook on Hayes Road. New NH DES standards required a substantial upgrade in this stream crossing for ecological reasons and stormwater passage. Nearly half of Hayes Rd was paved with more paving expected next year. Next year, the replacement of the Nute Road Bridge over the Bellamy River will be the major project.

Our open space continues to be popular for recreation and trail runs. More visitors has put additional pressures on our parking lots.

Finally, you can pay certain motor vehicle, dog license, and tax bills online. Look for buttons on the town's homepage.

## *Conservation Commission*

The Conservation Commission has entered into a work agreement with a local forester to study and write up a management proposal for the town owned "Bolstridge Forest." The town does little in the way of professional management of town lands, so this is a bit of a journey into new territory. The Bolstridge land, about 90 acres between Cherry Ln. and Hayes Rd., was heavily cut before it was acquired by the town with a deed that restricts some activities. The Commission has an eye toward evaluating a portion of the land for New England cottontail rabbit management. The rabbit is the subject of a conservation effort by the State, and several property owners in town are already participating with land management activities that enhance rabbit hab-

itat. We plan to engage interested residents in a conversation before we make any recommendations, and the Selectmen hold decision making authority.

## *Wentworth Family Trust*

In 2019 Charter Trust, the Trustee of the Wentworth Family Trust approved recommendations from Daniel Klein, Madbury Representative to the ORCSD School Board. The Trustee awarded scholarship funds to Madbury residents with an intent and desire to pursue a post secondary education beyond high school and made payments per the Wentworth Family Trust directly to the educational institutions.

In 2019 the town received the fourth disbursement from the Trust and the approval from the Trustee for the following use of those funds per the section of the Trust related to the annual disbursement for Town purposes and the benefit of its inhabitants:

- \* \$2,600 toward a new Public Notice Kiosk
- \* \$200 to provide a wireless access point in Town Hall
- \* \$600 to provide Evacuation Kits at the Town Hall and Library locations
- \* \$3,600 for stackable flip-top tables for the new Library Community Room
- \* \$18,500 toward the Town Maintenance Shed Replacement

Consideration will begin shortly regarding how the Town will utilize the gift to be disbursed from the Wentworth Family Trust in 2020: forms should be submitted prior to December 31, 2019.

Scholarship information will be available for all interested graduating high school seniors residing in Madbury on the ORHS School Counseling Office website after the new year. More information, the form for project/item consideration and a link to the ORHS website are available at: [townofmadbury.com/WFT.html](http://townofmadbury.com/WFT.html)

## *Literary Trust Fund Scholarship*



On behalf of The Madbury Trustees of the Trust Funds, Selectman Janet Wall, awarded the 2019 Literary Fund Scholarship to Alana Ervin. Alana is the daughter of David and Ellen Ervin and resides on Hayes Road. This award is presented annually to a Madbury student showing academic excellence, financial need and community involvement. Alana is furthering her education at Yale majoring in political science and music." For more information on the fund: [townofmadbury.com/LTF.html](http://townofmadbury.com/LTF.html)

## *Position Announcement*

The Town of Madbury is seeking a Recording Secretary for the Planning and Zoning Boards. The successful candidate will: attend board meetings, produce detailed records of board discussions and decisions, write and distribute official meeting minutes, post public notices, produce and send certified letters, and maintain official files. Note taking, word processing, correspondence, and filing are required.

The Planning Board meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. The Zoning Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings generally run from 7-9pm. Interested parties should contact Mark Avery (Planning Board Chair) at: MadPlanBoard@gmail.com or call the Town Hall 603-742-5131.

## *Other Town Vacancies*

There are several town boards and commissions that could use some member support. The Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment deal mainly with town ordinances. Planning works to update and implement the town's master plan, while the ZBA is a quasi-judicial board that provides relief to ordinances and governmental decisions when appropriate. The Recreation Commission works to provide recreational facilities and activities for residents. The Strafford Regional Planning Commission takes a broader planning view and is looking for a representative from Madbury. Contact the Town Hall to learn more.



## *Coming Soon: A New Madbury Public Library*

It has been an exciting summer as we watched our new Library become a reality. Construction is on schedule; the interior work is moving forward at a quick pace and we anticipate moving in by late November. Planning is underway for an opening celebration in December.

Thanks to many generous donors, Friends of Madbury Library and Trustees are happy to announce the \$350,000 Capital Campaign goal has been reached! These funds will be transferred to the Town to complete the private contribution to the new library construction.

As planned, we will be moving many furniture items from the current library to the new space. However, we will need more seating for the Children's, Teen and Adult areas as well as computer desks and chairs, and shelving for the collection.

It is not too late to add your name to the list of supporters. The Friends have extended the donor recognition opportunities through December and hope you will consider a tax-deductible gift to Friends of Madbury Library, 9 Town Hall Rd., Madbury, NH 03823.

To donate through PayPal: fomlnh@comcast.net;  
For more information visit: www.madburylibrary.org and click on "New Library Building Project"

To speak with a Campaign volunteer contact: mplsteeringcommittee@gmail.com

## *Library Winter Hours*

Monday & Wednesday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.;  
Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.;  
Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Please note that Winter Hours are in effect Monday, November 4, 2019 until Monday, April 1, 2020.

Address – 9\* Town Hall Road.  
Phone – 603.743.1400. You can find out about upcoming events at the library's website:

www.madburylibrary.org.

Visit us on Facebook and Instagram!

\*Our new address will be 11 Town Hall Road.

## Madbury Public Library

### UPCOMING HOLIDAY HOURS

#### *Thanksgiving Hours*

Wednesday, Nov. 27: 10:00-2:00

Thursday, Nov. 28: CLOSED

Saturday, Nov. 30: 10:00-2:00

#### *Christmas and New Year's*

Wednesday, Dec. 25: CLOSED

Thursday, Dec. 26: CLOSED

Wednesday, January 1: CLOSED

*Mark your Calendars!* “Meet **Lucy Stone: Enter the Antebellum World of the Abolition and Women’s Rights Movements**” with **Judith Black**

**Madbury Town Hall, Thursday, November 21, 7:00pm.**

The Library has received an NH Humanities grant to host storyteller Judith Black as she brings to life Lucy Stone (1818-1893), a noted public speaker known as the “Shining Star” of the battle for equal rights. This presentation will coincide with the monthly meeting of the Madbury Community Club, whose members will provide refreshments. (Pie potluck!)

Judith Black is considered one of America’s finest storyteller, was inducted into the National Storytelling Network’s Circle of Excellence for “exemplary contribution to the art of storytelling.” This presentation is free and open to the public.

**What Else Is Going on in November and December...? *Let’s Move into the New Library Building!***

As of this writing, we are tentatively planning to close the current library building the week of

November 11. We need to pack up what’s on the shelves and then move the actual furniture to the proper places before following with the books and other materials. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities, including packing, moving boxes (with dollies), taking down and setting up shelves, and unpacking. There will be both weekend and weekday opportunities.) We ask that any interested volunteers sign up in advance by calling or emailing the library (743-1400, [library@madburylibrary.org](mailto:library@madburylibrary.org)) and plan to attend one team meeting. Our goal is to reopen in the new building *soon* so we want to work as quickly and efficiently as possible. Thanks to those of you who’ve already signed up!

### **Looking ahead to 2020: Oyster River Community Read!**

This year’s Community Read theme is “This Democracy: From our Founding Documents to our Daily Lives.” If you’ve wanted a chance to brush up on the Bill of Rights, Declaration of Independence, or the entire Constitution, this is your chance. There will be a full schedule of speakers and events on a wide-range of subjects, including the history of the New Hampshire primary, the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment, and even *Honeybee Democracy*, a book about how honeybees make decisions democratically. The kick-off is the week of January 27, 2020. Look for much more information soon!

### **Meetings during November and December**

(Check our website to see whether these meetings will be held in the old library or new. Children’s programs, except CLIMB, will be

on hiatus from November 11 until we open in the new building.)

**Friends of the Madbury Library** ~ This important group meets the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. The Friends have been essential in raising the funds to build our new library. As we open the new building’s doors, they could use your help planning for the future. Our next two meetings are Thursday, November 14, and Thursday, December 12.

### **Daytime Book Discussion**

**Group** ~ Meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 3 p.m. During the next few months we will read: On November 21, *Virgil Wander* by Leif Enger; January 2, *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah.

### **Evening Book Discussion**

**Group** ~ Meets on the first Monday evening of the month at 7:00. Upcoming discussions: On November 4, *The Last Romantics* by Tara Conklin; December 2, *Clara and Mr. Tiffany* by Susan Vreeland; January 6, *A Woman of No Importance* by Sonia Purnell

**Writing Group** ~ Meets the second Monday of the month at 5:15 p.m. Writers are invited to share their works and receive constructive input from other members. Upcoming meetings will take place November 18, December 9, and January 13.

**Quilting Group** ~ Generally meets each Monday from 1:00-3:00. Come in and see examples of their beautiful work throughout the library. New members are always welcome.