

The Bradford Bridge

COMMUNITY NEWS for NEIGHBORS by NEIGHBORS

MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Town Hall Update Selectmen met with Town Hall Architect Jay Barrett and Trumbull-Nelson and reviewed a draft Site Plan with a focus on phasing additional work toward occupancy of the 1st floor of the building. Trumbull-Nelson identified roof repair, backfilling once the granite installation is complete and installing drip edge and drainage as key priorities. Only one bid has been received for roof repairs. The board is waiting for more bids to come in.

Masonic Hall Update Selectmen met with Architect Jay Barrett for an assessment on the feasibility to convert the property for proposed future uses which include conversion to a Police Department or utilizing the space as a meeting venue.

Jay felt the structure of the building was solid but did recommend removing the back el of the building. He felt that conversion to a Police Department feasible but would require significant investment to bring the facility up to code. Jay felt that utilizing the building for something that did not constitute a change of use from the building code perspective would be appropriate as well and would not drive significant investment.

The board has received confirmation from the Masons that the building was not heated during winter months.

A Rich Night Out

A Celebration of Dawn Rich's Many Contributions to her Community

Dawn Rich has been a longtime resident and volunteer in the town of Bradford. She worked at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School in Bradford as the school secretary from 1988-1998. Dawn's caring nature inspired the creation of an award that is given annually to a fifth grade student who portrays the characteristics that make Dawn so special-someone who is kind and respectful as well as involved in the school and who shows a true caring for his/her school community.



Dawn is an ardent supporter of her community. Until this past year, she was a member of the Bradford Parks & Recreation Com-

mittee and served on the Bradford Area Community Center Governance Board. She has been passionate about the Bradford Area Community Center and was a founding member of the Friends' of the Bradford Area Community Center. She's worked tirelessly to see that the Community Center offers programs and activities that benefit individuals of all ages in our community.

Join us on Monday, October 21st at the Appleseed Restaurant from 5:00 to 7:00 pm to celebrate Dawn Rich's many contributions to our community. Refreshments will be served. The cost is \$10 per person with any proceeds to be donated to a charity of Dawn's choice.



Halloween Highlights

Trick or Treating will take place from 5:00 to 8:00 pm on Thursday, October 31st. During this time, West Main Street will be closed to through traffic. Parks & Recreation is conducting a candy drive to help West Main Street residents provide treats. Unopened packages of wrapped candy may be dropped off at the Town Office through Tuesday, October 30th.

Community Flu Clinics 2019

A Community Flu Clinic is being provided by Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice at the Bradford Area Community Center on Tuesday, October, 8th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. LSVNA will bill Medicaid, Medicare and Medicare Replacement Plans. Please bring your ID cards. If paying with cash or check, the cost is \$35 for the regular dose and \$80 for the high dose (recommended for persons 65+ years of age). For more information on area clinics: contact 526-4077 or visit: *LakeSunapeeVNA.org*.

New Trail Network in Downtown Bradford

Welcome mountain bikers, hikers, runners, walkers, birdwatchers and general outdoor enthusiasts! The newly formed trail system on the former Naughton Property, located just behind the Bradford Area Community Center, has really been taking shape.

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Town offices are temporarily located at Bradford Area Community Center, 134 East Main St. P.O. Box 436. Bradford, NH 03221

From the Bridge

A familiar theme: Autumn is the easiest time of year to enjoy what's outside in New England: Colorful views, cool temperatures and NO BUGS! In Bradford we're fortunate to have so many natural places to play. Being outdoors is fun, but even more importantly, it's good for the brain, body, and soul. Here are just some reasons why you should get up close and personal with Mother Nature.

BEING OUTDOORS BOOSTS YOUR ENERGY. Just 20 minutes in the open air gives your brain an energy boost comparable to one cup of joe.

THE OUTDOORS BOOSTS YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM. Scientists think that breathing in airborne chemicals produced by plants increases our levels of white blood cells, helping us fight off infections and diseases.

THE OUTDOORS HELPS WITH SEASONAL AFFECTIVE DISOR-DER. Doctors say spending time outside can lessen SAD's severity even if the weather's cold or overcast.

BEING OUTDOORS GIVES A DAILY DOSE OF VITAMIN D.

Vitamin D is essential for a well-functioning body. We get more than 90 percent of our vitamin D from casual exposure to sunlight.

THE OUTDOORS MAKES US BETTER PEOPLE. According to psychologists, exposure to nature helps us shrug off societal pressures, allowing us to remember and value more important things like relationships, sharing, and community.

To help lure you outside members of the Kearsarge Area Trails Association have built a trail network right off East Main Street. Read "New Trail Network in Downtown Bradford" page 1 and 3 to find out more.

Also, Parks and Recreation have put together a series of walks in Bradford. Check out the schedule in "Walks to Enjoy Fall in Bradford", page 9 and just show up for a guided walk in beautiful Bradford.

Other things to look for in this edition:

Laura Hallahan's real estate report,
Latest news from town boards in
"Monthly Briefing,"
The story behind that tiny house at the Lumber Barn,
Randy Thompson's suggestion to increase tourism in Bradford,
Important things to know about your pet from Laurie Farrell, DVM.

And, of course, ads for products and services provided by advertisers whose support brings you the Bradford Bridge.

We hope you enjoy all that autumn has to offer. Hug a pumpkin!

Kathleen Bigford, Editor And everyone who makes this publication possible

Breezy Hill Road -Closed October 19th and 20th

Breezy Hill Road will be closed just west of Pond Bridge (the Route 114 side of the bridge) on October 19th and 20th for tree removal. If you have any questions, please call the Town Office at 938-5900.

Revised Credit Policy at the Transfer Station

Credit is no longer being extended for items that require a fee for disposal. The primary reason for this change is that it has become too busy at the transfer station to record and follow up with the many credits being requested. Residents are now required to pay for disposal fees before Ken or I direct where these items should be placed. To ask about or verify a charge call the Transfer Station at 536-2526 or pick up a revised Bradford Transfer Station and Recycling Center brochure.

Lois Kilnapp, Manager





New Trail Network in Downtown Bradford

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As Adam Cummings of Bradford described it, "Lots of progress is being made on the trails. Such a great way to get people outside and into the woods downtown."



Hikers enjoying the Naughton Trails on a recent fall day.

To find the trails walk to the north end of the Bradford Area Community Center parking lot to encounter the access trail to the Naughton Property. This is a short approximately 50' long trail which leads to an alley way that extends almost to the end of East Main Street, near Tyler's Lawn Care. The trails vary in length and some are less challenging than others. At the west end of the alley-way a trail continues into the woods which leads to a pond. There you can enjoy some of Bradford's delightful wildlife. It is not uncommon to see a great blue heron, a flock of mallards, and the occasional turtle. It is sincerely a place of tranquil beauty.

A group of citizen volunteers have been pouring some serious hours into clearing and grubbing a network of trails that extend from the pond further into the property. They have also been hard at work on a picnic area.

Several mountain bikers have already taken to the trails and have acclaimed that they are fun and exciting. The trails offer a nice variety of meandering paths through the woods with sweeping turns and even some challenging sections with optional jumps.

Matthew Gerald of Bradford described the trail system as; "A fantastic piece of property accessible directly from town, great for a nature walk, a stroll to burn up some time or to go for a trail run. It should be a nice loop for cross country skiers and mountain bikers. It's been gratifying to be part of the process. With the new picnic area going in this should be a great place to join the bugs for a quick trail side snack."

Bradford's Parks and Recreation Committee Chair, Devin Pendleton, also shared these fine comments regarding the trails, "The trails behind the BACC are amazing. It is so exciting to see how many volunteers have come out to join the Kearsarge Area Trail Association and transform the Naughton Property."

And, this from Mike James, "We've only been doing this for about a month and already have five trails mostly finished. The volunteers in town have been awesome. I can only imagine what we'll have in a year. Bradford is a pretty amazing place!"

In addition to the trail network, the group of volunteers is currently working on clearing a picnic area for the Welcome Cookout on October 19th, at 11:00 am. This event is being hosted by the Kearsarge Area Trail Association, a non-profit organization that was formed under the group of citizen volunteers working on the trails. The group's long-term mission is to promote the general use, construction and maintenance of trails within the Kearsarge Region, ideally, having a network of multi-use trails throughout the region connecting communities and getting people outdoors.

Joel and Caitlin Banaszak

A Modest Proposal for Promoting Tourism in Bradford

Another summer has come and, as I write, is going. Yet another summer where Bradford has failed to develop its full potential as a tourist destination.

I've been giving some thought to this problem, and I believe I have come up with a solution.

One of our Bradford lakes needs a monster.

Lake Champlain has "Champ." Lake Memphremagog has "Memphre." And, of course, Lock Ness has its monster as well, "Nessie." Why not a "Messy" for Lake Massasecum?

To have a monster in one's lake is to add thrills and excitement to one's swimming experience. Knowing that one might any moment be grabbed and eaten by some large, lurking reptilian creature deepens one's respect for water (and what's in it). Knowing that your next dive into the lake may be your last deepens the meaningfulness of the experience.

Of course, the tourists who will flock to swim in a monster infested lake will not be your dull, run of the mill tourists. We will attract thrill seekers and adventurers, those willing to risk their lives in such a lake. We will also attract scientists and intellectuals who will want to know more about the monster. Such visitors could be encouraged to visit Bradford by the creation here of a

Cryptozoological Society, dedicated to the study of this mysterious creature. Or, creatures. One of the many benefits of a Cryptozoological Society would be to determine whether our monster is one of many, or a one off.

Such a society would benefit greatly from a mentoring relationship with an established, scientific organization with similar aims. And such a society exists!

While on the shore of Lake Memphremagog in Magog, Quebec, a few years ago, my wife and I noticed an inspiring bronze plaque on the town dock, placed there by "The International Dracontology Society of Lake Memphremagog." The text of the plaque, written impressively in French and English, reads as follows:

In honour of the Sea Serpent of Lake Memphremagog whose existence has been mentioned in numerous publications since 1816 and called "Memphre" by Mr. Jacques Boisvert of the International Dracontology Society of Lake Memphremagog.

As an international society, these dracontologists certainly will be a splendid network of support, experience, and scientific knowledge. As Lake Memphremagog is close at hand, straddling the border of Vermont and Quebec, it will not be inconvenient for the members of our society-let's call it "The Cryptozoological Society of Bradford"- to meet with them in learned gatherings to share discoveries and findings. And, as this Canadian organization is international in scope, it will serve as a useful means

for promoting our lake monster.

"Of course," some of you are thinking, "all this is well and good, but what evidence do we have that there is a monster in Lake Massasecum? Sharing ideas with the Canadian draconologists is useful, but do we really have a dragon in Massasecum, or not?"

This is a fair question, and curious minds need to be satisfied.

One could advertise for a monster on Craig's List, of course. This certainly would insure that we have a monster in the lake. But, this would entail endless interviews, speaking with references, detailed background checks, and checking professional and educational qualifications. For a small town like Bradford, such a search would be overwhelming with too many tedious, time consuming tasks.

So, assuming the reality of our monster, and if you've read this far you must have a more than open mind on the subject, we need to provide solid evidence that both open-minded seekers of truth and cold, hard skeptics will find convincing, and to that end we point out what is perfectly obvious, and that is, the caribou population around Lake Massasecum has vanished completely and mysteriously. "Why?" we must ask ourselves. The answer consists in a simple series of inferences making liberal use of such words as "maybe," "perhaps," "might" and "could." Such words, and other, more impressive words will quickly lead us from







Check Facebook for our menu daily

missing caribou to a monster in Lake Massasecum, which, of course, has eaten them all. An example of how such logic can be used convincingly can be seen regularly on the History Channel's "The Curse of Oak Island," which makes stunning use of the words previously mentioned, as well as other impressive terms such as "Knights Templar." (Perhaps the "Cryptozoological Society of Bradford" can have its own "war room," maybe in the Town Hall.)

Further, we need to engage the commitment of lakeside residents in this project by asking them to spend extra time on their decks looking for signs of the monster's presence. To facilitate their search, the Town of Bradford could provide them with copious amounts of alcohol to aid their searching. Such assistance most assuredly will engender visions of many strange things in the lake, thereby increasing the public's interest in the existence of the monster (and probably other things as well). This should be discussed and approved at our next Town Meeting.

Of course, in preparation for the curious and adventurous crowds who will come to seek out Lake Massasecum's monster, Bradford will have to improve its tourism infrastructure. That means an investment in motels, fudge shops, fast food restaurants, and a Madam Tussaud's Wax Museum featuring a display of the monster. A Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum would be helpful too, but let's not get ahead of ourselves.

A more specific plan on how to proceed can be taken up at Bradford's next

Town Meeting, where this grand vision can be discussed and implemented. Perhaps members of Canada's International Dracontology Society of Lake Memphremagog could be invited by our selectmen to be part of the meeting. Their experience would be invaluable in getting The Cryptozoological Society of Bradford off the ground.

In the meantime, clever, eye-catching t-shirts with "Messy" or "Bradford Cryptozoological Society" are needed to spread this dracontological vision. Not only will this give our local artists and creative-types something to do over the winter, it will boost pride in our town. What we're trying to communicate here is, "Our Lake Has A Monster In It and Yours Doesn't." Or, perhaps more kindly (and honestly), "We Have a Giant Reptile in Our Lake. Maybe."

Glossary:

Cryptozoology: A pseudoscience and subculture that aims to prove the existence of entities from the folklore record, such as Bigfoot or the chupacabra

Dracontology: Refers to the study of dragons, but also to lake animals unknown to science.

Lycanthropy: The supernatural transformation of a human being into a wolf. (Note: This term was not used in this article, but should have been, somewhere. However, it is a useful term to know and is sure to impress other people when used casually in a conversation.)

Randy Thompson



Bradford Bog Boardwalk Repair Day

It's that time of year again- time for the annual Bog Boardwalk repair day! Every year forty hemlock boards are carried out to replace boards that got tired of the winters, the moose, and just living in a damp environment.



The Bog is located on East Washington Road, just over three miles from its intersection with West Road- on the left just before the town line. The Bog consists of an unusual Atlantic white cedar swamp that expands to a quaking bog that has its own specific set of plant life. There is an observation platform at the end of the boardwalk overlooking the fall colors of the wetland. For those interested in history, there is the small park with informational signage where the Bradford Springs Hotel once stood.

Repair Day begins at 9:00 am on Sunday, November 3rd with a rain/snow day of Sunday, November 10th. Wear sturdy shoes- the boardwalk is level but slippery when wet. A pair of loppers would be useful and gloves essential. Refreshments will be served! Sponsored by the Bradford Conservation Commission.



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News From The Bradford Community Church

It is with much sadness that we acknowledge Reverend Lynne Hubley's announcement that she will be retiring from her pastoral role at the Bradford Community Church. The following is the letter she shared with her congregation on August 26th.

Dear Members and Friends of Bradford Community Church:

In June of 1994, I received a call from Joyce Teele asking if I would come and interview for the position of pastor of the church. I remember telling Fred "I don't even know where Bradford, NH is and there is no way I am going to that Church". Fred, in all his wisdom said "It will be good practice for you"....so off I went.

The interview committee consisted of Joyce Teele, Fred Winch, Judy Marshall, Phil Adams, Addy Stewart and Marcia Strout. As I shared my Call to Ministry, I saw tears streaming down Marcia Strout's face and I knew God was grinning. I drove home and told Fred this was the church we were being called to.

On August 1st, 2019, I celebrated my 25th anniversary with the church. It has been an incredible journey of walking with people through joy and sorrow, crises and challenges. Through it all, I have been reminded that although we now call our church "The Bradford Community Church", it has always been and will always be God's church.

God's call to come to Bradford was so clear and I always wondered if it would be clear when it was time to leave. God settled that for me about a week ago. Fred and I received clarity on the same day that it is time for us to move on to our next journey, and step aside so another pastor can come and bring a fresh vision and lead this church according to God's Will. We both have such peace about this and are excited to see what God will do.

We will always be grateful to this church for the love and support and encouragement you have given to our family. It was a great church to raise Matthew and Taryn in. Please know you will always hold a special place in my heart. I will pray for you and the person whom God brings as your next pastor, trusting it will be as clear to him/her and you, as it was to me 25 years ago. My last Sunday will be September 29th.

Blessings and love to each of you, Pastor Lynne

The Bradford Community Church has been truly blessed to have Pastor Lynne serve our church members and friends for over 25 years. During that time, Pastor Lynne has touched many lives with her faith, compassion and her commitment to living out the Word of God in all aspects of her life. We know that she must do what God has called her to do. We wish Pastor Lynne, Fred, Matthew and Taryn the very best in the next chapters of their lives.

We have a temporary interim pastor

who will be with us through the beginning of the new year. In January we will have a permanent interim who will minister until we hire a permanent Pastor. In the meantime, we will continue to worship, provide small groups and engage in community outreach. When the time is right, we will convene a search committee to begin the work to find our next pastor who is called to serve at Bradford Community Church. Pastor Lynne's final service at Bradford Community Church was held on September 29th, where we hosted a special coffee hour in her honor. Worship begins at 10:00 am every Sunday morning; we welcome you to come and join us!

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Walks to Enjoy Fall in Bradford

The Bradford Parks and Recreation Department has some top picks for walks for everyone. If you've been wanting to get out for a walk, but didn't know where to go or wanted a buddy, these walks are for you. Fall is the best time to enjoy Beautiful Bradford: Cool weather, awesome color and NO BUGS! This is easy going wooded walking in Bradford, sometimes with a little elevation gain. The walks are "show and go" and will take place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings starting at 10:00 am, lasting between 1 and 2 hours. The only equipment needed is a pair of sturdy shoes.

Here is the schedule for October.

Tuesday, October 1st, Tilly Wheeler Trail and around Bradford, about an hour walk. Meet at Library parking lot. Wooded trail and sidewalks.

Thursday, October 3rd, Naughton **Property Trails**, behind the Bradford Area Community Center, about an hour walk. Meet in BACC parking lot. Wooded trail

Tuesday, October 8th, The Bradford Pines, about an hour walk. Meet at the pull out on RT 103 between Main Street and Bradford Market. Wooded trail

Thursday, October 10th, Pleasant View/Fairgrounds Roads Circuit. About an hour walk. Meet at intersection of Pleasant View and South Roads

Tuesday, October 15th, Bradford Bog, About an hour and a half walk. Meet at Bradford Bog Kiosk on East Washington Road. Boardwalk.

in Bradford. Flat field and woods.

Thursday, October 17th, Box Corner Snowmobile Trail, about a 2 hour walk. Meet at the sign on

West Road about 200 yards east of Box Corner (intersection of West, Mountain, Fairgrounds and Newell roads). Snowmobile trail, some hilly terrain.

October 22nd, Railroad bed, Southgate to South Road. About an hour and a half walk. Meet on Southgate Road at the sign. Flat wooded terrain

October 24, Blitzer Easement, Rowe Mountain Road. Meet at the sign where Rowe Mountain Road turns to dirt. Wooded trail, slightly hilly.

October 29th, Naughton Trails, **BACC**, see October 3rd.

November 3rd, Tilly Wheeler and around Bradford, Library Parking Lot, see October 1.

Rain or snow (!) will cancel.

For more information and directions contact Devin Pendelton 715-6809, devinpendelton505@gmail.com or Kathleen Bigford, 938-5104, kathleen.bigford@gmail.com.



October Classes MONDAYS Yoga & Meditation 5:30-6:30PM | \$10 TUESDAYS Open Studio 3-6PM | BY DONATION WEDNESDAYS Hatha Yoga 5-6PM | \$10 THURSDAYS Yoga & Meditation 9-10:15AM | \$10 THURSDAYS Foundational Yoga 3:30-4:30PM | \$10 FRIDAYS Open Studio 6-9AM | BY DONATION SUNDAYS Yoga & Meditation 9-10:30AM | \$10

Special Workshops

Womens Moon Circle | Oct 13th 6-7:30pm | By Donation OPEN MEDITATION | OCT 14TH & 28TH 6:45-7:30PM | By Donation 5 Ways to Feel 10 Times Better | Oct 18th 6-7pm | By Donation FINE-TUNING YOUR PRACTICE: EXPLORING THE SUN SALUTATION OCT 20TH 12-1:15PM | \$15 EARLY BIRD/ \$20 DROP IN YOGA NIDRA | OCT 21ST 6:45-7:45PM | \$10 RESTORATIVE YOGA WITH LIVE MUSIC | OCT 27TH 6-8PM | \$20



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Library Hours:

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I am thankful for the staff of Brown Memorial Library who have seamlessly taken over since my ACL surgery. I am trying to appreciate the downtime, but I'm also wishing I could get back on my feet faster. The annoying feeling of the hurry up and wait syndrome. Thanks to the FRIENDS of the Library who helped with the Celtic music program. And to Seth Benowitz who researched and led the book group on American Pastoral. Phillip Roth is not the easiest of authors to discuss. Also continued thanks to Bea, Annette, Brooks, and Peter for volunteering their time at our great library.

Programs:

LEGO Robotics Program. Four Fridays in October from 3:30-5:00 pm. Kids will engage in creating various lego machines with the help of educators, Deb and Barry Connell. 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, and 10/25- kids can take bus from elementary school and snacks will be provided.

Cruising NH History with Michael Bruno. Wednesday, October 9th at 6:30 pm. The presentation will cover information found in his book that explores 255 of New Hampshire's historical markers that dot the state highways and roads. He has come highly recommended. I think we may feel inspired to do a few road trips after learning about all the points of interest in our state. Light refreshments will be served. Program is free to the public.

Truth About Bats. Wednesday, October 30th at 6:00 pm. Squam Lakes Natural Science Center naturalist will visit our library to share with you the many amazing features of bats such as echolocation, flight, and feeding habits. Meet live bats and be inspired to help protect these misunderstood creatures as we explore the unique roles these nocturnal mammals play in our world.

Happy Halloween! Thursday, October 31st from 5:00-7:00 pm. Come and get a free boooook!

Book Group. Wednesday, October 16th at 7:00 pm. Our group will be reading Tell the Machine Goodnight, a speculative fiction debut novel, by Katie Williams. Set in 2035, the story features a machine, called Apricity, that tells people three things they need to do in order to be happy. The novel earned itself a spot on Kirkus Reviews Finalist for the best book of 2018. I found this book satirical and thoughtful with interesting and engaging characters. We always welcome new members to our group!

Ellen Barselle



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Real Estate News & Trends

The summer season is winding down and as fall arrives the market continues to be strong due to low inventory (only 9 active residential listings in Bradford) and interest rates. While many think the market slows as the weather turns cold, it just is not the case in our region with a well-regarded regional school district and an active second home market.

Inventory nationwide. The Urban Institute calls the national housing shortage a crisis. With a shortfall of about 350,000 units per year due to underbuilding dating back to 2009, the result will be a huge deficit in housing over the next decade. The markets showing improved inventory levels are largely skewed to one segment, the upper-end buyer with an 11% increase in homes listed at or above \$750,000 while homes priced \$200,000 or below dropped 8% during the same time period.

Legislative. After a 3 ½ year battle the NH legislature finally passed legislation supported by our state association allowing the Veterans Administration and Fannie Mae to take a mortgage on a private road, even if there is no written agreement between the property owners. The bill states that in the absence of an agreement governing maintenance of a private road, when more than one residential owner enjoys a common benefit



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from a private road, each shall contribute equitably to the reasonable cost of maintaining the road. This applies only to residential properties and does not include Class V and Class VI roads.

By the numbers. While the number of residential sales (single family, condo, mobile homes) is down 3% to 10,108 across the state year over year through June 30, 2019, the total dollar volume of those sales is up 2% to \$3.1 billion. Of the residential categories the only increase was in mobile home sales, up 2.7% with 491 sold. Land sales are down 8.2% to 771, a direct effect of the high cost of building.

Design comebacks. Features from years gone by are returning with a contemporary twist:

Sunburst motifs from the 17th century have been replaced with sunburst mirrors;

Metal-stamped ceilings from the 1920's can be created with paint, wallpaper or wood molding;

1930's Art Deco checkerboard tile is making an appearance in lighting

fixtures, tile backsplashes, wallpaper, artwork and rugs;

Confetti-like terrazzo flooring popular in the 40's is seen on shower walls and countertops;

The all-pink bathroom of the 1950's is more muted today, and is mostly used as an accent on a throw pillow or blanket;

Rounded backs and curvy furnishings from the 1960's can be spotted on bar stools or around a fireplace;

That 1970's velvet trend returns as a contemporary yet sophisticated contrast in furniture, curtains and bedding with bolder hues;

The 1980's brought chintz florals that were all the rage, but today's florals are bigger and bolder and used more sparingly;

Finally, the 1990's saw a dark green trend emerge that is being used today as a tie to the great outdoors using dark green with blue undertones, a 2019 color of the year.

Laura Hallahan, Broker

Recent Sales in Bradford

- 274 East Washington Road, 1921 Farmhouse on 37.50 acres for \$118,000
- 95 East Shore Drive, 1968 Waterfront Cottage on .08 acres for \$139,000
- 114 Breezy Hill Road, 1972 Conversion Ranch on 1 acre for \$145,000
- 2190 Route 114, 1850 New Englander w/barns on .60 acres for \$195,000
- 20 Fortune Road, 1968 Ranch on 12 acres for \$202,000
- 168 Breezy Hill Road, 1967 Log Saltbox on 29 acres for \$224,500
- 2616 Route 103, 1940 Cape w/garages on 4 acres for \$230,000
- 85 West Main Street, 1900 New Englander on .40 acres for \$237,000
- 35 Ring Hill Road, 1988 Cape on 1.40 acres for \$330,500
- 98 Woodview Heights, 1991 Contemporary w/barn on 5 acres for \$415,000
- 0 Cressy Road, 2 acres of vacant land for \$26,066
- 89 & 96 Oakdale Road, 1950 Camp w/separate waterfront lot for \$189,000

There are 9 active and 3 pending residential listings ranging in price from \$62,500 to \$1.195M, 18 active and 1 pending land listings ranging in price from \$26,000 to \$625,000, 1 active commercial listing priced at \$685,000, and 2 active multi-family listings and 0 pending priced at \$164,000 and \$285,000. None of the active, pending or recently sold listings is a foreclosure or short sale.

Obituaries Robert Raymond

Robert "Bo" Raymond, 65, of Woodview Heights, died September 12, 2019 at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon.

He was born in Concord, on October 27, 1953, the son of the late Edward P. Raymond, Sr. and Sally (Danforth) Wheeler.

"Bo" lived most of his life in Bradford, graduating from Kearsarge Regional High School in 1972. He worked at the Bradford IGA since 1965 and was owner and operator from 1984-1996. He had been a part-time Bradford Police Officer for many years and most recently had been site superintendent for Relax & Co. Bruss Construction for about 20 years.

"Bo" had been a firefighter and Deputy Chief of the Bradford Fire Department from 1973-1999. He was Deputy Fire Warden for the State of NH for more than 15 years. "Bo" received the Citizen of the Year Award in Bradford in 1996. He enjoyed hunting and fishing with his boys and had a great time cruising and spending weekends away with Karen. Family was most important to "Bo". He loved to spend time with his grandchildren. He never turned anyone down who needed help.

He is survived by his wife and partner of 23 years, Karen B. Losik. He was an amazing father to Jared and Laura

Raymond, Josh Raymond, Matthew and Catherine Raymond, Jacob, Andy and Eve Lanigan. Bo had been a surrogate father to Adam Devine and was a grandfather to Carter, Cooper, Calhan and Nora. He was a brother and uncle to Edward and Karen Raymond and their children, Paul, Stephen and Samantha, James and Margaret Raymond and their daughters, Megan and Kathryn, Paula Patten and her daughters, Robyn and Jamie, Heidi and Leo Hersh and their daughter, Emily, Brian Wheeler and his sons, Adam and Cameron. He was loved by many including his father-inlaw; brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports, P.O. 291, Bradford, NH 03221. To sign an online guestbook visit: www.chadwickfuneralservice.com.

Robert G. Luberti

Robert G. Luberti, 82, of Bradford, NH, died peacefully after a heroic battle with cancer at Concord Hospital on September 19, 2019. He was born December 5, 1936, in Medford, MA, to the late Guido and Josephine (Albano) Luberti.

Burial with military honors will follow at the New Hampshire State Veteran's Cemetery in Boscawen. Newton-Bartlett Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.





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A Tiny House

Have you noticed the tiny house under construction at the Lumber Barn?



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Douglas Tyler (pictured above) became interested in the tiny house movement as a youngster building tree houses; an interest that lasted through the years. When he attended graduate school at William and Mary he, "saw an opportunity to fulfill my childhood dream and help provide a solution to the growing shortage of affordable housing in the United States."

He began his tiny house journey by contacting friends and family to find a place to build one. His distant cousin, Doug Webb, owner of the Lumber Barn in Bradford, generously offered a site for which Douglas is very grateful.

With the site in place, Douglas designed his tiny house and planned the construction budget using skills he acquired while studying civil engineering and mathematics as an undergraduate, business administration as a graduate student, and 10 years of experience building senior-living facilities, data

centers, public and private roads, underground utilities, single-family detached homes, and townhouses.

After completing his MBA degree, Douglas moved from Virginia to Bradford to build his tiny house. That was three months and one week ago. If all goes as planned, the house will be complete and ready to drive away in three weeks.

Interested? This beautiful, cost and space efficient tiny home is looking for an owner. Find out more by visiting Douglas at the Lumber Barn for the next few weeks. Or, visit his web site, atinyhouse.org, containing his contact and social media information.



Pet Triage, Knowing Your Pet

Being a veterinarian, I am often called at home by family, friends and neighbors who need advice about their pet. Is their pet in a crisis? Does it need help right away? Or can it wait until the morning? Sometimes, by asking a few specific questions, we can get a better idea as to how to proceed. The most important thing for you as an owner to know is, what is normal for YOUR pet. You should know at least four parameters about your pet: 1. Normal heat rate (and maybe rhythm if you are real good), 2. Gum (mucus membrane) color, 3. Breathing rate and patter, and 4. Overall attitude.

- 1. Heart rate can be found by placing your hand on the left side of the chest just behind the front leg. Once you convince your dog or cat that you are not being weird, count the beats for 15 seconds and multiply by 4. This is heart rate in beats per minute. If you are real good, you can also use the femoral pulse on the inside of the back leg, but this takes some practice and is very difficult to find in cats.
- 2. Mucus membrane color. Pink is the correct color! Some pet gum colors are pale pink, others are redder. Some pets have black gums, so you may need to look and the roof of the mouth or tongue. Again, learn what color is normal for your pet.
- 3. Breathing has 2 components. First is the rate, which can change with excitement or stress so try to get a breathing rate when your pet is resting. Second is the actual pattern. Iis the pattern deep breaths? Shallow? Is the belly moving in and out? Abnormal breathing patterns suggest a serious lung problem and need to be addressed right away!
- 4. Overall attitude is a real key as to whether or not there is an emergency. Cats in crisis are very aloof and will often try to avoid being handled. Cats are masters of hiding their illnesses until the problem is advanced. Is your pet, who just vomited or had diarrhea, happy and active? Or is it depressed, not wanting to eat or be handled?

Knowing what is normal for your pets will really help you decide if you have an emergency. I live in town, so if you ever want help learning how to find the norm, feel free to ask. Also, have your vet show you how to do an exam on your pet!

Remember, knowledge is power, and catching an emergent crisis early can often result in a better outcome!

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MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

(Continued from page 1)

Information Security The Board approved a motion by Michael James to move forward now adding a secure private network for Town use only.

Police Cruiser Bid was accepted for a new hybrid model police cruiser.

Land Donation After discussion with Conservation Commission the Select Board voted to accept land donated to the town.

Budget Process was outlined and the deadline for departments to submit spreadsheets is November 1.

Timber Tax Warrant signed for Map 9 Lot 47-1 which resulted in a refund for pre-paid taxes in the amount of \$4,343.27

Purchase Order approved for the Fire Department for brake repair work for \$1,544.59 to Weed Family Automotive for brake repairs.

Tax map corrections Map 9 Lot 13, Map 11 Lot 14-18 and Map 22 Lot 76.

Intent to Cut signed for Map 3 Lot 45.

Current Use Applications signed for Map 2 Lot 104-1, Map 5 Lot 18, and Map 5 Lot 21.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Formalizing Committee Members will be appointed by the Select board to serve 3 year terms. Karen is reaching out to previously involved individuals to see if they are interested in serving on committee.

Bylaws for the Economic Development Committee have been approved by the Select Board.

PLANNING BOARD

Chestnut Hollow Road Owner was advised of the process required to change the road status and that if he should come before the town at annual meeting he will need to provide background information.

Map 2, Lot 102 A site walk will be scheduled sometime in October. Planning Board member, Pam Bruss, advised that she is now a Board of Director for the Kearsarge Food Hub and that this might present a conflict of interest in relation to this property.

Sign Ordinance Enforcement Five Acres Nursery's request for movable sign components was reviewed. It was noted there are out of compliance signs in town and suggested that the Board write a notice to the Select Board regarding sign compliance in general.

Kennel Follow Up The planning board continues to review state and town regulations to ensure compliance.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS **PROGRAM**

Review of Projects Submissions from the Library, Executive and Highway were reviewed.

ZONING BOARD OF **ADJUSTMENT**

Noise Complaint letter was reviewed regarding nuisance barking at a kennel location. Zoning Board will respond to the Select Board outlining the applicable Kennel Ordinance requirements.

Land Use Fall Conference is coming up and a member from the ZBA will attend.

Change of meeting date- A motion was made to change the meeting from October 5 to October 9.

Proposed Zoning Changes The board identified accessory dwelling units as an area of zoning to be reviewed by the Planning Board to ensure the town is in line with new state statute.

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Bradford Bog Boardwalk Workday: Boardwalk repair shindig will be Sunday, November 3 at 9am (rain/snow date 11/10).

Old Mountain Road: BCC member Ann met with a Bradford road agent, a NH Fish and Game officer, and residents regarding the wetlands and stream issues on Old Mountain Road. The current 20' road width waiver used by town road agents impacts the stream and wetlands, so it was decided to approach the Planning Board to decrease the waiver to 16-18'.

Correspondence: A complaint form was filed regarding a non-permitted dock on Lake Todd, and the owners were contacted by DES.

Class VI Roads The BCC is working with the Select board to determine if any Class VI roads be classified as emergency lanes.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Librarian's Report Attendance and circulation was way up.

Building Maintenance Discussion was had about new carpeting and the need to paint the walls. Basement door installation is being looked into.

Technology Librarians are looking into possibilities for installing fax capabilities, since a few patrons have requested it. Library Director has contacted 3 firms for a discussion on the ways and means of digitizing the card catalog.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Trails update The Kearsarge Area Trail Association appeared to present updates on trail work on the old Naughton Property. Several trails have been created and a picnic area is being cleared. Cookout planned to celebrate new trails. Saturday, October 19, from 11am-2pm

at the picnic area behind the BACC.

Meetings will be live streamed starting in October. Looking for volunteers to provide childcare onsite at the BACC during meetings.

Halloween Trick or treating is on October 31, from 5-8pm. West Main Street will be closed to through traffic during those hours.

Candy Drive Candy donations will be accepted at the Town offices. Donated candy will be dispersed to Main Street homes where there is heavy trick or treating activity.

BACC GOVERNANCE BOARD

Building Maintenance Painting of walls and trim is in process in the senior room. The governance Board is still looking for quotes for repairs for the exterior of the Community Center.

Honoring Dawn Rich A dinner will be held at the Appleseed to honor Dawn Rich and her service to Bradford. Monday, October 21, from 5-7pm.

Building use request was approved by the Board

Minutes of all meetings are on file at the Town Office and online at bradfordnh. org. For an audio file (mp3) of the recordings of meetings, please visit http:// *bradfordnh.org/mp3/*. Some meetings are now streamed live - check website!



Wednesday-Friday: 9-6 Saturday-Sunday: 9-5

Hello Autumn! After a hot and fast summer, we welcome his time of year when things slow down yet the bounty is still plentiful! Pop in not only for fresh local produce, but also for meat, seafood, dairy, fresh baked goods, and so much more!

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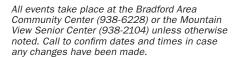
Community Events Calendar











Tuesday, October 1

10:00 am Stitches from the Heart Quilting

12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining

12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR

2:00 pm Watercolor Class, SR

3:30 pm Driving School, LR

Wednesday, October 2

12:00 pm CIP, YR

3:30 pm Driving School, LR

7:00 pm Zoning Board, YR

Thursday, October 3

12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining

12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR

6:00 pm Economic Development, SR

Friday, October 4

8:45 am Mt. View Senior Ctr. Fitness 11:30 am First Friday Brunch, 50/50 Raffle 12:00 pm Music with Ronnie Chase

Monday, October 7

8:45 am Mt. View Senior Ctr. Fitness

10:00 am Children's Storytime, BML

10:30 am Children's Playgroup, BML

12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR

1:00 pm Bridge Group, SR

3:30 pm Driving School, LR

6:00 pm Rural Heritage Connection, SR

7:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting, YR

Tuesday, October 8

10:00 am Flu Clinic

10:00 am Stitches from the Heart Quilting

12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining

12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR

2:00 pm Watercolor Class, SR

3:30 pm Driving School, LR

7:00 pm Planning Board, YR

Wednesday, October 9

12:00 pm CIP, YR

1:00 pm Knitting Group

3:30 pm Driving School, LR

6:30 pm Cruising NH History, BML

Thursday, October 10

12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining

12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR

5:00 pm BACC Governance, YR

5:30 pm Parks & Rec., YR

6:00 pm Cemetery Commission

6:00 pm Economic Development, SR

Friday, October 11

8:45 am Mt. View Senior Ctr. Fitness

Tuesday, October 15

10:00 am Stitches from the Heart Quilting

12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining

12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR

2:00 pm Watercolor Class, SR

3:30 pm Driving School, LR

Wednesday, October 16

12:00 pm CIP, YR

3:30 pm Driving School, LR

7:00 pm Book Group, BML

Thursday, October 17

11:00 am LSVNA Blood Pressure Clinic

12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining

12:30 pm Mahjong Group, SR

6:30 pm Budget Committee,YR

Friday, October 18

8:45 am Mt. View Senior Ctr. Fitness

10:00 am Friday at the Movies: "Mamma Mia!"

12:00 pm Noon 3rd Friday Brunch

Monday, October 21

8:45 am Mt. View Senior Ctr. Fitness

10:00 am Children's Storvtime, BML

10:30 am Children's Playgroup, BML

11:00 am Selectmen's Meeting, YR

1:00 pm Bridge Group, SR

3:30 pm Driving School, LR

Tuesday, October 22

10:00 am Stitches from the Heart Quilting

12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining

12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR

2:00 pm Watercolor Class, SR

3:30 pm Driving School, LR

7:00 pm Planning Board

Wednesday, October 23

12:00 pm CIP, YR

3:30 pm Driving School, LR

Thursday, October 24

12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining

12:30 pm Mahjong Group, SR

Friday, October 25

8:45 am Mt. View Senior Ctr. Fitness

9:45 am Trip to McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center & lunch at Veanos

Italian Restaurant

Monday, October 28

8:45 am Mt. View Senior Ctr. Fitness

10:00 am Children's Storytime, BML

10:30 am Children's Playgroup, BML

1:00 pm Bridge Group, SR

3:30 pm Driving School, LR

Tuesday, October 29

10:00 am Stitches from the Heart Quilting

12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining

12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR

2:00 pm Watercolor Class, SR

3:30 pm Driving School, LR

Wednesday, October 30

12:00 pm CIP, YR

3:30 pm Driving School, LR

6:00 pm The Truth About Bats, BML

Thursday, October 31

12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining

12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR

5:00 pm Happy Halloween! Come and get a free book!, BML

Ongoing Events

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10:00 am Children's Storvtime, BML

10:30 am Children's Playgroup, BML

7:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting, BACC Every other week

7:00 pm Rural Heritage Connection, BACC

2nd Monday/month

7:00 pm Conservation Commission, BML

3rd Tuesday/month 7:00 pm Fish & Game Club

1st Tuesday each month

7:00 pm Planning Board, BACC 2nd & 4th Tuesdays/month

Wednesdays

6:00 pm Library Trustees, BLM

1st Wednesday/month

7:00 pm Zoning Board, BACC 1st Wednesday/month

Thursdays

6:00 pm Cemetery Commission

2nd Thursday/month; call 938-2119

6:00 pm Economic Development Group, BACC 2nd Thursday/month

7:00 pm Road & Bridge Repair Committee, BACC, 4th Thursday/month

11:30 am First Friday Brunch, MVSC call 938-2104 for reservations

Other

Historical Society Tin Shop, East Main Street; by appointment, call 938-2253

Calendar Abbreviations

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BACC **Bradford Area Community Center**

BCC **Bradford Community Church**

BCMH Bradford Center Meetinghouse

BML **Brown Memorial Library**

FGC Fish & Game Club

KLC Kearsarge Learning Center

LSVNA Lake Sunapee Visting Nurses Assoc. LR Learning Room

MVSC Mountain View Senior Center

SR Senior Room

YR Youth Room ZRΔ Zoning Board of Adjustment





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Sunday Services with nursery and Kingdom Builders (Sunday school) at 10 am. The first Sunday of each month we hold a Communion service.

Mom's Group every Wednesday morning at 9:30 am in the church office building.

Men's Breakfast, October 5, 8:00 am in the church office building, all men welcome

Sister to Sister, October 12, 8:30 am in the church office building, all women welcome

Food Pantry will be open on October 23, 5:30-6:30 pm The food pantry is currently in the process of planning for the upcoming holiday food baskets and is accepting donations of canned goods or of a monetary donation. Checks can be sent to Bradford Community Church, PO Box 57, Bradford, NH 03221, made out to BCC Food Pantry.

Free hotdogs, hot cocoa, candy and water will be served on the front lawn on October 31 from 5-7 pm.



BRADFORD EVENTS

Kearsarge Area Trail Association Cookout, Saturday, October 19, 11am-2pm at the former Naughton property bike trails behind the Bradford Area Community Center. Come enjoy a barbecue cookout with us and explore Bradford's new and beautiful bike trail system, just off Main Street! Contact: Devin Pendleton at devinpendleton505@gmail.com.

Haunted Happenings: Hayride and Trunk or Treat, Friday, October 25, 6-8:30pm at Bradford Elementary School. All are welcome to join us for this spooktacular event. Trunk or Treat from 6-7pm. Costume voting 7pm. Small fee at the front door for hayride, but will not be more than \$20 per family. Contact: Shannon MacMichael at kresbradfordpto@gmail.com or 938-5959.

Heartpounders: Halloween Tales of Horror with Odds Bodkin, Friday, October 25, 7:30pm, at Kearsarge Food Hub, 11 West Main Street. This is an outdoor performance of scary stories that are sure to get you in the Halloween spirit. Snuggle up with a blanket by the fire with some warm, fall inspired refreshments by the Sweet Beets. Rain Date October 26. Tickets \$20. Contact: Kearsarge Food Hub at 938-5323.

Bradford Bog Boardwalk Repair day. Sunday, November 3 (rain date November 10), 9am. See details in notice on page 5.

AREA EVENTS

NEWBURY

Bagged Lunch and Crafts, Wednesday, October 2, 11am-1pm at South Newbury Union Church. Bring your own bag lunch, socialize, and enjoy crafts supplied by the Newbury Library.

Cancer Support, Wednesday, October 9, 3pm at South Newbury Union Church. Presented by Concord Hospital.

VNA Flu Clinic, Wednesday, October 16, 4-6pm at South Newbury Union Church.

Community Meatloaf Dinner, Saturday, October 19, 5-7pm at South Newbury Union Church.

For all South Newbury Union CHurch events contact: Joyce LaPorte at jlaporte38@comcast.net.

NEW LONDON

32nd Annual Meeting of the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust, Sunday, October 27, 3pm at New **London Historical Society, 179 Little** Sunapee Road, New London. All are welcome to see what has happened over the last year, get updates on new projects, hear nominations for new board members, and review proposed bylaw and articles of agreement changes. Social hour to follow. Contact: Kristy Heath at 526-6555.

WARNER

Fall Foliage Festival, October 11-13, 5pm Friday through 8pm Sunday at Jim Mitchell Community Park, 16 East Main Street. Come celebrate rural life and vibrant foliage at our free, family-oriented community festival. Events include a full lineup of open-air concerts, 2 parades, a 5-mile road race, amusement rides and more! Contact: Town of Warner at 456-2298.

Poetry Workshop with Marie Harris, Sunday, October 20, 2-3pm at Main-Street BookEnds. Please join us for a very special poetry workshop this month with former NH Poet Laureate, Marie Harris. Free. All are welcome. Contact: MainStreet BookEnds at 456-2700.

WASHINGTON

Washington Area Artisans Annual 2-Weekend Showcase, October 5 and 6 and October 12 and 13, 10am-4pm. Enjoy the fall foliage, historic landmarks and home studios, and support local artists. Follow the signs in East Washington and Washington villages.

Out & About: Moose and Wild Wyatt



Caitlin Banaszack caught this picture of a young moose leaving the brook near Jewett Hill Road. And below, her son Wyatt, age 4, shreds the new trails behind the BACC.



Many of you are enthusiastic about recording the beauty that surrounds us. Therefore, I'd like to invite photographers to share images to be included in this article. Of course proper credit will be given. The most interesting photographs will be from Bradford and close-by places. An accompanying caption would be nice. One last request is to submit the images in .jpg or .jpeg format.

Kathleen Bigford

Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves. -John Muir





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