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#### **Current Meeting**

Saturday, September  
17th  
Chelmsford, MA library  
Doors open at 9AM

Map and driving  
directions are on the  
back page

#### **Next Meeting**

Saturday, October 15th  
Auburn, MA  
Public library  
Doors open at 9AM

Map and driving  
directions are enclosed

For information regarding  
**MEETING CANCELLATION**  
due to inclement weather,  
contact President

### FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome back to the regular meeting schedule. Hopefully some of you have had good collecting trips which you can relate to the rest of the membership through short articles or presentations over the course of the fall and winter meetings. Mont St.-Hilaire seems to have died as a current collecting site. Reports regarding the collecting from our Canadian friends have been so dismal that many of us who frequently made the northern trip several times during the season have not gone at all. There may be some decent collecting at Gilles Haineault's October Symposium – he has arranged to have an area in the Poudrette Quarry “scraped” which he feels should produce the best collecting of the season.

**Down to business** – the MMNE did not hold elections in April as it usually does, so they will be held at the September meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor as no ballot has been created. Jim Cahoon has resigned as president. Mike Kieron has volunteered to run for Vice President. Bob Wilken has resigned as secretary because of Saturday work conflicts. We need some members to step forward and take over the reins of the club. Please consider running for one of the offices. Without the participation of members as officers, the club will be on very hard times. The following are some thoughts from your editor regarding the club officers job descriptions and some thoughts as to how the jobs can be made easier and spread out among more members.

- 1) **President:** In the past the President has done everything that some one else is not doing. The bulk of the work simply involves running the monthly meetings and making decisions at those meetings. Most of the extra work has involved the organization and preparation for the May meeting. The President does need to be a regular attendee at the monthly meetings.
- 2) **Vice President:** The only duty is to take over for the President if he/she is unavailable.
- 3) **Secretary:** Duties of the secretary include recording the minutes of the monthly meeting and getting them to the Editor in a timely manner for publication in the Newsletter. The Secretary is also responsible for preparing all correspondence generated by the MMNE. The Secretary is responsible for being at each meeting to record the minutes or arranging for another member to record the minutes.
- 4) **Treasurer:** The treasurer keeps the books, pays the bills, and presents financial reports to the MMNE on a timely basis. The treasurer also keeps track of the current membership as defined by dues collections. The treasurer does not need to regularly attend meetings.

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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

#### September 2005

17 – MMNE meeting Chelmsford, MA Public Library (Map and directions on back page)

#### October 2005

8-9 – 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gem and Mineral Festival presented by the Capital Mineral Club. Sunapee Resort, Rte 103, Newbury, NH. Saturday 8<sup>AM</sup> to 5<sup>PM</sup>, Sunday 8<sup>AM</sup> to 4<sup>PM</sup>. Adults \$3, Seniors \$2, 12 and under free.

15 – MMNE meeting, Auburn, MA public library. Directions and map are enclosed.

22-23 - Mont St.-Hilaire collecting and Gilles Haineault Symposium

#### November 2005

4-5 – MM Society of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History annual Symposium, Cleveland, OH. Contact Dick Green 330-929-2395 after 6PM or e-mail: [jgreen2@neo.rr.com](mailto:jgreen2@neo.rr.com)

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### MMNE WEBSITE ?

President (ex) Jim Cahoon has been approached by MMNE member Joe Mulvey with an offer to set up an MMNE web site. Joe is a network engineer and the Deputy Director of the IT Department for the city of Newton, MA. His workmanship can be seen @ <http://www.ci.newton.ma.us>.

Give some thought regarding this, and come to the September meeting prepared to discuss it.

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- 5) **Directors:** Two members of the MMNE whose only duty is to attend any executive committee meeting. These are elected positions for two years with one director being elected each year.
- 6) **Editor:** The Editor is appointed by the President and is responsible for publishing the Newsletter in a timely fashion. Information regarding meeting and other MMNE events will be included in the Newsletter.
- 7) **Other potential appointed or volunteer positions** which would take some of the load off the shoulders of the President:

**May meeting program director:** an MMNE member whose only job is to arrange for the speaker and the meeting site. The program director probably should live in the general area of I 495/I 290 to facilitate access to the meeting site while preparations are under way. He/she would not have to necessarily be a regular meeting attendee.

**Monthly meeting site planner:** Norm Biggart has been arranging the monthly meeting sites for some time and has done a great job (Thank you, Norm). This person probably should live in the general area of I 495/I 290 to facilitate easy access to the meeting sites if necessary. (We hope Norm will continue in this capacity.)

**Monthly meeting program director:** Except for the May meeting, the monthly meetings have consisted of a business meeting and a show/tell/trade session for a number of years. It might be nice to spice up the meetings with talks, slide shows, etc. Slide shows are available through the Federation. This individual would not need to live in general area of I 495/I 290.

### PLEASE ATTEND THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

Your vote and input is important.

Consider serving as an officer or volunteering for one of the other positions. Taking a position is a only one year commitment, not a life time commitment. We need to get other members involved in the workings of the club.

### NOTICE

As you can see, the only information other than meeting dates, the Calendar of Coming Events, and the masthead is the article from your editor regarding the upcoming elections. Other than another one or two articles from Bob Janules, I have nothing to publish in the future. The meeting dates and sites for September, October, and November are enclosed in the Calendar of Coming Events on page 2. Unless there are articles to publish, the next issue of the Newsletter will be published in late December, 2005 or early January 2006.

#### DIRECTIONS TO CHELMSFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

From I-495 Northbound

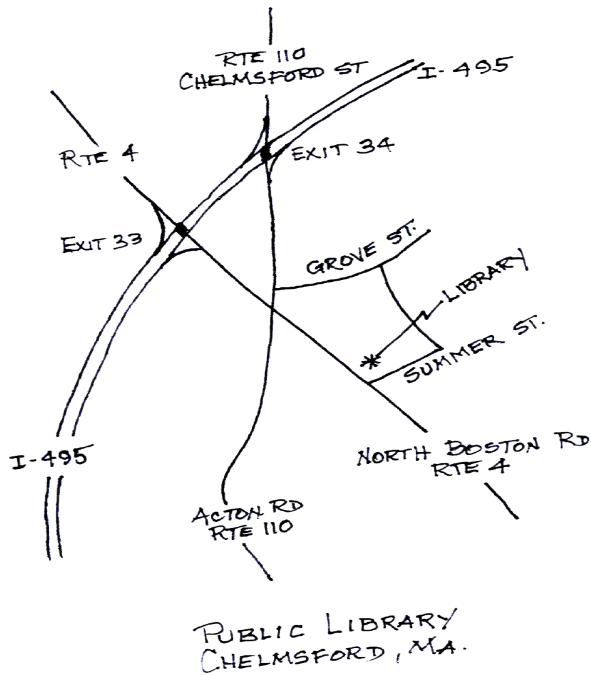
Take Exit 33 and turn right (South) at bottom of ramp onto Rte 4. Follow Rte 4 approximately ½ mile through several sets of lights to traffic island in center of town.

\*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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AUBURN, MA  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Located on Rte 12 just north  
of the shopping mall

Doors open 9AM

At the junction of the Mass Pike and I-290, look for Rte 12 and take it NE. Go past the shopping center on the right (approximately one mile), and the library is just beyond it, again on the right.

