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Bradford Election Issue

2009 BRADFORD TOWN MEETING

ELECTION OF OFFICERS MARCH 10, 2009

KEARSARGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT BRADFORD

8:00 A.M. TO 7:00P.M.

ADJOURNED SESSION WEDNESDAY MARCH 11, 2009

KEARSARGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT BRADFORD

7:00 P.M.

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Candidates' Night, Friday March 6, 7 pm at KRES Bradford. Come hear what the candidates have to say. Light refreshments served

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FOR MARCH 10, 2009 ELECTION

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Barbara Vanatta

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ZONING BOARD FOR THREE YEARS (2 openings)

Harold Wright

Richard Dionne

CEMETERY COMMISSION FOR THREE YEARS (1 opening)

Janet Riley

SCHOOL BOARD (1 opening)

Andrew Pinard

10 QUESTIONS:

by Phyllis Wilcox

This is a continuation in a series of interviews with people in Bradford. This month in recognition of St. Patrick's Day , we searched for someone Irish or born in Ireland ,who may shed some light on how it all began and how it is celebrated in Ireland.

Andrew Patrick McKevitt, "Andy," is an amazing 97 year old man who continues to enjoy life and has never lost his sense of humor. He was born in Liverpool, Great Britain, but he is thoroughly an Irishman. When he was two years old the family moved to his grandmother's home in a tiny village where he picked up potatoes. By the time he was six, he was working in a small grocery store. Andy lives with his daughter, Sue McEvitt and her husband, Tom Wilkins in Bradford.

Q.I understand that you were born in Liverpool but your family moved to Ireland when you were two years old. Tell me about your time in Ireland?

Those were the best years of my life. We lived in my grandmother's house in a tiny village of nine houses. I went back after thirty nine years to visit and met up with an altar boy that I served with in church. My first job, when I was a wee lad, was picking up potatoes that had been chewed by the crows. These were damaged and fed to the pigs. I had a good life. I didn't know how good it was at the time. I got paid by the farmer with milk, butter and eggs. We chased and caught rabbits. There

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Selectmen's Office Hours

938- 5900

Monday-Thursday: 8 am - 12 noon
1 pm - 5 pm
Friday 8 am - 12 noon

Selectmen meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6 pm

Town Clerk/ Tax Collector

938-2288

Hours: Monday: noon - 7 pm
Tuesday: 7am-11:30 am
12:30 pm 5 pm
Friday 8 am - noon
1 pm - 5 pm

From The Editor

It is March once again. Time to anticipate the end of snowstorms, snow and ice days off from school, and to hope that spring is not too far behind. March is also Town Meeting month. This year the decisions to be made will be weighed even more carefully than in the past. We are all aware of the current economic situation nationally, locally with more businesses closing down, and in our personal lives. This issue of the Bridge presents the complete warrant, responses to basic questions that were sent to each candidate, and information on both local and school issues. Attend the Public Form on the Battles Farm Conservation Easement, Thursday, March 5, 7 PM at the town Hall and Candidates' Night Friday March 6th, 7 PM at KRES Bradford Elementary School. Listen, ask questions, consider carefully what is best for Bradford and who can help guide our Town for the coming year.

Ballot voting for town and school candidates, the school budget, and an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance is at KRES Tuesday March 10 from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The adjourned session to discuss and vote on the remaining articles on the Town Warrant is also at KRES beginning at 7:00 PM Wednesday March 11th. Consider equally each item on the warrant. These votes will greatly affect your taxes for the coming, and future, years.

Both the zoning amendment and Article 30. on the Warrant deal with land use issues for the Town. Learn all you can about each of them and cast your vote as you think will best address the objective of 'preserving the rural atmosphere' of the Town.

We thank all who filed for offices in Bradford. Whether or not you are the successful candidate, please continue your interest in your town. There is a great need for volunteers in many capacities.

In the meantime, enjoy the snow, avoid the ice, and think spring!!

Marcia Keller

Deadline for Bridge submissions is March 15. Items submitted later may not be printed. Please submit to bradfordbridge@mcttelecom.com.

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Bradford Happenings

Assessor's Hours: The Board of Selectmen have arranged to have regular hours for an assessor at the town hall the second Thursday of each month. Those interested should call the selectmen's office and speak with Trudy, ext 1, for an appointment.

BACC Needs Your Help: Invitation to all Community Groups in the Bradford Area

We would like to invite you to an informative meeting that will be held on March 25, 2009 at the Bradford Community Center at 6:00 pm. Our hopes are to collectively involve all community organizations to collaborate on a winter festival of fun for 2010 that includes all ages and will become an annual event. We are looking for ideas, direction, and participation from your organization so please help us brainstorm. Food and drinks will be provided - so come check it out!

Please RSVP to: Kate Dobrowski 603-938-6228 Bradford Area Community Center

Informational Public Meetings

Candidates' Night: KRES Bradford March 6, Friday, 7:00 PM

All candidates for public office in Bradford have been invited to attend this annual event sponsored by the Bradford Improvement Association. Come, listen, ask your questions and cast an informed vote.

Voting for elected officials is from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 10th, also at KRES.



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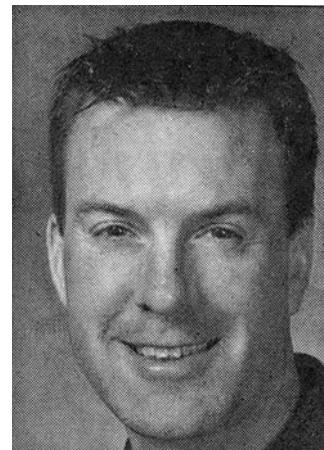
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Union Leaders's "Forty under Forty" Honors Jason Lalla

by Millie Kittredge

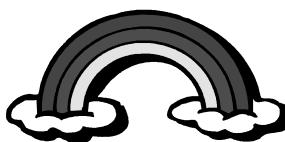


The Union Leader has named Jason Lalla as a young person of accomplishment in their recent annual article about people of interest under the age of 40. Jason, son of Betty and Jim Lalla of Bradford, graduated from KRHS and attended California State University earning a BS in health science specializing in prosthetics. He was an avid skier and the loss of his leg in a motorcycle accident on Rt. 103 twenty years ago was a large bump in his life. Determination, encouragement, hard work and many wishes for his health have led him to excel in competition. He was on the U.S. Disabled Ski Team for five years.

In 1998, he won the gold for the giant slalom event in Japan during the Winter Para Olympics. He has won silver and bronze for other events. Jason also water skis, mountain bikes, and climbs mountains. He lives in Dunbarton with his wife, Heather, and two young children. Jason is a source of pride for Bradford and with his specialized skills, may he help many more people. Congratulations, Jason! .

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Help Protect Our Lakes

Support Warrant Article 27: Help protect area lakes and employ people!

The Lake Massasecum Improvement Association (LMIA) urges voters to support the Warrant Article 27 to raise funds for the monitoring of the boat launch. These funds are used to match a payroll grant received by the LMIA from the New Hampshire Lakes Association's Lake Host Program. Through this program, local teenagers are paid to work as Lake Hosts at the Lake Massasecum boat ramp to educate visiting boaters about how to prevent the spread of exotic plants from lake to lake and to conduct courtesy boat and trailer inspections to remove hitchhiking plants. Exotic aquatic plant infestations in lakes and ponds are undesirable because they make recreation in and on the water dangerous and unpleasant, disrupt the ecological balance of water bodies, reduce shoreline property values, and are difficult and expensive to control.

During last summer alone, Lake Hosts at the Lake Massasecum boat ramp inspected 594 boats and educated the owners of these boats about how to prevent the spread of exotic aquatic plants! Since Lake Massasecum does have an exotic aquatic plant (variable milfoil) growing in it, Lake Hosts successfully helped prevent the spread of this nuisance plant to other lakes by simply removing pieces of it stuck to boats and trailers.

Please support Warrant Article 27—not only will you help protect Lake Massasecum and other area lakes from devastating exotic plants you will help local teenagers with jobs!



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Area Happenings

Newbury - Programs at The Fells

Monday, March 2, 1-3pm Trail-Walk Series: Snowshoeing at The Fells

Join Education Director Mary Kronenwetter in exploring The Fells on snowshoes. Open to all ages and ability levels. Bring your own snowshoes. Members free, nonmembers \$6, payable day of program. Meet at The Fells Welcome Kiosk, 456 Route 103A, Newbury, NH.

Tuesday, March 3, Knee-High Nature Series- Owls

At The Fells Gatehouse, 10-11:30am. Join Lauren Cole-Johnson in this preschool program designed to increase children's awareness of, curiosity about and appreciation of the natural world through investigation, creative and interactive play and direct outdoor experiences. Dress appropriately for indoor and outdoor activity. Member child \$2, nonmember child \$5, (caregiver free). To register call 603-863-4789 x3, The Fells Gatehouse, 456 Route 103A, Newbury, NH.

Monday, March 16, 10-11:30am Tell me a Story...About New Hampshire: Sugaring

Where does maple syrup come from? Who 'invented' maple syrup? A preschooler program - stories and fun facts about maple syrup, a visit to a tapped sugar maple and related craft projects. Dress for indoor and outdoor activity. Free. To register call 603-763-4789 x3, limit of 16. Meet at The Fells Gatehouse, 456 Route 103A, Newbury, NH. Sponsored by the NH Humanities Council.

New London - The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition

Annual meeting Sunday, March 1 in New London at the Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church on Route 1. Potluck dinner begins at 5 p.m. Meeting organizer Jean LaChance, 927-4345, would like to hear from attendees about food contributions.

The public is invited to hear Skip Lisle, a Grafton, Vt. wildlife specialist, who has figured out how to outwit one of nature's canniest – and most troublesome – creatures, the American Beaver, with nary a rodent lost in the effort. Lisle's Beaver Deceiver, a "well-made wooden-frame fence typically used on road culverts," is a trapezoid fanning out in an upstream direction. Another flow device is called the Castor Master, a pipe system often used in the beaver dam itself.

The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition is a non-profit volunteer organization that promotes hiking and land conservation amid the rugged beauty of three major mountains. Its 75 miles of trails, incorporating 14 separate hikes through 10 towns, are open to all. For information, visit the website at www.srkg.com, or write: Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition, PO Box 1684, New London, NH 03257-1684.

Warner - MainStreet Bookends

Patchwork Sewing Circle For Kids: Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18 & 25, 3-4:30pm. Come join local artist and art educator Meryl Fox Mekeel in the Gallery. A fun and creative sewing class for all ages four and up, any skill level welcome. Each student will complete one project choosing between several options, including a patchwork doll blanket or bed pillow. Bring fabric that means something to you or choose from what is provided.

Nature Nuts Natural Art For Kids: Thursdays, March 5,12,19&26, 3-4:30pm

This funky art class is based on materials found in nature. During the four sessions each student will create several natural art pieces, including a picture frame, a mobile, puppets and more. Ages four and up welcome. All materials provided. Each four-week class is \$40 per child, or \$75 for both classes.

Private lessons/classes available upon request. Contact Meryl @ 568-2441 or email: merylfox86@yahoo.com

Inner Peace Tai Chi: Tuesday evenings 6-7 pm. Marcia E. Wyman continues her popular Tai Chi program - Understand the 4 essential principles of Tai Chi and enjoy the benefits of flexibility, balance and mental calmness. Call Marcia @ 224-5768 to sign up.

Kearsarge Area Preschool News

by Karen Hambleton

February was a busy month at the Preschool. We began by discussing and making shadows in celebration of Ground Hog Day. For Valentine's Day, the class talked about hearts and love. We made Valentine's cards for our classmates and decorated boxes in which to collect the Valentines at our Valentine's Day party. We also discussed why it is important to keep our teeth healthy and the different ways we keep them clean. We learned about visiting the dentist, how to brush our teeth and enjoyed a visit with Kathy Fowler from the Rock Dental Clinic. The month concluded with a unit on dinosaurs. We learned there are many different kinds of dinosaurs and how they are different. Our water-table was filled with sand to create a prehistoric-like environment for our toy dinosaurs. Students also made their own dinosaurs with play-dough.

As winter wanes, we will keep our eyes and ears open for signs of spring. Throughout the month of March, the class will listen for bird songs and watch for the changes in nature that indicate spring is coming. In the classroom, we will explore the magical world of Dr. Seuss. Our parents will be invited to come in and read us books by Dr. Seuss such as "One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish," "Hop On Pop," "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" and more. Next, we will spend a week learning about frogs - how they hatch from eggs into tadpoles and then turn into frogs. To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, we will read Dr. Seuss's "Green Eggs and Ham" and then get to try them ourselves just like Sam I Am. We hope to get a visit from a leprechaun as well. As the First Day of Spring approaches, we are planning to resume our walks to the Brown Memorial Library for Story Time. As we walk, we will be watching to see how the trees change and looking for signs of flowers. Our last unit this month will explore the lifecycle of a butterfly. We will learn how caterpillars build cocoons around themselves and change into butterflies.

It's not too late to join our class this year, and it's time to think about the 2009-2010 school year. Open Enrollment begins this month! For more information on our full or part-day sessions, please call 938-5787.



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Selectmen's Highlights

Highway Department: road agent Steve Lucier advised selectmen that time clocks have been installed at the Highway Garage.

The Lake Sunapee Snowmobile Club will be asked to write a letter regarding storage of some equipment at the town shed. Selectman Andrew Pinard suggested the letter should be in language approved by the town attorney. Also a certificate of insurance is required.

A letter was read from NHDOT regarding the “red listed” bridge on West Meadow Road that is still in use. Selectmen will recommend a warrant article for \$10,000 to evaluate and repair the bridge.

Charles Meany reported that the heat is on in the town sheds, waiting for the cement to be poured. Discussion also took place regarding the steel actually used as opposed to what was estimated.

Road agent Lucier requested assistance with filling out required FEMA paperwork in order to meet the deadline for submission.

Steve Pierce of Old Sutton Road presented pictures showing damage to his lawn by the town grader. It was agreed that the problem should be addressed in the spring.

Selectmen's Meetings: motion was made by Andrew Pinard that the selectmen meet more frequently than twice a month. No second, no vote.

Conservation Easement: Brooks McCandlish of the Conservation Commission and Beth McGuin, land specialist with Ausbon Sargent Land Protection Trust discussed the proposed warrant article to raise \$96,000 as part of the purchase of a conservation easement on a portion of the Battles Farm on Center Road. The purpose of the easement will be to protect valuable agricultural and forest land, wild life habitat, wetland and flood control areas. The vote authorizes the Town of Bradford to accept a back-up executory interest in said conservation easement.

School Board Appointment: The Board of Selectmen voted to appoint Andrew Pinard to replace Jonathan Steiner as Bradford's representative on the Kearsarge Regional School Board. Andrew Pinard will be sworn in at their next meeting.

Health Officer: Motion was made by Andrew Pinard to reconfirm that Trudy Willett was appointed as Health Officer at the January 20, 2009 meeting. Motion carried 3-0. Paper work has been sent to the State.

Dredge and Fill: An application was received from Dave Pickman regarding the area of the Post Office and will be submitted to the State of New Hampshire. The Planning Board and Conservation Commission will review the application.

Budget: the Board of Selectmen completed review of the budget items for submission to the Budget Committee. The Budget Hearing was held on February 17th. Results of the actions taken by these boards is in the proposed Town Warrant on page ____.

Complete minutes of all Selectmen and Budget Committee meetings are on file at the Town Hall

Kearsarge Graduate Earns Dean's List

Beverly, MA – Megan Conway, daughter of Joe & Maryse Conway of Bradford, NH, has been named to the Dean's List of Endicott College for the fall 2008 semester. In order to attain Dean's List, students must have completed a minimum of six credit hours in the semester and maintain and receive a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Ms. Conway is pursuing a degree in Athletic Training and just recently completed an internship between New London Hospital Physical Therapy Department and the Kearsarge Regional High School Athletic Department, during her winter break. Ms. Conway is a 2006 graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School

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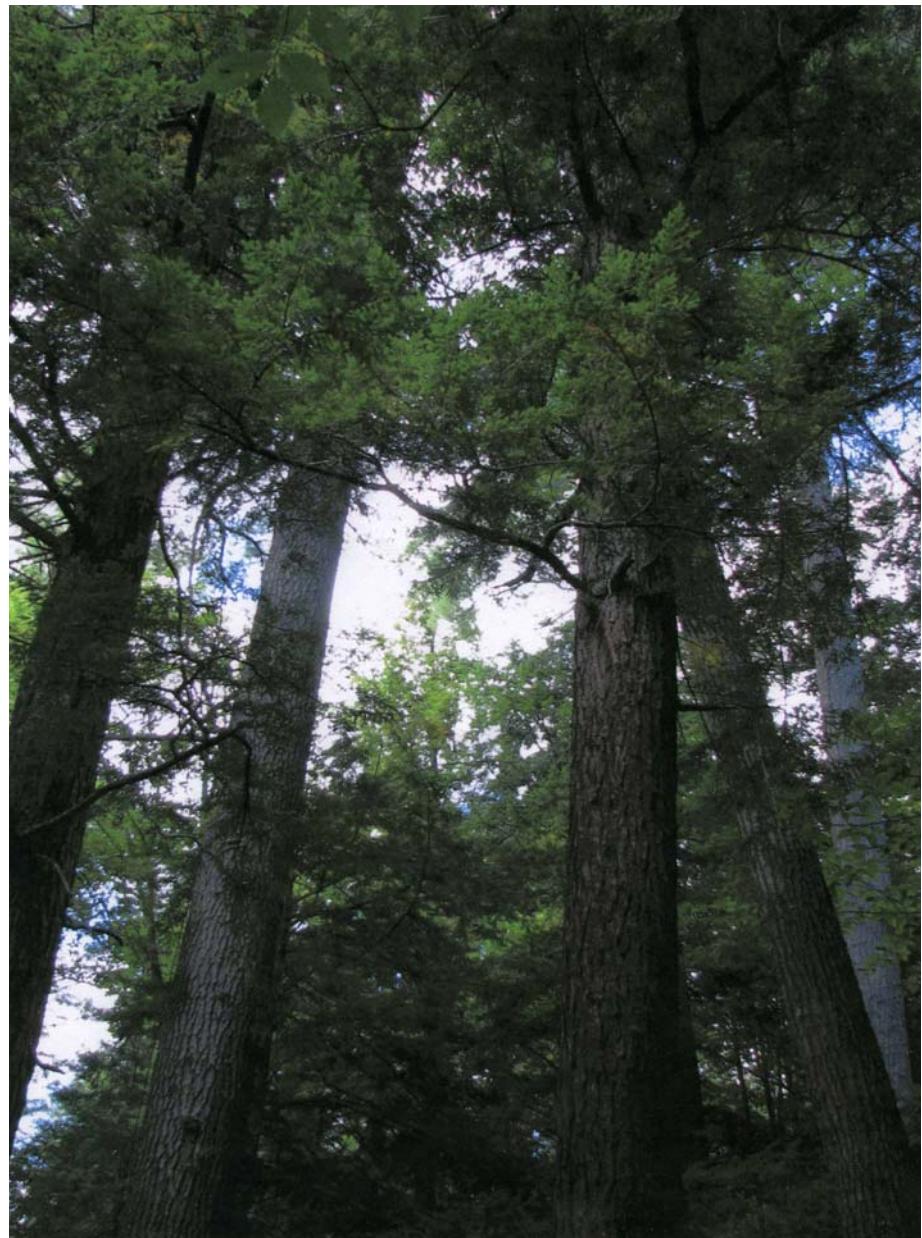
There were lumber and paper mills, more people, more homes and farms. Hurricanes, fires, lightning strikes and other disasters decimated more of the giants.

After the 1938 hurricane, part of a tract of Dr. Jason Ames' land was sold by his granddaughter, Martha Cilley, to the Davis & Symonds Lumber Company with the understanding they would clear the downed trees but save the primeval white pines.

In 1951, the Lumber Company offered the small area to the town, which didn't want to spend the money for upkeep and lightning rods, so it was passed on to the state. When the new 103 was being planned around 1967, Roy Parsons relates that he alerted the Department of Transportation people of the scenic value of the pines and they carved out the present turnoff.

In 1951, one giant was believed to be the largest in NH at 61 inches in diameter at the stump and 230 feet tall. The estimate is this tree contains more than 5,500 board feet of lumber. The State Department of Resources and Economic Development cares for these five acres as a forest park and has installed signs, lightning rods and a new foot bridge.

The Bradford Pines



Community Cornerstones

As announced in December's Bridge, it is time to revisit the 21 Community Cornerstones selected by Bradford residents in 1991. This was part of a program developed by the *Governor's Commission on New Hampshire* in the 21st Century to identify and protect important features of the town as the new century approached. The "21cornerstones" were tallied and the top choices photographed, documented and displayed. The Bradford Historical Society has the completed display as well as all the documentation on the selections. Thanks to Milly Kittredge for her assistance with this project.

This Month's Cornerstone is the "Tall Pines" located just off Route 103. Article and picture are courtesy of the Bradford Historical Society.

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was no crime. It was wonderful.

Q. Your daughter Sue said that a tragedy in your life was the death of your favorite sister. Can you tell me about that?

I had a beautiful sister who cared for me when I was a baby. She was like a mother to me. At the age of twelve, she died. I think it was blood poisoning. I went for the doctor but he was out on his rounds. He came too late and she was gone. It was the saddest day of my life.

Q. Tell me about your school days. I understand that you went to school in Ireland and when you left there, in England.

The school in Ireland had twenty nine kids and two teachers. One of the teachers played the fiddle. The education in Ireland was far better than my schooling in England. The classes in Liverpool had many more kids and crowded classes. It was difficult for the school to place me because I had advanced more in Ireland than my age. It was my first introduction to the "IRA." (Irish Republican Army). One of my teachers was a member of the IRA and that is where I learned what it was all about.

Q. You made a decision to leave Liverpool when you were nineteen years old and applied for visas to Canada, Australia and the U.S. Your thought was to go to the first place that gave you a visa and it turned out to be the United States. What were your thoughts when you knew that your destination would be to the U.S?

America was like a part of Ireland in those days. Everyone wanted to go there because the streets were paved with gold and you could make money. I met more Irish people when I docked than I ever knew in Ireland. I immediately got a job in a hotel in Manhattan. It was the Hotel Adelphia and the manager was from Ireland. She gave me a job as a houseman

which meant that I did odd jobs. I was grateful and worked hard. After a few years there I got a job as a seaman. I was in the boiler room and all I saw was the coal coming down the chute. My job was to shovel the coal into the boiler and get the steam going for the ship to travel over the ocean.

Q. You were nineteen years old when you arrived in the United States in 1930 Tell me about the voyage? What was it like for you to be away from your homeland and destined for an unknown land?

I traveled in the hold. The voyage was okay. It's how you look at things. Your attitude can make a bad thing look good. I enjoyed the trip although the accommodations were not good. When we entered the harbor I saw the Statue of Liberty. I knew many people who came over before me. The first two policemen I met after I landed were my cousins. New York in those days was an Irish town more than anything.



Q. St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated here on March 17th. Can you describe the celebrations back in Ireland and England as opposed to those celebrated here in the U.S? Was it the same wearing of the green, corned beef and cabbage and lavish parades?

Some of us didn't think much of St. Patrick. He was a slave captured by the Irish many years ago. His origins are unclear. We don't know where he came from.

There are many stories and myths about him. Some people say he was French. He was not an Irishman. We didn't celebrate St. Patrick's Day very much. It wasn't a big day. The way it is celebrated here is not Irish with the corned beef and cabbage and the wearing of the green. If they were sober, some of the Irish would wear green. We had some parades but I never had corned beef and cabbage. We didn't have much meat but lots of potatoes. We did have Irish parades. I don't ever wear green on St. Patrick's Day but some people do. Live and let live, that's what I say.

Q.I understand that your wife Marjorie passed away in 1988. Your late wife came from Warsaw, Poland. How did you meet?

I met Marjorie at a meeting. Actually she was with a friend of mine at the time. She seemed to want to be with me and my friend was okay with that idea. We went together for a few months and then got married. It was the best marriage a man ever had. We had four beautiful children.

Q. You've lived in Bradford with your daughter Sue and her husband Tom Wilkins for several years. Has this been a good experience for you? You have traveled to many places and done many things and now at the age of ninety seven, does Bradford seem to be home?

I've been here about five years. I've got the best daughter and couldn't ask for a nicer son-in-law. And the added bonus is the wonderful Bradford Junction diner up the road where I certainly enjoy my breakfasts. I was a seaman for many years and visited many countries. I was employed by both British and American companies. I had an experience with the American company. They decided to fire me for trying to organize the crew. They were so angry that

they left me in Baton Rouge, La. And told me to find my own way home. I managed to do that. It all worked out.

Q. What do you do for entertainment?

For entertainment I go to the diner and flirt with the waitresses. We have fun. I don't like the films. They are stupid. I love nature and I love the sun. I did enjoy running and ran the New York Marathon a few times, two years in a row. I'd still like to run but I guess I can't anymore at the age of ninety seven. I did come in first twice in my age group a few times. I can't recall what age group that was.

Q. It seems as though you've had an interesting life. What are the highlights so far? Is there anything that you would change now that you've had a chance to review the past?

I've had a very good life. It was all wonderful until my wife died. I look back on some of the things that I have done, careers that I've had and it was all okay. My life after the sea was work as an electrician. I had my own business for a while. I was a bootlegger during prohibition and worked for Mad Dog Cole. I used to drive to Canada and bring back whiskey. It was easy then to get through customs. I did that for a few years and was well paid for these trips. I always enjoyed a challenge. No, it was all good.

Note: Legend credits Patrick with banishing snakes from Ireland but in post-glacial Ireland there were no snakes. March 17th, popularly known as St. Patrick's Day, is believed to be his death date and is the date celebrated as his feast day. St. Patrick has never been formally canonized by a pope. Nevertheless, various Christian churches declare that he is a saint in heaven. He is still widely venerated in Ireland and elsewhere today. There seems to be evidence that Patrick died in AD 461 and that he lived in the first half of the 5th century.

Public Forum on Battles Farm Easement

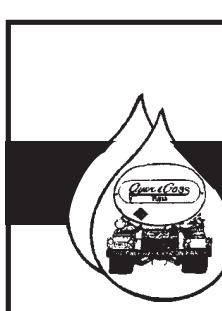


The fate of Battles Farm has been on the minds of many people for some years now. Nita Battles has been constant in her wish to keep the land in agricultural use though faced with the possibility of having to sell it to whomever for whatever purpose. The Conservation Commission has been reviewing options and scenarios with her for nearly five years. Finally, and rather suddenly, pieces are falling into place.

There is now the opportunity for the town to assist in purchasing a conservation easement to be managed by the Ausbon Sargent Land Protection Trust that will keep all but the land around the existing buildings undeveloped and available for agricultural and forestry uses. The current owners would be compensated for the loss of development potential and income in return for protection of open land and views, the flood control capacity of the lower fields, important state-identified wildlife habitat, and public access to the woodlands. A conservation easement is a legally binding agreement that remains in effect even as the land is sold, given, traded, or willed.

On January 30th an appraisal was completed allowing three days to easily gather more than forty signatures on a petition to put this project before voters at the town meeting on Wednesday March 11. The requested appropriation is for \$96,000 – which is approximately one quarter of the projected cost of the conservation easement and associated costs. The \$96,000 appropriation is absolutely necessary for the success of the easement.

Please attend a public forum on the process, the appraisal, the easement, and possible grant and fund raising opportunities at the Bradford Town Hall on Thursday March 5 at 7pm.




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March Calendar

Sun. Mar. 1

2:00 – 3:30 PM Knitting for Beginners – Register with Luci at 526-2051

Mon. March 2

8:45AM Mountain View Senior Center Fitness
10:30AM Yoga with Fran
1:00- 4:00 PM Bridge Group
7:00PM - *Read Across America* PJ Story Time, BML

Tues. March 3

9:00 AM – 12:00 noon - Fuel Assistance – Call 456-2207 for appointment
10:00AM Stitches From the Heart
12 Noon Senior Community Dining
6:00 - 7:30 - Yoga Class – call Fran at 456-3099 for information
6:30 PM – Cub Scouts

Wed. Mar. 4

3:15 PM - Brownies
4:30 PM – Friends of BACC
6:00 PM - Girl Scouts
6:00-8:00PM - Bradford Library Stitchers, drop-in fiber arts group, BML
7: 00 PM – Sign language – Register with Luci at 526-2051

Thurs. March 5

9:30AM Foot Massage with Betty Perrin (Please call in advance for massage time- 938-2640)
12 Noon Senior Community Dining
3:00 – 8:00 PM – Census 2010
6:15 PM – Yoga Class
7:00 PM – Forum on Battles Farm Easement Town Hall

Fri. March 6

8:45AM Mountain View Senior Center Fitness
11:30 First Friday Brunch 50/50 raffle and entertainment
7:00PM Book-to-Movie, *Ballet Shoes*, BML
7:00PM Candidates' Night, KRES – Bradford

Sat. Mar. 7

9:00 AM - Writing Group

Sun. Mar 8

2:00 – 3:30 PM - Knitting for Beginners – Register with Luci at 526-2051

Mon. March 9

8:45AM Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
10:30AM Yoga with Fran
12 Noon Sudoku and Bag Lunch
1:00 -4:00 PM - Bridge Group
7:00 PM - Rural Heritage

Tues. March 10

8:00 AM – 7:00 PM Voting at KRES
10:00AM Stitches From the Heart
12 Noon Senior Community Dining with March birthday celebration of cake and ice cream
6:00 – 7:30 PM - Yoga Class
6:30 PM – Cub Scouts

Wed. Mar. 11

7: 00 PM – Sign language – Community Education – Register with Luci at 526-2051
7:00 PM Bradford 2009 Town Meeting KRES

Thurs. March 12

12 Noon Senior Community Dining
6:15 PM – Yoga Class

Fri. March 13

8:45AM Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness

Sun. Mar. 15

1:00 – 4:00 PM – Girl Scouts
2:00 – 3:30 PM - Knitting for Beginners – Register with Luci at 526-2051

Mon. Mar. 16

1:00 PM - Bridge Group

Tues. March 17

9:00 AM -12:00 noon -Fuel Assistance – Call 456-2207 for appointment
10:00AM Stitches From the Heart
12 Noon Senior Community Dining. Irish sing-along in honor of St. Patrick's Day
6:00 PM - Yoga Class
6:30 PM – Cub Scouts

Wed. March 18

3:00 PM – Brownies
4:30 PM - Bradford Area Community Center – Committee meeting
6:00 PM - Parks & Recreation Dept. meeting
6:00 PM - Girl Scouts
6:00-8:00PM - Bradford Library Stitchers, drop-in fiber arts group, BML
7: 00 PM – Sign language – Register with Luci at 526-2051

Thurs. March 19

11:00AM – 1:00PM Blood Pressure Clinic provided by Lake Sunapee Region VNA.
12 Noon Senior Community Dining -Followed by a presentation
“Understanding Hospice” with Lisa Woods of Beacon Hospice in Concord

March Calendar

Fri. March 20

8:45AM Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 10:30 Friday at the Movies-*Young at Heart*
 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM - Blood Pressure Clinic
 3:00 – 8:00 PM – Census 2010
 6:15 – Yoga Class
 7:00PM – International Movie (Ireland), BML

Sat., Mar. 21

9:00AM – 2:00PM – Book Sale, BML
 9:00 AM -Writing Group

Sun. Mar 22

2:00 – 3:30 PM - Knitting for Beginners – Register with Luci at 526-2051

Mon. March 23

8:45AM Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 10:30AM Yoga with Fran
 1:00 PM - Bridge Group

Tues. March 24

10:00AM Stitches From the Heart
 12 Noon Senior Community Dining
 Followed by presentation “Physical Therapy and Your Health” with Christine Stockwell of Stockwell Physical Therapy
 6:00 PM - Yoga Class

Wed. March 25

10:30 AM—12:00 PM Blood Pressure Clinic provided by Lake Sunapee Region VNA
 6:00 PM – 2010 Winter Carnival Committee - initial meeting
 7: 00 PM – Sign language – Register with Luci at 526-2051

Thurs. March 26

12 Noon Senior Community Dining

Fri. March 27

8:45AM Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness

Sun. Mar. 29

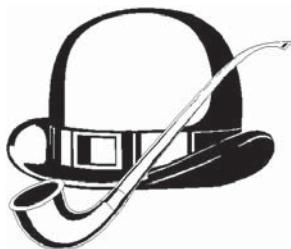
2:00 – 3:30 PM - Knitting for Beginners – Register with Luci at 526-2051

Mon. Mar. 30

1:00 PM – Bridge Group

Tues. Mar 31

6:00 PM - Yoga Class
 6:30 PM – Cub Scouts



All events take place at the Bradford Area Community Center (938-6228) or the Mountain View Senior Center (938-2104) unless otherwise noted.

Please call to confirm dates and times in case there has been a change to the submitted information.

BML- Brown Memorial Library

FGC- Fish & Game Clubhouse -Gillingham Drive

KAP-Kearsarge Area Preschool

KRES-Bradford Elementary School

MVSC -Mountain View Senior Center

TH - Bradford Town Hall

ZBA-Zoning Board of Adjustment

Ongoing Events

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME - WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30 PM. BML

CEMETERY COMMISSION - 2ND THURSDAY AT 6 PM - CALL 938-5539 FOR INFORMATION

CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 3RD TUESDAY 7:00 PM - TOWN HALL OR BML

FISH & GAME CLUB - 1ST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH - 7 PM FGC

FIRST FRIDAY BRUNCH - 11:30 AM MVSC - RESERVATIONS APPRECIATED, CALL 938-2104

HISTORICAL SOCIETY-OLD P.O BUILDING, OPEN MOST SATS. 1:30-3 PM OR CALL 938-5386

LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING - 1ST MONDAY 7:00 PM - BML

PLANNING BOARD - 2ND & 4TH TUESDAY 7 PM - TOWN HALL

RURAL HERITAGE CONNECTION - 2ND MONDAY 7 PM - BACC

SELECTMEN'S MEETING - 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY 6 PM - TOWN HALL

ZONING BOARD - 1ST TUESDAY 7:30 PM - TOWN HALL



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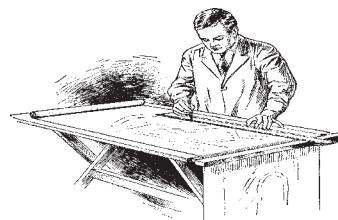
Planning Board Notes

Bond Estimate for Ledgewood Pines: The Board discussed a revised estimate for road construction at the 'over 55' development on Old Warner Road that had been requested from Provan & Lorber to reflect current costs. Chair Phil LaMoreaux will request a letter from Provan & Lorber explaining why they have added costs for additional materials so it can be on file at the Planning Board office. Developer Mark Brunel is scheduled to come to the March Planning Board meeting for further discussion.

Site Plan: The three Selectmen were present to request information regarding the site plan for DPX2 – the Fitness Center on Route 103. The Planning Board agreed that Chair Phil LaMoreaux should write a letter to the owners, Dan and Dawn Pettiglio, informing them that they are still in non-compliance with the approved site plan. The signage is not as depicted; either construct the sign as depicted or revise the plan to show the current sign. Landscaping is not as depicted; there are shrubs around the building that are not shown and the tree buffers that were proposed have not been planted. Copies of the letter will go to the Selectmen and RCS Design.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to add a new section to the Site Plan Review Regulations that all conditions of a site plan shall be complied with within one year from the date of approval unless a waiver is granted by the planning board.

Copies of complete minutes of all Planning Board meetings are on file at the Town Hall.



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Library Lantern by Meg Fearnley

The library will hold the first book sale of the season on Saturday, March 21 from 9am until 2pm. Lots of new donations have come in over the winter and they are well-organized and pleasantly displayed for your perusing pleasure.

Monday, March 2 is the day to *Read Across America* (sponsored by the National Education Association). At 7pm, children of all ages are invited to wear their pajamas and bring their favorite stuffed animal to the library for bedtime stories.

The Bradford Library Stitchers continue to meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday evening from 6-8pm. Casual knitting instruction is available to all, regardless of age or gender.

New Hampshire Downloadable Audiobooks are now available to all library cardholders. Please come in, e-mail brownml@mcttelecom.com or call us for information on how to use this free new benefit of your library membership. You will need a special library card number to access the service. New titles are added each week.

On Friday, March 6 at 7 pm we will compare the book *Ballet Shoes* by Noel Streatfeild with the movie version. This is a classic children's book and the movie is appropriate for all ages (PG). Next month we will undertake *Brick Lane* by Monica Ali. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk.

In honor of St. Patrick's Day the March international movie is filmed in Ireland. Sit back, relax and marvel at the stereotypes in this month's classic (and still entertaining) movie on Friday, March 20 at 7 pm. Heckling, boos and scoffs are encouraged! Sorry, no green beer will be served. In April we offer a movie in French from Quebec.

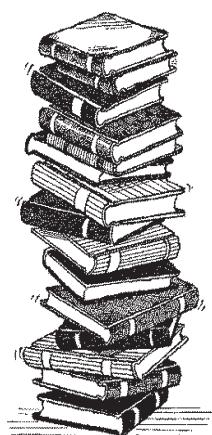
New books added to your library in February:

For adults

The Piano Teacher by Janice Y.K. Lee
Food Matters by Mark Bittman
Land of Marvels by Barry Unsworth
The Associate by John Grisham
The Survivors Club by Ben Sherwood

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Obituaries

Olive E. Farrar

Olive E. Farrar, 79, of North Road in Warner, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009 at her home. She was born in Maine on June 19, 1929 the daughter of Edwin and Marion Johnson. Olive lived in Bradford, NH for 30 years before moving to Warner in 2004. Years ago she worked at a nursing home in Poland Springs, ME and had also been a waitress at the Conway Diner. She served in the Civil Air Patrol during the war.

Olive was a member of the Wilmot Flat Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. She enjoyed cooking and had an extensive collection of cookbooks. Members of her family surviving include her husband of 36 years, Alden Farrar of Warner, NH; a daughter, Kathy Carr of Penacook, NH; three sons, Richard Coburn of Conway, NH, Norman Feder of Ft. Myers, FL, and John MacDonald of Buxton, ME; many grandchildren; several great grandchildren; three great great grandchildren; a sister, Ellen Smith of North Fryeburg, ME; two brothers, Andrew Johnson of Bradford, NH and Herman Johnson of Chatham, NH; nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Wilmot Flat Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, P.O. Box 13, Wilmot, NH 03287.



Phyllis Bennett

Phyllis Winsor Bennett, 83, of Sunset Hill Road, died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009 at her home. She was born in Providence, RI on Jan. 24, 1926 the daughter of John and Decema Bly (White) Bennett. The family is very grateful to the Bradford Rescue Squad for all of their help and assistance over the years and as a gesture of their appreciation they would like memorial contributions in Phyllis' name to be sent to the Bradford Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 381, Bradford, NH 03221. To sign an online guestbook please visit www.chadwickfuneralservice.com.



First Baptist Church News

From Lynn E. Hubley

Youth Group: Youth who are in grades 5-8 will meet on Friday, March 6, 20, and 27th from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner: On Saturday, March 14, we will have a corn beef and cabbage dinner. There will be seatings at 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$9.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children 4-12 and children under 3 can eat for free.

Food Pantry: The pantry will be open Wednesday, March 18 from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Food can also be obtained by calling the church office at 938-5313.

Men's Sunday: Our Men will lead the Worship Service on Sunday, March 22.

Men's Fellowship: The men will meet at the home of Fred Hubley on Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. for devotions, pool and refreshments.

Reports and Commentaries on the KRSD Budget

The Kearsarge Regional School Board has presented the voters with the minimum budget that it can while maintaining our high standards. We have done this while honoring our legal and contractual obligations. Our budget eliminates 4 positions, and reduces our capital reserve contributions.

Each and every expense item was examined and reexamined to be sure that it was justified.

The budget maintains the Teachers' contract which the voters approved 2 (two) years ago. It also provides a 4% increase for our lowest paid workers – the staff and custodial employees. The MBC has suggested that the School District reduce the Teachers' increase. While we find that one way to save money, one must remember that we have a contract. We can not unilaterally decide to change the contract terms. Even if we could, to do so sends the wrong message to our students who we teach to adhere to the law.

While we understand the economic situation that we all face, we can not go back on our word. We have developed, with your support an excellent environment in which our students can learn. They have excellent facilities, committed and engaged teachers, and administrators and staff that put all learners first.

Please think of our students when you vote. The difference between the MBC budget and the School Board's is 25 cents per thousand dollars of valuation. For a two hundred thousand dollar home in Bradford the difference is \$50 per year or a little less than \$1 per

week. I believe that our children are worth that and a lot more.

Daniel H. Wolf
Chairman
Kearsarge Regional School Board

On Tuesday, March 10th when you consider the Kearsarge Regional School District budget you will notice a discrepancy between the School Board proposed budget and the one proposed by the Municipal Budget Committee. The latter's proposed budget is \$575,000 lower than the School Board's.

Both organizations worked very hard to prepare their budgets and on almost every line item they agree. At the deliberative session, the chair of the Municipal Budget Committee indicated that the Budget was very fragile and that any "hiccup" would cause significant problems for the district. Where they differ is on the salary of the contracted employees. Two years ago, the voters in the district ratified the Collective Bargaining Agreement that the workers are that dictate current compensation. Voters accepted the responsibility and we are entering the final year of that agreement. The Municipal Budget Committee has put forth a budget that recommends that the members of the Collective Bargaining Agreement accept a voluntary 4% reduction of the salary increase established by voters. The chair of the Municipal Budget Committee acknowledged at the Deliberative Session that the Committee was not aware of any legal mechanism to allow them to do so without nullifying the agreement.

If the agreement is renegotiated, all aspects of the agreement are up for discussion. This could result in additional increased costs to the district and any new agreement would require an "evergreen clause" enacted by the State legislature a year earlier than necessary (the current agreement expires in 2010). It also sends a negative message to the employees of the district that agreements could be renegotiated at any time. This would, in turn, prompt a more adversarial and lengthy negotiation resulting in significant cost increases to the district and a loss of morale.

There is one additional complication: the proposed biennial State Budget increases the funding level that municipalities (and school districts) must pay into the State Retirement System. This amount will not be known until well after the budget is passed and could cause a significant additional deficit that can only be made up by eliminating programs.

I am all for sharing the burden of a difficult economy equitably among citizens, but if the Municipal Budget Committee proposal passes it will cause difficulties to the district, impact employee morale and, last but not least, have a profound impact on the quality of education our students currently receive.

Is this the sort of positive lesson we hope to teach our students? I hope not.

Please support our students and support the School Board's Proposed Budget when you vote on March 10th.

Andrew Pinard

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Sense and Sensibility (The realities of the KRSD 2009-2010 Budget) by Joe Conway

Over the past couple of months, there has been a fair amount written concerning the recommended School District budgets. Some may have been intended to sway your opinion, touch your emotions and influence your vote. Unfortunately, inner disbursed within these articles has been much misinformation and a lack of factual statements.

As difficult as the current economic predicament is (and how much harder it may still become), what follows should provide the opportunity to reset our values and make necessary but long-ignored changes in our lives and work. That is a worthwhile goal for 2009.

There has been a lot of misinformation regarding the MBC's (Municipal Budget Committee) recommendation. Simply put the MBC recognizes our schools as the communities' most important assets. The quality of schools directly affects how our communities attract new families, bring in new businesses and impact the value of our homes. Above all, the schools directly affect the quality of our children's future.

To reiterate, the theory behind the MBC's proposal is to have everyone in the district ~~ teacher, staff members, administrators, etc.... (No exceptions), plus the voter, share in the task to reasonably reduce this budget and still not adversely affect the delivery and integrity of education to our students. As we so clearly understand, our students are the future.

Although the recommendation of the MBC (\$35,375,765) is lower (\$575,000) than that put forth by the School Board, it is still an increase over last year's budget by 4.23%. This is the direct result of increases previously approved by voters.

The MBC believes that anything less than its recommendation will cause such harm as to require many years in the best economy to return our school system to its current level. Some might attempt to sway you into the thought that we are putting the entire burden

on our educators. This is truly not the case. Everyone will have to participate.

As voters and community participants, the citizens of the KRSD have absorbed increases of 15.46% in 2007-2008, 13.08% in 2008-2009 and are looking at a 10.77% increase with the School Board's recommended budget. A 39.31% increase in three years. How many of you have seen your disposable wages keep pace with this type of increase? Can you afford more? Can you afford the mind set that if the district wants more then the taxpayer just has to pay more?

The School Board and KREA (Kearsarge Regional Education Association) will state the claim that what the MBC is proposing cannot be accomplished because there is no way the CBA (Collective Bargaining Agreement a/k/a Teacher's Contract) can be changed without irreparable harm to the district. The Board sites the new "evergreen clause".

These comments, however, have been made without the examination of a written legal opinion, only interpretation. This same "evergreen clause" has not hindered the Concord School Board or the Shaker Regional School Board, who both just approved new contracts with their Education Professionals. In fact, in very recent conversations with a Concord Board member, their legal counsel contradicts what our Board members have expressed as the stumbling block. So indeed there is a mechanism to forego this stumbling block.

The School Board's stated positions are the easy answer from the education professionals who teach and profess to our children on a daily basis that anything is possible if you apply yourself, work hard and have the initiative to make it a reality. What better example would there be than to lead by example?

If all else fails let us look at what the School Board estimates is the worse case scenario: The budget recommendation of the MBC is approved and the KREA

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does not take a reduction to 4% from their scheduled 7.5% increase.

The School Board Chairman has stated that ‘the MBC has put the Board in a horrible position’ and expressed that we provide added direction. Also, as recently stated by a former School Board member, “re-opening the contract could cost the district millions over the next few years. This seems penny-wise and pound foolish”. He adds, “Further if the MBC budget passes and the school board wisely does not open negotiations, the school board then needs to find \$575,000 which both the school board and MBC agree will have to come from even further staff cuts and program cuts. These could be sports programs, art and music programs, increased class sizes or more”. This is clearly not the case and this is again misinformation passed onto the public in the form of scare tactics.

Again, if the District and School Board have the will and the courage to cooperatively work together, the goal can be accomplished as follows without disrupting programs, harming the students, along with maintaining approximately 98% of staffing levels:

- ❖ All Non-CBA wages will remain flat – no raises. (This accounts for added savings of \$126,646)
- ❖ 4.0 FTE’s (Full-time employees) be eliminated from the 216 education professional employee pool who is participants in the CBA. (Based on current average salary and benefit data this will bridge the remaining shortfall)
- ❖ All other MBC recommendations are implemented. (This accounts for approximately \$124,309)

These suggestions will take the input and expertise of our Professional Education Administrators in the realignment of functions and resources, but it is a realistic solution given the challenges we face as a district and it accomplishes the goal.

Making the Best of Bad Times

While it will surely be a challenging year ahead, the question is how to turn the perceived crisis into an opportunity. Here are three suggestions for us as voters and for our School District Leaders:

1. Take a fresh look at everything we do.

Replace some of the extraneous activities that have filled our time and refocus on making concrete improvements in areas where we may not have had the time or the will.

2. Re-engage with our communities.

Take the time to truly understand what is important to the people/voters of these towns who support the school district.

3. Improve our organization and culture. Sometimes less is more.

A CEO I know sent a message to his entire organization laying out thoughtful plans for controlling spending this year and streamlining next year’s budget.

“Our ability to work together cooperatively and to show good will and thoughtfulness in the way we adjust to our new reality is a measure of our strength.”

This is a powerful and productive message for 2009.

The time has come for us to take a long hard look at our District and at ourselves. What can we truly afford? What are our true priorities?

The answers to these questions will define our communities and School District going forward. Please vote with all of this in mind on March 10, 2009.

Joe Conway is a Bradford resident and Chairman of the KRSD MBC

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Letters To The Editor

Letter To The Editor:

Regarding the “buildable” question, there are good reasons to reject the proposed change to the zoning ordinance that removes the buildable from the calculation of acreage for new lots.

- First, even its proponents admit that some buildable acreage is required for a single family residence. The appropriate action is to amend the ordinance intelligently, rather than reject it entirely.
- Second, it is not true that the inclusion of “buildable” promotes sprawl. The Planning Board’s professional consultant asserted that it does not. What it promotes is rural character and protection of natural resources.
- Third, it is preferable to be conservative when conservation of our natural resources is the goal. If we allow a new lot to be created that has extensive wetlands, flood plains or extreme slopes, building activity there will necessarily cause more harm to our environment than in lots that have sufficient buildable area.
- Fourth, neighboring towns have zoning regulations that are strict or stricter than our current rules. If we remove “buildable”, Bradford will become the location of choice for high density, harmful development.

There is only one reason to support this change. Follow the money. A few landowners with unbuildable acreage would like to subdivide their property to create an unsustainable number of building lots. Developers are also taking note. This change would allow them to profit at the expense of long -term harm to the entire town. Let’s not succumb to the temptation of the quick buck, especially when it goes in someone else’s pocket.

Be smart and encourage the town to plan for the long-term future.

Vote “No” on removing the word “buildable” from the Bradford lot size.

Michael Bauer,
 Carol Meise
 Mike Sherril
 George Cilley
 Marge Cilley
 Doug Troy
 Sue McKevitt
 Tom Wilkins
 Bruce Caswell
 Don Jackson
 Miranda Levin
 Michele Halstead
 David Halstead

To The Editor,

The proposed change would likely end up costing the town and residents more money. For example, rainwater has to go somewhere. If a wetland is filled in and built on, the run-off would run where it could, thus filling culverts, flooding and washing out roads and running right in neighbor’s basements, thus potentially costing thousands in damage.

Miranda Levin

Letter to the Editor:

Vote “yes” to change “buildable acres” to “two acres”

The following are the reasons to change “Buildable acres” to Two acres” in the proposed zoning change submitted by a Petition Warrant Article and recommended by the Planning Board at the Public Hearing on January 13, 2009.

1. Erosion of the tax base : What is the actual worth of property and what can be developed?

- 2.Takes away the rights of individuals to develop their land.
3. There are regulations at the state level – Under five acres of land is currently regulated by the state – NHDES Subsurface rules Env-W91000. Implement town rules and regulations for lots of 5 acres or greater. Create a vegetative buffer of 75 feet.
4. Town regulations are in place for setbacks, wetlands, steep slope and buffers.
5. Development sites are increased in size resulting in more land being cleared and loss of trees and vegetation are the end result.
6. Larger size land lots presents higher selling price that become unavailable for the middle class buyer to purchase.
7. New law aimed at increasing affordable housing will take effect in July, 2009, RSA 674-58-61 Workforce housing. Buildable Acres would make it very difficult for towns to comply with this new law.

We need to remove “the buildable acres” and focus on the big picture: protecting important wildlife and plant communities, retaining large unfragmented forests, protect all land not just wetland, mountaintops, flood plains, rivers, streams, aquifers and etc. It is all about quality of life and protecting our living resources from harm. A question to ponder. If non-buildable land is now being assessed as buildable maybe we should be questioning how our land is assessed and taxed.

Concerned Property Owner
 Marlene Freyler

Letter to the Editor:

I read with interest the article on bartering in the February issue of the Bridge. I have participated in this process.

Letters To The Editor

A number of years ago, when we lived in Bradford, we cut a deal with Howard Klein, God rest his soul. Howard had part of his land logged and needed someone to cut and split the wood for firewood. My husband and I agreed to do this work for half of the wood as payment. The trees yielded close to six cords of wood which we divided. It was a successful arrangement for both of us. I am interested to hear how other people will barter.

Dick and Sue Vitale
N. Conway, NH

To the Editor:

Time to check out the school district ballot and once more weigh the perceived need with the reality of the times. Question 3 deals with absorbing the money gained from the sale of the former middle school and using it (\$600,000 suggested) for the construction of a new administration building. If instead the \$600,000 was returned to the towns, Bradford would reduce its added school tax burden by \$60,000, more or less. We should also consider whether the federal bailout, whenever that comes to pass, could offset the cost of the administration building.

Items 4 and 5 provide an additional \$125,000 to funds previously established. I hardly think that this is the time for add-ons.

Bradford's current tax burden for the school district is \$1,987,853. Keep in mind that the increase in the operating budget presented in Question 1. already increases this burden by \$166,000. Under the proposed MBC budget this would mean a projected tax burden for Bradford of \$2,154,266, not including any increase in the state-wide education tax.

I can only hope that when you evaluate the district's ballot, you too will weigh these needs, so-called, as they impact Bradford's tax bill.

Dick Keller
Former School Board Chair

Dear Bradford voters:

This election you have a couple of choices. On the town ballot you will see three choices for Selectmen and two for Scholarship Committee. For Selectman, you should choose the person who is most able to lead in our challenging times. I am supporting Hal Liberty for Selectman and I hope you will join me.

Hal is not only very civic-oriented, but has extensive management experience working with such companies as CISCO Systems and IBM. Hal sets a positive tone for meetings and is also knowledgeable and extremely capable when it comes to coordinating the human resources that make any organization successful. You can expect Hal to treat every individual with respect and to make thoughtful, considered decisions in the best interests of the community.

I have had the pleasure to speak with Hal and I find him to be very grounded as to the challenges facing our community. He has defined very specific goals to help our community grow stronger while being mindful of our resources. He will work very hard and should serve as an excellent leader.

As for scholarship committee, I only know one of the candidates, but I can highly recommend Jill Pinard for the position. She has

extensive experience as an educator and was honored by both the State of New Hampshire as New Hampshire's "English Teacher of the Year" and the National Council of Teachers of English as one of twenty-five "Teachers of Excellence" at their last National Conference. She cares deeply about her students and the educational process and would serve the community well on this committee.

Please seriously consider voting for Hal Liberty and Jill Pinard when you are voting this year.

Andrew Pinard

Candidates for Bradford Town Offices

Each candidate was asked to submit brief answers to the following questions in order to introduce themselves to the voters.

1. What office are you running for? Why are you running?
2. In your opinion, what are the most important issues facing Bradford today?
3. If funds were available to finance special infrastructure projects in Bradford, what “shovel ready” projects would you choose for Bradford? Sidewalks? Town Hall? Blight demolition? Others?
4. What approach will you employ to address issues in Bradford?
5. What is your vision for Bradford 10 years down the road?

SELECTMEN

Harold “Hal” Liberty

1. I am running for selectman. I decided to do it after many people asked me to consider it.
 2. The most important issue is that the town needs to increase its tax base. This can be done by getting new business and have more people move into Bradford. This can only be done by making Bradford an attractive place. I would also look at what can be done to give seniors a reduction on property taxes. There are many seniors in Bradford that have seen their property taxes increase to the extent that they may have to leave.
 3. I would use the funds to expand the blacksmith project to include other projects such as a pottery maker, woodworking shop, and any other craft business. This would require a parking area. I would also build an open amphitheater for public activities. The purpose is to get people to want to come to Bradford. If people come, main street will grow to support the visitors.
 4. I would request public meetings so that we could go over the plans and look to the public to donate time and resources to help do the project. I would see if we could create/update a brochure about Bradford that covers places to see and includes some of town history. We may have to invest in signs that point to the town points of interest.
 5. I see more stores in town and if they appear on Main Street, new sidewalks to support them. I would see the Bradford Historical Society located on the second floor of the Town Hall. Handicap access to the upper floor would be via an electric seat installed on the existing stairs. I would also see handicap access ramp at the front door.
- I would see the present BHS building converted to a Police station by adding water, septic and an attached garage.

Don Stumph

1. The value of “service”. I have much to offer through service as a Selectman.
Experience

- * Bradford Resident – 19 yrs
- * Political Service US Congress Staff – 12 yrs
- * Business Management – 20 years
- * Building & Property Management - 15 yrs
- * Boy Scouts of America – 35 yrs Eagle Scout
- * Infrastructure Development – 10 yrs
- * Recycle and Waste Management – 10 yrs
- * Alternative Energy Resources - 10 yrs
- * Church Volunteer Service -35 yrs
- * Community Service: Youth Program / Environmental / Animals – Dog Rescue / Agility Sports / Masonic - 30 yrs
- * Education: Bus. Mgmt / Political Science / Accounting / Child Education & Psychology / Museum Admin. Inter Nat Banking



2. A) Increase Community Interest – emphasis volunteering / care for your neighbor
- B) Reduce tax – family financial burden / youth employment / youth leadership – volunteer
Reduce Bus Cost - \$16,000 annually
“On Line Students” - \$700,000 Reduction annually <http://www.vlacs.org/>
- C) Business stimulation – “A Walking Main Street”
- D) Residence Emergency Preparedness Increase - Current Condition Services 2.5 %
- E) Discretionary Funds – “Town Event Patch” \$2800 Annually

3. Great adult & youth volunteers reduce “cost increase” of the projects. “Sidewalk Proposal / 06 2008” - Mr. Corrigan was hopeful the program boundaries may provide portion of funds. Directing the process with the use of adult’s volunteers & youth leadership. “The Kearsarge Workcamp” & similar programs can address projects as Town Hall & blight.

4. Keep the real issues at the forefront & I don’t want to overlook the long-term issues being shuffled to the bottom of the pile. I keep an eye on those long range “Community Needs” - 1) Education 2) Employment 3) Health 4) Resource Management 5) Resident Preparedness 6) Social & Emotional Growth

5. Keep the community focused on preserving the needs of families, including reducing our tax burden on the family budgets and time. Rethinking our education models for feasible solutions & growth of our youth.

Preserving our “open spaces”, stimulate internet business, our currently established business, and increase tele-commute employment. Implementing opportunities for recycling and “green” technology.

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John “Jack” Meaney

Not available for comment

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Susan Pehrson

1. I am seeking the office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector. I would like to see some of the projects that I initiated get completed. Those would include the automatic training of existing and incoming ballot clerks, the completion of the new filing system, the binding and restoring of the remaining town records, and the continuation of extra services to my townspeople

2. I feel, in this economy it is advisable and necessary to keep costs down and spending curbed. To that end as a Department Head I have submitted a lower budget than last year and hope to trim that with diligent “bargain” shopping practices. For the town, I feel the Police Department needs should be met.

3. From my point of view, all of the above projects are worthwhile. After starting with the garage in 2008 I would like to see the town proceed with the needs of the Police Department.

4. As a long time voter I plan to keep up to date with the changes and vote accordingly on each issue.

5. I envision more businesses in town. In turn that would increase the people working in town and hopefully keep more money in town.

TREASURER

Marilyn Gordon

1. Treasurer. I am running for re-election. Having a business here in Town, I am available to the Selectmen’s Office at any time. I have been the Treasurer for the past 9 nine years.
2. I feel the most important issues here in Bradford and everywhere is the economy.
3. With the economy the way it is, the Town needs to prioritize their issues and determine what needs to be done now and what can wait.
4. By going to the Selectmen’s meetings; asking questions; voicing my opinion.
5. I feel that Bradford will progress upward by everyone working together. The economy plays an important part in Bradford’s future.

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS

George P. Morse Jr.

No Response

TRUSTEE OF BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Erica Gross

1. Brown Memorial Library, Board of Trustees, 3 year term. I have now sat on the Board of Trustees for the library for the last consecutive 6 years and am honored to be asked to join the board for another 3 year run.

2. Bradford is one of the beautiful and charming towns that I know of but with most small towns growth and change seems to weaken the chain leaving areas to be left unmaintained while other new ideas are concentrated on.

3. Since many people only know of Bradford as a pass thru to another town, I would like to see the center of our town spruced up again (like our beautiful library) so that people will stop and admire our charming area. Town

Hall would be at the top of the list for rejuvenation and then working on some of the abandoned homes, throughout the town, that should be demolished as opposed to letting them sit and rot. I know that the library has worked hard running fund raisers and so forth to maintain the appearance and keep the library up to any larger towns standards of what a library should be and it shows.

4. Since I will be running for Trustee to the Library, the issues that I will most be dealing with are library issues. Many look at the library as a warehouse for books as opposed to seeing the library as a place where more and more people (young & old) rely on having that point of access to use a computer (job searches, research etc.), copier, things they need for a wide range of information.

5. Small towns all around this country grow stronger each year without losing their old time charm. I would like to see Bradford do the same and that takes all of us working together.

Beatrice Howe

1. I am running for Library Trustee. I've always felt that we are extremely fortunate to have such a great library. I've been a trustee for three years and enjoy helping in whatever way I can.

2. I think it's important to keep Bradford the small town I fell in love with when I moved here. The town hall/police station issues need to be addressed. An important issue for the library is maintaining adequate funding.

3. It would be nice to have sidewalks in town that are maintained in the winter so that children can get to the library safely.

4. The issues that will be facing me will be library-related. A well-maintained library is a tremendous asset to any town. Our library not only provides books and magazines, but also movies, audio books, a copy machine and a fax machine and the only public access computers in town, along with wireless internet access. Additionally, there are programs aimed at both adults and children. As a treasurer, I'd like to continue working with the other trustees to present a fair budget that reflects the library's needs. In addition to town funding, fundraisers such as the book sales are also important to help fill in the gaps.

5. I'd like to see Bradford as unchanged as possible but with an adequate police station in a more suitable location and a renovated town hall. Businesses should be encouraged to thrive here. And of course, it would be a sad town without our library!

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Gilberte "Jill" Pinard

I am running for the Bradford Scholarship Committee. I have been a high school English teacher for the past sixteen years working primarily with high school juniors and seniors. In addition to my regular responsibilities, I have spent considerable time helping my students prepare their college admission and scholarship essays. Since moving to Bradford in 1995, I have served my community through participation in the Women's Club; volunteering with special programs at Brown Memorial Library like the summer reading program and helping to organize a poetry reading presented by student poets; and performing in the Bradford Center Meeting House fundraiser, No, No, A Million Times No. Most of my volunteer work, however, has been associated with my school including serving on an individual scholarship committee for the past ten years, and I am eager to expand my participation in my local community by working in an area that is a major concern for me and that would utilize my experience. I am currently New Hampshire's English Teacher of the Year and am one of 25 National Teachers of Excellence as designated by the Secondary Section of the National Council of Teachers of English.

Denise Renk

1. I am new to town and wanted to get involved, I've done scholarship reviews with the Lions in the past, so this seemed like a great way to offer some time back to a great town.
2. Too new to comment.
3. Too new to comment
4. Too new to comment
5. Too new to comment

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Gary Wall

1. (a) I am running for the Budget Committee for 3 years.
(b) I have been a member of the Budget Committee for 3 years. Participating in the Budget process is something that I find interesting, enlightening & challenging. I would like to continue in this process to help ensure that the concerns & dollars paid by my fellow taxpayers are well represented and well spent.

2. The Business climate in Bradford has been deteriorating for some time, with the present national economic climate this is continuing, thereby putting more financial burden on the families, resident and non-resident taxpayers alike. Perhaps the Town can find some ways to be more open & accommodating to the Business Community to help ease the burden on taxpayers.
3. All of these and more are in need of attention as well as many of the roads we travel. It is hard to choose one above the other. I believe a well structured strategy of procuring Federal and State grants & funds and building up of specific capital reserves would be the way to tackle all of these issues over the long term.
4. As a member of the Budget Committee I will take a conservative approach while trying to ensure that our Budget meets the needs of today & the promise of tomorrow.
5. A thriving community with open store fronts, active commerce, well- kept homes & affordable taxes

PLANNING BOARD

Barry Wheeler

1. Planning Board for 3-years. I finished one term and I want to run for a 3-year term to continue to serve the people of Bradford.
2. I enjoy helping people plan for growth in Bradford.
3. Sidewalks, historic and conservation projects.
4. To treat people like human beings, fairly.
5. Like to see Bradford return to what it used to be and better than it was. I do remember when Main Street was Main Street.

Barbara Vanatta

No response

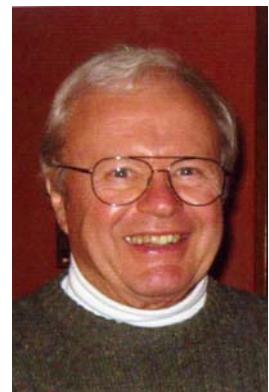
ZONING BOARD

Harold Wright

1. Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA). Sandra and I lived full time in Bradford from 1988-1995. In 1995 I was an alternate on the ZBA. Late in 1995 we moved to Chicago (job change), summering in Bradford, returned full time last October. I had intended to wait another year before entering any public service. Since there were open positions without candidates, I chose to run this year.

2. From the zoning perspective, it seems that the development craze of the last decade may have had some negative effects on Bradford. The current economic downturn provides time for review and adjustment to the Zoning Ordinance (if appropriate) and/or variance practices to allow growth while protecting the environment.

3. It would depend on the source of the funds. For example, if sidewalks were funded by a bond issue, ultimately requiring a property tax increase for payment, I would be very anti. If funded by a mysterious benefactor, like already appropriated Federal funds, I would be most positive.



As a recently returned full time resident, I must review the various projects and their pros and cons before offering an opinion regarding prioritization.

4. In Bradford, with our diverse blend of geography and property, a fixed Ordinance cannot cover every condition and the best use of each property. If a specific Request for Variance was minimally divergent from the Ordinance, had no negative impact on (nor objection from) the abutters, and enhanced the owner's use of the property, I would tend to approve the variance.

5. In 10 years, I would like to see Bradford as a town that has retained its rural charm while allowing controlled growth. I think that can be achieved while encouraging modest commercial development to the benefit of the tax base.

Richard Dionne

No response

Outside

by J. Ann Eldridge

In 1858 Edward Dodge of Sutton bought Meadowbrook Farm on the River Road in Bradford a mile and a half from the rail depot. We know these landmarks as Battles Farm, Center Road, and the Merrimack Farm Store. With him came his wife Polly, their only son Edward Wadleigh Dodge and his wife Eliza. In 1862 Edward the younger assumed management of the farm and began his journals. He was forty years old and he and his wife Eliza were expecting their first child. The Civil War had begun and he served as selectman. Writing laboriously with a quill, he was frugal with words.

For seven years, Edward never failed to start his entries with a weather report, the factor that shaped his day's work. Every penny spent and every barter transacted is meticulously entered. Predating electricity and telephone, house calls read like a road map of today's town: Cheney, Cressey, West and Jewett, Rowe, Butman, Melvin's mill, Marshall and Gillingham.

"Went to the north this forenoon". By 1850 the railroad had arrived making Bradford the last stop for years until it finally blasted its way through the Newbury cut and on to Claremont. The meeting house had been moved a few years before from the geographic center of town and reconstructed as the current town hall.

As the pace of war increased Selectman Dodge scrambles for money and the mandated recruits. The income tax was new. The seasonal rounds of drawing firewood out of the winter woods, manure from the barns in spring, plowing, planting, grist to the mill, a single haying in summer, potatoes, carrots and apples in the fall – all this is increasingly interrupted by the demands of the town.

He presided over construction of the new road around Cheney's hill, wharfing the problematic Gulf Hill road, installing the safe at Town Hall, arranging for the indigent at the Poor Farm, settling disputes and estates, and assessing taxes. He met with former president Franklin Pierce and took part in Lincoln's

funeral procession in Concord. There is a book's worth of socio/political history in these pages.

Between the lines there is a book on natural history as well. In a rare prosaic passage he writes "This is the first robin snow we have had this spring". Snow that signals the robin's return, a dysfunctional phrase now. In recent decades robins have been over wintering on berries, apples and handouts. In this century vultures have followed highway road kill north to nest on Goodwin Hill. Mockingbirds, cardinals and a host of other birds have also arrived. Ravens, driven north, would have been unknown to him. Native turkeys were gone a century before Edward raised his domestic birds. He would have heard fewer woodland songbirds and game birds but meadowlark, whippoorwill and birds of grasslands were familiar.

"Bare ground begins to show itself on the tops of the hills and the stones in the fields and pasture begin to make their appearance." Bradford was 90% open land then. Nearly every Sunday, most often alone, Edward climbed to the 'high pasture' for an unobstructed view. Agriculture, in the relatively minuscule amount of geologic time that has been practiced, has had the greatest impact of anything we do to a landscape. And yet in New England, there were relatively few extinctions. Nearly all of the extirpated species have recolonized or been reintroduced. No where else in the world was so large an area cleared as in New England and as rapidly abandoned to re-growth.

Edward's near total silence on wildlife makes sense. He did not hunt except for corn eating crows. Deer, bear, moose and beaver were gone long before his birth. Wolf, cougar, fisher, and rattlesnake were completely absent from even northern NH by the late 1800s. There is a stone fox blind in the woods on Goodwin Hill protecting long gone sheep in a long gone pasture. Red fox were introduced from Europe, though the race from the north has since intermixed.

Edward's was a cultivated landscape making the remaining woodlots vital as fuel for the uninsulated homes. He sold elm trees and hemlock were still so large that a pair of oxen 'drawed' them one at a time

from the Bog to the Leviston's tannery. Beech trees were old enough that with no passenger pigeons, natives, deer or bear for competition, an afternoon spent gathering nuts was worthwhile. He likely knew the now virtually extinct American chestnut and would have gathered walnuts and butternuts.

In his final years at Meadowbrook his journal is a frantic record of the business of war and its aftermath. He embarks on selling farm machinery and yet foreclosures and auctions are increasingly noted. Bradford's population in the mid 1800s was only a few hundred less than today. After the war, the western

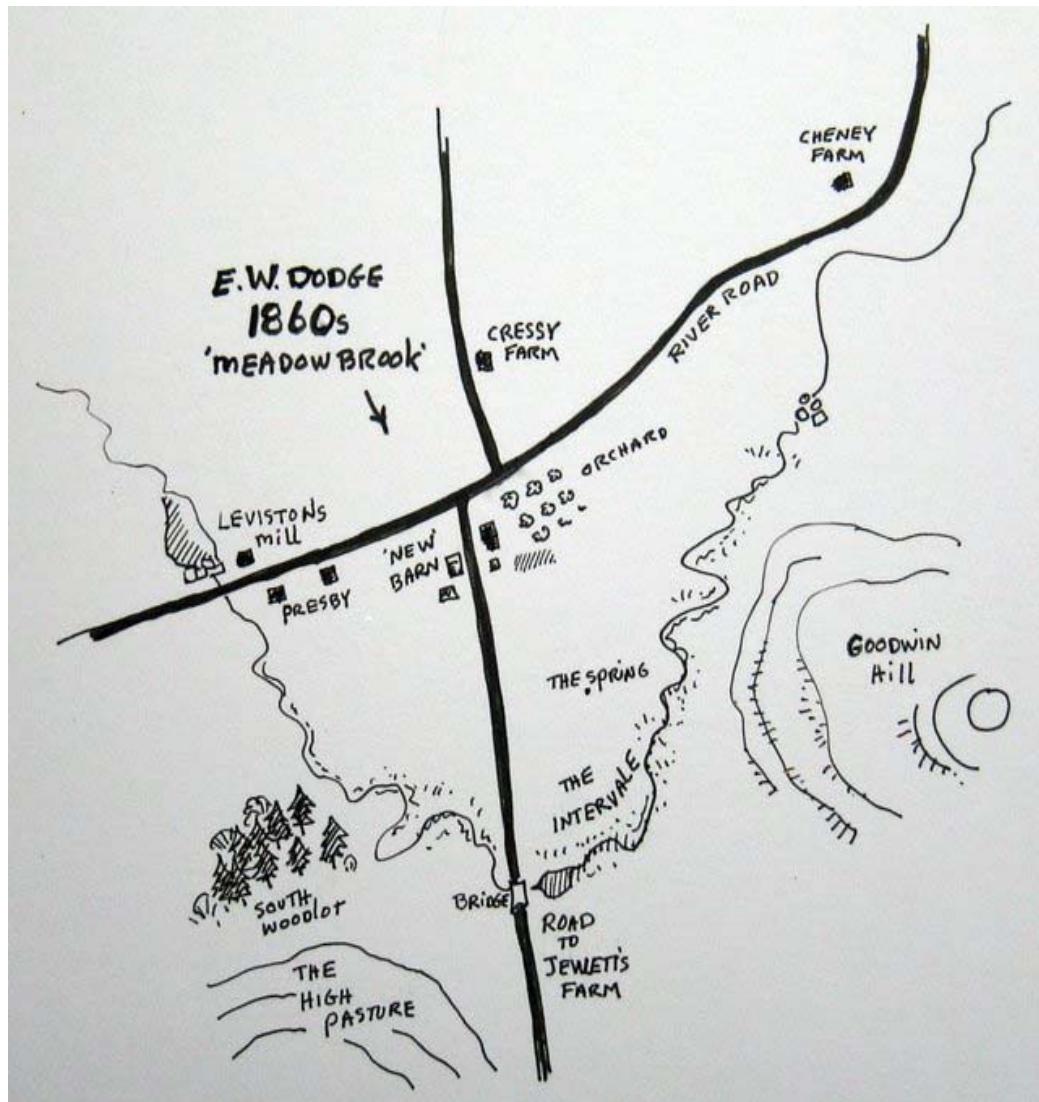
exodus heightened and white pine dropped seed in the abandoned pasture. The war debt at its outset in NH was \$30,000. In two years it had climbed to \$182,500. By its end in 1865 it topped \$13 million. The massive war debt and rampant inflation was a result of exorbitant bounties paid out in a losing effort to fill the quotas for the draft.

Edward does not explain why they sold the farm. For months he searched before placing a winning bid on a farm in Francestown. Meadowbrook has changed hands a few more times, spending time as a

boardinghouse. The Battles family purchased it in 1962, the lowest point in Bradford's population at 600. Forty seven years later, the fate of the farm is uncertain.

Edward W. Dodge would recognize the farm and the maple trees he planted on the front lawn

141 years ago but he could not have imagined a time when 98% of the town's food comes from 3000 miles away. It is not



possible to recreate a time when a town this size could sustain itself with (organic) food and fodder. We are largely a society of tradesmen and service providers who plant a few tomatoes in the side yard. But neither can we imagine, as the pace of change quickens, what life will be like in 20-30 years. Do we, as a town, choose to give up this piece of history, these views, this potential for local produce? Once open and forest land is lost, it is gone forever.

Town Warrant, Bradford, N.H.

The Polls will open from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm on March 10, 2009.

To the inhabitants of the town of Bradford in the County of Merrimack in said State qualified to vote in town affairs;

You are hereby notified to meet at the Bradford Elementary School on Old Warner Road in said Bradford, NH on Tuesday, the tenth of March next, at eight o'clock in the morning to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town officials for the ensuing year.

Article 2. Zoning Ordinance.—This is a petition to repeal the definition of a building lot in accordance with RSA 675:4. The article is to see if the Town of Bradford will vote to amend the lot size requirements to read minimum lot size required is 2 acres and delete the word buildable. By Petition.

Article 3. To adjourn the meeting until Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 7:00pm, at the Bradford Elementary School on the Old Warner Road. The raising of money and remaining articles in the Warrant to be taken up at the adjourned meeting.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Eight Hundred and Twenty Thousand six hundred seventy six Dollars (\$1,820,676.00) for the general municipal operation. This article DOES NOT include amounts appropriated by other warrant articles. (Majority vote required)

1. Executive	107,833.00
2. Elections and Vital records	4,550.00
3. Financial Administration	. 83,401.00
4. Revaluations	19,950.00
5. Legal	15,000.00
6. Employee Benefits	243,924.00
7. Planning and Zoning	20,800.00
8. General Government Buildings	42,732.00
9. Cemetery	18,310.00
10. Insurance	62,292.00
11. Other General Government	12,090.00
12. Police Department	287,005.00
13. Fire Department	92,000.00
14. Rescue Services	82,320.00
15. Building Code Department	14,650.00
16. Emergency Management	500.00
17. Highway Department	372,495.00
18. Bridge Maintenance	100.00
19. Street Lighting	4,100.00
20. Solid Waste Collection	50,877.00
21. Solid Waste Disposal	56,600.00
22. Inoculations	800.00
23. Welfare Administration	4,012.00
24. Welfare Vendor and Direct Payments	43,350.00
25. Parks and Recreation	4,380.00
26. Library	62,525.00
27. Patriotic Purposes	14,500.00
28. Community Center	77,830.00
29. Other Conservation	750.00
30. Long Term Debt payments	18,000.00
31. Interest on T.A.N.	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,820,676.00

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) to build a salt shed for the Highway Department Facility. This will be a non lapsing appropriation to continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2014. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000) for the purchase and installation of a new air quality system for the Bradford Highway Garage. This will be funded from surplus and no additional money will be raised by taxation. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Non-Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-c for the purpose of offsetting expenses associated with unexpected increases in the costs of petroleum-related products and winter road salt, and to fund from surplus the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in this fund, and further to appoint the board of selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. No money to be raised by taxation. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000) to re-roof the Bement Covered Bridge with a metal standing seam roofing material. This will be a non lapsing appropriation and continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2014. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to fund the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for Road Sealant. This is a non lapsing appropriation and will continue until the money is expended or December 31, 2014. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty Three Thousand Dollars (\$133,000) to repair and resurface Sunset Hill Road. This will be a non lapsing appropriation to continue until the money is expended or December 31, 2014. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Ninety Five Thousand dollars (\$595,000) for the design and construction of Bridge #098-114 on West Road. This project is under the municipal managed bridge project with the State of NH. Five hundred Twenty Thousand dollars (\$520,000) will come from the State of NH and the remaining Seventy Five Thousand dollars (\$75,000) to be raised by taxation. The town has already raised \$55,000 for this project for a total construction cost of Six Hundred and Fifty thousand dollars (\$650,000). This will be a non lapsing appropriation until the funds are expended or December 31, 2014. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to evaluate and repair the deck on Bridge #098/117 on West Meadow Road. This will be a non lapsing appropriation and continue until the funds are expended or December 31, 2014. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand One Hundred Seventy two Dollars (\$10,172) for the first year of a four year lease to purchase and outfit a four wheel drive police vehicle. The cost of the vehicle is Thirty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Forty One Dollars (\$36,941) with financing charges of an additional Three Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Seven dollars (\$3,747) to total Forty Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Eight dollars (\$40,688). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose and title of the existing New Police Facility Capital Reserve Fund to the Police Facility Updating and Renovation Fund. Two thirds vote required.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000) to purchase and install a fence around the Fire Pond located on property owned by Karen and Christopher Way at

Map17 Lot 19. This is a non lapsing appropriation and will continue until the money is used or December 31, 2014. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the Ambulance Capital Reserve. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article 18. Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict 100% of the revenues from ambulance transportation to the expenditures of the purpose of operating the Bradford Rescue Squad, including salaries and new equipment? Paper Ballot required. Majority vote.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of ambulance services, including salaries and new equipment. All revenues received for ambulance services will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund unreserved fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for purposes for which the fund was created.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the Town Facilities Capital Reserve. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to withdraw Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) from the Town Facilities Capital Reserve to design of a new front handicap entrance and Drive for the Bradford Town Hall. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the Repair of Town Buildings Capital Reserve. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the Fire Dept Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the Fire Dept Building Repair Capital Reserve. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for the Gravestone Repair Expendable Trust. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$2,750) for the Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) for the monitoring of the boat launch. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

Article 28. To raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the Revaluation Capital Reserve. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article 29. Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a. 1(b) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds for contributions to 'qualified organizations' for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property?

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$96,000 (Ninety Six Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of contributing to the purchase of a conservation easement and associated expenses on a portion of the Battles Farm (Map 6, Lots 96 and 46). Said land is located at the intersection of Center Road and Jewett Road. The purpose of this easement will be to protect valuable agricultural and forest land, wild life habitat, wetland and flood control areas. This vote authorizes the Town of Bradford to accept a back-up executory interest in said conservation easement. Submitted by petition. Selectmen do not recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to require that all votes by an advisory budget committee, a town budget committee, and the governing body relative to budget items or warrant articles shall be recorded votes and the numerical tally of any such vote shall be printed in the town warrant next to the affected warrant article.

Article 32. To see if the Town of Bradford, New Hampshire will vote to adopt the following resolution, and shall upon adoption notify in writing members of our congressional representatives, Representatives Hodes and Shea-Porter, and Senators Shaheen and Gregg, to do the following:

Actively work in support of the creation of a US Department of Peace and Non Violence, as described and presented to the US House of Representatives in the 110th Congress as HR 808, the purpose of which “shall be dedicated to peacemaking and the study of conditions that are conducive to both domestic and international peace.”

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to accept the reports of the Town Officers. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Bradford Board of Selectmen

Peter Fenton, Chairman

Andrew Pinard

Charles Meany

Candidates - continued from p.25

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Jan Riley

- 1 I am running for a third term as Cemetery Trustee.
2. My husband Tom, Carey Rodd and I have been completing the cemetery maps which are available at the Town Clerk's office. We continue working on updating the cemetery deeds to make inquiries easier to answer. This has been like solving a huge puzzle for us and hopefully provides a service to the people who are looking for loved ones.
3. I believe that most people want what is best for our community. Listening to each other with open minds and a willingness to help where we have some experience can help to make Bradford thrive. Many hands make light the work.
4. I was drawn into cemetery work many years ago when my husband Tom began laying it out on our dining table trying to draw up maps of the various lots and their locations within each of the cemeteries. Since he was spending so much time in the cemeteries and I accompanied him there, this made sense.

SCHOOL BOARD

Andrew Pinard

1. School Board Representative from Bradford. This position has been open since October when Jon Steiner resigned from the Board upon the appointment of his wife as Assistant Superintendent of Schools. I applied to be appointed by the School Board in January with two other applicants. They declined to appoint and I filed the last day you could file. I am currently the only applicant.
2. Economy. Increasing taxes, a reduced tax base, loss of employers in the community and consistent and thoughtful management of our resources.
3. Town Hall has begun to see improvements and more are planned in the short term. Sidewalk improvements would be wonderful, but with the decline in businesses along Main Street it might not be the highest priority (and I walk them a lot). Even more important is planning to position our community for positive, responsible growth when the economy turns around.
4. On the School Board I hope to engage our neighbouring communities and the school system to encourage more community participation. I will also be looking to ensure that taxpayers will see appropriate value for their investment in the district.
5. I hope that we see some focused development of shops and businesses along Main Street, increased outdoor resources for the community and an active citizenship that takes part in coordinated community efforts that improve the quality of life for all its residents.

KRES at BRADFORD SCHOOL SPELLING BEE



On Thursday, January 29, 2009 twenty, fourth and fifth grade students took part in the KRES at Bradford School Spelling Bee. Kayla Edmunds, a fourth grade student in Mrs. Miller's class, was declared the Spelling Bee Champion after seven rounds. Carl Betz (fourth grade) and Sammi Dow (fifth grade) shared the "runner-up" position. Kayla will go on to represent KRES at Bradford in the Concord Area Spelling Bee that takes place on Saturday, March 14. The school spelling bee is the first step in the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee.

Pictured below is Jim Spadaro, Principal of KRES at Bradford along with the top three spellers from KRES at Bradford (left to right): Sammi Dow, Kayla Edmunds (Spelling Bee Champion), and Carl Betz.



Classifieds

Lost Shawl: Did you leave your shawl at the Inauguration Party at the Brick Mill on January 20? It is maroon with paisley designs. We'd like to return it to the person who lost it, but have exhausted the list of the classy ladies in town who might have worn it to the party. Call 938-2660

For Sale: Greenwood Cook Stove, 6 burner, good condition \$400
456-3504

