

## MICROMOUNTERS OF NEW ENGLAND NEWSLETTER

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#### Next Meeting

Saturday, November 19  
Chelmsford, MA library  
Doors open at 9AM

#### Map and directions are on the back page

For information regarding  
**MEETING CANCELLATION**  
due to inclement weather,  
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### MMNE Secretarial Report for September 17, 2005

The September meeting was called to order at approximately 12:05 PM with Bob Janules presiding. Fourteen members were present.

There was no old business so the meeting quickly proceeded to new business at hand. An offer was presented by Joe Mulvey to set up a club website. He had print samples from a "rough draft" of what the website might look like. Joe encouraged members to go to the link <http://www.micromountersofnewengland.org> and to contact him with suggestions at [bassmeister\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:bassmeister_2000@yahoo.com) or 603 880-4018. (If you are typing in Joe's e-mail, not that the apparent space is not a space but a "\_" or, bassmeister\_2000.)

A motion was passed to suspend the club by-laws to permit the election of officers that should have occurred at the April 16 meeting. (No quorum was present at the time.) The slate of candidates was as follows:

|                |                          |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| President      | (no candidate)           |
| Vice President | Mike McKeon              |
| Secretary      | Bob Wilken               |
| Treasurer      | Anna Wilken              |
| Director       | Gene Bearss (2004-2006)  |
| Director       | Mike Swanson (2005-2007) |

The slate was moved, seconded and approved. Hope was expressed that the vacancy for the position of President will be resolved quickly.

Clarification ensued regarding several important non-elective positions. Norm Biggart volunteered to continue securing the monthly meeting location. Jim Cahoon indicated that he would secure the Elks Lodge for the 2006 May Symposium for the Saturday after Mothers Day. Gene Bearss called for a member to step forward to coordinate monthly meeting programs, talks, or presentations. He and Bob Janules both offered their services as presenters. No one volunteered. Josephine MacIndewar volunteered to set up the refreshment table for each meeting.

A vote was taken and passed resolving that the Newsletter should be published once monthly whether it is only one page or more in length.

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The **Newsletter** is the official publication of the Micromounters of New England (MMNE). The last by-laws revision was April 19, 2003. The MMNE is a member of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies (EFMLS) (<<http://www.amfed.org/efmls>>) and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) (<http://www.amfed.org>). Material from the *Newsletter* may be copied in other rock and mineral publications if credit is given to the author and the *Newsletter* and permission has been obtained from the author. If there are questions regarding copying contact the editor. The club address is c/o the Secretary. Meetings are held monthly, September through May, except for December, and usually on an informal basis in July and August. Sites rotate and will be posted in the *Newsletter* as far in advance as possible. Visitors are welcome to attend all meetings. Bring a microscope and light source if you have one.

**DUES** are \$10/year for a single person and \$15/year for a family membership, levied on a calendar basis. The family membership includes two adults and all children under 18 living at the same address. One copy of the *Newsletter* will be sent on a family membership.

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### 2005 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

January, 2006

Saturday (date and site to be determined) MMNE meeting

28-2/11 – Tucson, AZ mineral shows, multiple venues.

Info [mz0955@aol.com](mailto:mz0955@aol.com) or [www.mzexpos.com](http://www.mzexpos.com)

[www.aksshow.com](http://www.aksshow.com)

April, 2006

6-9 – Rochester Mineral Symposium

May, 2006

20 (Saturday) - MMNE May Meeting, Hudson, MA Elks Club (same site as 2005 meeting)

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Gene Bearrs encouraged members to be thinking of "names" for the 2006 May Symposium. He also felt that we should be thinking of ways to attract new members to the club.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Secretary, Bob Wilken

#### MMNE website

For those of you who have not heard (or seen the reporting the Secretary's Report for September, 2005 on page 1 of this Newsletter, Joe Mulvey has the MMNE website up and running. Please read the Secretary's comments on page 1 if you have not done so yet.

MMNE website: <http://www.micromountersofnewengland.org>

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Joe is not only looking for suggestions, but also for pictures, articles, etc.

Please help us make this a viable and dynamic venture.

#### DIRECTIONS TO CHELMSFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

From I-495 Northbound

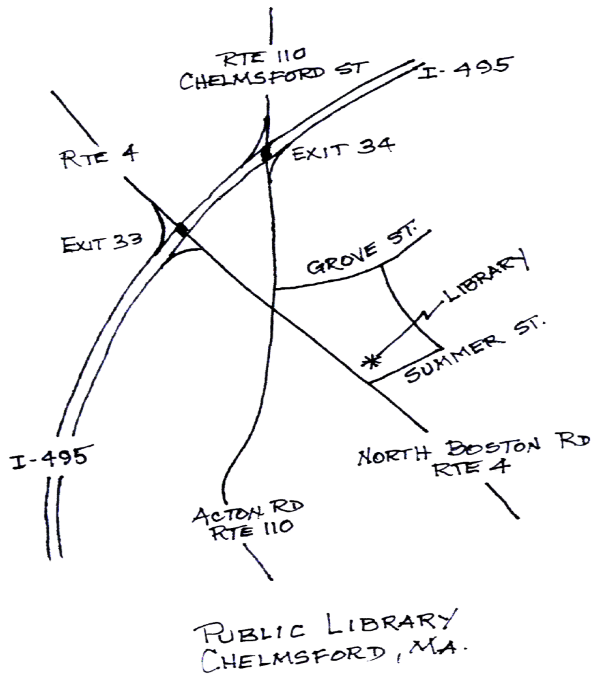
Take Exit 33 and turn right (South) at bottom of ramp onto Rte 4. Follow Rte 4 approximately ½ mile through several sets of lights to traffic island in center of town.

\*Continue on Rte 4 to the right at the island and proceed past the Mobil station on your left (Note that you are on a one way street). The library is on the same island as the Mobil station. Continue on Rte 4 staying to the left for several hundred yards. The back side of the library is to your left. Take Rte 4 North, a left hand turn, and the library is the first building on the left. Park in the lot and enter through the front doors. The meeting room is to the right, just inside the entrance.

From I-495 South bound

Take exit 34 and turn right (South) at the bottom of the ramp onto Rte 110. Follow Rte 110 (Chelmsford Street) to junction of Rtes 110, 129, and 4. Go straight into Chelmsford Center, staying to the right of the Mobil station and follow directions from I-495 Northbound (\*)

**OR** take Exit 33 and follow the directions from I-495 Northbound



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