



**GARDINER CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**



<b>Meeting Date</b>	05/11/2022	<b>Department</b>	City Council
<b>Agenda Item</b>	4.a) Mayoral Proclamation declaring June 2022 as Martha Ballard Month in Gardiner		
<b>Est. Cost</b>			

<b>Background Information</b>	<p>The following excerpt comes from the following website:</p> <p><a href="http://historichallowell.mainmemory.net/page/1495/display.html">http://historichallowell.mainmemory.net/page/1495/display.html</a></p> <p>"One woman who made her mark in the community as a health care provider was Martha Moore Ballard (1735-1812). She was born in Oxford, Massachusetts, and raised in a family that included physicians (her uncle was a doctor as were two brothers-in-law). What made Martha Ballard's life even more remarkable than it was in fact is that it was recorded for history in her diary-- a diary that covered the last 27 years of her life and included 10,000 entries over a period of 9,965 days.</p> <p>In sometimes cryptic entries she recorded her actions as a midwife that resulted in the births of 816 children between 1785 and 1812. Although the existence of the diary was known for some time local historians were reluctant to accord it any significance: James North: "brief and with some exceptions not of general interest" Charles Elventon Nash: "trivial and unimportant...being but a repetition of what has been said many times." But when Laurel Thatcher Ulrich published A Midwife's Tale, The Life of Martha Ballard Based On Her Diary, 1785-1812 a complete picture of Martha Ballard's life emerged."</p> <p>It is these accomplishments that Gardiner wishes to celebrate.</p>
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<b>Requested Action</b>	"I move to proclaim June 2022 as Martha Ballard Month in Gardiner."
<b>City Manager and/or Finance Review</b>	Acting City Manager approves the above action.
<b>Council Vote/ Action Taken</b>	
<b>Departmental Follow-Up</b>	

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