

# The Bradford Bridge

COMMUNITY NEWS *for* NEIGHBORS *by* NEIGHBORS

## MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**Roads** The Board was in agreement that they would like to move forward with the State’s Road Surface Management System (RSMS) presented by Dean Williams from Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission. The RSMS will provide a guide to future maintenance considerations for managing the road network and developing a long-range plan. Road Maintenance classes provided through UNH were also recommended for the Highway Department.

**Culvert Replacement** A failing culvert on Massasecum Lake Road was identified. The Board approved a motion to move forward with purchasing the products and moving forward with the project funded by the Road and Bridges Expendable Trust.

**BACC Repairs** The Board approved a motion to move forward with Legacy Plumbing to do the sink installation and associated plumbing work, and Rene Remodeling to do the construction work; soffit, sheet rock and cabinetry work. Approximate cost is \$5300. Additional work to the exterior of the building was identified and quoted at \$4,650. The Board approved to move forward with Rene Remodeling to do the additional BACC exterior work as described.

**Electric Rates** The Board approved a motion to lock in rates through NextEra for 2021.

**Solitude Ridge** Jason and Melissa Carter of 28 South Ridge Road appeared

*(Continued on page 8)*

## A Note From Your Town Moderator

Here’s the latest info about voting in the upcoming elections.

First of all, you can both register to vote and vote entirely by mail. It used to be that you had to have a disability or an actual absence from Bradford to qualify. No more. The law has been changed so you may register and vote entirely by mail for all of the old reasons PLUS this new one: if you are ill because of Covid-19 OR you are caring for someone who has Covid-19 symptoms OR you are just concerned that dealing with all of this registration and voting stuff is going to expose you to the virus. And who isn’t concerned? The bottom line is that your personal opinion as to whether or not voting or registering in person is a good idea is all that matters.

The simplest way to find out how to register or vote by mail is to call the Bradford Town Clerk’s office at 938-2288 email [tc@bradfordnh.org](mailto:tc@bradfordnh.org).

She’ll take it from there and mail you the forms and instructions you need. Just follow the instructions and you’re done! Now you can watch soaps on September 8th, all day.

If you like, all sorts of election information will be updated on the Bradford Bridge Website as it becomes available under the title: “Late Breaking.” Just go to [bradfordbridge.org/Late\\_Breaking](http://bradfordbridge.org/Late_Breaking). The Bridge will continue to provide voting information until both elections are complete.

When voting in person, masks will be provided for anyone who comes to the polls without one. All election officials and all voters will be expected to wear them. If you are uncomfortable, unwilling or unable to wear a mask, please consider voting absentee.

Please see “Primary Primer”, Page 12 for more information about voting on September 8th.

*Brackett Scheffy*



*Jonathan and Sarah Barselle paddling through summer with their kayaks in Lake Todd.*



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## From the Bridge



*From Pleasant View Roadside, July 2020*

As are many of us in Bradford, I am so very much appreciating our lovely surroundings. I've made it no secret that I prefer being outside, and this summer is delivering some perfect opportunities.

Although the Northeast has “bent the curve downward,” COVID-19 must still be reckoned with daily. Our care with the preventions is working to keep most of us safe. It's tedious to remember all the steps, however, the progress we are making is a reminder that it's worth the effort.

As this edition goes to print there are decisions being made about how learning will be delivered in the Kearsarge Regional School District. In “School Reopening”, Page 3, we have included information from Superintendent Feneberg and Governor Sununu as of mid-July. The first day of school is scheduled for August 25. Since the next Bridge will not appear until September 1, other news media will bring you school-related information.

How voting will happen on Primary Day, September 8 and on Election Day, November 3, is also being decided. Please see the front page and “Primary Primer” on page 12 for current voting information.

Also in this edition:

- Unexpected Treasures from “The Dump”
- An image with report on the new Bradford Town Sign
- News from Bradford Community Gardeners
- The Bradford Historical Society reopening and “All Aboard” exhibit
- Medical Musings from the Bradford Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services
- The Monthly Briefing of Town Board activity
- Recommended reading from Bradford Memorial Library Director Ellen Barselle

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Here's to enjoying the many gifts of summer!

*Kathleen Bigford, Editor*

*And all the contributors to this unique small-town newspaper*



## Letters to Our Editor:

### To the Editor,

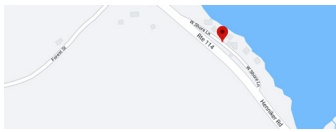
I would like to thank the Lake Sunapee VNA and Hospice (formerly known as Kearsarge VNA) for giving Bradford and other area towns 50 years of nursing and therapy care.

This care allows patients to recover at home and also be monitored for chronic illnesses. Many seniors would not be able to live at home without these benefits.

Again, Thanks,  
*Harriet Douglass, Bradford, NH*

### Annual Family Yard Sale Saturday, August 22, 8-1

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### Town Clerk Hours Have Changed

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Thursday	9-12 / 1-6
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Saturday	2nd & 4th 9-12

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## School Reopening

While New Hampshire K-12 schools are gearing up for reopening this month, parents, students and teachers are left wondering what it will look like. Will there be in-person classes this fall or a mixture of online and in person learning?

The Kearsarge Regional School District has a task force in place designing school reopening guidelines. In a letter posted to Facebook on July 15, Superintendent Feneberg writes, "...a task force of approximately forty faculty, staff, administration, a student and parents have begun the task of reviewing available guidance and data on reopening of school buildings to support direct in-person instruction. Using three guiding principles: Safety, Equity, and Quality, the group is currently meeting to develop a plan and instructional model that will be presented to the Kearsarge School Board. The delivery of this proposal is on track for August 6, 2020."

Those guidelines, once accepted by the KRSD School Board, will be made public on the KRSD website and on the Kearsarge Regional School District-SAU 65 Facebook page. School starts August 25th.

"A safe return to school in September 2020 is the goal," said NH Governor Sununu in a July 14th press conference on school reopening guidelines. The School Transition Reopening and Redesign Taskforce, STRRT, has produced a 54-page document that calls for giving local districts flexibility based on local conditions. It recommends in-class instruction in most circumstances with guidelines for schools to develop protocol in the areas of: screening students, staff and visitors, ensuring student desks are at least 3-6 feet apart, encouraging social distancing, illness protocols, HVAC system protocols and extra training for all staff. Transportation protocols with possibly assigned seating and masks is encouraged.

"We want people to wear masks but they won't be mandated nor worn at all times," said Sununu. Social distancing and frequent hand washing is also recommended.

The NH STRRT document comments on additional health risks. "There is the anticipation of some students and educators with underlying health risks who are not able to return and will require accommodations. In addition, districts must be prepared for the possibility of an isolated outbreak of COVID-19 in a school or community. In such cases, it may be necessary to quickly implement remote instruction for certain classrooms, or even the entire school, if only for a limited time period."

*Mary Keegan-Dayton*



### Bradford Bridge Board of Directors Transition

#### Thank you Leslie J. Grey

Thank you Leslie for all your patience and perseverance as Treasurer and Business Manager. Your determined efforts brought steadfast accounting and financial reporting to the Bradford Bridge. All the best to you as you move into full-time work in your chosen field of accounting. You will be missed!

#### And Welcome Jeni Lauder

Jeni replaced Leslie as the Bridge's Treasurer and Business Manager in July. Jeni is a relatively new member of the Bradford community, moving here within the last two years. She is an experienced accounting professional whose many talents will keep the Bridge on a steady financial course. Thank you Jeni for stepping into this essential Board of Directors position. We look forward to working with you!



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## Medical Musings

### Heart Attack – Don't Let COVID Cover it Up!

No one wants to go to the hospital. People – often men – will ignore their symptoms or brush them off as something else. If you have any symptoms of a heart attack (chest pressure, pain, aching, dull feeling, nausea, immediate breakout of sweat for no reason without a fever, or any of the same feelings in your jaw, neck, or arm), you NEED to call 911. Women, diabetics, or the elderly often have general feelings of overall tiredness, or weakness, and often do not present with the classic symptoms listed above. But sometimes they do! If it feels like your normal reflux, chances are that it is, but only you can make that determination. If it feels like your last heart attack, chances are that it's another one.

911 is a bridge to the hospital for a heart attack. When Bradford Rescue responds, we can do your EKG, give you life saving medication on scene that increases long-term survival and start treatment early. We can also activate the cardiologists so you don't even have to spend any time in the emergency department if your EKG shows something serious. You just go straight to catheterization! But the reality is, some people wait hours after their symptoms start. The real stubborn ones gamble with their lives and wait days. But no one knows how long you have before your heart goes into cardiac arrest and you just collapse. In such a case, where your stubbornness leads to your family needing to do CPR, your survival depends on it. Bystander CPR saves brain tissue until the police or EMS can arrive to defibrillate you. The more high-quality CPR you have, the better your odds.

*Regina MacArthur, Captain,  
Emergency Medical Services,  
Bradford Fire Department*

## Also from the Bradford Fire Department

### Thank You Shout Out!

Bradford Fire Department would like to thank Faye from Sew There in Bradford (603-938-5700) for donating her time helping the firefighters with a PPE request. Additional thanks go to Ruger Security, which donated masks to firefighters as well.

### Want to be a Fake Victim?

Bradford Fire Department will be holding a large, community-wide drill this fall (complete with fake blood and injuries) and will need 50 community members of all ages to serve as victims. Families welcome! If you are interested, please send an email to Regina, the EMS Captain at [emtlion@gmail.com](mailto:emtlion@gmail.com). More information to follow!

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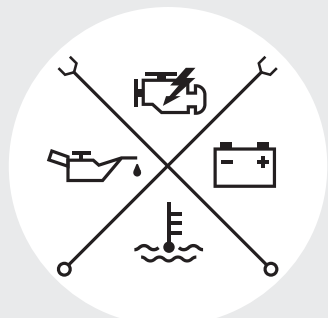
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## From the Bradford Police Department

Well Summer is in full swing. The weather is starting to really warm up and it is time for us to enjoy the many outdoor activities that the lovely town of Bradford has to offer.

There is no doubt that the COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way many go about their everyday lives. What was once “normal” has changed, but with change can come great things. As we patrol around town, many officers have noticed the same thing. We see kids being kids the way we remember it. Lots of bike riding, family walks and outdoor projects as a family. The smiles are plentiful and not hidden by a technology device. It is cool to drive past a residence and say, “Love what they’ve done with the place.”

With the hot weather arriving and some area activities still closed or operating at a reduced capacity, we have noticed larger groups at French’s Park. There are a couple reminders about French’s Park that we would like to revisit. French’s Park is for Bradford taxpayers and year-round residents only. You will

notice as you pull in, there is an awesome new sign that was completed by a local Eagle Scout. That sign displays the rules and hours of the park. The park is an alcohol free and carry in/carry out trash facility. There are no trash receptacles there for that reason, so please remember to take your trash home with you. There are also no animals allowed in the park so if you walk your dog, cat, squirrel, hamster or alligator after hours please pick up after them.

The use of the park also requires a “Town Sticker.” These stickers are available at the Transfer Station for \$1. Our officers do not know every resident’s vehicle, so we rely on seeing the sticker properly affixed to your vehicle. Recent discussions have taken place and the result has been a standardized location for the sticker. The sticker should be in the lower passenger side corner of the windshield. If you want to move the sticker you currently have that is great, and if you need a new one, Lois is willing to help. This location was chosen as the best location because 95% of the cars nowadays have tinted rear windows. Putting them on a side window, which can be left rolled down on hot days, hides the sticker from view. Many times, we have issued parking citations only to later find out that the sticker was hidden, obstructed, in the glove box (we don’t check there), or you

were with a family that was visiting and used their vehicle because it was bigger. The Transfer Station has visitor placards available for those who have seasonal guests/nannies. See Lois at the transfer station for more details. We try our best to patrol the park to ensure that it is residents only and not overflow from area beaches. If you are a resident and cannot park due to out-of-town usage, please call us. We are not looking to “ruin” anyone’s fun on a hot day and make them leave, but it has been done. We would appreciate it if you did not put us in that spot. The Town of Bradford Select Board recently voted to increase the fine amount for French’s Park Parking to \$50.

Tall Pines is a great spot to go for a quick walk. There is parking available at the turnaround. When using this lot, please park along the guardrail so that there is still a travel lane to “turn around” if need be. Again, this is a carry in/carry out area so please take your trash with you.

Lake Massasecum has a lovely boat launch on Ryan’s Way. Parking is clearly marked on Route 114 with “No parking between signs” signage. This is solely to make sure that vehicles turning onto Route 114 have a clear line of sight to safely pull out. Please adhere to the signage for everyone’s safety. The boat launch does not have trash receptacles so again, carry in/carry out.

East Washington Road has a great hiking area at the Bradford Bog. There is some parking there. The only issue we have ever had were vehicles blocking the gate up there. That is a personal driveway and not part of the hike, so please do not block the green gate.

The Bement Covered bridge was closed for repairs on July 13th and will be closed until further notice. Jones Road is the posted detour. Please be courteous to the residents, those walking/running and bikers on Jones Road. It is a road, not a freeway, with hills and some sharp curves. Please use extra caution when traveling on Jones Road.

*Ed Shaughnessy*

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Joan Wallen

## August Agent Profile

Joan Wallen is our Rental Manager extraordinaire! No stranger to the New London/Lake Sunapee area, Joan has held her real estate license since 1982. After teaching at Colby-Sawyer College, she was a part of the management staff at King Ridge Ski Area for many years before going on to other endeavors in the ski industry and in public relations. She has been devoting herself full time to meeting her customers' and clients' needs at The Milestone Team for the past 22 years, not only with rentals but with sales as well. She also serves on Sunapee Region Board of Realtor's grievance committee. In addition to her real estate duties, Joan remains involved in the ski industry not only by spending time on the slopes locally and throughout New England, but also through writing for several print and online ski publications. Other favorite activities include paddleboarding, sailing, kayaking, golf and training her Border Collie pup. Joan will be delighted to assist you, whether you are looking for a rental or hoping to rent your home or cottage. In addition to her duties as Rental Manager she is also available to represent buyers and sellers in the purchase or sale of their homes.

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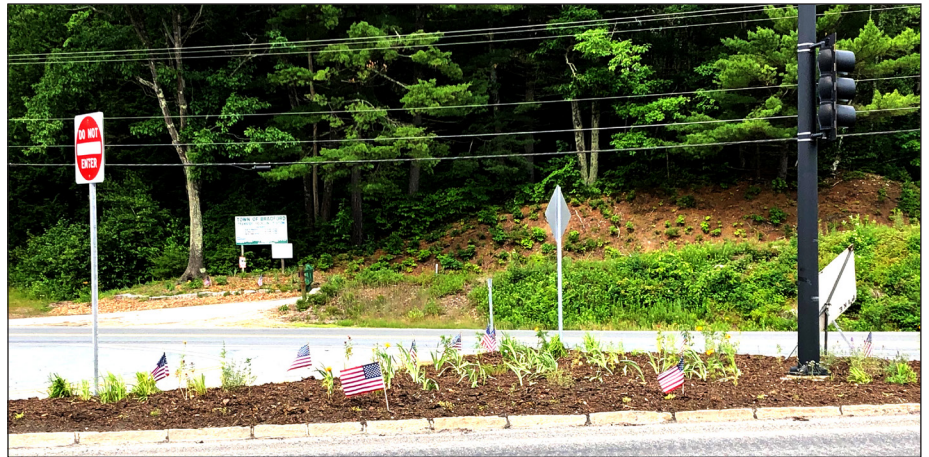
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## Bradford Community Gardeners: Summer 2020

They're baack! The Bradford Community Gardeners (BCG), a small group of dedicated residents who are committed to the beautification of our town, were seen this past month hard at work weeding the formerly neglected triangles at the intersection of Routes 103 and 114. With permission from the New Hampshire DOT, they have now planted the larger triangle with a variety of annuals and perennials. (These plants will not exceed three feet so as not to interfere with anyone's line of sight at the intersection.) Their next target is the smaller triangle. Members of the BCG anticipate that soon the area will provide a colorful welcome as people drive into town.

The BCG couldn't have completed this project without the assistance of several generous individuals. Dave Long from Bears Head Greenhouse donated giant marigolds, some blooming snapdragons, a few purple balloon flowers, and several other lovely flowering annuals. Not only



that, but Dave promises to donate more plants next year!

Most of the perennials were transplants from the gardener's own gardens, but they did dig up some irises from the Water Street triangle they've been maintaining for several years now. Unfortunately, that garden is scheduled to be demolished later this summer when the intersecting roads are reconfigured.

Kenny Anderson from the Transfer Station provided loads and loads of excellent compost to nourish and welcome the plants to their new locations. Due to a lack of rain, BCG members have had to bring gallons and gallons of water for the thirsty plants. This water runs through the compost and brings with it essential nutrients to the new roots.

And last but not least, Steve Hall supplied orange traffic cones for the group to work safely every Monday and Thursday without fail.

The gardening group's beautification efforts are not limited to the triangles. Last year they added plants to the Water Street triangle, the island that demarcates the Tall Pines turn-off where day-lilies are starting to bloom, the whiskey barrels filled with bright red geraniums that complement the benches overlooking Lake Todd on the Rail Trail, the large community garden on Main Street and the gardens at the Bradford Historical Society. Maintaining these projects remains a priority of the group this summer.

Anyone interested in joining the Bradford Community Gardeners should contact Maria Storm at [mstorm31@comcast.net](mailto:mstorm31@comcast.net) or Susan Reeder Moss at 938-2230. All are welcome! No special skills are required.

*Maria Storm*

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## Town Board Reports

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before the board to discuss having the Town conduct grading and winging back the banks once a year at Solitude Ridge, where the roads are private and the residents pay \$14,000 annually to maintain the roads. The Carter's state that Solitude Ridge is a cutover and their roads are used by Town residents outside of the Solitude Ridge Association. Karen Hambleton, Town Administrator, suggested placing the road on the 2020 traffic study list to understand traffic volumes. Jason Allen, Selectmen, asked the Carters to put the request in writing, including specific tasks they are requesting the Town to assume.

**Welcome Signs** Sue Moss, on behalf of the Bradford Community Gardeners, presented redesigned "Welcome to Bradford" signs and 4 locations where they would like to install them. The group plans to raise funds privately to cover the estimated \$1,100 per sign. The Board approved a motion to allow the gardening group to move forward with raising private funds and revisiting the sign locations.

**French's Park** Devin Pendleton, on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Committee, requested enforcement of the existing ordinance regulating the use of French's Park regarding a fine amount of \$50 and a Transfer Station sticker requirement. The Board approved a motion to increase the fine to \$50 as outlined in the ordinance. The ordinance is under review and will require a public hearing before it can be changed.

**Town Hall** The Board approved a motion to move forward with the quote from Ben Ainsley to paint Town Hall for \$38,000.

### BUDGET COMMITTEE

**Budget Review** 2nd quarter expense and revenue reports were reviewed. Fire and legal are running a bit ahead. Revenue appears to be on track with the possible exception of Motor Vehicle Receipts.

**Vacancy** Chris Frey has expressed in-

terest in filling the vacant position on the committee.

### PLANNING BOARD

**Subdivision Application** Following a public hearing on June, 23, 2020, the Planning Board approved the subdivision application for Map 10 Lot 12a 196 Rowe Mountain Road.

**Alternate** The Board approved a motion to appoint Sonny Harris as an alternate.

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE

**Interview Schedule** The group outlined a schedule for the fall process of requesting CIP forms and following up with department interviews. Carol Troy, Committee Chair, will send the forms to departments heads requesting information by July 13th. Department interviews will be held in August.

### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

**Communication** ZBA member Ken Parys will draft a letter to the Planning Board in reference to guidance for the Zoning ordinance around lake Massasecum and what the town's vision is for the lake.

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Bradford Pines** State officials were notified that some of the grounding cables on the tall "Bradford Pines" have apparently been removed. Since it is believed that the cables provide little benefit but can potentially harm the trees, there are no plans to replace them.

**Class 6 Roads** Commission member Doug Southard will submit a copy of the Spring 2020 Adopt-a-Road Report. The next step is to develop a priority listing of roads that need attention/protection, and

work with the Road Agent and Road Committee to determine signage needs and suggest signage wording.

### CEMETERY COMMISSION

**Financials** The Commission is working to obtain and review current MS-9 forms/financials. This will allow Cemetery Trustees to accurately evaluate perpetual care funds and financial reporting.

**Sunny Plains** The watering system at Sunny Plains needs replacement. Perpetual care lots need to be reviewed to see what percentage of monies can be applied to the watering system. Targeting spring 2021 for completion.

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

**Trustee Vacancy** Liz Bouley responded to the ad placed in the Bradford Bridge and is a welcome addition to the current board of trustees.

**Meeting Time** The Library Trustees will now meet at 6:30pm on the first Wednesday of the month.

**Friends of BML** Ellen Barselle, Library Director, will contact the two most active volunteers from the Friends of BML and invite them to the next meeting to discuss possibilities for revitalizing this waning group.

### PARKS AND RECREATION

**Adult Softball** The committee approved a motion to fully fund the Parks and Recreation adult softball team in the amount of \$250.

### BACC GOVERNANCE BOARD

**New Member** A motion to invite Jarna Perkins to join the Committee was passed unanimously.

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**KEARSARGE REGIONAL  
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**National Opioid Network** The Board approved a motion to move forward with joining a National Opioid Network, at no cost to the district. The information through this network can be valuable to the district, including but not limited to information on expenses as of the result of opioids, extra social work information, and social emotional learning curriculum.

**Audit Firm** The Board approved a motion to accept the recommendation to use Roberge & Co. as the districts audit firm.

Minutes of all meetings are on file at the Town Office and online at [bradfordnh.org](http://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!

**Thank You Independence Day Photo Contributors**



The Bradford Bridge would like to thank the following people for digging deep into their photo archives and supplying us with the wonderful images used on July Centerfold layout: Marcia Keller, Tracy Quigley of the Bradford Historical Society, Laurie Buchar, Audrey Sylvester, Karen Hambleton, Claire James, and Hanna Flanners of the Kearsarge Food Hub. THANK YOU!!!

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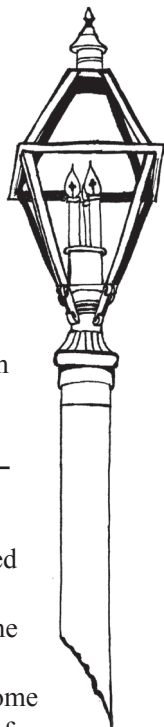
# Library Lantern

## Brown Memorial Library

78 West Main Street  
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### Library Hours:

Monday 10:00am – 6:00pm  
Wednesday 11:00am – 7:00pm  
Friday 10:00am – 6:00pm  
Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm



### From the Director's Desk:

The library successfully opened on July 6th. It has been really nice to reconnect with everyone who has come in! I have been happy to return to work and some sense of normalcy. Thank you for respecting our request to wear masks inside the library. The big difference I've noticed is the library is no longer a hanging out space for children, and this is an unfortunate draw back of living during a pandemic. I look forward to a time when our library can host events, programs, children's activities and story time.

I, like many of you, feel a sense of looming anxiety as to what the coming school year will bring. There has been a lot of speculation as to how school will be, a hybrid of in-person, socially distanced, and online learning. My daughter comments often about how much she can't wait for the third grade field trips, gym class, and to see her friends again. I have tried to prepare her for what will probably be another strange school year.

In some ways, life feels like it has been put on pause. I have postponed trips and a lot of regular activities have stopped. Part of me has welcomed life slowing down. I don't feel pulled in many directions trying to accommodate multiple schedules for my kids. I've been eating out and shopping less. I'm appreciating being outside more, taking hikes, kayaking, and swimming. French's has become the new social hot spot! We have more family time together. But au-

tonomy and time apart is also necessary.

I wonder what fall and winter will bring, and whether we'll soon see an end to this very different way of living.

I notice how divisive the issue of mask wearing has become and how polarizing the world continues to feel. I continue to strive to understand and be open to other's opinions. I continue to immerse myself in books to help me see another person's point of view.

I have several recommendation in regards to reading books about racism: *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates, *White Fragility* by Robin Diangelo, *How to be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi, and *What Truth Sounds Like* by Michael Eric Dyson. All can be found in our library.

Here are some other titles that may resonate during COVID times: *How to Do Nothing* by Jenny Odell, *Hope in the Dark* by Rebecca Solnit, *Tribe* by Sebastian Junger, and *Braving the Wilderness* by Brene Brown.

Until further notice, programming for children and adults is on hold. Inter-library loan has not resumed, but I will let you know once it's available again. Book group could begin after inter-library loan restarts, as this is how I get all our book copies.

The biggest library news is that I am starting the digitization of the library. It's going to be laborious, but it will help take us into the 21st century. It will also allow you more freedom and flexibility to request books and search our catalog.

A continued thank you to our volunteers that help with our basement books and the watering of our plants upstairs. Thank you to Mike Elms and Joy Hammond for your recent donation of air conditioners. They have made the library comfortable during some of our scorching hot and humid days.

*Ellen Barselle, Library Director*

## The Brown Memorial Library Needs More Friends

Bradford's Brown Memorial Library is looking for some new Friends. The Friends of Brown Memorial Library (FOBML) is the organization that provides volunteers to plan events for adults and children alike. A few examples are the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Emergency Care for Pets, a Downton Abbey Tea, and Songs of Irish Emigration. These programs are funded by tax-deductible membership donations made to The Friends of the Library, a federally recognized non-profit 501C3 organization.

When the library was closed due to COVID-19, scheduled events had to be cancelled. The library is now open and we want to get active again, rescheduling events and deciding on some new ones.

Here is where we need your help. Several active members who have served as officers and/or often volunteered for events have had life changes over the last year or so including moving, career changes etc. Consequently, I am hoping for some new members and more general member involvement as we open things up again here in town.



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What does involvement in Friends of the Library mean? Well, we hold quarterly meetings to choose and plan four to five annual events. Recently the events have had sufficient volunteers but we need more participation in the meetings and the planning- some new ideas. The meetings offer good conversation and a chance to meet someone new. And I want to add that this is not for women only!

When my husband and I moved to Bradford in September 2014 I joined the Friends of the Library because I have always loved libraries and it seemed to offer involvement without the risk of burnout. I have served as the treasurer since I joined and that has all proved true. It is a manageable volunteer experience and provides the opportunity to meet folks in town, especially good for a newbie like me.

Friends of the Library are particularly important organizations in terms of receiving donations for our libraries and helping libraries be all they can be in the 21st Century. In their book called *Our Towns* by Deb and Jim Fallows (available at the

library), Deb and Jim describe their small plane journey all over the country to look at towns that had turned things around, and really come back to life. They noticed that one of the common denominators for those towns was an active, vibrant library, where folks came for books but also gathered for events. I think Ellen and her staff are doing a great job at the library, and a vibrant Friends organization can help them, and the library be even more.

The Friends of the Library would normally meet in May, and that will happen as soon as we think it is safe to gather again in a larger group. I would like to organize it around an event, with food, so please stay posted for more information. It should be fun! If you are not involved with the Friends and want to get on our email list, please email me at [constance.brookes@gmail.com](mailto:constance.brookes@gmail.com). You can also email me if you would just like more information about the Friends of the Library.

*Connie Brookes, Treasurer, FOBML*



Happy 99th Birthday to Bradford's oldest resident, Louise Clark! She plans to thwart the virus and hit the century mark.

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# New Hampshire Primary Primer

Primary Voting, Tuesday, September 8th, 2020



*Every Vote Counts – Especially Yours.*

### What is the purpose of the Primary?

When more than one candidate from the same party has filed for an open position, the primary is held so members of that party can choose which candidate they wish to be listed on the November General Election ballot that will be voted on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020.

### What positions will be on the primary ballot in Bradford?

Federal: US Senate, US House of Representatives. State: Governor; Executive Council (district 2); NH Senate (district 8); (Merrimack County NH House of Representatives (district 6); Merrimack County officials.

### What is the purpose of the Executive Council?

The Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire has the authority and responsibility, together with the Governor, of the administration of the affairs of the State. Each of the five Councilors represent one-fifth of the State population based on the latest federal 10-year census. The distribution of seats both in the US Congress, NH Legislature and Executive Council are based on the latest of 10-year census, which emphasizes the importance of everyone to participate in the census now underway for 2020.

### What do I have to do in order to vote in the primary?

You must be a registered voter. If you are already registered, you may vote in person on September 8th or in advance by absentee ballot. If you are currently registered as Undeclared, you will have to request either a Democrat or Republican ballot. Due to the public health crisis, election officials will provide an “Election Day Party Affiliation Change Form” for all voters who want to change back to Undeclared. This will be given to the voter at the polls or mailed with the requested absentee ballot. If you are registering, you will be asked to provide proper identification. If you do not have proof of qualifications, you may complete a Qualified Voter Affidavit or Domicile Affidavit in the presence of the clerk/designee as proof. A voter will not be turned away for lack of documentation.

Call the Town Clerk 938-2288 for details of what documents are required and how to provide them if registering by mail. In-office voter registration is closed 10 days prior to an election, but you can register at the polls on election day.

Absentee ballots can be dropped off at the Town Clerks office the day before the election between 3-5pm. Absentee Ballots will not be refused if delivered on election day. Absentee ballots can be delivered on election day but not by the voter, who will then have to vote in person. On election day a ballot can only be delivered by a designated “delivery agent” as listed on a form the agent will be required to sign.

To be sure there is no confusion, if you have any questions, call the Town Clerk, 603-938-2288, for correct and up-to-date answers.

*Marcia Keller & Audrey Sylvester*



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## Before and After

In late June amazing volunteers spent 8 hours at French’s Park repairing the stairs, raking the beach and cutting back brush and overgrowth. They returned a week later to repair washout damage. The beach and new stairs look incredible! THANK YOU to everyone who came out to help. Bradford is the best!



*Before*



*After*

## Unexpected Treasures from “The Dump”



Bradford resident Dennis Hankins cleaned out his barn and brought two old, dirty, and rusty vintage bicycles to the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center earlier this summer. The colors of the painted parts were unrecognizable, and the metal parts and spokes were rusted. The tires on the bicycles were dry-rotted from being stored for so long. Surely, the bicycles were destined for the metal recycling container!

But, before we could direct the bicycles to the metal recycling container, Eric Stumpf showed up. He relishes restoring antiques, and he was very interested in the old bicycles. He loaded the two old bicycles (along with the four unused vintage tires that Dennis brought), and took them home for a restoration project. Eric used a rubbing compound to bring the original paint back to its brilliant color and discovered that one bicycle

was red and the other bicycle was blue. He used steel wool to remove the rust from all of the metal parts and spokes. He replaced the malfunctioning parts in the lights mounted on the front fenders. And, he installed the unused vintage tires as the finishing touches.

Thank you, Dennis, for giving Eric the opportunity to take on another restoration project, which he so enjoys doing. And thank you, Eric for sending us this picture along with these words: "Thanks so much for saving these beautiful old bikes and for letting me have them!"

Ken and I see several such recycling projects each year, which bring satisfaction, pleasure, and accomplished purpose to everyone through the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center. Now, this is recycling at its best!

*Lois Kilnapp, Manager*



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## New signs will greet all to Bradford!

The Bradford Community Gardeners brought a proposal to the Board of Selectmen in December of 2019 to replace the current Bradford signs, which have fallen into disrepair. They approved a design by resident Don Moss, a retired graphic designer. The design is rooted in influences gathered from many historic New England and New Hampshire town signs.

The Select Board asked the gardening group to research sizes and locations of the signs, and the cost of making signs, and then to return for their final approval. After meeting with D.O.T. for suggestions and requirements on sign placement, bids for the making and installation went out. Bradford's own master sign maker, Clark Roberge, was the clear choice, not only with competitive pricing, but also his expertise and long-standing commitment to other projects in town. Lettering will be hand carved into thick high density urethane panels and finished with durable UV resistant paint.

Currently there are three signs posted from Warner, Henniker, and Newbury, and a fourth sign will be posted on entry from Sutton. The sign coming



from Newbury will remain at the corner of Gillingham Drive and Rte.103, but the other three signs will be positioned closer to the actual town lines. This will clarify which businesses and landmarks actually reside in Bradford.

On Monday, July 13, the Select Board gave approval for the sign making to go forward. The Bradford Community Gardeners will be seeking funds from Bradford businesses and townspeople in order to make this happen before the winter sets in. The total cost including installation is \$4,400.

### How to Contribute

Contributions of any amount may be sent to "Town of Bradford", PO Box 436, Bradford, NH 03221, with the phrase "sign donation" written on the check. You can smile with extra town pride as you drive by our new signs.

*Bradford Community Gardeners*



## Bradford Historical Society News

The Bradford Historical Society re-opened Saturday July 25th. The Tin Shop will be open Saturday mornings 10am-12pm until the fall. Exhibits will feature a display in conjunction with the MUSE *All Aboard* displays in the area.



*Come see the All Aboard Exhibit and find out what this object is!*

We will be following CDC guidelines in the building, wearing masks is required and social distancing will be observed. There will be a hand sanitizer station set up but no bathroom facilities at present. We will limit the number of people in the building at one time if needed. Extra cleaning will be done between openings. As always, we ask that you resist touching any of the exhibits. We will have information sheets laminated that will be cleaned after every use.

We look forward to welcoming you back to the Tin Shop to enjoy Bradford Historical Society's ever-growing collection of the history of Bradford!

*Tracey Quigley*

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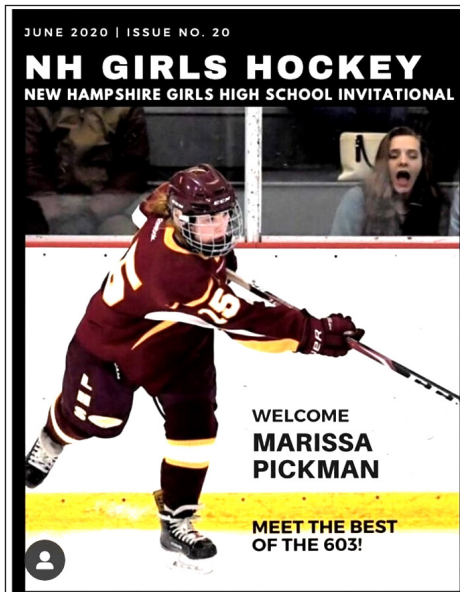
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# Congratulations 2020 Bradford Town Scholarship Recipients

The Bradford Town School Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce three outstanding recipients.



**Marissa Pickman** is a recipient of the Town of Bradford Scholarship, as well as the Bradford Women’s Club Scholarship, the Tara Linehan Scholarship, the Bubba’s Bar and Grill Scholarship and the Kearsarge Booster Club Scholarship. Marissa plans to attend Plymouth State University in the fall to major in business management.

Along with being a 12-season athlete, she was selected as “Team of the Season” goalie for field hockey. Marissa received the honor of being a member

of the NH High School All State Team for girls’ ice hockey and was selected to play in the Make-A-Wish VT/NH All-Star Hockey Classic game, which was cancelled due to COVID-19. She has been selected as one of top high school girls’ ice hockey players from NH and will be playing against the top girl players of Vermont in August. Throughout her childhood, Marissa was an active member of the Bradford Parks & Rec with her late grandparents, Jane and William Lucas. Marissa is the daughter of Joan and James Pickman and the granddaughter of Janice and David Pickman.

**Jenna Cook** is the recipient of the Dawn Rich Memorial Scholarship made possible by a generous contribution to the Town of Bradford Scholarship Fund by the Bradford Business Association, now part of the Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce.

Jenna said in her application, “Over my 18 years of living in the small town of Bradford, NH, I have had the privilege of watching it grow into the up-and-coming town that it is.” She has many strong memories of Bradford events like building floats for the Fourth of July Parade for which she still has her award ribbons. She became a driver in Bradford and was registered to vote by her grandmother. Also from her application, “Living in Bradford has given me access to many opportunities that I will use and cherish for my whole life. I am grateful to have grown up in this town, and am likely to end up here in my future.”

Jenna plans to attend the University of New England for Nutrition where she wants to take advantage of an opportunity to travel to third world countries in need of medical attention. After she completes her undergraduate work she would like to attend graduate school to become a registered dietitian.

**Cohl Schusler** says, “Living in Bradford has allowed me to spread my wings, metaphorically speaking.”

Cohl has lived in Bradford since 2016. He took full advantage of a wide range of classes at Kearsarge High School to determine the academic areas he wants to pursue. He has decided to focus on business administration and economics when he attends Colby-Sawyer College in the fall.

Along with a full load of AP classes Cohl joined the debate club in his sophomore year where, “. . . we discussed a myriad of controversial topics and learned how to articulate an argument.” He was an elected member of the student council in his sophomore, junior and senior years, and was a member of the Student Climate and Culture Committee, a group that is dedicated to improving the climate of the school and solving some other current problems.

Cole is, “. . . thankful that I have had the opportunity to do so many things, such as volunteer at the Brown Memorial Library and attend driver’s education so close to home.”

All the best to these three exceptional young people as they pursue their dreams.

*The Bradford Town School  
Scholarship Committee*



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*Laurie Buchar*



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*Kathleen Bigford*



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### PUBLIC NOTICE Lake Todd Village District 2020 Annual Meeting

**Saturday, August 8th at 9am  
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**Questions?** Please contact Stephen Snyder ((603) 938-2321 or 235-5301)  
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