

THE Bradford Bridge

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May 2013

Committees Organized to Move Bradford Ahead

Meeting dates have been set for the downtown revitalization committees announced at the recent Town Meeting:

Main Street Revitalization Committee (MSRC) - May 7, 2013 **Economic Development Committee** (EDC) - May 8, 2013. Both meetings to be held at the BACC and begin at 7 PM.

The goal for both is to stimulate positive growth in Bradford. The MSRC will build on recent events – sidewalk construction and ongoing property improvements on both East and West Main Streets.

The EDC will explore use of town property, transfer station, Naughton, etc. to encourage light manufacturing or office businesses.

Some of the Main Street Revitalization Committee Objectives include:

- 1. Create/maintain New England atmosphere
- 2. Draw traffic from Routes 103 & 114 for commerce
- 3. Create a dual housing/commerce area
- 4. Provide jobs reconstructing, constructing new facilities and ongoing commerce ventures
- 5. Improve the value of property in the downtown area
- 6. Investigate a "Commerce Loop" off Main Street using town property
- 7. Create an objective, build on the positives already in place

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TOWN OF BRADFORD STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Town Warrant of Town Meeting April 11, 2013

Results:

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate One Million Seven Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$ 1,767,000.00) (gross budget) to renovate the Bradford Town Hall at map 16 lot 92 and to authorize the issuance of not more than One Million Seven Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand (\$1,767,000.00) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, the term and other details. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (2/3 ballot vote required)

454 Votes Cast – 301 Votes needed to pass

Yes Votes – 228

No Votes – 224

Article Did Not Pass

10 QUESTIONS

by Phyllis Wilcox

Geoffrey and Sarah Hirsch moved to Bradford in 2006. They bring a multitude of talents and interesting backgrounds to the town. In 2007 they opened the doors to the "Old Road Antiques" shop in the Tillie Wheeler house on Rte. 103 in Bradford. They lived up the road in Henniker for several years. They continued to teach and ultimately both taught at John Stark Regional High School. Their combined dream was to find a suitable place to open an antique shop. Finally every thing worked out. Sarah was riding her bicycle and came across the perfect place for their dreams to become reality. The Tillie Wheeler house was for sale and she convinced Geoffrey that this was their destiny and the right place for their antique shop. They bought the house and in 2007 opened the door of "Old Road Antiques."

Q. Sarah, I understand that you have a history in your family of relatives who have opened antique shops and that both you and Geoffrey had the idea that this was your goal and you were looking forward to retirement and the perfect place for your future in the antique business.

Sarah, unfortunately I am not retiring next year. The timing isn't right but I look forward to retirement in about three years. The interest in antiques has been long standing. My uncle and his sons were in the business and we have a history in the family of this interest.

Q. Geoffrey, your life includes so many things, including teaching English, writing, music, theater and politics. You retired in 2006 and moved with Sarah to Bradford. What prompted you to become an antique dealer?

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The Bradford Bridge is written by neighbors, for neighbors. Anyone is welcome to submit articles and/or photographs of interest to the community. We reserve the right to edit submissions.

Selectmen's Office Hours 938-5900

Mon - Thurs: 7:30 am - 5:00 pm

Friday: 7:30 am - noon

Selectmen meet every Monday from 5:30 pm - 7:30 PM Special Meetings will be posted 24 hours in advance

> Town Clerk/ Tax Collector Office Hours 938-2288

Monday: noon-7:00 pm Tuesday: 7:00 am-11:30 am

12:30 pm-5:00 pm

Friday: 8:00 am-11:30 am and 12:30 pm-5:00 PM

Saturday: (2nd & 4th) 9-Noon

Planning Board Circuit Rider Wednesday call 938-2253 for appointment

Town offices are temporarily located at BACC

Editorial: Don't give up on town hall, Bradford

Bradford should make every effort to reopen its town hall, closed for a couple years for want of money to maintain and refurbish it. (In April), by a 228-224 vote, Bradford residents rejected the selectmen's request to spend \$1.8 million to restore it. The vote was not as close as it sounds, since it takes a two-thirds vote to pass a bond. High property taxes and a slow economy make the vote understandable, but we hope residents in favor of putting the building back in service keep the roof sound and don't give up.

New Hampshire continues to be at risk of losing its history. Few structures are more iconic than its town halls. We urge Bradford residents to invest what it takes to prevent the town hall from deteriorating while a less costly plan to renovate is pursued.

Bradford is hardly alone in its struggle to preserve its community heritage. A similar effort has been under way for years in Dunbarton. That community's beautiful town hall is open on a limited basis as a library, but its elegant upper floor needs work and isn't accessible for those with disabilities. Epsom's meeting house awaits restoration, as does Hillsboro's library, a mansion once owned by a New Hampshire governor.

The list goes on and on. Every addition to it speaks to the importance of passing a state budget that includes full funding for the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program, whose mission is to help communities preserve their historic buildings and protect threatened lands.

New Hampshire is a tourist state. Visitors don't come here to look at new municipal buildings. Every community owes it to itself, and to its future residents, to preserve its town halls and other historic structures. But nearly every community needs a little help in the form of a grant from LCHIP, another organization or a benefactor, to make it happen.

In lieu of a May "Letter from the Editor", we are printing this editorial as seen in the April,18, 2013 Concord Monitor. Thanks to the Monitor for their permission for a reprint.

Town Clerk Update Happy Spring Everyone!

There are still many dogs that have not been registered, which was due by April 30^{th,} As of May 1st there will be an additional dollar late fee as required by RSA 466:1. Please remember to bring any updated rabies information with you.

We would like to thank all the Checklist Supervisors, the Ballot Counters, Andrew Pinard, Bradford Police Department and Fire Department for an extremely smooth running of the reconsideration. Special thanks, to the kids of the Livewire program, for setting up all the chairs. Also, to Kearsarge Regional Elementary School for changing their schedule to accommodate our needs.

We will be open on Saturday, May 11th and 25th, 9am-Noon.

Erica Gross, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Melissa Cloutier, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Selectmen's Highlights

Building Inspector: Walter Royal presented a Building Permit Fee Schedule in line with surrounding towns and asked for comments. He also suggested changes to a proposed Building Permit application form. Selectmen will review and provide definite answers

Budget Committee: John Pfeifle, Selectmen's Representative to the Budget Committee, provided a synopsis of a recent Budget Committee meeting for the Selectmen to review.

Solitude Ridge Appraisals: Residents requested a decrease in assessment of their property, having noted an increase not apparent in other parts of town. Based on information provided by the town assessor Cross Country Appraisal Group LLC, the selectmen first approved a 10% decrease that was later amended to the recommended 20% reduction in valuation for all lots in Solitude Ridge.

Transfer Station: At the request of Transfer Station Manager Lois Kilnapp, selectmen approved Easter Sunday and any Christmas that falls on a Sunday to be a paid Holiday for transfer station full time personnel.

Town Revitalization Committees: Selectmen set the dates for the first meetings of the newly formed revitalization committees – Main Street Committee, Tuesday May 7, Economic Development Committee, Wednesday, May 8. Both meetings to start at 7 PM. (See separate article for members of the committees.) Harry Wright reported on a CNHRPC

conference that focused on leveraging broadband to promote economic development. This will provide good information for Bradford's new committee.

Solomon Property: Mike Charron expressed interest in purchasing the Justin Soloman property at the corner of Route 114 and Old Warner Road. He asked if it could be torn down and replaced with another home. Setbacks and water and sewer were mentioned as issues to be addressed as well as disposal of the demolished material. Meg Ames, sister of Rod Jones, owner of the adjacent property, expressed concern for the safety of her brother's home based on the condition of the corner property, which has been declared a hazardous and dilapidated building under state law.

Road Bond: Following discussion with the Budget Committee, selectmen voted to set the road bond for a ten year repayment schedule. Road Agent Barry Wheeler submitted a bid from Pike Industries of \$274,597.50 for work on Fairgrounds, Pleasant View and Sunset Hill Road.

The Highway Department was commended for removing the sand from the sidewalks and Main Street.

Intents to Cut were signed for Wickermann at Map 9, Lot 58, and Kincaid at Map 10, Lot 10, Map 7, Lot 70 and Map 6, Lot 114.

Independence Day Celebration: Marlene Freyler scheduled an Independence Day Committee meet-

ing for April 22 to solicit additional members willing to participate. It was recommended that she obtain bids for Fireworks from more than one company.

Town Hall: Eileen Kelly, Chair of the Town Hall Restoration Committee (THRC) inquired about the newly formed Main Street Revitalization Committee. John Pfeifle replied that the committees are separate entities but both are working towards the goal of improving downtown Bradford. There was discussion of the roles of the THRC and the Rural Heritage Connection (RHC) in the recent effort to restore the Town Hall. It was explained that the RHC was formed 10 years ago to promote the preservation of properties in town. As a 501 (c) (3) organization, it served as a repository for tax-exempt donations for the Town Hall project. The two groups worked together and have overlapping members.

Selectmen requested the THRC to continue its efforts and carry forward.

Selectmen voted to delegate a group of people, including the Historical Society, to catalogue papers and valuable pictures that are still in the town hall and make sure they are secure. Also to clean the premises after everything has been recorded and secured.

BACC: An RFP has been prepared for code compliant front and back doors and for an approved egress window for the lower floor. The return date is May 11.

Minutes of all meetings are online at bradfordnh.org. and on file at the Town Office.

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Historical Society

The Bradford Historical Society will be open Saturdays from 10 am - noon at the Old Post Office Building from Memorial Day through Labor Day and by appointment. Call 938-5372.

Don't miss these two events, sponsored by the Bradford Historical Society:

May 22 at the Baptist Church in Bradford - Concert featuring excellent KRHS musicians - 7:00 pm

May 25 at the Village Smithy in Bradford - Blacksmith and Woodworking Demonstrations and Flea Market - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Contact Harriet at 938-5314

Bradford Women's Club

Bradford Women's Club will host their annual meeting/dinner on May 22 at the Appleseed Restaurant - 5:00. This is open to all past and present members. The cost of the meal is \$16.00 RSVP Jackye Pehrson.938-5951. The \$10.00 dues can be paid with the dinner check. Please send check to BN-SWC, PO 292, Bradford, NH 03221 Hope to see you there!

Warner

Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum opens May 1 with a new exhibit about "Containers". Bark, marsh-plant fiber, ash splint, gourd, cattails – these are some of the materials that have been skillfully and artfully twined, woven, carved, folded, or sewn into the containers in the 2013 season's first exhibit "Containers" in the Contemporary Art Gallery May 1 through July 14. "Containers" will focus on connecting the works of art, such as Judy Dow's "Gourd Basket Full of Dreams" and Vera Longtoe Sheehan's "Five-color Twined Bag," to the plants from which they have been made. Artists Jeanne Kent, Liz Charlebois, Lina Longtoe, Jennifer Lee, and Julia Marden will be featured as well. 18 Highlawn Rd, Warner, NH 03278,

An opening reception featuring the exhibit "Containers" is on Sunday May 5, Noon - 4 pm, meet the artists, hands-on activities, refreshments. Admission to the art gallery is free, admission to the museum is only \$5 that day. For more information: 603-456-2600, info@indianmuseum.org, www.IndianMuseum.org

MainStreet BookEnds of Warner, 16 East Main St. Warner, NH 03278 603-456-2700

May 3, 3 pm. Acclaimed New York Times best selling children's author Mary Lyn Ray will visit the store on following her day's visit with Warner's children at Simonds Elementary School for their Annual MainStreet Warner Literacy Project. Visit with Mary Lyn, and pick up one of her amazing books!

Saturday, May 18 ~ 9 am to 3 pm, Mary Lyn Ray Pumpkins "Spring Into Warner, Jump Into the Arts. Visit Warner's 6th Annual Arts Celebration, Arts & Crafts Demonstrations * Music * Museums * Book Sales * Farmers Market * Food * Free Horse & Carriage Rides.

New London

The Coach House Restaurant at the New London Inn is extending its Thursday's Child fundraiser to Muster Field Farm Museum for another season of community outreach. That means friends of Muster Field can enjoy the fabulous culinary experience of the Coach House and know that 50% of the profits will go the Farm.

Proceeds from food and beverages are included and reservations may be made by calling 526-2791. Here is a link to the menu http://www.thenewlondoninn.com/menu/.

This event is a wonderful way to connect with others who support the Farm or just enjoy an evening out.

For its ninth season, the Northern New England Repertory Theatre Company (NNE Rep) will present Henrik Ibsen's powerful drama *Hedda Gabler* on the Sawyer Center stage at Colby-Sawyer College in New London. Evening performances of *Hedda Gabler* begin at 8 PM on May 30, 31, June 1, 6, 7, & 8, with a matinee on June 2 starting at 2 PM. Tickets are \$28, with student and group rates available. For tickets, call NNE Rep's Box office at (603) 526-4112: Toll-free: 1-855-526-4432

Concord

The League of NH Craftsmen is hosting a creative exhibition, Continuing the Tradition, at its Gallery at The Craft Center and headquarters in the SMILE! building on 49 South Main Street in Concord from April 19 through June 19. The exhibition features fine craft handmade by newly juried members of the League. On display are June Adinah's fiber pieces, which are made using wet felting and Nuno techniques; David Masury's furniture with its sweeping lines and soft carvings; Wendy Jackson's pottery featuring lively sgraffito images of animals; Nanda Soderberg glass objects made with found objects; and Zachary Jonas' exquisite metal knives – and much more!

Parks and Recreation Clean-up Day

SUNDAY, May 19, 2013 - French's Park Clean-Up 10 until whenever

Please join P&R and your friends and neighbors for our annual cleanup of French's Park. Bring your rakes, wheel barrows, or whatever your favorite tool is for working in your yard and help us clear up the debris from winter and ready the park for summer use.

We'll provide the burgers and dogs and drinks. Bring a picnic side dish or dessert and we can all work together to get the park ready for the warm/hot weather!

Baton twirlers will be starting up in mid-May. Please call Joni Pickman (938-6089) if you would like more information.

Information on Independence Day activities and swimming lessons will be coming out soon. If you would like further information please call 938-6228 and leave a message for a Parks & Rec member or join us on Facebook.

Parks & Rec would like to again say "thank you" to everyone who volunteered and helped make the Spaghetti Dinner for Chris Palmer's family a great success! It was such a wonderful event and the feeling of love and community shared was incredible!

To date over \$9,000.00 has been raised to assist the Palmer family. Again thank you to all who assisted and attended, creating a truly great sense of community.

Bradford Parks and Rec Committee

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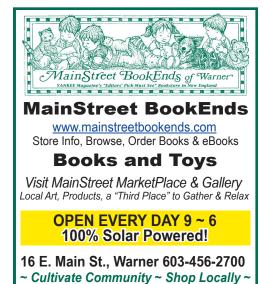
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Planning Board Notes

Subdivision and Site Plan Review Regulations: Following a public hearing, both of these documents were amended to require that a final copy of any subdivision or site plan be provided in electronic format, pdf, or image. This begins the process of updating the Planning Board files.

Subdivisions: The Board approved a two lot subdivision for property owned by Barry Wheeler off Center Road. Both lots to be served by a common driveway from Center Road.

Boundary Adjustment: A boundary line adjustment was approved for property owned by Christopher Payson on West Road.

Site Plan: A Site Plan was approved for property owned by Bruce Edwards on East Main Street to use an existing building for a new use. IAMNOW Inc. will move its operation into the building, moving an existing sign from the previous location.

Gravel Pits: A gravel pit permit for three years was approved for Peter Isham for property on Pleasant Valley Road. There have been no changes since the previous application. Work continues to close the pit. The public hearing for a gravel pit



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permit for Bruce Edwards on Pleasant Valley Road was continued to May 14, pending input from DRA concerning the length of time for which the permit may be granted.

Alternates: The Board has appointed three alternates to the Board: Jim Bibbo, Steven Chase and Mark Fournier. Current alternate Caryl Walker continues in the position. The Planning Board thanks these residents for stepping forward and offering their services to the Town. The Board re-elected Marcia Keller as Chair and Philip LaMoreaux as Vice-chair.

Voluntary Mergers were signed for the Lois Knappton on East Main Street and Tom Riley on Old Fairgrounds Road.

Building Inspector: The Board discussed several areas of concern with Walter Royal, newly appointed Building Inspector. He will visit several businesses to advise them of problems with signage. He suggested that police and highway personnel could help make him aware of possible situations that should be addressed.

Capital Improvement Program:

Work will begin on May 7 at 5:30 PM on the 2014 CIP. The Committee will be chaired by Phil LaMoreaux. Sonny Harris will represent the selectmen. Other members, to date, include Jim Bibbo, Erich Caron, Mark Fournier, Alex Spiliotis, and Mark Keith.

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Lake Todd Village District

Saturday, May 4, 8:30 am
The Lake Todd Village District will
be the Highway Cleanup of their
designated stretch of State Route
103 (Main St to Fowler Mill). Lake
residents and others who care about
the environment are encouraged to
come and help. The group will meet
at the Carl residence, 57 Route 103 in
Newbury.

Saturday, May 25, 9:00 am
The Lake Todd Village District
will hold their Budget Hearing in
the Senior room of the Community
Center to discuss the proposed budget
for 2013. Voters and non-resident
taxpayers are invited to attend and
contribute to the discussion. Any
questions? Contact:

Stephen Snyder LTVD Commissioner 938-2321 Cell: (603) 235-5301



April Bridge Omission

The Bradford Bridge apologizes to James Lalla for leaving his name out of the election results. He was elected to the Cemetery Commission with 408 votes.

To the Editor,

Bradford made history on the night of April 11th.

Never have so many people turned out to vote for and against an issue. To have 452 ballots cast at our town meeting is remarkable.

If any additional argument needs to be made for returning our town hall to a functioning community building, it was the lack of capacity for a town meeting of this size in our present space. Citizens were left outside in the cold weather, unable to hear the speakers, because there was not enough room inside the elementary school auditorium, library, and entryway.

Lots of hard work went into the effort to renovate and reopen Town Hall over the past year and a half. Most folks in our town appreciate the work that was done, even those who voted against the bond. Reaching the 2/3rds vote to pass a bond to renovate the building is a high bar. It was a disappointing outcome for our historic Town Hall.

We had speakers on the floor for last Thursday's meeting who gave it their all and we thank them. Thank you also to the Town Hall Restoration Committee, the Select-Board, the Budget Committee, and the Planning Board for their unanimous support of the project.

We have a Town Hall that's worthy of being restored and the residents of Bradford deserve to have this beautiful old building returned to service. We have a new year to work toward a plan for Town Hall that everyone in our town can embrace. Let's get started.

~ Eileen Kelly, Chair, Bradford Town Hall Restoration Committee 938-2779 or 271-2139

Letters to the Editor To The Editor

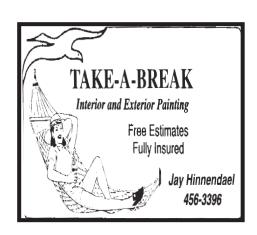
Reflecting on our recent Town Meeting, I would thank the voters for their support of the Budget Committee's many items presented in the warrant. The major item, of course, was the bonding of the Town Hall restoration that failed to garner the necessary 2/3 vote.

Consideration and review of various options to carry out this task were considered with the total project winning the unanimous support of the committee. The advantages as we saw, were the low interest rates quoted on the bond and getting the overdue job accomplished, in a timely manner. The advantage to the Town would be the total use of the building once again.

The impact of any increase in the town tax due to the bond, became the primary sticking point. In balancing the overall budget, your committee felt ,as we looked into the future, that we could remain within the present level of our town tax.

Sadly, in New Hampshire, primary funding falls back on the tax on our real estate. This includes the school tax, both district and state; the county tax (now being impacted by the withdrawal of state funding) and the town tax. It is this last item that your Budget Committee, at least, has some control over. The first three depends on all of us. The four in total, depends on our priorities along with our participation.

Dick Keller, chairing your Budget Committee



Palmer Fund Raiser

On March 23, 2013 the Bradford Parks and Recreation Committee, along with the New Hampshire Police, Fire, & EMS Foundation a "Benefit Spaghetti Dinner" to assist the family of Lt. Charles Christopher Palmer of the Newbury Fire Department. The event was held at the Bradford Area Community Center on East Main Street in Bradford. Through ticket sales and donations the New Hampshire Police, Fire, and EMS Foundation is announcing that \$9,000.00 dollars has been raised to assist the Palmer Family.

Chris had served on the Newbury Volunteer Fire Department for years and had been the lieutenant. on Engine 2. He was a communicant of St. Patrick's Parish in Newport, NH and was a member of the Police Fire E.M.S. Foundation. He is survived by his wife of 6 years, Jessica (Orlowski) Palmer, two sons, Charles A. and Steven P. Palmer.

Memorial contributions in Chris' name may be made to the NH Police Fire E.M.S. Foundation, P.O. Box 520, Epping, NH 03042.



Church News

by Lynne Hubley

May 5 & 19: Focus Factor (grades 6-12) at 4-5:30 pm in the office building

No meeting on May 12 (Mothers day) and May 26 (Memorial Day Weekend)

May 1st & May 29th: Men's Fellowship will meet at the home of Fred Hubley 6:30 pm

May 4: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8-9:30 am in the office building.

May 4: Church Spring Cleanup Day at 9:30 am meeting at the office building.

May 11: Women's Prayer Breakfast, at 8-9:30 am in the office building.

May 15: Community Food Pantry 5:30-6:30 or call the church office 938-5313.

Food Donations for May are: Mac & Cheese, Spaghetti, Tuna Fish, and Spaghetti

Sauce. Donations can be dropped off Tues, Weds, Thurs between 9 am and 12 noon at the church office.

May 18: Walk-a-thon/March For Meals 10-12:00 supporting Meals on Wheels

at the Northeast Delta Dental, Concord/NH call to carpool

May 18: Spring Progressive Dinner starting at 5 pm/travel to five different homes for good eats, call office to sign up



Rebecca Rule, Warner storyteller, wit and New Hampshire darling attended the April 25th Community Center Senior luncheon sponsored by the NH Humanities Council. The storytelling was superb, funny, hysterically anecdotal and, while entertaining the troops, Ms. Rule collected even more amusing stories from our own lunch companions which, absolutely, will be included in her next performnce.





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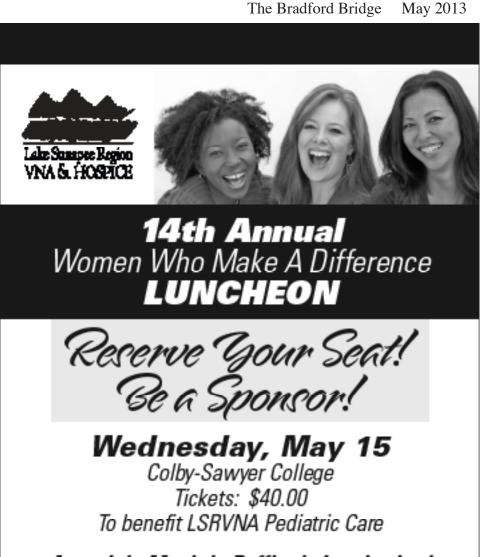
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MAY CALENDAR

Wed. May 1st

4:00 PM – Special Group #5

6:00 PM - Yoga

7:00 PM – Zoning Board of Adjustment

Thurs. May 2nd

12 Noon - Senior Dining

1:00 PM – Mahjong

7:00 PM – Journey Continues Group

Fri. May 3rd

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness 11:30 AM - First Friday Brunch raffle, door prizes, music

7:00 PM - Book to Movie, BML

Sat. May 4th

8:30 AM - Todd Village District highway cleanup - State Route 103

Mon. May 6th

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

1-4 PM – Bridge Group

5:30 PM – Selectmen's Meeting

Tues. May 7th

9:00 AM - Noon - Community Outreach 8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness 10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart

12:00 Noon - Senior Dining

1 PM - Watercolor Class

5:30 PM – CIP meeting 7:00 PM – Main St. Revitalization

Committee – first meeting

Wed. May 8th

9:30 AM - Carpool to

Museum of the White Mountains

6:00 PM - Yoga

7:00 PM - Library Book Group, BML

7:00 PM – Economic Development Committee – first meeting

Thurs. May 9th

12 Noon - Senior Dining

1:00 PM - Mahjong

6:00 PM – Bible Study

7:00 PM – Journey Continues Group

Fri. May 10th

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

8:30 PM - Astronomy Skywatch & Presentation, BML lawn

Sat. May 11th

9:00 AM – Writing Group

Mon. May 13th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness 1-4 PM – Bridge Group

5:30 PM – Selectmen's Meeting

7:00 PM – Rural Heritage Connection

Tues. May 14th

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart

12 Noon - Senior Dining

Medicare specialist Anita Oelfke

1:00 PM – Watercolor Class

4:30 PM – BACC Governance Board

7:00 PM – Planning Board

Wed. May 15th

4:00 PM – Special Group #5

6:00 PM - Yoga

Thurs. May 16th

10:30 AM -Noon - Blood Pressure

Clinic by LSVNA

12 Noon - Senior Dining

1:00-3:00 PM - Foot Care Clinic

LSVNA - 526-4077 for appt.

1:00 PM - Mahjong

6:00 PM – Bible Study

7:00 PM – Journey Continues Group

Fri. May 17th

9:30-11:30 AM - Foot Care Clinic

North Ridge Apt's. Call 526-4077

10:00 AM -Friday at the Movies:

Lincoln

12:00 Noon - Senior Dining

7:00 PM - Third Friday Movie, BML-

Sat. May 18th

March for Meals Walkathon Fundraiser. Call Phil at 938-2104 for details/ pledge.

Sun. May 19th

10:00 AM - French's Park Clean-Up

12 Noon – Special Group #2

Mon. May 20th

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

1-4 PM - Bridge

5:30 PM – Selectmen's Meeting

6:00 PM - Friends of the Library

Annual Meeting, BML

Tues. May 21st

9:00 AM - Noon - Community Out-

9:30-11:30 AM - Foot Care clinic

Warner Pharmacy. 526-4077 for appt. 10:00 AM - Quilters

12 Noon - Senior Dining

1:00 PM - Watercolor class

5:30 PM - 4-H

Wed. May 22nd

10:30 AM -12 Noon - Blood Pressure Clinic

Warner Senior Room - LSVNA

5:00 PM – Bradford Women's Club

Annual Meeting/dinner - Appleseed

6:00 PM - Yoga

7:00 PM - Concert - KRHS musicians

Baptist Church

Thurs. May 23rd

12 Noon - Senior Dining

1:00 PM - Mahjong

7:00 PM – Journey Continues Group

Fri. May 24th

8:45AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fit ness

Sat. May 25th

9:00 AM – Writing Group

9:00 AM- Lake Todd Village District **Budget Hearing**

9:00AM-2:00PM - Memorial Day Book & Plant Sale, BML

10:00 AM – 2 PM – Demonstrations

For the MVSC call Phil at 938-2104 with your ideas or questions

To schedule rooms at the BACC call Jim Valiquet at 938-2522

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.

Abbreviation Key

BACC-Bradford Area Community Center

BBC-Bradford Baptist Church BML-Brown Memorial Library

FGC-Fish & Game Clubhouse Gillingham Drive

KAP-Kearsarge Area Preschool KRES-Bradford Elemen. School MVSC-Mountain View Senior Ctr

TH-Bradford Town Hall

Flea Market – Village Smithy

Mon. May 27th Memorial Day Holiday Center Closed No Meals on Wheels

1:00 PM – Bridge Group

Tues. May 28th

10:00 AM- Stitches from the Heart

12 Noon - Senior Dining

1:00 PM – Watercolor Class

7:00 PM – Planning Board

Wed. May 29th

6:00 PM – Yoga

Thurs. May 30th

12 Noon - Senior Dining

1:00 PM - Mahjong

7:00 PM – Journey Continues Group

Fri. May 31st

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





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Ongoing Events

Children's Storytime - Mondays at 10 am and Wednesdays at 10:30AM at BML Cemetery Commission - 2nd Thursday at 6PM/Call 938-5539 for info Conservation Commission - 3rd Tuesday at 7PM, BML Fish and Game Club -1st Monday 7PM at Fish and Game Club First Friday Bunch -11:30AM at MVSC, reservations appreciated/call 938-2104 for info

Historical Society - Saturdays, 10 am-noon, or by appointment, call 938-2119
Library Trustees -1st Wednesday at 6:00PM BML
Planning Board - 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7PM, BACC
Rural Heritage Connection - 2nd Monday, 7PM, BACC
Selectmen's Meeting - Every Monday 5:30PM, BACC
Zoning Board - 1st Wednesday, 7:00PM, BACC

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Sarah saw Tillie Wheeler's home for sale on a bike ride. She saw the possibility for a home and an antique shop. She was immediately certain that this was it but I took some convincing to make the move. We had been looking for a place in Bradford. The Wheeler house seemed perfect. We looked at Dodge's store and the Sugar House. The Wheeler house had been restored by someone who was in the business of fixing and moving on. We decided to buy and fixed up the barn and moved part of the shop under the house. We wired, insulated, heated and began advertising the shop in 2007. Last year we opened a small Bed and Breakfast with one bedroom but it's not really a place where we serve full breakfast.

Q. Geoffrey, where do your customers come from? How do they find you?

They come from all over the country. We had a family from Kuwait, people from Florida. We have a summer visitor crowd who return. They see our little shop but don't realize we have other shops. We are on E bay and ship all over the world It's exciting. We are just a little dot on the map in Bradford but we do this aggressively. One week I shipped goods to nine different countries. New Hampshire is a reasonable place to buy with no sales tax. We would like to see more antique shops open in the area. Route 103 is a very busy road and it is a good place to attract customers.

Q. You and Sarah were married in 1991. Did you meet while you were both teaching at John Stark High School? After 22 years together it appears to be a good marriage.

Sarah: We met while we were both teaching at Berlin High School. We knew each other for two or three years before we married. We have two daughters from my first marriage and Geoffrey is a wonderful dad. We have both been married before. We are busy and content.

Q. What would your readers like to know about you that they do not already know?

Geoffrey: Sarah is fluent in Spanish and teaches both English and Spanish. Also, my father was an astro physicist but we lived in Newport, New Hampshire. He came from humble beginnings. Sarah has run 10 Marathons, at least one in each New England state. Including Boston. Geoffrey has also run marathons, one in each New England state. Sarah & I had set the NE marathon goal and are happy to have achieved it.

Sarah: Geoffrey plays folk guitar and has a wonderful singing voice.

Q. Two years ago you and Geoffrey had the opportunity to live in Spain when Sarah became Resident Director of the UNH Study abroad program in Granada. Would you like to talk about that experience?

Sarah: It was fantastic. We lived in Granada. It's a beautiful two thousand year old city .From our balcony we could look at a ninth century wall that was built by the Moors. We had twenty UNH students who



lived with carefully chosen host families and took classes at the University of Granada which is one of the oldest and biggest universities in Spain.

Q. Sarah, you were born in New Hampshire but after your parents divorced you spent part of your life living with your mother in Puerto Rico. You became fluent in Spanish and were able to combine teaching both Spanish and English in high school and college.

I was actually born in Maryland. I went to a bi-lingual school in Puerto Rico. My stepfather was Puerto Rican. My mother lived there for

thirty years. She was able to communicate in Spanish but never learned the language. It was not difficult to teach in both languages but I did go back to school to get a Masters Degree in Spanish. I do oral interpretation. I accompany people who cannot speak English to doctor's appointments and interpret for them. It's another part time job and I really enjoy it.

Q. Geoffrey and Sarah, What is the most interesting item that you have come across in your years of antique hunting? Was there one item that stands out as both unique and valuable?

We discovered a Puerto Rican artist, Angel Botello (1913-1986). It was a signed print. It was unique and a great find. We were able to pay for our trip to Puerto Rico with the profit from this discovery. We have spent some very hot days in attics looking for antiques. Most people do not know what they have.

Q. Geoffrey is serving his first term as a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives. Has it affected your relationship at all?

Sarah: We disagree about some things but it isn't serious. Geoffrey is busier than he used to be. We thought he had a possibility of winning the seat because he was active in Henniker and people knew him. He served many years on the Planning Board in Henniker. We were both very involved and enjoyed our life in Henniker.

Q. Geoffrey, when you decided to move from Henniker were you looking with the idea firmly planted that it would be your retirement home and an antiques business?

Geoffrey: The house and the land sold us. It wasn't far from where we lived before in Henniker. It seemed appropriate that Sarah found the house for sale on a bike ride. I like old houses and it had a wonderful view and good sunshine. It took a while to be convinced but we are really content with our life here and the fact that we can have an antique shop and can continue to do this when we are both fully retired.



Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

Sky Watch: Friday, May 10 at 8:30pm on the library lawn. According to the New Hampshire Astronomical Society (NHAS) a "Skywatch" is simply a gathering of amateur astronomers with a focus on outreach and while we wait for dark skies, a volunteer from the NHAS will give us a short introduction to sky watching. The NHAS will bring a telescope and we will bring out the new library telescope. Feel free to bring yours, too! If May 10 is cloudy, we will try again on Thursday, May 16. Check our website for the latest information (www.brownmemoriallibrary.com). Some things to remember for the Sky Watch:

- Watch your step-Be especially careful of wires on the ground.
- Park Carefully-Try to park so that your headlights and back-up lights won't interfere with the observers.
- No Smoking-Smoke damages telescope optics and can cause allergic reactions.
- Red Flashlights-No white lights. A red light will not ruin your night vision as much as white light will. You can cover the lens of a regular light with red plastic or tail-light repair tape. A dim light will seem bright once your eyes become dark-adapted.
- No Flash Photography-The bright flash of a camera can wreck everyone's night vision.
- Stay Warm-Few people realize just how chilly it gets late at night, particularly when you are standing still under a clear sky. Bring about twice as much warm clothing as you think you'll need.

Book-to-Movie: *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens. Friday, May 3 at 7pm. Next month: Life of Pi by Yann Martel

Library Book Group: *The Yellow Birds* by Kevin Powers. Wednesday, May 8 at 7pm.

Third Friday Movie: This documentary film details the efforts of two South African music fans to find out whether the rumored death of American musician Sixto Rodriguez was true, and, if not, to discover what had become of him. Rodriguez's music, which never took off in the United States, had become wildly popular in South Africa, but little was known about him there. Friday, May 17 at 7pm. Next month, a selection from Mexico.

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting: Monday, May 20 at 6pm.

Memorial Day Book & Plant Sale: Saturday, May 25 from 9am until 2pm.

Library Hours: Monday, 10-8; Wednesday, 10-7; Saturday, 10-3; Sunday, 11-3







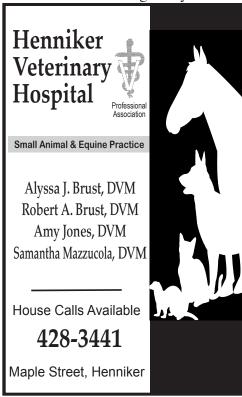
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Annually, National Nurses Week begins on May 6, marked as RN Recognition Day, and ends on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, founder of nursing as a modern profession. During this week, registered nurses all over the country will be honored.

Traditionally, National Nurses Week is devoted to highlighting the diverse ways in which registered nurses, the largest healthcare profession, are working to improve healthcare. From bedside nursing in hospitals and long-term care facilities to the halls of research institutions, state legislatures, and Congress, the depth and breadth of the nursing profession is meeting the expanding healthcare needs of American society.

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A Culinarian's Column by Caryl Walker

May and affordably-priced asparagus. I can't get enough! I buy bunches and blanch or steam them to use with everything. Here's what I do and some ideas of how to incorporate asparagus into tasty dishes.

To blanch: Wash and snap asparagus where they break naturally. Larger stems can be peeled and they will snap lower on the stem. (Teddie and I munch on the raw ends.) Place in **uncovered pot** of boiling salted water and cook for 2-4 minutes until crisp tender. Shock asparagus by plunging them into a bowl of ice water to cool and stop the cooking process. (If I'm cooking pasta, I use the water first to cook the asparagus or if the asparagus is going with the pasta dish, I simply cook 2" pieces the last couple of minutes with the pasta.)

To steam: Wash, etc. and place in steamer. Leave uncovered for the first couple of minutes to set the green color. Then cover and steam to desired tenderness. Shock in ice water.

Some yummy ideas for blanched cold asparagus: 1. Toss 2" pieces and green grapes into a green salad. 2. Arrange spears on a plate, top with thinly sliced raw mushrooms and radishes, crumbled blue cheese, and salad dressing. 3. Asparagus pieces, orange segments, toasted walnuts, craisins, with grated orange rind and gingerroot added to a vinaigrette makes a tasty salad. 4. Wrap asparagus in strips of smoked salmon, ham or prosciutto for a quick appetizer. 5. Top toasted English muffins with crab, chicken, or ham salad, then asparagus and your favorite cheese. Pop under broiler to melt.

Use blanched and shocked spears for other sides: 1. Saute mushrooms. Add asparagus spears or pieces to warm. 1a. Splash with some soy sauce and rice wine vinegar. Toss with cashews. 1b. Use mushroomasparagus sauté for crostini and pop under broiler to brown. Grate or shave some Parmesan cheese on top while hot. 2. Saute asparagus and sprinkle with slivered almonds. 3. Saute grape tomatoes, capers, and asparagus. Drizzle with Balsamic vinegar. 4. Grill spears over hot coals to heat through and char slightly. 4a. Toss with Asian chili sauce and sesame oil. 4b. Splash with good Balsamic vinegar and olive oil. Last night for supper we had shrimp scampi. I sweated grape tomatoes and a few red pepper flakes in olive oil and butter; added the minced garlic (lots), the shrimp and finally the asparagus to warm. Off the heat, I added the juice of ½ lemon, salt and pepper to taste. I served this mixture over thin spaghetti tossed with purchased pesto. It was scrumptious!

Happy Asparagus May! Enjoy!

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Celebrating our 35th year of business in Bradford Check out our restaurant at www.appleseedrestaurant.com Historical Society's New Building



The Bradford Historical Society has bought the yellow Stewart Building on East Main Street and plans to begin renovations soon. This historic building dates from the 1820s and was once a tin shop. The BHS hopes to develop museum and office space here so that the town's archives and artifacts will be more available for enjoyment by all. Contact copresidents Steve Hansen and Tim Rodd to join in on this exciting project!



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Committees - continued from p. 1

Suggested Economic Development Committee Objectives

- 1. Create clean, safe jobs within the Town's limits
- 2. Provide career opportunities for our High School & College Graduates
- 3, Investigate Town owned properties for potential sites
- 4. Provide guidance for different site requirements
- 5. Research and develop better financial support for relocating or new businesses Membership of the MSRC to date includes Selectman Sonny Harris, Nikki Dubaere, Marlene Freyler, Marilyn Gordon, Sherry Hill, Sheila Jackson, Marcia Keller.

EDC members are Selectman John Pfeifle, Jim Bibbo, Steven Boisvert, Erich Caron Rand Hinman, Robert Lincoln, Mel Pfeifle, Chris Way.

Anyone interested in being part of this effort to move Bradford ahead is invited to attend the scheduled meetings. Join your fellow volunteers and help move Bradford ahead.



Local beauties from the Cilley and Marshall families are shown here dancing a May Dance in front of the mansion that used to grace East Main Street.

photo from Bradford Historical Society



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Third Committee Established

Selectman John Pfeifle requested that a committee be organized to deal with the contents of the Town Hall. When town offices moved to the Community Center, many documents, furniture, photographs and other items remained in the historic building. These need to be sorted, many secured, and some moved to a more appropriate location until Town Hall has been restored. Nikki Dubaere will chair this committee, with Laurie Buchar assisting with the historic documents and portraits. The crew has a major task to accomplish as quickly as possible. More volunteers are needed. Call 938-5900 to join

Amendment to Town of Bradford Dog Ordinance

By unanimous vote on December 10, 2012, Selectmen adopted the following amendment to the existing Town of Bradford Dog Ordinance:

All Dog handlers are required to control and remove any defecation for the safety, health and welfare of personnel using the sidewalks and designated area for sport and/or recreation and walking. This ordinance exempts service dogs.

Mandatory area: all sidewalks and Brown Shattuck Field.

Failure to comply with this ordinance will result with first a warning from the police department, and then the imposing of a \$25.00 fine.

Note: The full ordinance is online at bradfordnh.org.

Real Estate News

by Laura Hallahan

Property Values & More Positive Signs



I wanted to take a moment to address the idea of property values surrounding Article Four to renovate the Bradford Town Hall. Comments were made about the impact on property values if the Article passed or failed and those comments do not tell the whole story.

A renovated building has more appeal than a building that is empty and uncared for; that should be obvious to all. However, one renovated building in and of itself on a street where other buildings are in disrepair will not affect property values significantly if at all. That being said, what does take place in downtown Bradford certainly has an impact on property values overall, even if you live five miles outside of town and feel you are not affected. A downtown with active commerce, buildings being maintained or even improved, new sidewalks, etc. presents a positive picture for the town in its entirety and also attracts new residents to town. Attracting new businesses has been more of a challenge, though if we could accomplish that goal these positive changes would bring in more tax revenue and the more tax revenue overall, the less the burden for each homeowner. No matter how you felt about Article Four, we need to come together and work together to make real change, not just talk, but change that becomes action and action that alters the perception others have of Bradford as a town in decline.

The real estate website known as Trulia offers a monthly Housing Barometer showing how quickly the housing market is moving back to "normal" by looking at construction starts, existing home sales and the delinquency-plusforeclosure rate. Construction starts are up 47% year-over-year, the highest level since June 2008, indicating we are now 55% of the way back to the normal level of 1.5 million from the low during the bust. While existing home sales country-wide were down 0.6% in March to 4.92 million homes, that's still a 10% increase over a year ago. If you take distressed sales out of that equation, conventional home sales were up 23% year-over-year in March, so existing home sales are 66% back to normal. Finally, the share of mortgages in delinquency or foreclosure dropped to 9.96% in March, down from 10.98% a year earlier. The combined rate is 48% back to normal and at its lowest since October 2008. Averaging out these three indicators, the housing market is now 56% of the way back to normal versus 33% a year ago, a significant recovery.

Recent Sales in Bradford

- 2172 Route 114, 1820 Conversion on .43 acres for \$6,000
- 122 Marshall Hill Road, 1950 Bungalow on .23 acres for \$24,500 (short sale)
- 125 Breezy Hill Road, 1970 Ranch on 1 acre for \$28,000 (foreclosure)
- 161 East Main St., 1870 Colonial w/barn on .43 acres for \$105,000
- 59 Marshall Hill Road, 1980 Log home on 21.40 acres for \$125,000
- Lot 11 North Ridge Road, 4.28 acres of raw land for \$22,300 (foreclosure)
- 162 East Main St., 1870 Ranch/Office Bldg. on.22 acres for \$35,000

There are 33 active and 2 pending residential listing ranging from \$89,900 to \$638,500, 18 active an pending land listings ranging from \$24,900 to \$2.5 Million, 3 active and 0 pending commercial listings ranging from \$225,000 to \$675,000 and 0 active and 0 pending multi-family listings in Bradford. Of the 33 active and 2 pending residential listings, 18 active and 0 pending land listings, and 3 active and 0 pending commercial listings, none is a foreclosure or short sale.



Safety Tips from the Bradford Police Department

It is that special time of the year again for baseball players, parents and fans. Soon our fields here in Bradford will be filled with the sounds of the cracking of a bat, the popping of a glove, the laughter and smiles of young kids and the smell of the BBQ grill in the air.

On Saturday April 27th the BNSYS kicked off its season with the annual 100 inning baseball game fundraiser held at Warren Brook Park in Bradford, NH. This special day was a success and fun was had by all.

Apart from all participants and attendees having fun and enjoying this day and upcoming season here in Bradford, the safety of the players and fans is our main goal. We ask that anyone planning on attending any game during the season, keep a few things in mind.

There are two parking lots nearby to the fields. One is on the Warren Brook Park side of the road and the other is in front of, or behind, the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School. Anyone attending a game this season is asked to park in one of the two lots. No vehicles should be parked alongside the road unless given special permission by the Bradford Police Department or BNSYS.

This is a major safety concern of ours for a few reasons. First and foremost is the safety of the children and fans attending the game. If you have ever attended a game then you are aware that there are always children running around the field having fun and waiting for their chance to chase down a foul ball. In the past it has become a practice for people to park alongside the field near the snack shack. While parking there may save you a short walk from the parking lot, it increases the risk of a child or fan not being seen by a passing motorist in a timely manner. It is also a violation of the town ordinance and could result in a \$15.00 fine. We also ask that you keep in mind that the posted

speed limit on Old Warner Road is 25 MPH.

We at the Bradford Police Department respectfully ask that everyone please follow the laws and town ordinances to ensure a safe and fun season for all. Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us at the station. Now with that being said, let's PLAY BALL.

Sincerely,

Ed Shaughnessy, Bradford PD



LOCAL THERAPY DOG IS "BOSTON STRONG"

Local Therapy Dog "Majestic Marley" is certified and registered in the State of Massachusetts with Dog B.O.N.E.S Therapy Dogs, group of over 700 teams doing work throughout the state. Marley was called on to come to Boston and Cambridge April 15th to help elevate the spirits of those affected by the horrific bombings that occurred during the Marathon. Marley started his day in the area of Boylston street and Huntington Ave and by early afternoon could be found roaming the floors of Saks Fifth Avenue bringing smiles and comfort to the Saks employees. Marley finished out his day at MIT with 26 other teams at an event honoring MIT Campus Police Officer Sean Collier and distressing students and faculty.

Marley can be seen at colleges during exam times for distressing as well as hospitals and venues like the Boston Children's Museum. We plan to have him trained and certified as a Reading Assistance and Autism Awareness dog by summer. Marley is insured for NH events and you can contact Karen or Jeff directly at 603-938-2536.



Natural Resources Inventory is Completed!

himself to document 'all of the works of nature' in 37 volumes. Not being much of a traveler himself and having no internet connection, he relied on the sketchy descriptions of sailors and other adventurers for some entries. Thus, his encyclopedia includes more than a few inaccuracies – including a description of a race of people who have only one large foot that can be thrown over their heads for a sun shade if necessary.

With an impulse not unlike Pliny's, the state of New Hampshire directs each town to take an accounting of their natural resources from the ground up. Bradford's conservation commission first put together a Natural Resources Inventory in 1998 and has completed an updated edition that includes information not previously available. In twenty brief chapters, it covers regional geology, local soils, agriculture, forestry, groundwater, surface waters, wetlands, wildlife and rare species, recreation and other topics. Not as lengthy as Pliny's treatise, this seventy page document was researched and written 'in house' over several winters by the members of the commission using the services of a professional GIS mapping company. Many, if not most, towns hire outside consultants costing thirty thousand dollars or more.

Bradford's Natural Resources Inventory can be viewed on the town's website www.bradfordnh.org, at the Brown Memorial Library, the town offices, or by contacting a conservation commission member.

This inventory is meant to be a flexible, living document. The conservation commission welcomes any corrections or additions. We will excerpt each chapter in the following months in the Bridge. Note: except for certain mollusks and snails, we found no animals, human or otherwise, sporting only one large foot.

Sometime between 77 and 79A.D., Pliny the Elder of Rome took it upon



This month I would like to thank Bea Howe for being an "angel" in our midst, always helping others. Laurie Buchar

This beautiful barred owl was rescued in the moonlight by Gary Clark, Laurie Buchar and Patty Furness, near a stream off Rowe Mountain Road last month. The bird was transported to Wings of the Dawn, a non-profit wildlife rehabilitation center in Henniker. The owl was uninjured but unable to fly to safety because of her weakened state. The deep snows this winter hampered her hunting, but she will be released soon. Thanks to protection and a steady diet of mouse smorgasbord, her strength has returned and she has every chance of surviving in the Bradford wild. If you come across an animal in need, contact Maria Colby at 428-3723.



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Bradford Beautification

Every resident of Bradford has the opportunity to participate in Bradford's own beautification program! New Hampshire the Beautiful has provided the bags for Bradford's roadside clean up efforts. Any resident can pick up as many bags as needed from the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center.

The bags are available throughout the year, but it is hoped that the springtime will motivate residents to get out and clean up the roadsides in their neighborhoods.

Bring the bags to the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center. We will sort the refuse and do the recycling for you. The result will be a clean, beautiful town!

Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center Lois Kilnapp, Manager



Inside YARD SALE on May 4th at 21 Gillingham drive in Bradford from 8am to 3pm. SOMETHING FOR **EVERYONE!**

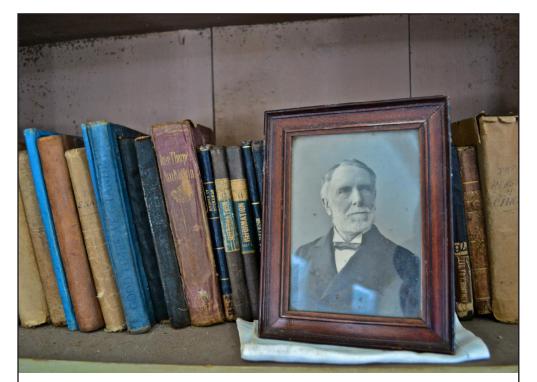


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Who is this thoughtful gentleman? His portrait was found amongst the historical books in a cupboard in the Bradford Center Meetinghouse. Anyone recognize him? Watch for upcoming summer events in this lovely building.

UCS Events 2013 – Bradford **Center Meetinghouse**

June 15 – Bradford Bog People Concert at 7pm - \$10 July 19 - Lettvin Concert 4 hand classical piano at 7:30 pm - \$15 July 20 - Lettvin Concert classical piano & jazz ensemble at 7:30 pm - \$15 July 21 - Will Ogmundson clas-

sical piano at 2:00 pm - \$15 August 4 - Kearsarge Community Band concert/ice cream social/ at 2 pm - FREE August 25 - Pastor Lynne church service at 10 am – open to all

September 6 - 6 pm - potluck picnic - annual meeting - Open mike entertainment - WHO **WANTS TO PERFORM?**