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Meet the Candidates

Saturday, March 7th, 10 am - noon

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Senior Room

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Voting

Tuesday, March 10th, 8 am - 7 pm

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Town Meeting

Saturday, March 14th,

9 am sharp – finish

Kearsarge Regional Elementary School

163 Old Warner Road, Bradford

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New this year! Come to the town meeting a little early, enjoy some breakfast food and settle in.

Also new this year, The Children’s Center for Creative Learning will be offering childcare at no cost to parents who wish to attend Town Meeting. Drop off will begin at 8:30 am at the Bradford location, 57 West Main Street. Children must bring a lunch and be picked up by 1:30 pm at the latest.

Please contact Jessica Selby at 938-2849 or childrenscenter13@gmail.com for more information and to reserve your child’s spot.

2020 Bradford Town Office Candidate Survey



All candidates for a town office of committee membership were asked to answer the following questions.

What is your name and office or committee membership being sought?

What are your reasons for running for this position?

How do your background and/or interests relate to this position?

What do you like best about living in Bradford?

Find the candidates’ answers on pages 4, 5, 6 and 7. And come to the Candidates Forum on Saturday, March 7th at 10 am to meet the candidates and ask your questions.



Bradford’s Scholarship Fund Needs Your Help



Thank you to the hardy snowshoe trekkers who showed up for the fourth annual snowshoe for scholarship event on a cold, but bluebird, February morning. In spite of the enthusiasm our small crew had, the event fell way short of our goal. If you were unable to make it, the scholarship committee would still love to have your contribution. Checks are payable to “Bradford School Scholarship Fund” and can be sent to Town of Bradford, Attn: Scholarship Fund, PO Box 436, Bradford, NH 03221.



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From the Bridge

As a long-time admirer of Socrates, his words about social engagement ring true especially as I attempt to thoughtfully initiate and respond to ideas and opinions. Socrates advised considering the following before speaking,

“Is it true? Is it kind? And, is it necessary?”

These guiding words are offered as March brings our town governance into the public arena. Many will agree that if, “Is it necessary?”, when thoughtfully applied, would make town meeting a most efficient event.

This edition of the Bridge is dedicated to informing your voting with

- ★ dates for the candidates’ forum, voting and town meeting,
- ★ Bradford’s 2020 Town Warrant,
- ★ 2020 Bradford Town Candidates,
- ★ and responses to the Bradford Bridge candidate survey.

You’ll also find

- ★ Ann Eldridge’s delightful descriptions of white animals,
- ★ how recycling metal saves Bradford \$\$,
- ★ information about great events in Bradford and around the area,
- ★ and, ads from our loyal local businesses. Please spend locally whenever possible.

As always, thank you for reading the Bridge. We’d love to hear from you at bradfordbridge345@gmail.com or PO Box 463, Bradford 03221.

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Letters to Our Editor:

Dear Voters,

I would like to thank the voters of Bradford for your support over the years. I have been elected to three organizations by our community: the Board of Selectmen, the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the Kearsarge Regional District School Board. Additionally, I was appointed to many committees including: the Planning Board and Budget Committees at the town level, and the Communications, Facilities, and Policy Committees, as well as School Board Representative to the Municipal Budget Committee. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve and I thank you for your trust. I also want to express my appreciation for all the local officials I have served with. I have been extremely fortunate to work with individuals who were committed to the work, respectful of their colleagues, and who exhibited an enormous sense of integrity when engaged in the process.

Andrew Pinard

Dear Bradford,

Who Is Watching the Watchmen?

I write with grave concern for how the members of our Select Board have been conducting business. For the last year, we have seen many actions on the part of the board that are not reflected in the public discourse. Discussion and debate for much of this activity cannot be found in the minutes, nor on the recordings, as much of the decision-making process has apparently been moved from proper deliberation at publicly-noticed meetings to email, phone calls, and personal meetings that are in contradiction with the Right to Know law (RSA 91-a). Yet few folks seem to be aware of the situation. Those who know are astounded that more folks are not concerned about this type of activity.

Recently, we saw the unexpected loss of our Selectman John Pfeifle. John was

one of our longest-serving board members and very committed to doing “the town’s” business. I want to express my deepest appreciation to John and his family for their service to our community.

With the vacancy, the Board was required to appoint someone. Rather than do the sensible thing and appoint someone who had served in the position and had no interest in running, Michael James and Jason Allen made the decision to appoint David Nunnely. The board appointed him despite a concern raised by the Town Administrator that this approach could be construed as electioneering. The entire discussion/deliberation/decision at that meeting lasted less than two-and-a-half minutes (Links to the recording and minutes listed below).

This level of disregard for public interest is staggering. It is time for the buck to stop. It will stop at the ballot box by votes to elect someone who “shows up” and shares the public interest.

With thanks for your support and consideration,

Andrew Pinard

Disclaimer: The opinions expressed in Letters to Our Editor should not be interpreted as the view of The Bradford Bridge.

Recording: <https://bradfordnh.org/mp3/200122-SB.mp3> Minutes: <https://www.bradfordnh.org/selectmens-minutes-01-22-20/>

(Editor’s note: The full-text version of this letter can be found on bradford-bridge.org, “Late Breaking”)

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Welcoming a New Deputy Town Clerk

There is a new Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector. We would like to welcome back Erica Gross as the new Deputy for Bradford.

The Bradford Women’s Club offers Scholarships

The Bradford Women’s Club is again offering two scholarships. One is the Jane M. Lucas Memorial Scholarship and the other is our 2020 annual scholarship. Any woman from the towns of Bradford, Sutton or Newbury who is continuing her education is eligible.

Forms are available at the Kearsarge Regional High School Guidance Department. Please include a phone number. Send apps to Jackye Pehrson, 51 Forest St. Bradford, NH 03221. Any questions call 948-5951.

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2020 Election Candidates

Town of Bradford March 10, 2020
A sample Bradford Town ballot can be found at bradfordnh.org

Budget Committee
for 3 years (vote for 2)
Laurie Colburn
Claire James
Timothy Mckenna

Budget Committee
for 2 years (vote for 1)
Douglas R. Southard

Cemetery Commission
for 3 years (vote for 1)

Moderator for 2yrs (vote for 1)
Brackett L. Scheffy

Planning Board
for 3 years (vote for 2)
Claire James
Mel Pfeifle
Pam Bruss
Sonny Harris

Scholarship Committee
for 3 years (vote for 1)
Elizabeth E. Bouley
Mary Keegan-Dayton

Selectman for 3 years (vote for 1)
Jordan T. Dunne
Marlene Freyler
David Nunnally

Supervisors of the Checklist
for 6 years (vote for 1)
Jacqueline V. Pehrson

Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library for 3 years (vote for 3)
Caitlin Banaszak
Laura J. Beaton
Annette Leonas

Trustee of The Trust Funds
for 3 years (vote for 1)

Zoning Board for 3 years (vote for 2)
Nathaniel Bruss
Beth Downs
Steve Pierce

Kearsarge Regional School District Candidate

A sample KRSD ballot can be found at kearsarge.org

School Board for 3 years, Bradford
Eric Gregoire

2020 Bradford Town Office Candidate Survey

Each candidate for a town office who agreed to be contacted received an email survey with the following questions.

What is your name and office or committee membership you are seeking?

What are your reasons for running for this position?

How do your background and interests relate to this position?

What do you like best about living in Bradford?

Completed surveys were received from these candidates.



Timothy McKenna,
Budget Committee, three years

Bradford is a great community because of its residents. In order to be sure the current residents stay in town and the community continues to attract new residents, it is important that the financial future of your town is strong and that starts with a good understanding of our budget and finances.

I enjoy reviewing, evaluating and creating budgets. It is a large focus of my current role in the financial industry and feel that I can bring value to the current budget process and flow of information and analysis. I currently manage a budget across multiple global locations, this will help with the challenges that come with creating and analyzing a municipal budget.

The best part of Bradford continues to be the people and community. I grew up in Bradford and moved my family back to town when we were looking to settle in a long term location. I want to see the community continue to grow and sound review of financial information is key to accomplishing this goal.

Douglas Southard,
Budget Committee, two years

My wife, Barbara, and I moved to Bradford in 2012 where we renovated a home on Rowe Mountain that had been destroyed by fire and vandalized. It has been a labor of love these last 8 years, but the end is in sight and we hope to live here for many years to come. Property taxes, however, are increasingly a challenge for our family budget particularly as we move to full retirement. While I'm confident that much effort has been given to optimizing the utilization of town funds, I'm curious to take a closer look. What are the problem areas and what is the current plan to address them? I'm particularly interested in how the long-range master plan for the town aligns with restrained annual budget growth. Are we headed in the right direction?

After graduating from Kearsarge Regional in 1972, I attended Johns Hopkins University and became a Physician Assistant. This was followed by a Masters in Public Health and a PhD in Clinical Psychology. I spent most of my 35-year career in academia during which I transitioned from teaching, research and clinical practice to administration. I served as Dean or Provost at three different institutions and was responsi-



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ble for sizable operating budgets. I also served as the chief financial officer for a small research and development business, as well as President of a national professional organization. All of these experiences required development and management of both capital and operating budgets.

My parents built cabins on Lake Todd in the early 1950s and I have spent summers in Bradford since 1954. Barbara and I got together in the late 1980s while we were in Virginia. She would be the first to tell you about my love of New Hampshire and how much I dreamed of coming home. We finally made that decision and have not regretted it. We enjoy small town living, knowing our neighbors, and having lots of land with the freedom to roam. Our daughter, son-in-law, and first grandchild are planning to join us in April. What could be better?

**Brackett Scheffy,
Town Moderator, two years**

I have been the Town's moderator for nearly forty years and still enjoy it. I like being a part of the election team that handles the voting—the way it ought to be handled—and I'm looking forward to the Town Meeting in March. Both the elections and the meeting are great opportunities to see people I don't get a chance to visit with very often.

I suppose that my background as a solo practitioner lawyer and as a District Court judge have been helpful in being the moderator but I would like to think that it was my personality that drew me into all three of those roles, rather than

any one of them preparing me for the others. All of them require respect and empathy for others. I have that respect and empathy and hope they are expressed in my words and actions.

There are many reasons I love living in Bradford. We have economic diversity on every road in town, although diversity in other aspects definitely could be improved. We have a constant presence of nature in our lives that is essential for anyone's well-being. We have seasons that are entitled to be called seasons. We have more and more ways for townspeople to get together—activities at the Historical Society, the Library, the Bradford Center Meetinghouse, the Village Cafe, Sweet Beet Market, the Bradford Inn and, of course, the dump. Who doesn't love the dump?

**Mel Pfeifle,
Planning Board, three years**

As a past member of the planning board I have an understanding of the requirements of the office.

As a past member of the planning board I have an understanding of being a member. I helped write the last master plan. I was Vice Chair of the BEOC, the committee that developed the Community Center. Outside of Bradford I have been a member of the New England Council on business. I was on the Governor's Council appointed board on public water access.

I love the outdoors and Bradford affords me the opportunity to enjoy our rural surroundings.

**Mary Keegan-Dayton,
Scholarship Committee, three years**

I have been on the Scholarship Committee for a number of years and I am running for re-election. Education is the key to a wonderful and limitless future. The Town of Bradford Scholarship has provided an opportunity for students in town to earn a college education. With the rising cost of tuition, our goal on the committee has been to increase the amount of the award. Snowshoe for Scholarship and The Trashion Show are two events that were held this past year to raise funds. I'd like to continue helping the scholarship grow.

I have been a teacher for about 30 years. I am currently a third grade special education teacher in Weare. I am a big supporter of education and still enjoy taking classes. Growing up in a large family, my parents did everything they could to put all of us through college. I want to pay that forward. I helped to put my three children through college and am happy to see how enriched their lives are as a result.


I have lived in Bradford for 38 years and have raised my family here. I love the people and the incredible beauty which abounds. The schools are of top quality and small town life is quite enriching. I enjoy hiking around town and swimming in the lake. Shopping locally at Sweet Beet, going to yoga at Evergreen Healing Arts and lunch at the Village Cafe are some of the wonderful things I like to do in town. There's something really special about Bradford.



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**Elizabeth Bouley,
Scholarship Committee, three years**

I had submitted my name to be a candidate for the Scholarship Committee. I have decided not to run this year, and I understand it is too late to take my name off the ballot. Please post that I have rescinded my candidacy for 2020. I support Mary Keegan-Dayton.

**Marlene Freyler,
Select Board, three years**

I have been on the Planning Board, Budget Committee, Capital Improvement Committee, Needs Assessment, ten years as co-chair of the fourth of July committee, and Town Hall committee. I also go to almost every Selectmen's meeting. I have also run for Selectman before. I feel that I know what is happening in town and would like to have more input to what is happening. I have not always been for the Town Hall, we have already invested almost \$3,000,000.00 in this project in the last 13 years or so. It is time to finish this project and reunite this town.

My Husband and I have been Bradford residents here for over forty years. My children and grandchildren also live here. I have two businesses and my husband has a driving school here in town. My daughter and son-in-law work for the Kearsarge School District. I have a vested interest in the town as well as my family.

Bradford is a family town not too big not too small. There is a nice diversity of people and jobs in the town.

**Dave Nunnally,
Select Board, three years**

I believe I can contribute to the progress the current select board has made by improving transparency and promoting accountability in town operations. I want to work to improve our ability to maintain, rather than replace, town

assets. I believe in the capital improvement process (CIP). Although much has been accomplished, there is much left to do. Expanding maintenance services of town assets, completing Town Hall renovations, and installing new oversight of the Fire Department is where I believe I can contribute the most.

I am currently a business unit manager, directing the sale and delivery of industrial and marine products throughout New England. Prior to my current role I managed the sale of generator sets and equipment maintenance services. Previously, I was Director of Operations of a steel research company managing facility operations, maintenance, information technology, field operations, and environmental health and safety for the company. I have over 30 years of experience in equipment design and maintenance. I am a veteran of the United States Navy. I believe my broad experience makes me well suited to manage town affairs as Selectman.

My wife Cindy and I love waking up in the morning to enjoy sunrise and the wildlife in our backyard. The lifestyle in this community really appeals to us. The outdoor activities and living on the lake is really great. We believe we are truly blessed to have found this place and have made great friends here, really more like extended family. I have lived all over this country and really feel at home here.

**Caitlin Banaszak, Trustee of the
Brown Memorial Library, three years**

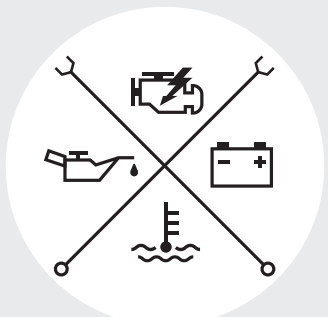
The library has been an integral part of our relocation to Bradford, with a majority of our friends and social contacts stemming from meeting at a library event. Our children have made lasting friendships at the library and beg to just go spend an afternoon there. To me, the library is a gem of Bradford, and the community it creates and nurtures is not something you can find everywhere. I understand that institutions like this require a group of hardworking people behind the scenes to keep the wheels turning and I would be honored to be a part of it.

My family thoroughly enjoys spending an afternoon or evening at the library and we make sure to utilize this wonderful resource as often as our busy schedules allow. Additionally, I have previously worked as an assistant to a children's librarian in Tennessee where I helped plan and execute summer activities to keep kids of all ages occupied and reading throughout the summer months. This experience has given me insight into the inner workings of a library which I believe will help me dive right in and be a useful and productive member of the board.

We settled in Bradford after an extensive search with specific criteria for where we wanted to raise our kids. It

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needed to be a rural area, but with a lively, active, and involved community, good schools, and copious amounts of snow and a general love and respect for winter. We picked Bradford on a map before we had seen it in person and it has exceeded our best expectations.

This is a community that shows up for each other and genuinely cares for their neighbors, and we are grateful and humbled to have the privilege of raising our family here.

**Laura Beaton,
Library Trustee, three years**

As a long-time lover of reading, writing and libraries, and a desire to be more active in the community, I thought becoming a trustee would be a productive way to serve our townspeople in a meaningful way, while affording me the opportunity to have a more active role in Bradford.

I am an avid reader and practically a lifelong library patron. I'm a believer and supporter of public libraries and really appreciate Brown Memorial Library. I currently work at the high school library, so I'm familiar with library systems and challenges. My two-year stint as a news reporter in Plumas County, California had me attending and writing articles for many different board meetings, thereby exposing me to the world of boardrooms, policy-making and more.

I love being able to access nature right out my back door! And after about 40 years of living out West, it's great to be so close to my extensive family. Also, I love that we have a library and that it's connected to the inter-library loan system.

**Annette Leonas,
Library Trustee, three years**

I will be a fiscally responsible voice on the BML Board of Trustees.

Longtime user and supporter of the town's library.

The spirit of a small town community.

**Steve Pierce,
Zoning Board, three years**

Currently serving on the board and am able to make the time to work with this group in hearing requests for exceptions needed to build or expand homes/businesses. Past experience helps. I offer a balanced view seeking to remain impartial and objective. Professional integrity based on facts presented by applicants.

Developed four business site plans - one in Ontario and three in New York State. Worked with location town and county boards as an applicant. Also, worked with State/Provincial officials as the business plan required higher level Hazmat approvals. On a local level, I'm committed to encouraging and ensuring our town has every opportunity to welcome and attract new residential and business development. I can see from the applicant's side of the table.

Proximity to lakes and ponds for kayaking and much green space with wilderness hiking trails. We are a low impact town at this point for development which is good. If much new development got underway, the tax base would benefit. We have trade offs to balance as each year moves forward.

**Beth Downs,
Zoning Board, three years**

I am seeking this position to uphold zoning regulations and make sure they are enforced.

Also, if amendments are made to the original regulations, that they are enforced to the best of my ability.

My interest in this position is to keep all rules and regulations on an equal playing field for all the citizens of Bradford. I am the treasurer of the Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford, Inc. This position has given me some insight to the many rules and regulations needed to run a 501 3C. This would be helpful to be on the Zoning Board with their rules and regulations. I also want to do my part to serve the citizens of Bradford.

Having been in town for nearly 30 years, I love the rural atmosphere. I love the small town feel we have in Bradford. I love going around town and always seeing a familiar face. Bradford is the place my husband and I have come to love and enjoy living here.

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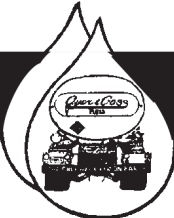
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Town Warrant of Town Meeting March 10th, 2020

The Polls will open at 8:00 am, and not close earlier than 7:00 pm, on March 10th, 2020.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bradford in the County of Merrimack in the said State qualified to vote in town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Bradford Area Community Center on East Main Street in said Bradford, N.H. on Tuesday the tenth day of March next, at eight o'clock in the morning to act on the following articles:

Article One: To choose all necessary town officials for the ensuing year.

Article Two: Zoning Ordinance - To see if the Town will vote to adopt provisions which seek to add new language to Article III (General Provisions) as proposed by the Planning Board in Zoning Amendment No. 1. The following question will appear on the Official Ballot: "Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 1, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article III to add a new section Q to Article III General Provisions. Q. In accordance with RSA 674:72:1 Accessory Dwelling Units are permitted in the Town of Bradford, NH, by Building Permit, under the following conditions:

1. No more than one (1) ADU, per single family dwelling, is permitted.
2. No ADU will be attached to a multi-dwelling unit (i.e. Townhouses) or manufactured housing.
3. Title to an ADU shall be inseparable from the primary dwelling.
4. The property owner must demonstrate adequate parking for the primary and ADU dwelling.
5. An interior door shall be provided between the principal dwelling unit and an attached accessory dwelling unit.
6. The property owner must demonstrate the adequacy of water supply and sanitary disposal in accordance with RSA 485-A:38 as applicable.
7. One unit must be owner occupied, proof of residency is required, includes named trustee of a property owned in trust.
8. The exterior appearance shall maintain aesthetic continuity with the primary dwelling.
9. The ADU shall have a minimum size of 200 square feet and a maximum size of 900 square feet and no more than 2 bed rooms.
10. All building activity will comply with applicable Bradford Zoning Ordinances and Building Permit requirements.
11. Detached ADU's are permitted in the Rural Residential and Conservation District only.
 - a. The primary dwelling lot must have a minimum of 4 buildable acres for the permit of a detached ADU.
 - b. The detached ADU shall be located within a 75-foot proximity of the primary dwelling unit."

Article Three: Zoning Ordinance - To see if the Town will vote to adopt provisions which seek to delete existing language from Article IV Section 3 (Rural Residential District) as proposed by the Planning Board in Zoning Amendment No. 2. The following question will appear on the Official Ballot: "Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 2, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article IV Section 3 to read. Section 3:B:1 Provisions Article IV, Section 3. Rural Residential District, b. Provisions, 1) Each lot shall be a minimum of two (2) buildable acres. No more than one dwelling unit shall be allowed per lot, except that one accessory dwelling unit may be allowed on the same lot by Special Exception."

Article Four: To adjourn the meeting until Saturday, March 14th, 2020 at 9:00 am at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School on Old Warner Road in Bradford. Raising the money and remaining articles in the Warrant will be taken up at the adjourned meeting.

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Article Five: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Two Hundred Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Three Cents (\$2,217,213.03) for general municipal operations. This article does not include amounts appropriated by other warrant articles. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend \$2,198,433.00. Budget Committee recommends \$2,217,213.03.

	Selectmen	Budget Committee
1. Executive	185,000.00	185,000.00
2. Elections & Vital Statistics	10,000.00	10,385.50
3. Financial Administration	105,000.00	105,000.00
4. Revaluations	22,500.00	22,500.00
5. Legal	55,000.00	35,000.00
6. Employee Benefits	1.00	1.00
7. Planning & Zoning	10,000.00	10,000.00
8. General Gov	85,000.00	85,000.00
9. Cemetery	25,000.00	25,000.00
10. Insurances	75,500.00	75,500.00
11. Other General Gov	7,700.00	7,700.00
12. Police Department	505,000.00	505,000.00
13. Fire Department	115,800.00	141,995.00
14. Rescue Services - FAST	11,280.00	11,280.00
15. Rescue Services – Contract	67,000.00	67,000.00
16. Building Code Department	19,000.00	19,700.00
17. Civil Defense	1,000.00	1,000.00
18. Highway Department	528,500.00	540,000.00
19. Bridges	1.00	1.00
20. Street Lighting	2,700.00	2,700.00
21. Solid Waste Collection	87,777.00	87,776.92
22. Solid Waste Disposal	22,300.00	22,300.00
23. Inoculations	1.00	1.00
24. Welfare Administration	7,281.00	7,280.61
25. Welfare Payments	32,802.00	32,802.00
26. Parks and Recreation	11,750.00	11,750.00
27. Library	77,800.00	77,800.00
28. Patriotic Purposes	18,000.00	18,000.00
29. Community Center	22,000.00	22,000.00
30. Other Conservation	900.00	900.00
31. Long Term Notes	81,840.00	81,840.00
32. Interest on TAN notes	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total	\$ 2,198,433.00	\$ 2,217,213.03

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Article Six: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 231:43 to completely discontinue a portion of the old Center Road-right-of-way which is no longer in use or required by the Town for use as a public highway. The area to be discontinued is located in the front lawn of the Tall Pines Realty office at 1 Center Road, Town Tax Map 17, Lot 67. The discontinued area became disused approximately 50 years ago when the course of Center Road north of the Bement Covered Bridge was moved easterly and away from the building now housing Tall Pines Realty to make its intersection with Route 103 perpendicular. The disused area to be discontinued is roughly triangular in shape, and is bounded on the northerly and easterly edges by the Route 103 right-of-way, and on the easterly and southerly edges by a line drawn at a distance of one and one-quarter rods (20.625 feet) from the center line of the currently-existing roadway (as if the right-of-way of the currently-existing roadway is the same width, two and one-half rods, as the historical Center Road right-of-way). The section of Center Road to be discontinued is depicted on a drawing prepared by the Town's engineer for the Bement Covered Bridge rehabilitation project and is available for review in the Town office. The Board of Selectmen supports the adoption of this article.

Article Seven: To see if the Town is interested in exploring alternate ideas for an annual Town celebration in lieu of Bradford's Independence Day celebration.

Article Eight: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00) to fund work for the 2020 Statistical Revaluation. Further to authorize the withdrawal of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) from the 2008 Revaluation Capital Reserve and to raise Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000.00) by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2025. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Nine: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$25,500.00) with the following sums to fund lease/purchase payments:

Police Sports Utility Vehicle	approved at 2016 meeting (pmt #5 of 5)	\$9,200.00
Highway John Deere Loader	approved at 2018 meeting (pmt #3 of 10)	\$16,300.00

(Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Ten: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to fund the 1991 Town Building Capital Reserve Fund (emergency repairs). (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Eleven: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to fund the 1997 Town Facilities Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twelve: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to fund the 2002 Police Facility Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Thirteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to fund the 2003 Fire Department Repair Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Fourteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to fund the 2006 Main Street Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

Article Fifteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to fund the 2009 Salt and Fuel Emergency Non-Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Sixteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) to fund the 2010 Communication Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (for emergency services). (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Seventeen: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing 2015 Highway Expendable Trust Fund, created at the Town Meeting in 2015, so that the fund which was originally established for the purpose of purchasing equipment, shall now be used for the purpose of funding major repairs to the Town's vehicles and heavy equipment and is no longer used for purchasing equipment. Further, to rename this fund the 2015 Town Equipment Repair Expendable Trust Fund and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend. (Two-thirds vote required). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Eighteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000.00) to fund the 2015 Town Equipment Repair Expendable Trust Fund. This article is null and void with the failure of Article Seventeen (re-purpose 2015 Highway Expendable Trust). (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Nineteen: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Highway Department Expendable Trust Fund created in 2015. Said funds and interest to the date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the Town's fund balance. This article is null and void with the passage of Article Seventeen (repurpose 2015 Highway Expendable Trust). (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty: To see if the Town will vote to establish a 2020 Town Equipment Repair Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of funding major repairs to Town vehicles and heavy equipment; further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000.00) to put in the fund. This article is null and void with the passage of Article Seventeen (repurpose 2015 Highway Expendable Trust). (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty-One: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000.00) to fund the 2019 Road and Bridge Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty-Two: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of purchasing heavy equipment for the Highway Department. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00) to be placed in this fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty-Three: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to fund the 2006 Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty-Four: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Fire Equipment Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of purchasing non-heavy equipment. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to be placed in this fund and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty-Five: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to fund the 2019 Town Hall Repair and Renovation Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty-Six: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) to fund the 2019 Town Hall Repair and Renovation Expendable Trust Fund. This appropriation will come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty-Seven: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to fund the Conservation Fund overseen by the Conservation Commission. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty-Eight: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-One Dollars (\$69,731.00) to be placed in the Bridge Fund for use on the Bement Bridge Rehabilitation Project. This appropriation will come from the residual SB38 Highway Block Grant funding included in the general fund unassigned Fund Balance available as of December 31, 2019. It will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the Bement Bridge Rehabilitation Project is completed or by December 31, 2025, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty-Nine: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Three Thousand Eighty-One Dollars (\$23,081.00) for maintenance and repair projects on Town buildings. This amount to come from the unassigned fund balance which represents the residual of the unanticipated HB4 Municipal Aid revenue received in 2019. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2025. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Thirty: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00) to purchase a new Class A pumper with equipment, Three Hundred and Thirty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$337,000.00) to come from the Fire Department Heavy equipment Capital Reserve Fund and Two Hundred and Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$213,000.00) to come from Taxation, this will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2025. By Petition. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen do not recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

Article Thirty-One: To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Town Offices. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Bradford Board of Selectmen, Michael C. James, Chairman, Jason D. Allen, Selectman, David W. Nunnally, Selectman

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Library Hours:

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

From the Director's Desk:

March brings back the sounds of the birds. It's eerily quiet without them. I am outside much more now, taking our puppy out for numerous trips to the bathroom. Cody has been a fun and energetic addition to our household! However, he has a major propensity to bite, as most puppies do, and my slippers, robe, and various pairs of pants now have little teeth holes in them. Yowsers, those puppy teeth are sharp! March brings sap buckets to our trees, more light to our day, and very bumpy backroads. Spring is coming!

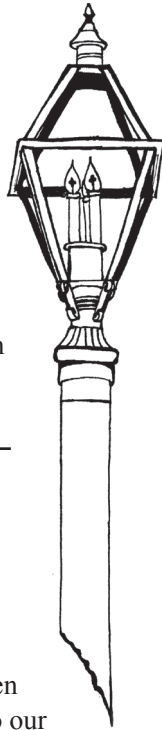
Changes are happening at the library. Leslie Grey has moved on to a career in accounting. She was hired full-time as a staff accountant at McGee Toyota in Claremont. Her hard work in school is finally paying off. I will miss her organization, overall library knowledge, and her great laugh! Luckily, she's very close, so I suspect I'll see her pretty regularly. Gemma Laser, who worked on Saturdays, will be here more regularly. Dustin Laverack, who also works at Wonderwell Mountain Refuge, will be joining the library team part-time. Please stop by and introduce yourself to both Gemma and Dustin, if you haven't already met them.

Library Programs:

Saturday, March 14th, 11:00am-noon.

Project Nature, Wild About Turtles.

Program includes storytelling, singing, movement, and creative arts. Enjoy live box turtles, aquatic turtles and more! Educational and great fun! Ages 3-10.
<https://www.projectnature.org/wild-about-turtles/>



Wednesday, March 18th, 7:00pm. Monthly Book Group.

The Heart is a Lonely Hunter by Carson McCullers. Published in 1940, this "is the debut novel by the American author Carson McCullers; she was 23 at the time of publication. It is about a deaf man named John Singer and the people he encounters in a 1930's mill town in the US state of Georgia." (Wikipedia). Her prose is beautiful and the story and characters are unusual. If you've never read McCullers, what a great opportunity to read a new author and discuss with our growing group.

Saturday, March 21st, 11:00am-noon. Master Gardening Series (Seed Starting) with Dick Wright.

Dick Wright will be providing a gardening series over the course of the spring. Please join him in learning how to start a garden. 1. Seed Starting, 2. Building Healthy Soil, 3. Vegetable Gardening.

Wednesday, March 25th, 6:00pm. Unlaunched Voices, Stephen Collins.

Met to rave reviews for over a decade, Mr. Collins' performances deliver not just the poetry and plays, but they bring poets and playwrights to life on the stage. He will be performing "Unlaunched Voices, an Evening with Walt Whitman." His shows convey an understanding of the impact and the reactions of the characters to their respective times, giving the audience not just a performance, but an experience. <http://unlaunched-voices.com/>



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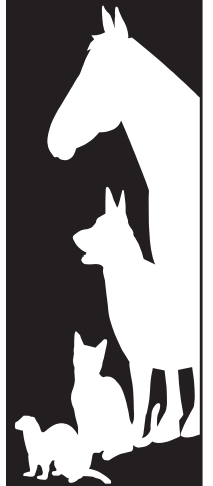
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The Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center received a “gift” last week. A woman brought us a small box holding seven cottage cheese containers filled with small metal pieces! She had been cleaning up around the house and saved each little piece of metal for recycling.

Recently the Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA), who markets Bradford’s recyclables, sent us our totals for 2019. The 59.3 gross tons of miscellaneous scrap metal brought in \$5,387.81, steel cans brought in \$381.12, and 4.5 tons of baled aluminum beverage cans brought in \$2,387.2. By recycling all of this metal Bradford is saving \$74.00 per ton in tipping fees for the municipal waste compactor container. In addition, every large and small bit of unwanted metal that Bradford recycles helps keep our environment clean and beautiful.

New metal products are made from recycled metal, reducing destructive mining operations. The NRRA considers recycled metal a commodity. We have several labeled barrels placed around the compactor for small metal items to be recycled. Steel cans and aerosol cans are put in the steel can barrels. Aluminum items, including aluminum foil and aluminum foil pans and pet food cans go into another. Aluminum beverage cans are collected in barrels and baled. Non-ferrous metals including copper, brass, insulated wire and lead are placed in labeled barrels. Large scrap metal items are placed in our big scrap miscellaneous container.

As residents become more aware of the economic benefits to the town of Bradford they have begun bringing their tiniest pieces of metal to the transfer station. Ken and I welcome all such gifts.

Lois Kilnap, Manager

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March Agent Profile

Emily Campbell has lived in New London since 1972 and has been selling real estate in the New London-Sunapee area since 1979, after becoming a part owner of a local firm. She also spent 12 years as a member of the Kearsarge Regional School Board and was Chairperson for 6 of those years. In addition to selling real estate, Emily has also taught fourth grade and recently retired from a twenty-year position teaching 7th and 8th Mathematics at Kearsarge Regional Middle School. Her history with the Kearsarge Regional School District is extensive, having been a teacher, board member, parent of two sons and a tax payer! Emily has also been a Director of the New London Outing Club, Colby Sawyer College Chargers Club, School liaison for the New London Historical Society, as well as Chairing the New London Hospital Day Parade.

Her hobbies include skiing, tennis, walking, antiques, gardening, traveling, and most of all, spending time with her two grandsons, Hazen and Hudson.

Emily has an excellent historical knowledge of our area and specializes in enthusiastic service. She loves working with both buyers and sellers and enjoys the challenge of bring the two together in her real estate transactions.

From a former client, “I would highly recommend Emily. She handled everything so smoothly, answered all my questions, and kept me informed, sometimes daily. The whole process was fun and a joy to experience.”



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Obituaries

Richard John Pehrson



Richard John Pehrson, 73, of Bradford NH died January 21, 2020, in Boscawen, NH after a long illness.

He was born July 11, 1946, in Cambridge, MA, the son of the late Chester and Evelyn (Dufour) Pehrson. He was predeceased by a brother, Thomas A. Pehrson, and nephews, Thomas C. Pehrson and Jeffery Dahill.

Rick attended Arlington High School and Tech, and Northeastern University. His career was in the electro-mechanical field, where he was lead man on government projects during the Vietnam era. He became a foreman in the automotive department of the NYNEX Telephone Company, where he was employed for 30 years of perfect attendance. He retired at age 49 to enjoy time with his grandson. Investigating Gettysburg and other historical sites was a favorite for them.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years Susan (Dahill) Pehrson, daughters,

Marancy and Melaney; grandson Kyle Dunn, sister in-law Jackye Pehrson, niece Tina and nephews, Christopher, Steven, Daniel and Kevin, several cousins and long-time friends.

His loving family will always remember his philosophies of work hard, find a job you like and you'll never have to work a day in your life, and best of all, keep the odds in your favor.

Rick was a member of several organizations. One of his many interests took him around New England to abandoned sites. He belonged to the National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges, National Parks Association, Telephone Pioneers of America, Mount Vernon Association, and the DD "Romeos" a daily Coffee Klatch.

Burial will be at a later date in Sunny Plain Cemetery, Bradford. For more information, log on to www.holtwood-buryfh.com.

Esther Grace

Esther (LaJoie) Grace, 90, died Dec. 28, 2019, in Pensacola, FL. She was born on September 23, 1929, the daughter of Frederick and Lillian Caroline (Fowler) LaJoie. She was born in Wilmot, and lived all of her life there until she moved to Florida to be with a daughter in 2017.

Esther attended Andover High School and graduated from Franklin High School. She attended Concord Commercial College. She was a secretary for

Associated Grocers in Manchester for two years and then raised her family.

Esther was an Accredited Record Technician for New London Hospital, retiring after 33 years of service. She worked for Hitchcock Clinic in Dr. Stephen Jordan's office for six years and returned to New London Hospital transcribing records for many years. She was Wilmot Town Clerk for five years. A member of the Wilmot Friendly Club, Esther enjoyed cooking, gardening and knitting.

Her husband of 37 years, Tyler D. Grace, Jr., died in 2013. She is predeceased by a sister, Lillian Owens and a brother, Frederick W. LaJoie. She is survived by two sons and their wives, Kenneth and Donna Clarke of Wilmot; Raymond and Stephanie Clarke of Brooksville, FL; daughters, Joanne L. Sawtelle of Pensacola, FL, Rita E. Porter of Pensacola, and Deborah Clarke and her husband, Albert LeBlanc of Bradford; a stepson and his wife, Daniel and Jill Grace of Sutton; stepdaughters and their husbands, Kristina and Brian Johnson of Unity, and Annalisa and Paul Pelletier of Beaufort, SC; a sister, Alice Bixby of Milford, MA; and a large extended family of grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

A graveside service will be held in Bunker Hill Cemetery, Wilmot, NH in the spring. Memorial contributions may be made to New London Hospital, 273 County Road or Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association, PO Box 2209, both New London, NH 03257. Chadwick Funeral Service is assisting the family with arrangements.



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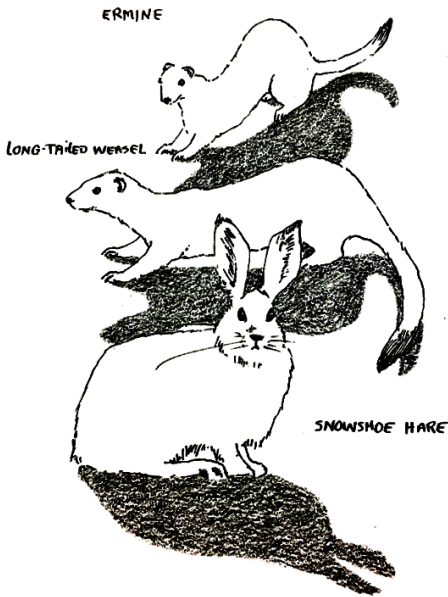
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Late one autumn a few years ago, I lowered the leftover chimney rocks down from the roof with a bucket and pulley. As I worked, an ermine, outfitted in its winter white costume, threaded itself in and out of the lumber piles. When I stopped, the weasel stopped. It gazed upward in a puzzled pause before bouncing off into the woods. When I resumed, the weasel bounced back. It was the squeaking of the pulley that was drawing the rodent-hunter near. After it fully assessed the time and energy spent seeking some large, loud, ephemeral mouse in distress, the ermine bounced away a last time. It was easily visible as a white streak disappearing amongst islands of oak leaves and hemlock needles.

There are a little over twenty northern species that drastically change color with the seasons and New Hampshire is home to three of them—the ermine or short-tailed weasel, the long-tailed weasel, and the varying or snowshoe hare. All are at home in snow and expect it.

Temperature change isn't the major factor in color shifting. Shedding for most animals is triggered by day length which is the same in autumn and spring. The intensity of light entering through the eyes in the shortening days of fall signals the pituitary gland at the base of the brain to start the molt. This gland also regulates the release of pigment

to the hair follicles resulting in a color change. The spring molt reverses the color scheme.

Unlike weasels that completely exchange fur clothes, snowshoe hares only change the color of their outer guard hairs. In September or October these start to grow in pure white, obscuring the darker underfur. For the hares, the autumn molt starts on the ears, feet, and legs and ends on the back. In March, the spring molt starts on the forehead, muzzle, and body and finishes with the ears and feet. The mottled effect usually coincides with the mottled effect of patchy snowmelt. Weasels also have definite molt patterns at approximately the same timing as the hare's.

The smaller and shorter-tailed ermine and the somewhat larger long-tailed weasels mostly hunt mice and voles over and under the snow cover. There is a huge stalking advantage in this white camouflage. Mink, another smallish, weaselly member of the Mustelide family, remain chestnut colored year-round. They mostly hunt in and along dark waters for their meals and for them a change to a lighter color would prove disastrous.

A secondary advantage of matching snow in winter is that your predators might overlook you as well. Both weasels and hares are sought by owls, hawks, fisher, fox, coyote, and bobcat. The tips of the tails of both of the local weasels remain black both summer and winter. Biologists have proposed a plausible explanation for this black target: predators are apt to fixate on the more

expendable bobbing tail, a far safer target from the weasel's point of view.

Winter snow has come later and spring comes earlier in the last few decades. This is having an effect on the winter-white animals. 'One of the most direct demonstrations of mortality costs for a wild species facing climate change' is how one Montana biologist phrased it, referring to declines in snowshoe hare. In Wisconsin, where records have been kept since 1945, of 126 sites, only 28 still supported snowshoe hare with no other factors involved. In the Bialowieza Forest of Poland snow cover has decreased from 80 days to 40 with a resulting decrease in the weasel/hare population. Although there may be some natural variation within species as to timing of molt or coloration, the changing climate seems to be happening too fast for possible adaptations to be passed on.

Not dressing for the occasion can change an entire ecosystem. The loss of animals that have been part of the landscape for 10,000 years has a ripple effect on the rest of the communities as they are not only important prey species for larger predators but are important predators of rodents in the case of weasels. Hares are valuable competitors and pruners of sapling growth. I confess I relish the winter break from summer duties and I don't look forward to a possible increase in rodents and the ticks they are so good at carrying. As I write it is snowing!

Ann Eldridge

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MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Selectmen Appointed The Board appointed David Nunnally to fill the vacancy on the Select Board. Mr. Nunnally will serve as Selectmen through the March 2020 Town Elections.

Budget The Board reviewed the budget and voted on the total of the general budget \$2,198,433. There was significant discussion concerning the Fire Department budget as there is disparity between the Budget Committee and Select Board regarding contract services and repairs & maintenance

Renaming a Fund The Board approved a motion to have a 2/3rds vote at Town Meeting to change the language of the fund to rename the Parks & Recreation Special Revenue Fund to specify that it is a Revolving Fund.

Pumper Truck The Select Board reviewed and voted not to recommend a Petition Warrant Article to support funding a new pumper truck in 2020.

LCHIP Agreement The Board signed a Land & Community Heritage Improvement Program (LCHIP) Stewardship Agreement.

Meeting Schedule The Selectmen discussed their Spring meeting schedule and will continue to meet on a bi-weekly basis.

Health Officer The board nominated Bruce Edwards as the town Health Officer.

Intent to Cut signed for Map 10/Lot 43.

Timber Tax Warrant signed for Map 2 Lot 102

BUDGET COMMITTEE

General Budget The committee voted the total of the general budget \$2,217,213.03.

Fire Dept Budget At the January 30 public budget hearing, Mark Goldberg asked that the Fire Department budget be raised by \$7,000 to conduct annual

pump and hose testing as required by National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). Following the public hearing the Budget committee voted in a 5-1 decision to leave the increase requested to be voted on the floor at Town Meeting.

Committee Member Appointed The Budget Committee appointed James Bibbo to fill the vacancy on the committee.

Pumper Truck The Budget Committee voted not to recommend a petition warrant article to support funding a new pumper truck in 2020.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Halloween The committee met with representatives from the Bradford Center Meetinghouse, KRES Bradford PTO, Parks and Recreation, and the Bradford Police Department to discuss Halloween events in town throughout the month of October.

PLANNING BOARD

Proposed Retreat Center Beata Bzura met with the Planning Board for a preliminary discussion regarding building a 10-cabin retreat center at 131 Massasecum Road, Map 11/Lot 14 & 18. Mrs. Bzura has not yet purchased the property. The Planning Board advised Mrs. Bzura to meet with the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a special exception and outlined what the process would entail if the special exception was granted.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Variance Accepted The application for a variance to setback criteria for Map 22/ Lot 3A was approved by the zoning Board in a 3-2 decision with the condition that the setback numbers be rounded off to 50ft. from the lake, 14ft. from the north side and 20 ft. from the south side.

Proposed Retreat Center The Zoning Board heard Beata Bzura's presentation on the proposed retreat center she would like to build on Map 11/ Lot 14 & 18.

The Board explained this would require a special exception for a rural business and gave Mrs. Bzura the application.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Land Protection Fund A warrant article will be presented at town meeting to add \$1000 to the Land Protection Fund. These funds are used for conservation projects which have a public benefit, such as Battles Farm.

Permits The Commission has received copies of permits from the Dept. of Environmental Services for restoration of a retaining wall on Lake Todd, and a shoreland permit for construction of a home on Lake Massasecum.

Non-permitted Junkyards There is a need for increased follow up with more documentation in proceeding with these complaints and attempts at enforcement. A request for a paper trail will be made to the Select Board.

HB 1571 Conservation Commission member Ann Eldridge will draft comments in support of HB 1571, an act relative to the qualifications for the members of the fish and game commission.

Bog Platform Stairs The new oak stairs are ready to be installed, with a huge thanks to the generous donation of material and construction by Colonial Woodworking of Bradford and George.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Staff Vacancy Leslie Gray gave her notice and her last day at the Library was February 14.

Building Maintenance Roof repairs were successfully completed by Sentry Roofing. The Trustees voted to table consideration for replacing the library carpet to a later date as the scope of the project is larger than was originally anticipated.

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/>.

2020 NH Presidential Primary Election in Bradford

Democratic ballots cast, 426
 Election day voters, 401
 Absentee voters, 25

Presidential Candidates Receiving Votes

Pete Buttigieg	102
Tulsi Gabbard	16
Amy Klobuchar	76
Deval Patrick	3
Bernie Sanders	109
Sam Sloan	1
Tom Steyer	17
Elizabeth Warren	45
Andrey Yang	11
Michael Bennet	4
Joseph R. Biden	34

Write-In Votes on Democratic Ballots

Michael Bloomberg	6
Donald J. Trump	3

Republican ballots cast, 228
 Election day voters, 226
 Absentee voters, 2

Presidential Candidates Receiving Votes

Zoltan Istvan Gvurko	1
Star Locke	1
Matthew John Matern	2
Mary Maxwell	1
Eric Merrill	4
Donald J. Trump	178
Bill Weld	17

Write-In Votes on Republican Ballots

Joseph R. Biden	1
Pete Buttigieg	3
Amy Klobuchar	4
Bernie Sanders	2
Tom Steyer	2
Michael Bloomberg	3
Mitt Romney	1



Bradford Community Church

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 603-938-5313

Our Sunday Services start at 10am.

Our nursery and Kingdom Builders (Sunday school) are held just after the beginning of our worship service. The first Sunday of each month we hold a Communion Service.

Beginning on Wednesday, March 4 at 6 pm Lenten Bible Study

in the church office building. A six-week series "Jesus, The God who knows your name" by Max Lucado.

The Bradford Community Food Pantry NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The food pantry is open the 3rd Wednesday of every month and provides families with food and toiletries.

Our families, which total approximately 50-60 people a month, receive surplus food from the state as well as donated non-perishables. With donated funds, the food pantry purchases fresh proteins and vegetables.

Each month the food pantry tries to provide seven proteins along with eggs,

cheese and butter, in addition to the donated canned goods. This equals about one protein for every four days. Can you imagine only having a protein option every four days?

The food pantry can't do this without your help. The non-profit food pantry needs approximately \$500 a month to provide this important assistance. These donations are usually received during the months of November and December, however, this year donations only equaled about half that amount.

We are looking for the town of Bradford to help their neighbors. How can you help? Try one of the following...

1. For one month put your change in a jar at the end of the day and donate it to the food pantry.
2. Instead of buying a cup of coffee, skip it and donate that money to the pantry.
3. Put aside one dollar a day for one month and at the end of the month donate that.

Donations can be made by calling 938-5313 for a time to drop it off or by sending checks to Bradford Community Church Food Pantry, PO Box 57, Bradford NH 03221 for more information please call 938-5313.

Just this small change in your life for one month can help 50 of your neighbors. Won't you help us? Thank you for your help.

We may no longer be called Cobble Pond but our fabulous Indian Food is still here! Take-out on Wednesdays and Fridays

BRADFORD MARKET

- Indian Spices & Indian Take-out Dishes
- Beer & Wine • Coffee • Sandwiches
- Snacks • Groceries • Sodas • Lottery Tickets
- Newspapers • Auto Supplies • Gifts • Toys • ATM

Mon.-Thurs. & Sunday 6am-9pm **938-2662** Friday & Saturday 6am-10pm

Route 103, Bradford, NH – We are your hometown convenience store!

Community Events Calendar

All events take place at the Bradford Area Community Center (938-6228) or the Mountain View Senior Center (938-2104) unless otherwise noted. Call to confirm dates and times in case any changes have been made.

Monday, March 2

8:45 am Mt. View Senior Fitness
 9:45 am Continental Breakfast
 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, March 3

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 Fish & Game Club

Wednesday, March 4

9:00 am Mother's Group, LR
 3:30 pm Driving School, LR
 6:00 pm Library Trustees, BML
 7:00 pm ZBA Meeting, YR

Thursday, March 5

12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, SR

Friday, March 6

8:30 am Mt. View Senior Fitness
 11:30 pm 1st Friday Brunch, 50/50 Raffle,
 Noon Book Discussion with author
 Dean Westover

Saturday, March 7

10:00 am Candidate's Forum, SR

Monday, March 9

8:45 am Mt. View Senior Fitness
 10:00 am Children's Storytime, BML
 10:30 am Children's Playgroup, BML
 1:00 pm Bridge Group, SR
 6:00 pm Rural Heritage Connection, SR
 7:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting, YR

Tuesday, March 10

Election Day – No Classes or Lunch
 at the Senior Center today
 8:00 am Town Election (until 7pm)
 7:00 pm Planning Board, YR

Wednesday, March 11

9:00 am Mother's Group, LR
 1:00 pm Knitting Group

Thursday, March 12

12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, SR
 5:00 pm BACC Governance, YR
 5:30 pm Parks and Rec, YR
 6:00 pm Econ. Development, SR
 6:00 pm Cemetery Commission

Friday, March 13

8:30 am Mt. View Senior Fitness

Saturday, March 14

9:00 am Town Meeting, KRES
 11:00 am Project Nature event,
 "Wild About Turtles", BML

Monday, March 16

1:00 pm Bridge Group, SR
 9:45 am Continental Breakfast
 10:00 am Children's Storytime, BML
 10:30 am Children's Playgroup, BML
 6:00 pm Family & Friends CPR, LR

Tuesday, March 17

10:00 am Stitches from the Heart Quilting
 11:00 am LSVNA FREE BP Clinic
 12:00 pm Noon St. Patrick's Day Lunch
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
 2:00 pm Watercolor Class, SR
 7:00 pm Conservation Commission, BML

Wednesday, March 18

9:00 am Mother's Group, LR
 7:00 pm BML Book Group, "The Heart is a
 Lonely Hunter" by Carson McCullers

Thursday, March 19

12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR

Friday, March 20

8:30 am Mt. View Senior Fitness
 10:00 am Friday at the Movies:
 "The Quiet Man"
 12:00 pm Noon 3rd Friday Brunch

Saturday, March 21

11:00 am Master Gardening, Seed
 Starting with Dick Wright, BML

Monday, March 23

8:45 am Mt. View Senior 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
 7:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting, YR

Tuesday, March 24

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, March 25

9:00 am Mother's Group, LR
 3:30 pm Driving School, LR
 6:00 pm "Unlaunched Voices", perfor-
 mance by Stephen Collins, BML

Thursday, March 26

12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, SR
 7:00 pm Road & Bridge Repair, BACC

Friday, March 27

8:45 am Mt. View Senior Fitness

Monday, March 30

8:45 am Mt. View Senior Fitness
 9:45 am Continental Breakfast
 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
 7:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting, YR

Tuesday, March 31

12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
 2:00 pm Watercolor Class, SR
 3:30 pm Driving School, LR

Ongoing Events

Mondays

10:00 am Children's Storytime, BML
 10:30 am Children's Playgroup, BML
 7:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting, YR
 every other week
 7:00 pm Rural Heritage Connection, BACC
 2nd Monday/month

Tuesdays

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, BML
 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

Fridays

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

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
ZBA	Zoning Board of Adjustment





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Friday March 6

The Music Man, Friday March 6 at 7pm, Saturday March 7 at 2pm, and Sunday March 8 at 2pm at Kearsarge Regional High School. \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. Contact: senelson@kearsarge.org.

Saturday March 7

Meet the Candidates, 10am-noon, Bradford Area Community Center, Senior Room.

Saturday March 7

KRES Bradford PTO Winter Family Fun Day, 1pm at Bradford Elementary School. Come enjoy sledding, snow shoeing, and building snow sculptures while enjoying hot cocoa and cookies. All are welcome! Contact: 603-938-5959.

Sunday March 8

International Women's Day Donation-Based Yoga, 9am-10:15am at Evergreen Healing Arts 9-10:15am, 11 West Main St. This donation-based class will celebrate International Women's Day by giving to The Crisis Center of Central New Hampshire. Contact: 603eha@gmail.com.

Monday March 9

Rooted: Community Conversations with Kristen Branzetti, 6-8pm at 11 West Main Street. Kristen Branzetti of Nourish Holistic Health will prepare a meal for session participants to help reduce inflammation! 20 spaces are available and registrations is required for this free event. Contact: Kearsarge Food Hub at 603-938-5323.

Tuesday March 10

Town Voting, 8am-7pm, Bradford Area Community Center.

Saturday March 14

Town Meeting, 9am sharp – finish, Kearsarge Regional Elementary School. Come early for breakfast. Free childcare available. Contact Jessica Selby at 938-2849 or childrenscenter13@gmail.com

Saturday March 14

Project Nature, Wild About Turtles, 11am-noon at Brown Memorial Library. Program includes storytelling, singing, movement, and creative arts. Enjoy live box turtles, aquatic turtles and more! Educational and great fun! Ages 3-10. Contact: Ellen Barselle at 938-5562.

Monday March 16

Friends and Family CPR course, 6-8pm, Bradford Area Community Center. Free to attend.

Wednesday March 18

Kindergarten Registration for KRES Bradford, 6pm at Bradford Elementary School. Kindergarten registration for all Bradford and Newbury residents. Please bring your child's birth certificate, proof of residency, and completed registration packet. Child must be 5 years old by September 30, 2020. Contact: 603-938-5959.

Saturday March 21

Kearsarge Food Hub 5th Birthday Celebration and Aru-Gala, all day at 11 West Main Street. Pop in during the day for a bonfire, sap boiling, seed planting, yoga, massage, breakfast, lunch and more! Contact: Kearsarge Food Hub at 603-938-5323.

Saturday March 21

Master Gardening Series and Seed Starting, 11am-noon at Brown Memorial Library. Dick Wright will be providing a gardening series over the course of the spring. Learn how to start a garden! Contact: Ellen Barselle at 938-5562.

Sunday March 29

Community Clothing Swap and Breakfast, 10am at the Bradford Area Community Center. Donations accepted February

11 through March 28. Contact: Devin Pendleton at devinpendleton505@gmail.com.

NEIGHBORING TOWNS

Saturday March 21

NH Maple Weekend, March 21 and 22nd, all day at various sugarhouses. Check your local sugar houses for details! <https://nhmapleproducers.com/maple-month/>.

Wednesday March 25

Trails for People and Wildlife, 6:30-8:30pm at Tracy Memorial Library in New London. NH Fish & Game Wildlife Ecologist, Rachel Stevens, will present info about developing a network of trails. Free. RSVP recommended. Contact: kheath@ausbonsargent.org and 603-526-6555.

Friday March 27

Tom Pirozzoli Album Release, 7pm at MainStreet BookEnds in Warner. Please join us for the album release of Tom Pirozzoli's "Reckon in the Light". \$10 suggested donation at the door. Contact: 603-456-2700.

Kearsarge Food Hub
home of Sweet Beet Market

Year-Round Market Hours
Weds-Fri: 9am-6pm
Sat-Sun: 9am-5pm

We're turning 5 years old!
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March 21st!

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get tickets **or** get involved > kearsargefoodhub.org

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Out & About: Caution Skiers

We aren't sure if we should be cautious *of* the skiers or *as* the skiers! But either way, we are still getting out there enjoying the end of this season! Do you know where to find this sign in town?

Many of you are enthusiastic about recording the beauty that surrounds us. Share your images to be included in this article. The most interesting photographs will be from Bradford and a caption would be nice. Please submit the images in .jpg or .jpeg format.

Kathleen Bigford



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The
Bradford
Bridge

Student Art Exhibit at Brown Memorial Library



Visit Brown Memorial Library this month to view the First Annual Student Art Exhibit assembled by KRES art teacher Elise Dubreuil. Many of the artists are pictured here at the grand opening held in February. The student art will remain on display throughout the spring and complements the rotating displays of artwork by local adults that adorn the library walls.



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