

Madbury Musings

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SELECT NOTES

Madbury is facing several difficult decisions in the near future. One of these is determining how the town will handle public works tasks.

Last year the Public Works Exploratory Committee was established to research this issue and provide a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen. Led by citizens, the committee studied continuing contract-only operations, establishing a Department of Public Works, partnering with other towns, and combinations of these. Based on its research, the committee recommended beginning a move to a Public Works Department in the long term while working to maintain contract operations for as long as possible.

On November 6, at 7:30pm, the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on the committee's report. The purpose is to inform and gain input from the public. The Board of Selectmen will then use this information to guide its upcoming decisions on the budget, the public works service model, hiring, etc. As such, the public is highly encouraged to attend. And please spread the word; the more participation the better.

More information on the Public Works Exploratory Committee and its report can be found on the Town's website under the Selectmen tab at:

<http://townofmadbury.com/PWEC.php>

The two larger road projects this

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Recently flown, on its first flight after a 35 year restoration at the "Madbury Internationals Airport." The Naval Aircraft Factory N3N (the Yellow Peril) is a tandem-seat, open cockpit, radial engine, training and observation biplane from the 1930s. Joseph Moriarty, current Road Agent and former Selectmen, proud owner.

TOWN OFFICE NEWS

TOWN OFFICE CLOSURES

Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd

Christmas Day, December 25th

New Year's Day, January 1st

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 15th

TRICK OR TREATING in Madbury will be observed on Monday, October 30th, from 5:00 - 7:30pm.

TAX BILLS: The second issue tax bills of 2023 will be due in December (exact date TBD). Please see the tax bill for the actual due date.

2024 Dog Licenses will be available in early January. A current rabies certificate is required.

NH Presidential Primary: As of this publication a date has not been set, but it is anticipated to be in January 2024.

MADBURY TRANSFER STATION will close for the season after the session on Saturday, November 18, 2023.

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.

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season were on Freshet Rd. and Huckins Rd. Each received drainage work, a key to longevity, and a grind and repave. The town generally chooses to improve drainage and road layout on each project, rather than just lay down a new coat of asphalt. Minor drainage and ditch work was done on Champernowne and French Cross Rd. Jenkins Rd received some important drainage and culvert work along with a partial grind and repave.

Several areas in town received vegetation work to improve sight distances. We expect the regular mowing of the town road right of ways to happen soon. Our previous contractor of many years has phased out roadside mowing, partly due to manpower issues. A new contractor was found and the late mowing in Madbury was needed to accommodate his busy schedule.

Please see the notice on page three of this issue regarding a change in when we hold Madbury Day, and an opportunity to volunteer to make it a successful community event.

The decision to put foam insulation in the attic of town hall last fall, seems to have cured the ice dam leaking and improved energy efficiency. Planning is now underway to address some delayed refreshing of paint and perhaps carpet replacement.

In a previous Musings, provisions in the town ordinances to allow home occupations were discussed. The Selectboard and Planning Board has been working with property owners to ensure a fair, safe and enjoyable residential environment for the town.

The Selectmen have been reviewing the town website with an eye to improvements and the posting of approved minutes from boards and commissions.

As always, residents are welcome to attend Selectboard meetings and the board is open to receiving questions and comments. The Selectmen meet on the first and third Monday evenings and most every Friday morning, except for holidays and scheduling conflicts.

LIBRARIAN'S AWARD



Katrinka Pellecchia, representative from NHL-TA, applauds Library Director Susan Sinnott.

The Trustees of the Madbury Public Library are excited to share the news that Susan Sinnott has been selected New Hampshire Library Director of the Year by the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association Board of Directors honoring her decade of intelligent, warm, and diplomatic leadership.

As many of you know, when Susan became Director in 2013, our Library was housed in a small, ranch house. Her professional insights were indispensable in planning our new building with its delightful Children's Room, Nature Play Space and Outdoor Story Trail. Susan continues to play a key role in the success of our Library leading staff and patrons alike to enjoy and support such a rich community asset.

PLANNING BOARD

Thanks to all the residents who participated in the recent housing survey. Resident participation was better than a similar survey in an nearby unnamed city!

Save the Date! The Planning Board is hosting a Housing Forum as part of the Housing & Demographics Master Plan Chapter update. All are encouraged to join in discussing housing trends, challenges, and opportunities in Madbury. The event will be held Wednesday, November 1, 2023, from 7:00-8:30pm at the Town Hall. RSVP to Liz at: efd.planning@gmail.com (appreciated but not required). Visit the project website at: bit.ly/MadburyHDmasterplan to learn more about the Master Plan update.

MCGREGOR EMS

McGregor EMS recently received funding from the NH Asthma Control Program to support people with asthma through free home visits. Visits can be for adults or children and are tailored to the needs of the individual. Services include (1) help identifying or minimizing triggers in the home (2) review of symptoms and treatments (3) help with existing asthma action plans (4) help with how to take your asthma medications. Visits are funded entirely through the grant and are offered at no cost to the patient or community. Insurance is not required. Questions regarding the program can be emailed to: asthma@mcgregorems.org

To sign up for a visit, please fill out the secure form available at: forms.gle/LEhDwsexsF1ThZA3A We will contact you to schedule an appointment.

WENTWORTH FAMILY TRUST

In 2023 Bar Harbor Wealth Management, Trustee of the Wentworth Family Trust approved recommendations from Daniel Klein, Madbury Representative to the ORCSD School Board. Ten scholarships were awarded to Madbury students with an intent and desire to pursue a post-secondary education.

In 2023, the town will receive the eighth disbursement from the Trust for town purposes and the benefit of its inhabitants. Projects submitted in 2023 were:

- * \$1,300 toward the purchase of stackable chairs for the Library.
- * \$8,598 for insulated, light darkening curtains for town hall.

2024 project ideas should be submitted by December 31, 2023. Information and the form for project/item consideration is available at: townofmadbury.com/WFT.html

Scholarship information will be available for all graduating high school seniors residing in Madbury on the ORHS Counseling Office website, see link above.

NH 911 CARES

The NH Division of Emergency Services and Communication announces the launch of a new online NH 911 CARES program. The database assists dispatchers by providing important medical information that a caller may not be able to provide at the time of a 911 call. NH Residents with special medical conditions can register to be included in the CARES program by going to: <https://cares.desc.nh.gov>.

If you have questions or require assistance, please call 603-271-6911 or email: NH911CARES@desc.nh.gov.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Recently the Commission proposed a request for a variance, where a landowner had filled a wetland without town or NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) permits. Wetlands can provide numerous functions and values such as flood attenuation, stormwater storage, water quality protection, and important wildlife and plant habitat. Madbury's Wet Area Protection Overlay District ordinance has long supported these values and seeks to provide protections. The filling of wetlands requires permits or variances from both the town and the NH DES.

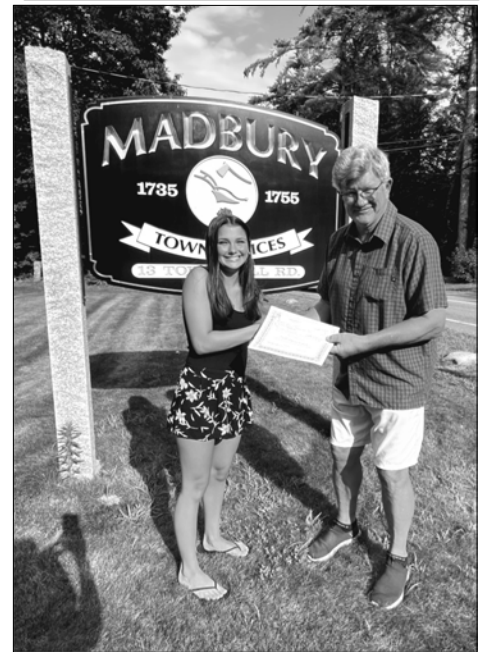
MADBURY DAY

Madbury Day will be held on Saturday, June 1st, 2024!

There will be two in person sessions to collect brainstorming ideas. Drop by the Town Hall on Monday, November 6th from 10am-11am or 7pm-8pm.

If you would like add your name to a mailing list as an interested party or volunteer, send your contact info to the Town Clerk at: tcmadbury@comcast.net

MADBURY SCHOLARSHIPS



Robert Renshaw, Trustee, presents scholarship award to Leah Gault.

"The Madbury Trustees of Trust Funds are pleased to present Leah Gault with the 2023 Literary Fund Scholarship. Leah will be attending Endicott College in the Fall with a major in Interior Architecture.

Leah has volunteered for the Bobcat Bolt Community Race in memory of Josh & Nate Hardy for 10 years and enjoys her work supporting & building relationships with local residents at Riverwoods in Durham.

Congratulations Leah and best wishes at Endicott!"



The popular painting wall from Madbury Day 2023.

MADBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

HOLIDAY HOURS

Thanksgiving Hours

Wed., November 22: 10:00-2:00

Thursday, November 23: CLOSED

Saturday, November 25: 10:00-2:00

Christmas and New Year's

Saturday, December 23: CLOSED

Monday, December 25: CLOSED

Monday, January 1: CLOSED

From the 2023 NH Library Director of the Year

Thank you to the Trustees of the Madbury Public Library and the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association for selecting me as this year's Library Director of the Year. Library Trustees, just like members of a School Board, are local residents who volunteer their time to support the institution's mission. One of their most important duties is hiring a library director and helping him or her settle into the position. As with any relationship, success depends on a combination of good will and chemistry. I am very lucky to have been able to work alongside MPL's trustees Noreen Gaetjens, Marie O'Neill, Hope Flynn, Betsy Renshaw, and Georgeann Murphy. They are passionate about the mission of the library and provide constructive suggestions, support, and understanding. We're a team! Susan Sinnott

Oyster River Community Read 2024 is almost here!

Get a head start with the book selections this year: *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver and *Poverty, by America* by Mathew Desmond. Programs will center on the main themes of income inequality, poverty, and addiction. *Poverty, by America* explains that, as with *Demon Copperhead's* Appalachia, the prob-

lem lack of money and opportunity. The complete calendar of programs and discussions held in Durham, Lee, Madbury, within ORSD, and at UNH will be available soon.

Book Discussion: *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver ~ Wednesday, January 17, 6:00 pm. Here at MPL we'll kick off the OR Community Read ahead of the official start. Extra copies of the book available by December 1.

New! Madbury Genealogy Project will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. Founded by Madbury resident Fritz Green, this group shares research tips, ideas, and interesting tidbits about researching your family tree. Fritz will use the Ancestry Library Edition to demonstrate how to begin searching for your own family story.

Once again we'll be dressed up for the holidays!

Thanks to our Quilters, our tree—positioned in the front window of the Community Room—will be filled with handmade ornaments. And once again Leslie Dunn will display her hand-painted wooden Santa collection, which was a big hit the last two years.

For Children

Our Story Trail is now open all year!

Those Darn Squirrels by Adam Rubin will be the featured book for November and December. In January, you'll be able to read *Tacky the Penguin* by Helen Lester and Lynn Munsinger.

Preschool Story Times Join us on Mondays and Thursdays, 10:30am.

These 30-45-minute sessions feature stories, crafts, songs, and

movement. Upcoming themes include squirrels, pie, Thanksgiving, cookies, and much more. There will be no story time the weeks of December 25 & January 1. We will start our winter session on January 8.

Look for a revamped Yoga Story Time beginning January 10, 10:30 am (new time)!

Regular Meetings during November, December, and January

Friends of the Madbury Library

~ This important group meets the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. They support programs of all kinds, including Summer Reading, museum passes, and any fun thing that comes along. Their next three meetings are November 9, December 14, January 11.

Daytime Book Discussion Group

~ Meets the fourth Monday of the month at 3:30 p.m. Upcoming selections are: On November 27, *Imperfect Birds* by Anne Lamott; December 18, *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett; January 22, *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus.

Writing Group

~ The Writers will meet the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm. Participants are invited to share their works and receive constructive comments from other members. Upcoming meetings will take place November 2, December 7, and January 4. Join us in person or via Zoom.

Quilting Group

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

Madbury Genealogy Project

(read more above) ~ Second Wednesday, 7:00pm; November 8, December 13, January 10