

In 2016 the state legislature expanded Section II (b)(5) of RSA 21:34-a to include the term “agritourism” as *attracting visitors to a farm to attend events and activities that are accessory uses to the primary farm operation, including, but not limited to, eating a meal, making overnight stays, enjoyment of the farm environment, education about farm operations, or active involvement in the activity of the farm.*” The Madbury Planning Board (MPB) appointed a committee to research the effect on our Land Use Regulations. The committee recommended appropriate changes to the Zoning Ordinances which were revised and approved by the full board. Thanks to Beth Goss and Julie McCabe for their service to this committee.

In addition a committee was formed to update the Master Plan. These efforts are ongoing and are schedule for completion in the summer of 2017. Thanks to Marcia Goodnow and Mark Avery for their service to this committee.

The acquisition of the “Powder Major’s Farm and Forest” by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests was agreed to by the Goss Family in 2016. One step toward that goal was the subdivision of Map 6 Lot 6 into 2 lots which was accomplished in December.

With regret, the MPB accepted the resignation of our recording secretary, Tarah Beaupre.

Julie McCabe has resigned from the board after 4 years of loyal service.

The board has proposed some changes to the zoning ordinances which are referenced as amendments in Article 2 in this year’s warrant.

Please note that the MPB maintains a website detailing Documents, Maps, Applications and Meetings. Give us a look at www.madburynh.org.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fritz Green, Chairman.