

March 2, 2010

Dear MUUF Members and Friends,

We are writing to update you on our meeting location situation. Recent flooding and major roof damage, including the collapse of the chimney, at the Town Hall in Edgecomb, has led to cancellation of the services last Sunday, March 1st and prohibit us from occupying the building for the foreseeable future. It is for that reason we are announcing that:

MUUF SUNDAY SERVICES WILL BE HELD COMMENCING MARCH 7th at the SKIDOMPHA LIBRARY in DAMARISCOTTA, at 10:30 AM Entrance at the rear of the library.

Ironically, a change in location has been identified in a number of MUUF forums and is a stated goal in the MUUF Long Range Plan. The limitations in the Town Hall include: lack of accessibility, poor visibility, and inadequate children's accommodations. Last month the Board of Trustees along with other leaders of the congregation met for a Leadership Retreat at which time it was agreed that in order to survive, and ultimately grow, a change in location would be necessary. This goal was selected as a top priority for 2010 with a date of June 1st to establish a new temporary location. With the loss of the Town Hall the moving date had to be accelerated.

Yesterday the Board voted to arrange a contract with Skidompha Library for a 6 month period to include an option to renew. We will plan to use the space much as we used the Town Hall, for Fellowship Services and Coffee Hour. As this plan is being put together in a compressed time frame, we can anticipate some awkward moments in the first few weeks. We are working diligently to address the logistics and be prepared for this Sunday's service. This may not be a "perfect" solution. We are, however, greatly improving the space for the children, providing a handicap accessible location, a more central location, and at the same time staying within our budget. We are hopeful that it will also provide us with the stability we need to move further to our eventual goal of growth and of having our own space.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank all of you for all the work you do on behalf of Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. It will take us all growing together to keep our religious voice in this Community. May we be open for not only ourselves but those who have yet to join us!

In Peace,

MUUF Board of Trustees