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High School addition rejected

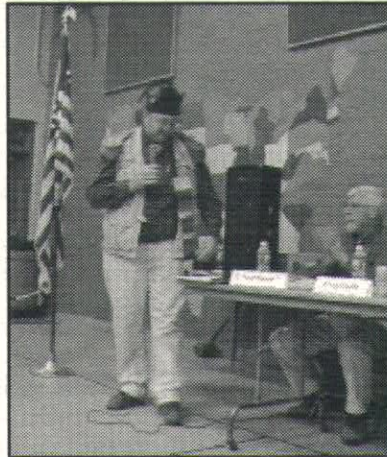
Although a majority of voters checked "yes" on Article 1 of the school district ballot, an addition to the high school did not receive the 66 percent needed to pass. A recount changed the final tally somewhat but not the end result; the final vote was 2,034 in favor and 1,086 opposed. This left the article 46 votes shy of the 2,080 votes required to reach 66%. Bradford voted 208-158 in support of the article. Article 2, which provides \$667,500 for a new roof at the high school, did win approval 2,168 to 855. School officials plan to deal with crowding by adding classrooms to the auditorium for the short term and the board is considering bringing the article back to the voters next year.

The Municipal Budget Committee's proposed budget of \$20,896,703 won with 1,439 votes to 1,392 votes for the School Board's budget of \$20,941,703. The additional money in the School Board's version was earmarked to create a new position of facilities manager.

All other articles won approval including \$178,000 to fund architectural, engineering and related studies for the construction of a new, centrally located middle school and \$100,000 for purchase of an option on land for the new school's site. Up to \$10,000 of any unencumbered surplus as of June 30, 2002 will be added to a capital reserve fund established in 1994 for the purpose of reconstructing or adding to any schools in the District.

Bradford voters re-elected Mark Fairbank to serve as its representative to the school board with 338 votes, and Bernie Lamach to serve as the town's representative on the Municipal Budget Committee with 331 votes. Dan Coolidge was elected as a write-in candidate to serve as the school district's Moderator for a one-year term.

—Lyn Betz



Dan Coolidge donned his Moderator's vest and hat to announce election results at the opening of Town Meeting and was swearing in new officials after its adjournment less than two hours later.

The Aye's have it at Town Meeting

Town Elections

Peter Fenton, who has been serving as interim selectman since Chris Frey resigned in January, was elected as a write-in candidate to serve a three-year term. Fenton received 159 votes followed closely by Bernie Lamach, whose name was written in by 126 voters. Jim Bibbo III, the only name that appeared on the ballot, received 77 votes. Lamach did win a chance to serve the town as a three-year member of the Zoning Board of Adjustments with 299 votes.

The only other contested races were for two seats on the Planning Board. Winners were Edythe Craig with 208 votes and Marlene Freyler with 151 votes. Doug Troy received 127 votes and Michele Vautrain Halstead received 111. Don Johnsen, whose name also appeared on the ballot for legal reasons, received 53 votes in spite of his announcement that he wished to withdraw from the race.

A combination of unopposed candidates and write-ins filled the rest of the available offices. Daniel Coolidge was reelected as Moderator with 224 write-in votes. Ann Lucier was elected as a Supervisor of the Checklist for six years with 214 votes. Thomas Riley was elected with 353 votes to serve a three-year term on the Cemetery Commission and also won a three-year position as a Trustee of the Trust Funds with 218 write-in votes. David Pickman and George P. Morse Jr. were elected to serve three-year terms on the Budget Committee with 317 and 310 votes respectively. Brooks McCandlish received 224 write-in votes to be elected to a two-year term as Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library, and three three-year terms will be filled by Nancy Alibrandi, elected with 282 votes, and write-in candidates Laurie Brown (208 votes) and Lynn Horrigan (187 votes). Dawn Rich received the most votes of any candidate, winning a three-year term on the Scholarship Committee with 367 votes.

Zoning Amendments

Voters approved all three of the Planning Board amendments to the zoning ordinance. Amendment 1, which requires that non-conforming buildings being replaced not extend beyond the original footprint on any floor of the new building, carried 226 to 151. Amend-

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The Bradford Bridge is written by neighbors, for neighbors. Anyone is welcome to submit articles and/or photographs of interest to the community. Send articles or letters to Lyn Betz at the address, FAX number or e-mail address above by April 20.

Selectmen's Update

On March 13, the Annual Town Meeting was held at the Bradford Elementary School. The meeting lasted one hour and forty-five minutes with over 150 people in attendance. The budget, as presented by the Budget Committee, was passed with no changes and all Warrant Articles passed except for one that was tabled. The Selectmen wish to thank you all for your attendance and participation. It was mentioned at the meeting that over 100 different names were written in for the various offices and 395 voters cast their ballots. This was one of the best turnouts ever! We want to congratulate all the successful candidates and request those that ran and were not elected to please consider offering your services to the Town as alternates to the various boards. We still need you and would appreciate any time you can give for the benefit of your neighbors.

Last month you should have received an "Inventory of Taxable Property." This is a form developed by the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA). As part of our continuing effort to maintain a fair way to assess property in town, we instituted the use of this form last year. It is very easy to fill out. Last year, since it was new, the Board of Selectmen elected not to issue penalties to those that were late in submitting the form. The form allows us to monitor any changes in someone's property that might impact their assessment. We are now in a program, with the DRA's approval, that will allow us to assess 20% of the town each year over five years so that a complete costly assessment will not have to be done every five years. It will always be ongoing. These inventories allow us to do that. To make it effective, you will note that there is a box that discusses the penalty for "Failure to File" and it states something about "Doomage." Try to find that word in the dictionary! It isn't there. It is in a thesaurus. It simply means "penalty." If the DRA will allow me, the statement that says, "... if truly returned..." should read, "... if truthfully returned..." I like to keep things simple. What they are trying to say, which I am sure you all understand, is that if you put false property information on this form, the penalty will be four times the normal tax bill! We are required to have the assessor check 10 % of the forms in order to validate the correctness of the property information submitted thereby avoiding doing a full blown town-wide assessment every five years. This will keep the assessments fair and accurate and save a lot of money for the Town in the long run. We would appreciate if you would take the few minutes of your time it takes to fill this form out and get it in by April 15.

If you have any questions, please call the Selectmen's office.

—Dick Vitale, Chairman, Board of Selectmen

New Planning Board schedule

Starting April 1, the Bradford Planning Board is changing the current meeting schedule. While still meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, only the first monthly meeting will be for taking public actions such as applications and holding public hearings. The second meeting will be a working meeting for the board.

This change is due to the increased activity taking time away from the planning functions necessary. The working meetings will be a way for the board to review all of the town's ordinances and regulations, review the Master Plan, look at some growth management options, as well as zoning options. Although this may seem to limit the public's access to the board, it is in the Town's best interest for the Planning Board to plan how and where Bradford grows to minimize the impact on town roads and services. The schedule has been posted at the Town Hall, and it includes when the applications and plans are due as well as when notices are to be mailed for the next public meeting.



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ZBA approves exception in split decision

The Zoning Board of Adjustment held a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 19, regarding a Special Exception. The application was submitted by Bob Stewart of RCS Designs on behalf of Tracy Dunne, requesting approval to construct an "accessory dwelling unit" at 206 Bible Hill Road. Mr. Stewart summarized the application which asserted that the requirements for granting an exception have all been met.

As part of the application, comments were solicited from the Selectmen, Road Agent, Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Planning Board. The Selectmen provided a letter in support of the Exception with the acknowledgment that access to the site for emergency vehicles could be difficult due to the grade of the road. The Road Agent stated that this could be alleviated by regrading the road at the owner's expense. By letter, the Planning Board expressed opposition to the exception on the grounds that they had opposed the original building permit and were against additional development on a Class VI road. Neither the Police nor Fire Chief opposed the exception.

Comments from those attending the hearing were numerous. Dan Coolidge, an adjoining property owner, pointed out that subdivisions are prohibited on Class VI roads, and the construction of a second dwelling on a single lot would have "the same effect as a subdivision." Even though the lot in this case has more than enough frontage on Bible Hill Road to allow for subdivision, he questioned whether this was an "accepted" road.

Carolyn Coolidge added that the Dunne's original application for a building permit on this site (which was approved by the Selectmen) stipulated that a single house would be constructed for Mr. Dunne's daughter. The Coolidge's permission to allow access to their property during the construction of the necessary electric lines was granted on the basis of this representation. "Tom could not have done this without our good will," Carolyn commented, adding, "I feel betrayed." However, there was no easement granted for the utility access because the poles and lines are all within the Town right-of-way.

Joanne Hinnendael, a resident of Warner (also on their Zoning Board), commented that Bible Hill is a Warner road serviced by that town. Although a notice of this Hearing was mailed to the Town of Warner, it was not specifically addressed to the Road Agent or Planning Board. Given the short notice, no other Warner representatives were able to attend. Tom Dunne mentioned that he spoken with Alan Brown, the Warner Road Agent, who had no objection to the additional dwelling.

Ann Eldridge added that, while this is not actually a subdivision, approving a second residence "opens the road" to additional permits, which is what the state was trying to avoid. However, Bradford does not yet have a precise town policy regarding development on Class VI roads. Bob Stewart said that this site is only one lot removed from the end of the Class V road, and thus would not be considered "premature and scattered" development.

ZBA member Milly Kittredge asked if there might be runoff problems due to the construction on the site. Tom Dunne replied that the area has been seeded with conservation mix.

The Exception was approved by a 3-2 vote of the Board. An appeal can be filed within 30 days of the decision.

—Bill Glennie, ZBA alternate

News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector

March 3. Gavyn Magistro was born to Brook Lantas and Frank Magistro in New London.

March 18. Mark Douglas and Nancy Lambert were married in Bradford.

March 22. Robert Luckury died in Bradford.

The weeks of April 7 and 14 the Town Clerk will be away. The office will be open for normal business. The deputy is unable to complete your registrations at this time. You must still come to the Town Clerk's office first to process the town portion of the registration, and will then need to go to Concord or a town that can complete your registration.

The notices of lien and the notices of deed have been sent out. The lien will go into effect on April 15. The planned deed date will be April 23. New tax bills will be mailed toward the end of May.

Beginning April 22, the office will have extended hours for your convenience. New hours will be Monday, noon-7:00pm; Tuesday, 7:00-11:30am and 12:30-5:00pm; and Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm.

—Sue Pehrson

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Obituary

LEON H. RICE

Bedford, NH—Leon H. Rice, 82, died on March 20. He was born in Manchester on July 25, 1919, son of Leon Hiram and Abbie (Turney) Rice.

He was a general manager at the Leighton Machine Company in Manchester. He did volunteer work at the YMCA and at various times served as president of the Manchester Kiwanis Club, executive board member of the Daniel Webster Boy Scout Council, director of state and city chapters of the Cerebral Palsy Association, and as a member of the Governor's Council on Employment of Handicapped. He was a member of Lafayette Lodge No. 41 F&AM and of the Bedford Presbyterian Church. He was a lifelong summer resident on Lake Massasacum in Bradford.

Family members include his wife of 56 years, Margery A. (Miller) Rice, five daughters, a son, 12 grandchildren, a brother, and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Letters

Cheney Hill Road safety endangered by subdivision

Keith Stebbins has proposed a 15-lot cluster subdivision on Cheney Hill Road, a rough, dirt road looping off Center Rd. just after the intersection of Center and Jones Roads. Stebbins' plan includes widening the road to 17-18' with 2' shoulders in addition to changing the ends of the road so that they have an angled entrance onto Center. This kind of project affects not only the road abutters, but also travelers and taxpayers in general.

We question whether subdivision traffic can be routed in a north direction down Cheney Hill Road, as a majority of it seems to exist as a class VI highway; subdivisions require a class V highway. Historically, the dirt road began as class VI (not town-maintained). In a 1988 Town Meeting, residents specifically rejected a warrant article to make the entire road class VI and narrowly approved changing only a small portion of the road to class V. Years later, the Town took it upon itself to grade the road and has plowed it ever since. Now, the Town declares that the road has become a class V because it has expended taxpayer dollars on it in direct contravention of the voters' intent.

We oppose the road's proposed widening, as it would create a dangerous situation for many. Residents on the road would contend with issues of child safety, increased road dust, loss of a primary drinking well, hindered driveway access,

and loss of trees, just to name a few. The road attracts pedestrians, often walking with their pets. Widening the road makes it unsafe for these individuals as well. In addition, were the road widened it would become more attractive as a cut-through and draw even more cars from Center. Unfortunately, there are very few cars that travel the posted speed of 20 mph. Further, the road lacks lines of sight and has blind spots.

Dumping subdivision traffic down into the intersection of Jones and Center Roads, already a dangerous spot, is asking for trouble in the form of a serious and expensive lawsuit.

Before this subdivision is approved, there should be a full traffic impact study performed throughout an entire year assessing the seasonal impact and the effect greater traffic would have on the historic Bement covered bridge. Ross Stevens, Stebbins' engineer, and Town officials have balked at having any kind of traffic study, saying it would be too costly. Perhaps they need to reconsider the price of human life or limb. Concerned citizens can attend the next Planning Board meeting on April 9 at 7:30.

The Clark, Duncan, and Largy Families

Letters to the editor should be no more than 400 words and may be edited for clarity and content. All letters must be signed and include a telephone number for verification.

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Bradford teen takes slopes by storm

Sixteen-year-old Bradford resident Ryan Paris took giant stomps towards realizing his dream of becoming a professional snowboarder last month. Paris, a sophomore at Kearsarge Regional High School, placed first in the Big Air snowboarding event in South Lake Tahoe, California, earning him a \$10,000 prize. He earned another \$1,500 for a fifth-place finish in the slopestyle event. The events were held March 6-10 and footage of Paris' best slopestyle run and big air jumps were broadcast on NBC Sports on March 30. If you missed it, proud parents Dick and Judy just might have a videotape they would be willing to share!



Paris nails a backside corked 700 (off axis, 2 revolution spin) at Raggend Mt. Photo by Jesse Baird.

Paris also won a third place (and another \$3,000) at the U.S. Open snowboarding event at Stratton Mountain in Vermont on March 17.

BWC Scholarships

The Bradford Women's Club is pleased to announce that they are offering two scholarships of \$1000 each this year. The scholarships are offered to women from the towns of Bradford, Newbury, and Sutton who are pursuing post secondary academic or vocational education. An application may be obtained from Bowie's Market on Main Street in Bradford or from the Guidance Department of the Kearsarge Regional High School. The application deadline is April 30, 2002. If you have any questions or need information, please contact Beth Rodd at 938-2692.

"April Showers" Square Dance



The Bradford Country Squares will host a Mainstream Square Dance with Plus tips at the Bradford Town Hall on Saturday, April 20 from 8:00-10:30pm. "April Showers" is the decorative theme of this dance that Jerry Maurice will call and Phil Gatchell will cue. Admission is \$5 per person. For information please call Kris Sweet at 863-0794. There is no charge for spectators and they are always welcome.

Carol Conforti-Adams recuperating after accident

Carol Conforti -Adams, a longtime resident of Bradford, NH, was in a serious car accident on the morning of February 22, 2002. She is the wife of Philip Adams and mother of Christopher, 14 and Loretta, age 12.

Carol was taken to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center after sustaining a spinal cord injury in the accident and was transferred to Health South, New England Rehabilitation Center, Two Rehabilitation Way, Woburn, MA 01801 on Thursday, March 28, for approximately three months of rehabilitation. She is doing well and positive about her rehabilitation.

There is a local emergency fund set up at all Lake Sunapee branches for friends to make a donation. Just ask to deposit money into the "Carol Conforti-Adams Emergency Fund".

Also, Carol's brother, John Conforti of Boston, a world class marathon runner, is coming out of retirement to run the upcoming Boston Marathon on Monday, April 15 as a fund raiser for Carol. He is accepting TAX DEDUCTIBLE donations. Please send checks payable to Our Lady of Fatima Church with "Carol Conforti -Adams Fund" on the memo line. Donations can be a lump sum or a \$ amount per mile (i.e. \$2.00/mile). The checks should be mailed to: John Conforti, 8 Whittier Place, 16K, Boston, MA 02114.



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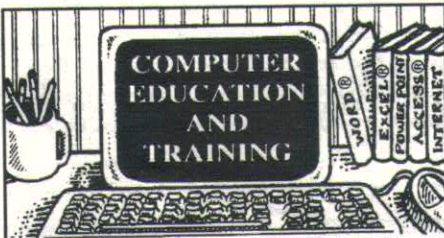
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Volunteers sought for amphibian monitoring

Several volunteers are needed for an ongoing amphibian monitoring program. This is a national effort initiated three years ago and patterned after the decades-long studies of birds which has contributed valuable data on the rise and fall of bird species over time. Both studies rely upon trained volunteers listening for vocalizations at specified times and at established points along roadsides. NH does not yet have much hard data on the current status of even our common toads and frogs and this information is sought to determine how the northeastern U.S. fits in to the regional and global decline of amphibians.

One of these routes runs from Newbury into western Bradford and is currently monitored by four volunteers. We realize that to keep this route active over time we will need some trained backup listeners. If you would like to amaze your friends and relations with your obscure knowledge of the Beaufort wind scale, the mating habits of salamanders, the difference between the call of the pickerel frog and the green frog, and also spend four nights per year baffling passing motorists—please call Amy Blitzer at 938-5952, Ann Eldridge at 938-5266 or Clare Bensley at 938-5482.



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Bicentennial Park wall complete



The long awaited stone wall surrounding the Bradford Bicentennial Park is finally completed. Tim Gannett, stone wall builder extraordinaire, finished a few weeks ago. The Park, a gateway to the main part of town, has been tended by the Bradford Women's Club from its inception and they are now rebuilding it with funds derived from a number of their fund raising events.

The project was spawned by the Bradford Economic Opportunity Committee Village Improvement Program made up of members from a number of groups in town and anyone wanting to get involved. Pellettieri Associates Inc, landscape architects from Warner, NH, designed the new park free of charge and it took many hours to come to the final design.

The Bicentennial Park was begun by Dick Whall who requested from the State the use of a small portion of the corner of 103 and Main Street to honor our own who served for our country. It took a great deal of persuasion and we are thankful he was able to convince the State of its importance. You will be able to enter the Park from the Route 103 side or from an opening in the guard rail on the opposite side. We hope to have a bench for rest and contemplation.

The Park had become overgrown and the monument was sinking into the ground. The town then had to dig into the park for an underground drainpipe to dispose of water from Main Street. Some of

the plants were saved and replanted at the new Community Center. Lilies, lilac, rhododendrons, asters, jonquils, etc. will be planted when the ground permits. Lyons Nursery will supply many of the items and possibly help and advise with the planting as they did many years ago with the original Park. Donations of money for particular plants (listed above) will be greatly appreciated. Daylilies will be purchased from the "Lily Lady," Marge Davison, in Sutton. She has chosen and set aside daylilies from her collection just for the Park.

Water has been generously donated by Ted and Liz Young of Merrimack Farm so that we will be able to keep the garden looking beautiful. Needed is a nice looking container for the water hose. New soil, peat moss, fertilizer, etc are needed for the planting since this was originally a railroad bed and is dead soil. Donations of this sort will also be welcomed.

Charlene Harris has volunteered to "advise" us and we could not ask for anyone better. She has a great eye and will tell the worker bees just where that particular flower will shine the best. We are going to need worker bees all year long so if there are any garden/flower people out there willing to help please get in touch with any member of the Bradford Women's Club. All females are invited to join the Bradford Women's Club. We would love to have you as a member. You can make a difference.

—Jane Johnsen

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February 25. The Conservation Commission presented a Class VI road policy recommendation for the Selectmen's review. It has more criteria than the present Selectmen's policy and was drawn up after study of the regulations of several area towns. The Selectmen will take the new suggestions under advisement. Brooks McCandlish, Ann Eldridge, and Perry Teele discussed further views of the Conservation Commission concerning Class VI roads and buildings with no permit. Mr. Vitale said that in his conversations with any persons proposing to build he has emphasized that there are several steps to be followed, probably involving more than one board.

A Public Hearing, as legally noticed, was held at 5:25pm to expend unanticipated revenue received by the Police Department. Chief Kirby explained the kits containing lithium flashlights, protective gloves, and other accessories that he wants to purchase for the personnel on the force. He has found these kits at a discounted price. The Selectmen voted to approve and Chief Kirby expressed his appreciation to Mrs. Mary Webb for her generous gift to the Department in memory of her husband, Doug Webb.

Cheryl said there has been confusion about real estate tax abatements. The New Hampshire Department of Revenue mandates the March 1 deadline for paperwork and the forms. She explained the procedure to be followed is filing the forms, which include the map and lot number and signature, then the assessors will review and submit their reasoning to the Selectmen, and the Selectmen will approve or disapprove the assessors' decision by July 1. Should the Selectmen vote against the assessors' decision and the case is appealed in the court, the assessing firm will not stand behind them.

From RCS Designs, Bob Stewart presented a permit application for an accessory building on Bible Hill road with a request by the ZBA for input from the Selectmen. This, too, was discussed with the three Conservation Commission members present.

Three current use applications signed.

A complaint of gravel excavation for sale will be investigated.

Chris Way, who works with state environmental services, will be checking into the town dump permitting papers.

The waiver for dwelling construction has been signed by Ms. Sayer and was presented for the Selectmen's signature.

PSNH will visit and advise if there are viable projects for power discounts for energy savings in town buildings.

March 11. George Naughton discussed the transfer station contract; the yearly tonnage will be estimated at 400 for Naughton and 500 for the Town. He suggested compacting with the backhoe whenever possible for fewer trips, and said he has replaced a 30-yard container with a 40-yard container to cut down on trucking. George and the Selectmen will decide whether there will be a two or three year contract and agreed on the tonnage rate.

Chief Kirby introduced Louella McLean, a certified police officer from Rumney, who will be part-time with Bradford. He is currently processing several applications for part-time work with the PD. He is also advertising for a full-time position. The Selectmen requested a duty roster and Chief Kirby explained the part-time force is subject to frequent change.

Weight restrictions on roads for mud season have been posted and will be removed when the Road Agent advises.

The ambulance has been repaired, is back on duty, and needs a bit more pin striping touch up; a thank you note has been sent to Stewart Ambulance for their loan.

William Glennie has volunteered to be an alternate to the Zoning Board.

Mike Rabbit Enterprises sent a contract for spring road sweeping. The Selectmen had questions and will study further.

Bernie Lamach submitted a letter in regard to the Cheney Hill Road changes. His household well is on the property being studied for road upgrading to accommodate the increased traffic for a proposed subdivision. Bruce will investigate further, but at this time feels that the developer will be actively involved in a solution.

Nathan Brown will represent the Road Crew and attend classes about roads and bridges. A note was made that there is a paving problem on a section of Fairgrounds Road which is rippling and will be addressed this spring.

Correspondence from DES regarding the post closure testing of the Naughton property. Cheryl will check into proper channels regarding the financial solutions. The Town Sheds area has tested satisfactorily.

The state 911 has requested changes in naming and numbering of the town map. A meeting will be planned.

Mr. Meany, the Code Enforcement Of-

ficer indicated there is a health problem in a rental property on Main Street, as well as a business for which he has received no building permit request nor state approval. He is taking action on both items.

March 18. A public hearing was held to discuss bus traffic on Old Warner Road. Buses are directed around 103 to the elementary school at the east end of Old Warner Road. Peter Fenton said that the inquiry about routing originated from the bus director as a point of information. Dave Pickman, who was a selectman at the time the routing decision was implemented, said the school board and town made the decision because the old road had heavy traffic and was more dangerous for bus travel than 103. He said the turn up 114 was dangerous and other buses would go straight on through Main Street to 103. Residents Janet Richter, Jim Pickman, Everett and Milly Kittredge, and via phone call, Bud and Hazel Morse, registered opposition to opening the west entrance to Old Warner Road to bus traffic. Except for disaster action, the selectmen opted to continue the 103 routing.

Chip Meany inquired about the large rocks in the roadbed on Massacum Ave; one has already been drilled, and is scheduled for blasting. He wondered what action the town crew would be taking, if any, and felt the snowplows might have a problem with the rocks also. He was told there was a blasting budget and there would be a discussion with the Road Agent.

The Naughton disposal contract was signed for a two-year period. One Current Use application signed. MS-2 appropriations voted in at town meeting signed. Budget total \$1,534,259.

One intent to cut was signed. Dave Pickman asked what steps the selectmen were using to oversee the amount of cutting. The state timber monitor checks only if there is a question. Dave said the town forester was a successful influence when loggers know the forester may be in town. He warned there is a time limit to bring action in court. Cheryl said they never get a report back from the town forester. The Conservation Commission plans to review all intents to cut.

It is thought the road crew can handle the problem of the Lamach's well, which is in the right of way of Cheney Hill Road.

It was suggested the public give input on the new federally mandated road signs, which are to be in place by 2012. Sample pictures will be available at the Town Hall for perusal.

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ment 2, which requires manufactured housing to be located only in subdivisions specifically designed and designated for that purpose, passed 227 to 152. Amendment 3 requires that abandoned cell tower properties be returned to their pre-construction condition and was passed 327 to 53.

Town Meeting

Approximately 175 people turned out for a meeting that was generally smooth and efficient with all business completed in less than two hours. In preliminary remarks, Cheryl Behr was thanked for her outstanding work on the Town Report, which was produced in-house at considerable savings; Milly Kittredge was recognized as Assistant Moderator; and Dick and Sue Vitale, who are retiring from the Bradford Rescue Squad, received thanks and applause for many years of service.

Voters quickly moved through 28 line items on the town budget, asking occasional questions and passing the \$1,166,759.00 budget in its entirety. An increase in the line item for employee benefits drew comment; it now includes benefits for some elected officials including the selectmen, town clerk, and treasurer. Dave Pickman, a member of the budget committee, spoke against the increase. Diane Gadoury, chairman of the budget committee, explained that benefits, if offered to one employee, have to be offered to all employees in that category as determined by the State. She said that with the long hours the selectmen put in they deserve benefits. The large majority of voters agreed.

Warrant articles for the lease of two police cruisers were also the subject of some discussion. After Karen Losik expressed frustration that a new cruiser appeared on the streets six months after voters defeated a warrant for the lease at the 2001 town meeting, Selectman Dick Vitale offered an apology to the town for not holding a public hearing on the decision. He explained that the cruiser was an absolute necessity and the lease money had come from the police budget. Voters approved \$7,500 to continue the lease for a second year. Chief Jim Kirby then spoke to a second warrant article to appropriate \$9,700 for the lease of a new cruiser to replace the Ford Explorer. In response to the question of whether the town needs a four-wheel drive police vehicle, Kirby replied that the Explorer should, in his opinion, never have been purchased for police work since it was essentially a family car. He expressed confidence that with good snow tires, the new cruiser will be able to get where it needs to go. The article passed.

Voters also appropriated \$5,000 to create a Police Facility Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of expanding the existing police facility or developing a new one. Chief Kirby said that if the Highway Department eventually moves their facilities the police department might logically be included in a new facility.

Article 29, a non-binding article asking for the town's endorsement to develop a 45-acre parcel of town land that is currently the site of the Transfer Station and the Bradford Historical Society, was the only item of the night that didn't pass. The article stated that the purpose of the development would be to broaden Bradford's tax base by using the land for a combination of beneficial uses such as a Municipal Complex (e.g. Highway Department, Transfer Station), a business park, and a seasonal or cluster housing area. After Don Johnsen explained that the article did not commit the town to anything but would give direction to the Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee, Ev Kittredge said he didn't feel comfortable voting to endorse this development if it weren't connected to other changes, since by itself it didn't seem clear that the goal of broadening the tax base would be achieved. He moved to table the article, a non-debatable motion that passed in a nearly unanimous voice vote.

Voters added monies to several Capital Reserve Funds. Several of the appropriations will be funded from a budget surplus: \$20,000 to the Highway Department, \$10,000 each to the Fire Department and Ambulance funds, and \$5,000 to the Town Facilities and Buildings fund. A Town Highway Garage Capital Reserve Fund was created and funded with \$10,000, and \$1,000 was appropriated to create and fund a Gravestone Repair and Preservation Expendable Trust Fund.

Several warrant articles appropriated funds for road and bridge work. Twenty-six thousand dollars was approved for road oil, \$10,000 for engineering and drainage work on Main Street, \$40,000 for continuation of the reconstruction of East Wash-

ington Road, and \$50,000 for completing the final engineering plans and drawings, applicable State and Federal permitting, and bid specifications for the replacement of bridge #100-141 on Fairgrounds Road. Voters also approved \$3,500 for the purchase of street signs that will meet new federal standards. Selectman Vitale explained that the town will replace the signs over the course of several years.

The highway department received funding for some equipment purchases: \$87,900 for a new dump truck, plow and wing, \$7,500 for a new plow, and \$38,900 for a new one-ton truck. The one-ton truck purchase will be funded by a \$10,400 withdrawal from the heavy equipment capital reserve fund, \$10,000 from budget surplus and \$18,500 from the trade-in of existing equipment.

Two articles appropriated money to address problems at the town-owned Naughton property. Five thousand dollars will go towards the removal of an oil tank (this is the amount of the deductible, with additional costs covered by the Oil Discharge and Disposal Clean-up Fund). Fifteen thousand dollars will be spent for detailed research to define the volume of waste in the landfill on the property and to develop a plan for its removal.

Voters agreed to discontinue the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund and transfer the balance, which was less than \$200, to the general fund. Cheryl Behr explained that the revaluation process has changed and the town will be conducting its revaluation on an ongoing basis, with a portion of the town being done each year.

A \$5,500 appropriation will be used for the purpose of hiring an attendant five days a week from May through September to inspect boats at the town launch on Lake Massasecum and to educate the public about milfoil contamination.

Although it was not official business, Sue Vitale ended the meeting with a strong plea to all residents to put visible numbers on their homes so that emergency vehicles can locate those who need assistance.

—Lyn Betz



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We are extremely grateful to the Janet Niles estate for a generous donation that has allowed us to update the librarian's computer. Now we can create and print our own catalog cards while maintaining a database of our holdings. Our in-house cards are much clearer and more concise than those previously purchased from the State Library. Thank you Bud Morse for helping us with this donation. Although this goes against the trend, we are committed to maintaining our paper card catalog for as long as possible. Patrons have let us know that this is important to them.

Another big thank you goes to a donor from Roxbury, New Hampshire who recently gave us an incredible collection of quilting books. If you have any interest in quilting you must check this out. And thanks to Janet Sillars and Brian Carter for the real, living greenery that now festoons the library.

Come to our book sale on Saturday, April 27, from 9:00am-1:00pm. See you there!

New books this month:

For children:

Yoko's Paper Cranes by Rosemary Wells
Daisy Comes Home by Jan Brett
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For adults:

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The Summons by John Grisham
The Future of Life by E. O. Wilson
Lazy B: Growing up on a Cattle Ranch by Sandra Day O'Connor and Alan Day
Southampton Row by Anne Perry
Three Weeks in Paris by Barbara Taylor Bradford
Stupid White Men by Michael Moore
Breaking Clean by Judy Blunt
Among the Bears by Ben Kilham (a local man from Orford, NH)

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Real Estate Hints:

The Difficult People

It is virtually impossible to deal with the public and not come across those we refer to as "difficult people". In my business, part of it due to the fact that I sell a very big-ticket item. Emotions run high and the objectives of the buyer and seller may be quite different. Realtor to realtor issues may be partly blamed on the fact that no one is paid unless and until the sale closes which can result in tension and hard feelings. I also feel that stress levels have gone sky-high since September 11th and our busy lives leave little time for relaxation and reflection.

I was pleased to find that a recent edition of Realtor Magazine addressed just this issue, outlining the five common types of difficult people and strategies to deal with each:

Complainers—they find fault with everything and no solution is right. *Get these folks to participate in all decisions and keep things optimistic.*

Intimidators—these types are usually aggressive and use anger, rudeness, and abuse to get their way. They also like to blame others. *Do not respond emotionally to them and don't argue. Let them vent.*

Clams—they use silence as a weapon, responding to questions with a shrug or yes or no answer, usually accompanied by a glare or frown. *Ask open-ended questions to get them to talk. Be reassuring.*

Indecisives—these types do not know what they want and constantly need to talk to others to try to make up their mind. *Encourage them to share their misgivings and prioritize their objections.*

Know-it-alls—they often focus on minor issues in order to make themselves important and to gain respect from others. They often have just enough information to be dangerous. *Don't ignore them or correct them in front of others. Offer alternatives and allow them to save face.*

The article goes on to provide tips for staying in charge when you are faced with one of the above types, such as keeping your voice down, listening carefully, and offering to help rectify a problem. Sometimes apologizing is the answer, and above all, act professionally at all times. Remember that no one can control another's behavior, but we can control how we choose to respond.

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Legislative Report

By Representative Barbara Conner French



The Merrimack County Delegation held its final meeting on Wednesday, March 20 with the purpose of voting on the Merrimack County annual budget. This was the first day of spring with the heaviest snowfall of the season and driving conditions were extremely hazardous. Several representatives, including me, were unable to drive to Concord for the evening meeting because of the ice and snow. This rep has never missed an important, final budget meeting and asked the chairman to consider travel difficulties and postpone the meeting so that we could all attend but to no avail.

A complicating factor that made this meeting so vitally important was the unexpected and unannounced (by the delegation chair) last minute decision to consider cutting the county budget by an arbitrary \$500,000 dollars. The allocation of county budget funds was decided by subcommittees who met from December through March and listened to proposals for expenditures. After several intense meetings, the barebones/no fat budget recommendations were presented to the executive committee for approval and that figure should have constituted our budget. But this year, without discussion or notification, a motion was made to cut the budget and those of us who felt that our original recommendations were responsible and who were unable to cast our votes were disenfranchised as were the people we represent. Those essential county programs that care for our elderly, incarcerate our county inmates, counsel our children and families, and care for our local interests serve our families and our neighbors, all of whom are my constituents. While we have a responsibility to keep our tax rates as reasonable as possible, we also must consider the needs of our disabled and elderly who depend on Meals on Wheels as well as those programs that serve to divert non-violent

criminal offenders from costly incarcerations to productive supervision in the community. These are only two of the many services the county alone supports because the state does not traditionally interfere with local control nor provide the funding for county essentials (jail, nursing home, sheriff's department, county attorney etc.).

I have always run on and supported a fair and equitable tax structure which, I believe, is the only way to solve the property tax problem. Cutting \$500,000 from the current budget to provide property tax relief is penny wise and pound foolish. While it saves \$6 per \$100,000 on county taxes (very little actual saving to any of us), it has the potential of imposing drastic, negative effects on the functioning of essential county services. Those who serve as county employees or depend on services that are to be cut may well feel betrayed by this action.

In reading reports of the budget cuts in the morning papers, it was implied that if reps did not vote for the last minute budget cuts, we weren't thinking of the property tax payer. That is the furthest from the truth. This action does nothing to provide real or lasting property tax relief but it does undermine services to the most fragile and needy members of our communities. Until this legislature comes to some meaningful and equitable standard of taxation based on one's ability to pay, these budget battles will continue to wreak havoc on our communities as struggling property tax payers must make tough decisions that pit their children's educational needs against spiraling, unaffordable property taxes.

As always, your reps are working diligently to represent your views in Concord. Please continue to contact me or Rep. Rodd with your concerns and interests.

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**Church News***From Lynne E. Hubley*

Women's Christian Guild: The ladies will meet in the vestry on Friday, April 5 at 11:00am. Vicki Simonds will show them how to make Spring Fling Baskets. The cost is \$10 and includes all materials. Light refreshments will be served.

College Scholarship: The Women's Christian Guild will be awarding their annual scholarship in June. Any graduating senior from Bradford who will be furthering their education in the fall may apply. Please send a letter telling the Guild about yourself, any school or community activities that you have participated in, and your future education plans to Women's Christian Guild, c/o Judi Mott, P.O. Box 304, Warner, NH 03278. Application deadline is April 25.

American Baptist Women's Ministry: The April meeting will be Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00pm in the vestry. There will be a discussion on the Fourth of July Fair and a Fair committee formed. The program will be entitled "The Restorative Value of Hospitality." Lemon meringue pie will be the dessert.

Crop Walk: The First Baptist Church and the United Church of Warner are co-sponsoring a "walk-a-thon" on Sunday, April 14 to raise money for Church World Service. The monies will help with the issue of world hunger. We will be meeting at the United Church of Warner at 1:30pm. The walk is approximately five miles. For more information, please call the church office at 938-5313.

Youth Group: The youth group (grades 5-8) will be participating in the Crop Walk on Sunday April 14. Prizes will be offered to youth for the most sponsors: First prize, \$30 gift certificate to the Steeplegate Mall; second prize, \$15 to Strawberries Music store; and third prize, \$10 to Video Pursuit. Youth will meet at the First Baptist Church in Bradford at 1:15pm to carpool to Warner.

The other youth group event will be held on Wednesday, April 24 from 6:30-8:00pm in the Church vestry. The program for the evening is entitled "Building Blocks of Trust." We will be playing many games and enjoying several activities around the issue of trust such as: "Who Can you Trust?", "The Blind Walk", the "Bagel Pass", and "Penny for your Thoughts." The snack will be "make your own pizzas."

Food Pantry: We thank everyone who participated in our "Souper Bowl Sunday" food program and made donations to the food pantry. The April distribution date is Wednesday, April 17 from 6:00-7:00pm. Food can be received at other times by calling the Church office.

Bible Study: The Thursday evening Bible Study meets from 7:30-8:30pm in the Church vestry. The group is studying the Book of Genesis. Everyone is welcome to attend. Fred Hubley leads the study.

South Newbury Union Church

Winter is over—Spring is here. Come on out and talk with old friends and meet new ones. The South Newbury Union Church is hosting a Turkey Dinner with "all the fixings" and homemade desserts. When, you ask? The dinner will be on Saturday, April 13 from 5:00-7:00pm. Where, you ask? Come to the Friendship House in South Newbury at the corner of Sutton and Village Roads. The price for the dinner will be \$7 for adults, \$3 for ages 6 through 11, and free for those under six years old. Takeout will be available. We will also have great raffle prizes. Friendship House is handicapped accessible. Call 938-2064 for more information.

—Gail Bostic

Bradford Area Community Center Calendar

Ongoing Activities:

WEDNESDAYS

Yoga Class, not advanced, Senior Room, 9:30-11:00am, call Fran at 456-3099 to register

FRIDAYS

Computer Tutoring, Senior Room, 10:00am (other times by appointment, call Bev at 938-2996)

2nd and 4th MONDAYS

Bridge Group, Senior Room, 1:30-4:00pm

1st and 3rd THURSDAYS

BACC Governance Board, Senior Room, 5:30pm

MONDAY, APRIL 1

Tutoring in Computer Usage for Beginners, Senior Room, 7:00pm (call Bev Leo at 938-2996)

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

CAP Fuel Assistance, Conference Room, 9:00am-noon (please call 456-2207 for appointment)

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Senior Craft Program, Making bookmarks with Sandi, 10:30am. Lunch served at 12:00 noon.

Kearsarge Area Preschool Board Meeting, Senior Room, 7:00pm

MONDAY, APRIL 8

Senior Lunch, 12:00 noon, followed by a presentation titled "Complementary Therapies—Are they Effective?" by Steven Ottariano. Please call 938-2104 for reservations.

Tutoring in Computer Usage for Beginners, Senior Room, 7:00pm (call Bev Leo at 938-2996)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Senior potluck luncheon (bring a salad or entree) 12:30pm. The Hopkinton Girl Scouts will bring dessert and present a puppet show. Call 938-2104 to reserve space.

For information regarding Meals on Wheels or CAP Senior Programs call CAP Program Director Sandi Bandieri at 938-2104. The Senior Center is open Monday thru Friday 8:30am-2:30pm. A nutritious lunch is served on Monday and Thursday at 12:00 PM (a \$2.00 donation is requested).

For after-school Youth Program information call director Susan Cowan at 526-6415 or 526-2389.

For Kearsarge Area Pre-School information call Sarah Harvey at 938-2624.

For general information call the Administration Office at 938-6228. There are still certain rooms available for meetings or parties. If you are interested, please call the office at 938-6228.

Anyone interested in joining a local Weight Watchers' group should contact the Bradford Area Community Center at 938-6228.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

Senior Lunch, 12:00 noon, followed by a presentation about VA benefits by Chris McPhail.

Brownies, Youth Room, 3:00-5:00pm

Kearsarge Area Preschool Parents Meeting, Youth Room, 7:00pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Bradford Community Corporation, Senior Room, 7:00am

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Senior Council Meeting, Senior Room, 1:00-3:00pm, all seniors welcome

MONDAY, APRIL 15

Senior Lunch, 12:00 noon. 12:30 Cathy Lord will share Service Link information.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

CAP Fuel Assistance, Conference Room, 9:00am-noon (please call 456-2207 for appointment)

New Senior Program! 10:00am. "Armchair Travel" series. Jan Caskey will give a slide presentation on her trip to Antarctica on a freighter. Refreshments will be available. Please call Sandi at 938-2104 for more information.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

Personal Touch Free BP Check and Foot Care Clinic, Medical Services Room, 11:00am- 12:30pm

Senior Lunch, 12:00 noon.

MONDAY, APRIL 22

Senior Lunch, 12:00 noon, followed by the New London Hospital presentation "Foot Health Awareness." 12:30pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Senior Lunch, 12:00 noon. Today we celebrate "National Volunteerism Week". Volunteers, please attend to receive our appreciation. Bradford Historical Society presentation, "Bradford Houses of the 1800s," 12:30pm

MONDAY, APRIL 29

Senior Lunch, 12:00 noon

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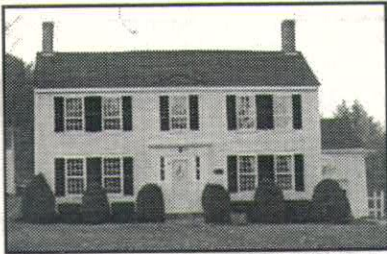
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April Library Friends Events

The free after-school program for elementary school children, "It's a Small World," sponsored by the Friends of Brown Memorial Library, will be held at a new location in April. The movie, "How the Leopard Got His Spots," will be screened on Wednesday, April 10 from 3:15 to 4:15 at the Bradford Elementary School (not in the town's library). The April movie features an African folk tale. For more information, call 938-5948.

On Thursday, April 18 at 7:00pm, the Friends will hold a meeting in the library to plan the Summer Reading Program. This year's program, "Lions & Tigers & Books, Oh My!", is designed to encourage children to read for pleasure in a relaxed environment far from the pressures of the classroom. Last year children read 125 books (more than 10,693 pages). At the conclusion of six weekly sessions, children will receive certificates honoring their accomplishments. Friends President Audrey Sylvester said, "We seek new ideas for creating weekly activities. We also need volunteers (especially parents whose children will participate) to supervise one of six weekly programs." If you want to be part of the fun, please call Audrey Sylvester at 938-5948.

BWC Update

Thanks to all that came to our town reports meeting in February and also to all the candidates who made Candidate's Night a success. Gerri Dickerson, Jane Johnsen, and Vicki Simonds did a great job.

The stone wall at the Rt. 103 memorial garden has been completed and looks great thanks to Tim Gannet and Bradford Women's Club coordinator Jane Johnsen. The planting of shrubs will be starting soon.

The next BWC executive meeting will be on April 9, 9:30am at the Bradford Area Community Center. The next general membership meeting will be an evening meeting on April 16 at 7:30pm at the Bradford Area Community Center. The meeting is titled "Spring Crafts with Jean Gaito." A small charge will be required for materials. This will be a fun evening.

—Barbara Vannata, President

PUBLIC NOTICE

Per order of the editor, all Bradford residents are advised that it is time to remove Christmas wreaths from public display. Don't be an April Fool!

Mountain Imagery exhibit includes local artists

Bradford printmakers Ann Eldridge and Sandy Wadlington will have prints included in a show of mountain-inspired artwork opening April 12 at the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen's Gallery 205. More than fifty state-juried members of the League will have works in a wide range of media on display. An opening reception will be held at the gallery on Friday, April 12 from 5:00–7:00pm. Gallery 205 is located at 205 North Main Street in Concord, NH and is open Monday–Friday, 8:30am–4:30pm. For more information call 603-224-3375 or visit the League website at www.nhcrafts.org.

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Outside

by Ann Eldridge

Spring arrived in my workshop a few weeks ahead of the calendar. I have a desk job; I'm a paper-pusher of sorts. Through this parched, bright landscape of cellulose and 100% cotton rag a seasonal progression of insects travel. In the deep of winter, after the spiders and flies have worn themselves out, an occasional assassin bug moodily stalks the window frames. Now that spring approaches the tiny red spider mites are racing across my papers. Slender-legged cellar spiders will appear later on. In damp summers the paper lice will be eaten by the pseudo-scorpions, which carry their young on their backs. Right now it is the ladybugs that are out in numbers.

All of these creatures are both an intrigue and a problem. Their bodies caught between my papers leave brightly colored gore or an awkward Rorschach of legs. Spider droppings and dinner leftovers fall to whatever lies beneath. The ladybugs in their fright squirt foul-smelling yellow insults. But ladybugs are cute, the "pandas of the insect world." Their bright simple shapes remind us of cute children's drawings. We have grown accustomed to books, note cards and refrigerator magnets adorned with spotted red beetles. At some point, however, a bazillion smiley-faces all over your windows can put you in an altered state of mind.

Ladybugs, more properly known as beetles, have hardened wing coverings over a single pair of more fragile wings and are the only insect in New Hampshire known to congregate in numbers in winter. Their intention is to over-winter as adults, eat aphids in spring, mate, lay eggs, and die. One beetle will find a promising hibernaculum and release an odor that will attract others. There they will huddle till the warm weather of spring. Houses with their many perforations seem like ideal real estate to them. The warm indoor air eventually convinces them of an early spring and they head for the warmth. Once there they turn to the sun for direction—in this case focusing on light fixtures and windows. Nothing in this specie's previous 200 million years of existence prepared them for this predicament and they are still working out the kinks.

My solution to the problem of excess

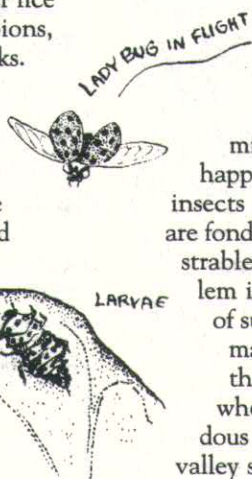
beetles has been to detain them in ladybug ghettos of glass dishes over saucers—supplying them with a send-off snack of fruit or honey. On warm days I set them out in the sun to take their chances. "She should probably get out more often herself," you're thinking.

No one yet knows how to properly feed them in captivity though entrepreneurs and biologists have been working on it. Ladybug consumption of aphids and other soft-bodied pests has been recognized for more than 200 years.

Between larvae and adult each beetle can consume 5000 insects. Garden suppliers have founded a multi-million dollar industry on the happenstance that one of the few insects most people can name and are fond of coincides with a demonstrable human benefit. The problem is that the only feasible way of supplying the pumped-up demand is by harvesting them in the Sierra Nevada Mountains where they amass in tremendous numbers to wait out the hot valley summers. When released on foreign turf the confused beetles promptly fly away which is what they are programmed to do in their native setting. Tip: buy green lacewings if you're looking for an effective pest predator.

Many species in this family of Coccinellidae are common in New Hampshire. It appears from my indoor survey that the recently arrived Asian ladybugs are very happy here. These are tan to reddish orange with zero to eighteen black spots. The pronotum, the section behind the nearly invisible head, sports a black "M" on a white background. In addition, there are a few Two-Spotted Ladybeetles, redder with only two large black spots, probably some Convergent Ladybeetles (the western variety of which is sold in garden catalogues), and once in a while the charmingly named Twice-Stubbed Ladybeetle which are black with two red spots. Sorting out the exact parentage of my incarcerated beetles would be difficult. I'm hoping for warm weather soon.

*Much of the information in this article is from the book *Broadsides from Other Orders* by Sue Hubbell and from an article by Deb Bruss published in the *Concord Monitor*.



Community Workshop to meet at library

Bradford-Newbury Community Workshop will hold its April 11th meeting at the Brown Memorial Library in Bradford where book reviews will be presented and members will have the opportunity to scout out new books, tapes, videos, and magazines which are always available to the public. We will meet for lunch at 12:00 and have a chance to look around the library both before and after the 1:00pm program. If you have a special book to share with the members, please plan to tell us about it. Often the best books are the ones recommended by friends and the friendly librarians. As always, dessert and beverage will be provided and the meeting is open to everyone.

Newbury Trash Party

The Newbury Conservation Commission is planning a Trash Party on Saturday, April 27, and is hoping for Town-wide participation of pick-up that morning followed by a celebration at the Town Dump at noon. The winter's accumulation of trash is especially obvious during snow melt and the April 27 date gets us out there when frost is finally out of the ground and before the poison ivy rears its "evil" head. A map of Newbury will be posted in the Library and participants are encouraged to indicate with magic marker the section they will be covering. Plastic pick-up bags will also be available at the Library and Town Hall. Please plan to participate, and why not plan to be responsible for your section throughout the year? Just a little bit of effort can make such a big improvement.



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April Calendar

MONDAY, APRIL 1

Library Trustees, BML, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm
ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00pm, call 938-5386
for information

Bradford Fish and Game Club,
Gillingham Drive, 7:30pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

BACC Governance Board, BACC,
5:30pm

MONDAY, APRIL 8

Cemetery Commission, Town Hall,
10:00am

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

BWC Executive Meeting, BACC, 9:30am
Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Library Friends After school Program fea-
turing a movie of the African folktale
"How the Leopard Got His Spots,"
Bradford Elementary School, 3:15-
4:15pm

Parks and Recreation, BACC, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm
BEOC Meeting, BACC Senior Room,
7:00pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Bradford Community Corporation,
BACC, 7:00am

- Children's Story Hour, Wednesdays at Brown Memorial Library, 10:30am
- Thistle Spinners, Every Monday, Thistle and Shamrock Inn, 1:00-3:00pm
- Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, open by appointment, call 938-5386

To list events for the May Calendar, please call Betty Hague at 938-2722
or e-mail bradfordbridge@conknet.com before April 20.

MONDAY, APRIL 15

BBA Meeting, Church Vestry, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm
ZBA, temporary schedule, call any mem-
ber for details

Conservation Commission, Town Hall,
7:30pm

Bradford Women's Club, BACC, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

Country Capitalist Meeting, call 938-
2787 for details

Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

BACC Governance Board, BACC,
5:30pm

Library Friends summer reading program
planning session, BML, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

Bradford Historical Society work session
(updating notebooks and photo al-
bums), Old Post Office, 7:30pm.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Library Book Sale, BML Lower Level,
9:00am-1:00pm

Classifieds

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cel of land on which to build a house and
develop a farm. Wooded parcel okay,
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NEW HOURS

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office
will begin its expanded business hours on
Monday, April 22.

Monday noon-7:00pm

Tuesday 8:00-11:30am, 12:30-5:00pm

Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

Selectmen's Meetings are now held the
1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 5:00pm. Addi-
tional meetings will be posted as
necessary.

Bradford Bridge May deadlines

Display ads	April 20
Classified ads	April 23
Articles	April 20*

*If you would like to submit an ar-
ticle covering an event occurring af-
ter the deadline, please contact Lyn
Betz at 938-5029.

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