

The Bradford Bridge

COMMUNITY NEWS for NEIGHBORS by NEIGHBORS

Feedback Sought on Town Meeting Format

The Bradford Select Board has been discussing the possibility of changing the format of the annual town meeting and we would like your feedback.

Currently we use a traditional town meeting to decide on the allocations of money and decisions to be made by the townspeople. The Select Board is exploring asking the townspeople to vote on a change of format to an official ballot referenda (SB2).

What is the official ballot referenda?

It is a form of town meeting that has two sessions. The first session (deliberative session) is for explanation, discussion, debate and amendments to the proposed operating budget and warrant articles. The second session (voting session) allows voters to cast their votes for local elections, zoning articles and all warrant articles.

Why is it referred to as SB2? The original bill proposing the official ballot referenda was Senate Bill 2 in 1995. Leg-islation in 2000 made "SB2" the official name for this official ballot referenda form of government.

How will the meeting change? Can opinions still be voiced? There are a few significant changes that occur. First is the creation of a second session specifically for voting. The deliberative session (first session) is similar to the traditional town meeting but is held earlier. During this meeting, all articles can be explained, discussed, debated and amended. The articles as presented or amended will be placed on the official ballot and voted on in a booth at the second session at the same time town officials are voted for.

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Voting Procedures for the General Election, Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Polls will be open at the Bradford Area Community Center, 134 East Main Street, Bradford, NH from 8 am - 7 pm.

This information is correct as of October 23, 2020. To be sure there is no confusion, if you have any questions, call the Town Clerk, 603-938-2288, for up-to-date answers.

Absentee Ballot Voting

Instructions for obtaining an Absentee Ballot can be found on *www.bradfordnh. org* >*Town Clerk*>*Elections* or by calling the Town Clerk at 938-2288 during office hours.

Town Clerk Office Hours:

Tuesday, 8-12 & 1-4

Wednesday, 12-5 by pre-arranged appointment only

Thursday, 9-12 & 1-6

If you have an absentee ballot: Hand deliver it to the Town Clerk to ensure arrival on time. Absentee Ballots will be accepted on Monday, November 2 from 3 pm - 5 pm and on election day until 5 pm.

If you have an absentee ballot, but would prefer to vote in person: Do not send the ballot back. If already sent back, but not yet processed, the ballot will be "spoiled" and you can vote in person. If the absentee ballot has already been cast, you will not be able to vote in person. In-Person Election Day Voting: On November 3, 2020 the General Election will be held in the Bradford Area Community Center, 134 East Main Street, Bradford, NH from 8 am - 7 pm.

Entrance to the polls will be in the back of the building.

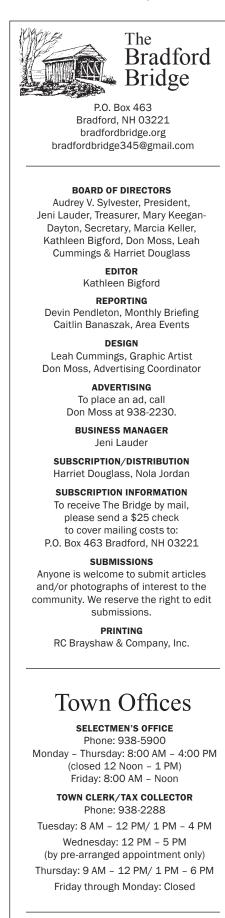
Masks will be required to enter the building.

If you do not have a mask, one will be provided for you. If you are unable to wear a mask for health reasons, please have the greeter get the Town Clerk.

We are asking voters to **please come one at a time** and not in family groups to limit the number of people in the building. Please make alternative arrangements for your child/children before coming to the polling place. Couples will be asked to socially distance in the hallway and polling area due to the limited space in the hallway.

When you enter the building, you will proceed upstairs or use the lift if needed. A greeter will direct you to the voting area or to the Supervisors of the Checklist. A second greeter in the hallway will direct you to wait on one of the yellow "X's" on the left side of the hallway or down the right side of the hallway for the Supervisors of the Checklist.

Because we are limiting the number of voters in the voting room, you will be invited to enter into the polling area one by one. When you enter the polling area



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

From the Bridge

As Thanksgiving approaches, and in all seasons, I acknowledge that I am living in the traditional ancestral homeland of the Abenaki, Penacook, and Wabanaki Peoples past and present. I honor with gratitude the land and waterways and the people who have stewarded this place throughout the generations.



We've put together a great paper this month where you'll find:

- Voting information for the General Election, including a sample ballot.
- Reflections about holidays with COVID from Leah, Mary, and Ellen.
- Jason's write up about an SB2 proposal.
- Devin's wrap up of Bradford Board meetings, the "Monthly Briefing."
- Information about Climate Cash Back from Barbara.
- Aphids in "Outside" by Ann.
- Words of appreciation from the Select Board.
- Ideas for recycled wrappings from Lois.

And, as ever, advertising from our loyal, local business supporters. Please show them your appreciation by shopping locally and keeping your dollars close to home.

Our best wishes to one and all for a safe and peaceful Thanksgiving.

Kathleen Bigford, Editor And the neighbors who bring you our community news





To The Editor

Please vote to elect Rod Pimentel and Tony Caplan as State Representatives for Bradford and Henniker. Both believe in values that honor and support families and individuals. Their priorities include supporting healthcare, the environment, reproductive freedom, an increase in the minimum wage and a fair and equitable tax system.

We are living through adversity with a broken economy, massive unemployment, a pandemic, division in our politics and immense anxiety about the future.

Rod and Tony will always support legislation that promotes unity, stability and the public welfare. They are both stable, solid candidates who will always listen to their constituents and vote on the behalf of the citizens of our towns. A vote for the Pimentel/Caplan ticket is a vote for our best interests. For more information, please access their facebook page at Henniker/Bradford Democrats.

> Rep. Beth Rodd Bradford/Henniker 603-496-0307

KRSD

With data supporting the high likelihood of student, family, and staff travel into and outside the community from outside New England, and at the recommendation of the District Critical Decision Unit and administration, the Board voted in favor of creating a predictable window of remote learning that would help families to prepare for, locate resources to support, and engage in a temporary shift to At Home: Remote Learning (November 30 through December 13). In doing so, the Board felt it best to reduce the impact of a quick pivot that would likely be required when quarantining of staff would be necessary.

Halloween Highlights 2020

Trick or Treating will take place from 5pm to 8pm on Saturday, October 31st. During this time, West Main Street will be closed to through traffic; local traffic is asked to move slowly. Town buildings will be closed to the public. Trick or Treaters are urged to follow State recommendations for COVID-19. Please observe social distancing and wear face coverings (costume masks are not a substitute for face coverings), carry alcohol-based sanitizer and refrain from traveling in large groups. Houses wishing to participate in Trick or Treating should have their front light on. Let's make this a safe and healthy Halloween! See https://www.cdc.gov/ coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#halloween for CDC guidelines.

Cemetery Notice

The Cemetery Commission would like to remind everyone to remove all planters, or silk flowers off of the graves on or before November 15th. Any that are left there will be removed after that date. Wreaths will be placed on the Veterans' graves the first week of December in all five cemeteries in Town. If anyone would like to do this for your families, please do so. All wreaths will be removed the first week of January and we will close the gates at that time and reopen in April. If you have any questions, please call Marlene Freyler at 603-938-2530.

From the Road Agent – Fairgrounds Road/ Water Street Work

The drainage project on Cochran Hill and at the intersection of Water Street, West Main Street and Fairgrounds Road will begin the second week of November. Work is expected to last approximately one week. Please be patient as there will be delays.

Holidays, Pandemic Style

Me: "Let's meet outside." You: "BUT the weather is getting chilly."

Sit around an outdoor fire and enjoy a mug of warm cider.

Or take a walk in the woods; you'll warm up from the inside.

Bundle up and keep it short and sweet. The value of seeing a friend in person is real.

Me: "I'd love to share a meal with you." You: "BUT we can't eat with masks on."

Plan to meet online and sip wine or tea.

Or deliver a dish to a friend. Maybe you won't sit and eat it together, but it's still a way to "share a meal".

Me: "I miss you!"

You: "BUT I am practicing social distancing."

Gather your thoughts and write them down to send in a letter or an email.

Embrace the digital! Take photographs and share them. Or send a song to a friend to listen to.

Tell someone why you are thankful for them.

The connections we have with our loved ones come from the heart. We all have so many different factors to consider when making decisions about exposure to one another. As we find new ways to stay connected, be honest with yourself about where your comfort lies. This year is a small drop in the ocean of lasting relationships. Be patient with yourself as well as everyone in your life. Let's not add social pressures to the list of stresses in this uncertain time. Keep it light. We are all sharing this together.

Leah Cummings





From the Selectmen's Office – Thank You!

Bradford is a small community and it is not uncommon for folks to help our Town put its best face forward. The Board of Selectmen would like to thank some of these individuals for their contributions to our community.

Tyler Lawn Care swept our sidewalks again this year and mowed Brown Shattuck field this summer. Fritz Von Beren sprayed the Brown Shattuck infield to kill weeds. Faye Graziano did some sewing for our Fire Department. Sturm, Ruger & Co. donated extra handgun magazines for the Police Department to use at the range. Dave Sullivan, of Rene Remodeling, went above and beyond our expectations with his work spiffing up the Bradford Area Community Center this summer. The Bradford Community Gardeners added vibrant color to the intersection of Routes 103 and 114 by planting flowers in the traffic islands. They have also been a driving force behind the fundraising currently taking place to replace the tired "Welcome to Bradford" signs. Back in March at the time masks and sanitizer were scarce, Circular Blu donated PPE for our First Responders. This fall, our Town Hall received two coats of paint with extra TLC from Ainslie and Sons General Contracting. Edmunds Hardware contributed \$500 in paint to the project thanks to the very successful fundraising efforts of the Rural Heritage Connection. And G&A Automotive continues to donate all oil changes for our police cruisers.

Deep appreciation is extended to these folks, and all the others, who help make Bradford such a beautiful place to live.

Congratulations!



Andrew Flinkstrom, son of Paul and Debra Flinkstrom of Bradford, New Hampshire, just completed ten weeks of Basic Combat Training for the U.S. Army at Fort Jackson. He is now continuing his job training as a Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic. Andrew is a 2020 graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School.



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"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give." -Sir Winston Churchill

Feedback Sought

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Some of the positives are as follows:

• The deliberative session model gives voters time to consider the arguments and answer any additional questions they have before making a decision.

• Voting in a booth free from judgement will give a better representation of every residents' true belief.

• Voting by ballot will give more residents the opportunity to submit their vote.

Information provided is from the New Hampshire Department of Revenue. More information can be found at:

https://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/ municipal/documents/sb2-tech-assistance.pdf

Jason Allen, Chairman

Voting Prodcedures

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you will hold your ID up for the ballot clerk to view. They will not touch your ID. You will then take your ballot and the pen provided and be directed to a voting booth. Please take the pen with you when done voting.

If you need to register to vote on elec-

tion day, you will see the Supervisors of the Checklist. There will be additional people to help with this process to limit the time needed at the Checklist table. Please have all documentation ready for registering. This includes proof of identity, proof of domicile and proof of citizenship. If you do not feel comfortable coming into the building on election day to register to vote please have the greeter at the door get the Town Clerk.

If you arrive the day of the election

and decide that you do not feel comfortable entering the building you will still be able to vote "curbside". Please tell the door greeter that you would like to vote "curbside"; s/he will get the Town Clerk. Curbside voting is done using the absentee ballot voting process. You will receive a ballot request form to fill out and indicate which party ballot you would like. Then you will be given the ballot and an envelope. You can vote right in your car. Once you have filled out your ballot, you will seal it in the envelope and the Clerk will take it back inside to the moderator. On the checklist you will be marked as AV for "absentee vote" since you were not in the building to vote.



INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS 1. To Vote. Completely III in the oval to the right of your choice. For each, office vote for nore than the unther of candidates shadel in the sentence: Vote for nor tomore than the stated number of candidates, your vote for that official will not be control.					Offices	Democratic Candidates	Other Candidates	Republican Candidates	Write-in Candidates
2. To Vote by Wiffe-In. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write in the name of the person in the "write-in" space. Completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice.			-,	AMPLE	For Sheriff Vote for not more than 1	David A. Croft 🔿		Dennis A. Crawford 🔿	Sheriff
For President and	Democratic Candidates	Other Candidates	Republican Candidates	Write-in Candidates	For County Attorney Vote for not more than 1	Robin A. Davis 🔿		Paul Halvorsen 🔿	County Attorney
 Vice-President of the United States Vote for not more than 1 	Joseph R. Biden Kamala D. Harris 🗢	Jo Jorgensen Jeremy Cohen 🗆	Donald J. Trump Michael R. Pence 🗅	President and Vice-President	For County Treasurer Vote for not more than 1	Kathleen G. Donnelly 🔿		Mary R. Heath 🔿	County Treasurer
For Governor Vote for not more than 1	Dan Feltes 🔾	Darryl W. Perry 〇	Chris Sununu 🔾	Governor	For Register of Deeds Vote for not more than 1	Susan Cragin 🔿		Susan Cragin 🔾	Reg. of Deeds
For United States Senator Vote for not more than 1	Jeanne Shaheen 🔾	Libertarian Justin O'Donnell 〇	Corky Messner 🔿	United States Senator	For Register of Probate Vote for not more than 1	Jane Bradstreet 🔿		Scott Maltzie 🔿	Reg. of Probate
For Representative in Congress Vote for not more than 1	Ann McLane Kuster 🔾	Libertarian Andrew Olding 🔿	Steven Negron 🔿	Representative in Congress		S	AMPI	.E	
For Executive Councilor Vote for not more than 1	Cinde Warmington 🔿		Jim Beard 🔾	Executive Councilor			•		
For State Senator Vote for not more than 1	Jenn Alford-Teaster 🔿		Ruth Ward 🔿	State Senator					
For State Representatives Vote for not more than 2	Tony Caplan 🔿		Thomas A. Dunne 🔾	State Representatives					
	Rod Pimentel 🔿		James B. Parker 🔿	State Representatives					

Town Sign Update

Contributions are adding up for our new Bradford town signs to be posted at the entry points to Bradford



Goal: \$4,400

\$2,930

\$4,000

-\$3.000

\$2,000

-\$1,000

from Warner, Henniker, Sutton, and Newbury (see the full story in the August Bradford Bridge). Thank you to all who have contributed so generously!

While we are well on our way toward achieving our goal, we will need to continue fund raising into the fall. Sign making will begin as we near our goal, and we should be ready to install them as soon as TOWN SIGN FUNDS TO-DATE

the ground thaws in the spring.

Show your Bradford pride by joining in on this collective effort spearheaded by the Bradford Community Gardeners. Donations of any size (tax deductible) are most appreciated. Check should be made to: Town of Bradford -Please add the note "sign donation" on the memo line. Mail to:

Town of Bradford, Box 436 Bradford, NH 03221

Thank you!









Love Where You Live!

Searching for a special property which is also income-producing? Hoping for a way to still work from home and bring in additional income? Don't miss this opportunity! This incredible, meticulously updated property, situated in the heart of the Sunapee region, offers many possibilities: live in the attached apartment and "Air BNB" the main house or operate as a charming Bed & Breakfast for destination

Anne Marie Appel Listing Agent

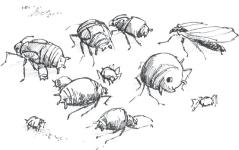
weddings or skiers at nearby Mount Sunapee or live in the main house and rent out the in-law apartment (currently \$2,500/month in rental income!) You are only limited by your dreams. This home has it all!! Make your dreams a reality with this unique property. Come experience for yourself what it means to "love where you live"! MLS #4833085



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Aphids

This year, aphids have been annoying the Brussels sprouts. 'Confusing Fall Warblers' have picked at them, but without discernable effect. Gazing at aphids splayed out in the protective curve of a leaf through a ten-power loupe is like looking down on acres of automotive junkyard – the kind you wander in vain looking for an intact early model taillight. Grubby grayish vehicles large and small crowd together in heaps or taper off in mounds of uncertain detritus. Large hollowed out hulks resembling VW vans lie stalled in the chaos.

Brevicoryne brassica, the cabbage aphid, is a European immigrant – one of 5000+ species of aphid worldwide. You could say that cabbages, broccoli, and their relatives are immigrants as well. The vegetables need our help to survive. The aphids do not.



From our perspective, it seems these aphid surges happen due to a lack of Planned Parenthood funding. Late last year an egg was deposited somewhere nearby that hatched a weak-winged female aphid who buffeted by wind crash-landed on a Brussels plant. Skipping an egg laying stage and without benefit of a male partner, she then began to give live birth to identical females – who themselves were already pregnant with yet more female clones. They call it 'telescopic development' and the math here is alarming.

Aphids stick their pointy styluses into the plants skin and pump mostly from the phloem layer which is conveniently under pressure. They just need to open the spigot. These plant juices are not a balanced diet though and the completion is done by specific bacteria in their guts.

I airlifted a larval ladybug to a patch of these aphids knowing that these beautiful beetles are aphid predators. Watching its desultory reaction, I airlifted it back from whence it came and then read that although the adult beetles may eat this kind of aphid, their larvae don't. The clever aphids ingest chemicals from the cabbage (a member of the mustard family) that they then recombine to create a mustard oil bomb injurious to many insects.

Not all insects though. Syrphid flies lay their eggs near these aphids and their larvae are undeterred by the potion. Looking like striped and hovering wasps but with tiny antennae and only two wings, they are also called 'hover flies' or 'flower flies'. The tiny tan burned out-looking hulks amongst the fuzzy gray green aphids are the hollowed remains left by an equally tiny parasitoid wasp who lays her egg in a live aphid – and I leave the result to your imagination.

Fortunately, cabbage aphids have not yet developed a mutualistic relationship with ants, as some aphids have. Certain species of ant and certain species of aphids work together for a common cause. The ants defend the aphids from other insects in return for the excess carbohydrates that the aphids produce which is charmingly called 'honeydew' but makes you pause when considering a melon by that same name. Some of these 'dairying' ants will go so far as to carry aphids to a fresh food source or bring their eggs underground for safe keeping in winter, returning them to the surface in spring. I'd like to imagine that if humans have enough millions of years that we could work out cooperative relationships with ourselves and other species but that remains to be seen.

All of the syrphid flies and parasitizing wasps, along with my hosing with water, has kept us from wading through cabbage aphids. Heading into winter now, the aphids will switch to producing winged versions of themselves - male and female this time - that will get together and settle some eggs nearby for next year. But next year I'll be ready for them with plantings of alyssum, dill, and coriander to feed the adult predator species. And may they multiply as quickly as the aphids.

Ann Eldridge



MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

SB 2 The Board discussed the pros and cons of migrating to an SB-2 structure for Town Meeting. Selectmen Michael James, and Jason Allen support SB2. Selectmen Marlene Freyler is not in favor. The Board will explore the topic in more detail. See "Feedback Sought on Town Meeting Format," Page 1.

Census Karen Hambleton, Town Administrator, asked the Board if census participation could be encouraged via the Town website and Facebook as Bradford's census count seems to be down, currently at 54%.

Fuel Prices Propane was locked in at \$1.215, up \$.14 over the previous year, and fuel oil was locked in at \$1.40, lower by just under \$.68, which is the higher utilized product.

Highway Update 500 tons of salt has been reserved, the same amount as 2019, for a total cost of \$24,750. Jason Allen, Selectmen, asked the Highway Department to start tracking the volume of sand used this winter to help estimate the Town's needs when the pit is closed. A new wing for the plow truck has been ordered totaling \$3,705. \$3,162 will be funded from the 2019 Plow Warrant Article with the balance funded from the Highway budget. Steve Hall, Road Agent, discussed including merit increases for highway employees in his budget request. The Select Board will look at the wage study done in Warner to evaluate the positions and current pay rates.

Fire Department Updates Attendance for training has increased from 15-20% to 80% participation. The Department has logged 55 hours of training, following National standards. Leadership training is taking place and the department is engaged in fire prevention in the community.

Tanker Repair The Board approved a motion to repair Tanker One, which failed inspection due to real seals and the repair is estimated to cost \$1,000, using funds from the 2015 Town Equipment Repair Expendable Trust Fund to cover any budget shortfall.

Truck Repair The Board approved a motion to repair the Fire Department forestry truck using up to \$2,500 in funds from the 2015 Town Equipment Repair Expendable Trust Fund.

Budget Review The Board reviewed expenses and 25% of the overall budget remains. Legal and Fire Department budget lines will be tight. Code Enforcement will exceed budget, but has revenues exceeding plan. No concerns were raised. **Town Signs** The Board approved a motion to accept donations for the new town signs. To date \$2,830 has been donated.

CIP The CIP Committee will present the 2021-31 CIP to a joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee on November 5, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Health Insurance The Board reviewed the Town's health insurance rates. Medical is expected to increase 6.8% and short-term disability to increase 4%. The Board approved a motion to continue with the current health insurance plan.

Bradford Pines Tom Wilkins of Silver Bear Tree Service sent a letter to the Board offering his services to trim trees and clean up the entrance to the Bradford Pines. The cost for this project is \$1,000. Approval from the state will be required before moving forward. The Board is interested and will add this to the warrant article list.

 Words cannot express how grateful we are to the community for your support especially over the past several months.

 Wishing all a great summer from the Fenton Family and the staff at Appleseed.

 Our menu is available for driveway pickup as well as delivery! Serving Tuesday-Sunday 4:30pm to 7:45pm. Call 603-938-2100.

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Jennifer Wright Owner/Creative Stylist



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PLANNING BOARD

Subdivision Application Susan Murphy is applying for a subdivision for Map 10/Lot 6. A site walk has been scheduled for November 8, 2020 and a Public Hearing will be conducted on November 10, 2020.

Application Withdrawn George and Wendy Naughton have withdrawn their application for the use of a parking and storage area for trucks and containers for Map 3/Lot 109A.

Land Use Discussion A shooting range was established at some unknown point in time on Map 2 Lot 111 consisting of 6.6 acres owned by Bradford Fish and Game. The Land Use Discussion is to distinguish if a site plan is required for Map 2 Lot(s) 110 and 111 or if the lots are grandfathered. The Board approved a motion to ask Town counsel to provide guidance on how to validate if the property had been used for shooting prior to 2015, and to continue the discussion later with town counsel present. Planning Board member, Michael James, recused himself from the discussion as he helped purchase the land in question and gifted it to Bradford Fish and Game.

Meeting Format The Board approved a motion to change the meeting formats

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MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS SYSTEM EVALUATIONS



on or around January 1, 2021. The first planning board meeting of the month will be a working meeting, the second meeting to accept applications.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Public Hearing A Public Hearing will be held at the next Planning Board meeting on October 27, 2020 to adopt the 2021-2031 Capital Improvement Program. The CIP spreadsheet can be found on the Town's website.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Variance Application The Board approved a motion to accept Mike Beauregard's variance application as complete. Mr. Beauregard is proposing to build a 22'x22' two car garage on Map 23 Lot 15. A site walk will be conducted, and a public hearing will be held on October 21, 2020.

Variance Application The Board approved a motion to accept Rick Deschenes application for a variance as complete. Mr. Deschenes is proposing to build a single-family two-story dwelling unit on Map 7 Lot 76. A site walk will be conducted, and a public hearing will be held on October 21, 2020.

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Grave Décor Removal of grave décor items (plastic flowers, etc.) will be November 15, 2020. Those unable to do themselves will be able to call and Trustees will arrange for clean up as applicable.

Membership Applications Katrina Taylor, Cemetery Commission Trustee, will be submitting membership applications to the NH Old Graveyard Association and NH Cemetery Association.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Catalog Digitization The Board approved a motion to authorize up to \$5,000 from the Special Projects fund to hire temporary help for digitizing the library.

Staff Departure Jemma Laser gave her notice that she will be leaving at the end of October. The Board thanks Jemma for her valuable service to the library and wishes her well on her new path.

BACC GOVERNANCE BOARD

Seniors BACC members met with the Community Action Program (CAP) and learned they are looking for ways to get seniors interacting with one another again. The pandemic has been hard on seniors in terms of isolation.

KRSD SCHOOL BOARD

Mask Donation The District received a donation of two thousand surgical masks from the Rotary Club. The masks will be distributed to families throughout the district who may be struggling with the added expense of PPE. A huge thank you goes out the Rotary Club for their generous donation.

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



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Library Lantern

Brown Memorial Library 78 West Main Street bmlbradford@gmail.com 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:

I feel a wave of uncertainty for both the upcoming election and the dormant months of winter ahead of us. Will school be shut down, will our economy remain afloat, will I be able to throw an indoor party again, will COVID ever go away?! Let me focus on the positives. I think our town and the towns around us have remained a hamlet of safety, at least from COVID. I am appreciative and thankful for how our community has handled the pandemic. I loved this summer and fall, and I'm trying to appreciate with a focused mindfulness on the beauty of our natural surroundings. I am grateful for our library, my job here, and the patrons. I learn something new everyday, and I feel so thankful for this.

We are 15% done digitizing the library.

I'll keep you posted on our progress. Our employee, Gemma Laser, will be leaving us to move to Maine. She has completed her Master's in Environmental Science and she looks forward to new possibilities. Deborah Gregory, who was initially hired as an interim employee, will be taking on Gemma's responsibilities. You will be seeing Deb on Wednesdays and Fridays. Connie Scheffy has joined our team to help fillin when necessary. Connie is a wonderful reader and patron and will make for a great addition to our staff.

The library will be closed on Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11th and Thanksgiving holiday, Friday, November 27th.

New book titles can be found on our website and FB page, or better yet, come in and check them out in person!

I hope you will get to reconnect to people who are special to you this upcoming holiday. It's hard to be away from loved ones or feel vulnerable and unable to gather with family. I will not be seeing either side of our family this year. Maybe I'll make the traditional turkey or maybe I'll just order the whole meal from Market Basket like I did the first two years I had babies in the house. No fuss, no muss. Whatever you decide, be well and make the best of it!

Ellen Barselle

Henniker Veterinary Hospital

Small Animal & Equine Practice

Alyssa J. Brust, DVM Robert A. Brust, DVM Amy C. Jones, DVM Brittany Y. Paquette, DVM Olivia J. Lattanzi, DVM



House Calls Available

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Cindy Snay, Owner\Pharmacist

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We are open to foot traffic. Please wear your mask!

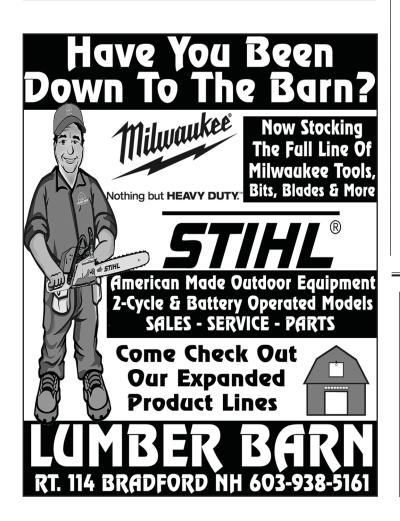




VOTE FOR

MARY R. HEATH for Merrimack County Treasurer

Tuesday, November 3, 2020



Happenings at Mountain View Senior Center

Takeout meals for seniors (60 years of age or older) are available primarily on Monday and Thursday and on other days by request. One meal or several meals can be requested to enjoy in your home at your convenience. A \$2.00 donation / \$10 for five meals is requested.

A special ham dinner is being offered on November 5th in observance of Veterans Day. Reservations are required. Call 603-938-2104 to check on availability.

Support for Meals on Wheels. An article in the September 2020 Bradford Bridge carefully described the importance to area seniors of the Meals on Wheels program, delivering not only meals, but also providing a vital connection between the community to an often invisible population. The program, run by the Community Action Program (CAP) of Belknap and Merrimack Counties, relies in part on an annual Fund Raiser for support, which could not be held this year because of COVID-19 restrictions.

CAP has issued an appeal for donations to help replace these funds. Contributions may be sent to CAPBMCI Meals on Wheels, PO Box 1016, Concord, NH 03301-1016. Call Peggy Maylone, Operations Manager, Elder Services at 603-225-3295 ext. 1110 for more information.

Meals on Wheels is available for homebound seniors, who meet eligibility requirements. Call the Mountain View Senior Center, 603-938-2104 for information.

Senior buses are providing rides with a few minor schedule adjustments. Face coverings that meet CDC standards are required for boarding and riding on the bus. Call 603-225-1989 to book your appointment. Your driver would love to see you.

The Warner Area CAP Center at 603-456-2207 can help with fuel assistance and food pantry needs.

ServiceLink is starting to schedule appointments for **Medicare Open Enrollment**. Call your local ServiceLink at 1-866-634-9412 for information or to schedule a phone appointment.



Obituaries Joseph William Tompson

Joseph William "Bill" Tompson, born Dec. 7, 1950 in Fort Wayne, Indiana to Kenneth Edward and Elizabeth Louise (Skevington) Thompson, peacefully departed this life, Aug. 20, 2020, at home with family at his side.

Bill was a faithful husband to his beloved bride, Mary Elizabeth "Beth" (Whittemore) Thompson of 41 years; steadfast father to five wonderful sons, James Christopher, Daniel William, John Michael, Andrew Philip, and Stephen Paul; and loving brother to Kenneth Christoper and Eric James. His presence in our lives will be greatly missed.

Bill lived for 31 years on East Washington Road in Bradford in the house he and Beth built themselves. Following a career in software engineering for companies including Raytheon, GTE and General Dynamics, Bill became owner and president of IAMNet, Inc., an Internet and computer services provider for residents of the Kearsarge region.

A gathering of remembrances will be arranged at a later date. The family requests that those who wish to remember Bill may contribute to the Trinity Bible Church benevolence fund, 539 Route 114, South Sutton, NH 03273.

Arthur Everett Reynolds

Arthur Everett Reynolds, 83, of Bradford, died Aug. 26, 2020, at home, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in East Derry, Oct. 15, 1936, to the late Ralph and Mabel (Kelley) Reynolds. He served in the Army National Guard from 1954 to 1963, achieving the rank of Sargent. He was a call firefighter in the East Derry Fire Dept. from 1958 to 1970, rising to the rank of call fire chief, then to full-time chief until his retirement in 1993. He was instrumental in the construction of a modern fire station and substation, and creation of a search and rescue dive team. His top priorities were a high level of fire safety for community, betterment of fire equipment, safety and training personnel.

After retirement, he owned and operated A. E. Reynolds Tree Service. Retiring to Bradford, he enjoyed family, fresh air, wildlife and stood ready to lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, Joan (Higgins) Reynolds of Bradford; son Jeffrey Reynolds; daughter Susan Brown; grandson, Harrison Sneck; nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents, brother Richard Reynolds, sisters, Helen Vallone and Ruth Hearn.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sat. Oct, 3 at 2 p.m. 64 Island Pond Road, Derry. Memorial contributions may be made to a nonprofit of your choice, the NH Police, Fire, EMS, Foundation, nhpfef.com/contributing/, in Arthur's name. Please visit, peabodyfuneralhome.com.

Ann (Sheehan) Gavell

Ann (Sheehan) Gavell, 80, of Woonsocket, RI, formerly of New Hampshire, died Thursday, September 3, 2020, in the Philip Hulitar Inpatient Center, Providence. She was the wife of Glen Gavell. Born in Boston, MA, she was the daughter of the late Franklin and Isabel (Finn) Sheehan.

Ann was a caregiver for the state of New Hampshire. She was a member of St. Theresa's Church in Henniker, NH. Ann served on the Boy Scouts of America MA Council, and enjoyed BINGO and yard sales.

Besides her husband, Glen, she leaves her son, Peter S. Powell of Buffalo, NY; her sister, Ruth Marden and her husband Jonathan of Bradford; many nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by her brother, Arthur Sheehan. A Mass of Remembrance will be held at St. Theresa RC Church in Henniker at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Boy Scouts of America at https://donations.scouting.org/#/ national/give/appeals. Private funeral arrangements are with Holt Funeral Home in Woonsocket, www.holtfuneralhome.com. To plant Memorial Trees, visit Holt's Sympathy Store.

Anthony D. Oliveri

Anthony (Tony) D. Oliveri died unexpectedly at DHMC in Lebanon on Sept. 29, 2020, at age 77. He was born November 14, 1942, in Boston, MA, to Anthony and Helen (Gold) Oliveri. He grew up in San Diego, CA, graduated Lincoln High School in 1961 and entered the US Air Force. Stationed in Manchester NH, with the 6594th, he worked at the New Boston Satellite Tracking Station. He married Susan Peterson on January 22, 1966. After living in California, they returned to New Hampshire, living in Londonderry, then moving to North Sutton in 1987.

Tony retired in 2006 from Z-Tech/ Ferro in Bow. He enjoyed camping in their 49-year old truck camper, taking it cross-country and into Canada several times. They had just returned from a camping trip into Vermont when he had taken ill.

Predeceased by his parents and sister, Sandra Worthington, Tony is survived by his wife and daughters, Gwen Dupuis and husband Kristofer of Bradford, Kristen Oliveri and husband Chris Plummer of Manchester, and Jill Hastings and husband Justin of Springfield, grandchildren, Jacob and Reagan Dupuis, Noah and Hannah Hastings, and Stella Plummer. He is survived by a sister Patricia Fowler and brother James LaFave, both of CA, and an extended family. Chadwick Funeral Home is handling arrangements. A memorial will be held at a later date.

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Have a Little Fun This Holiday

Ken and I frequently consider issues and items of interest beyond the designated responsibilities that we have processing the trash that residents bring to the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center. When specific needs come to our attention, we will make simple repairs of items that come into the center in order to help residents. We have established programs that divert some of the trash to better use than simply discarding it. We offer hints about recycling, reusing, and repurposing castoffs in order to help preserve our environment and to reduce the costs associated with operating the transfer station.

As Christmas approaches, we would like to offer some suggestions on how we can reduce the amount of waste that we produce during the holidays. The



Take Out Only: Sun-Thur 4pm 8pm / Fri & Sat 12 noon to 8pm. Order Online at bubbasbarandgrill.com or call 763-3290 976 Route 103, Newbury, NH · bubbahmplt@tds.net December 2019 issue of NH Magazine presented some great ideas in their "Holiday Gift Guide":

Instead of using commercial gift wrap and fancy ribbons, give gifts in lovely functional baskets, sturdy cloth totes, or plain brown paper grocery bags tied up with bakers twine. Seasonal greenery can be inserted into the twine bow. ~ Children can decorate the brown paper bags with stamps, colorful markers, and/or holiday stickers. ~ Lotions and bath oils can be wrapped in a new bath towel. ~ Unwrapping a new snuggly robe can reveal a pretty nightie. ~ Many rolls of paper towels for the garage will fit nicely in a new covered bin. ~ A new baby blanket can contain all kinds of items for a new baby. ~ Homemade baked goods, candy, and nuts can be given in mason jars, tins, or flower pots that have other uses after Christmas. ~ Instead of tossing outdated fabrics, piled-up newspapers or magazines, old maps, calendars, or sheet music, use these items as gift wrapping to enhance the theme of your gift.

If traditional wrapping paper is a "must" there are various companies that sell eco-friendly options, such as handcrafted Lotka paper, wraps made from recycled newsprint or paper, and biodegradable papers.

These ideas may spur some ideas of your own, and your children may have some unique ideas that they would like to implement. Being creative can be so much fun!

Lois Kilnapp ,Manager





Rod Pimentel \star Anthony Caplan



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Rod Pimentel *is a resident of Henniker where he lives with his wife Iris and owned a small business. He recently completed his first term as a NH State Representative, graduated from UNH, and served in the Marine Corps. Rod and Iris raised their three children in NH where they were educated in our public school system. Rod is concerned with the environment, the high property tax burden, and the plight of small businesses. He is a life long advocate for social justice and will work for the people in his district as well as the people of NH.*

- Policies that will take bold steps to avert the Climate Change Crisis and Policies to Increase Energy Efficiency
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- Developing a State Budget that protects NH's vulnerable populations, our communities and essential services

Tony Caplan taught high school Spanish for 20 years in New Hampshire. Before working as a teacher, he graduated from Yale University and worked as a journalist for the Associated Press and United Press International. His wife and he raised three kids in Henniker. Tony has been Chair of the Henniker Energy Committee and is Chair of the Henniker Democratic Committee. Tony's running to be a state representative to make NH a state for his kids to live in and bring up their kids. Tony wants a strong community for families, business owners, small farmers, people of all ages, in short, everyone to thrive.

State Representatives



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November Happenings

Our Sunday Services start at 10 am. In house and live streamed. The first Sunday each month we hold a Communion Service. At this time, we are unable to hold a Sunday school class in house, please contact the office for the weekly video and lesson to do at home.

Unfortunately, we will be unable to hold our Community Thanksgiving Dinner this year due to COVID restrictions.

The Bradford Community Food Pantry is now gearing up for the holiday season and are currently very low in non-perishable foods. We need donations to help us fill 27 Thanksgiving Baskets. Donations of non-perishable food can be dropped off in the box by the church office door or you may call the church office for a drop-off time (938-5313). Frozen turkeys are also needed. If you would like to make monetary donations instead, please mail them to: Bradford Community Church, PO Box 57, Bradford, NH 03221 and memo: Food pantry. The Thanksgiving baskets will be distributed on November 21st from 9-11 am.



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Yes, but won't those companies pass these higher costs on to us, the consumers? Yes, undoubtedly they will! But that's what makes this solution different. With the carbon cash-back solution, the money that is collected is given back to all households on an equal basis. In fact, most families will get more money back than they pay out in higher prices. And when people spend their extra money, local businesses will benefit and new jobs will be created.

Putting a price on pollution at the source is the cheapest way to get a handle on our current climate crisis. And it's the most cost-effective and comprehensive way to unleash the investment and innovation needed to discover, deliver, and accelerate production and adoption of solutions to reduce climate pollution.

And by giving the money collected from the carbon fee to every citizen equally, we can drive emissions down. We can protect family budgets and the economy during the transition to an energy efficient, clean energy future. And we can rest assured that we will maintain a planet in which our children and grandchildren can survive and thrive.

Please join in the effort to promote this effective and beneficial solution by signing a petition. Send an email to *barb-southard@gmail.com* for more information and/or to sign the petition.

Babara Southard

Thanksgiving Break - A Teacher's Decision Matrix

Thanksgiving school break poses a unique dilemma during a pandemic. As an educator living in Bradford and teaching in-person at an elementary school in Hillsborough County, I am thinking about the risk of holiday gatherings. To travel or not? Should I host a small intimate meal versus a big family gathering?

If I traveled outside New England for the holiday, I would need to quarantine for 14 days upon return. So, I quickly made the decision not to travel. My initial plan is to invite my family (a token few) to have Thanksgiving in Bradford. They are coming from 2 states and one lives outside of New England. CBS News reports that Anthony Fauci, MD advises that we should rethink our usual

plans for holiday gatherings, citing increased coronavirus infections and hospitalizations.



I will use my own

decision matrix and try to stay flexible. I can say that I will limit my holiday dinner to less than 10. I will use common sense and follow the CDC guidelines. I will purchase a 20-pound turkey knowing that cooked turkey freezes well. I will think over expectations as



the experts suggest. I will social distance and at times, wear a mask. I will not hug. I will reconsider the creamed onions and maybe just go for roasted brussel sprouts. And I will plan to cook the best Thanksgiving meal ever even, if it turns out, it is just for two.

Mary Keegan-Dayton



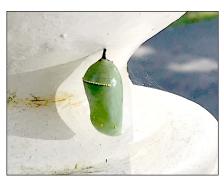
Out & About: Chrysalis and Heading Home

Monarchs on right, from Audrey Sylvester. Oblivious to a caterpillar's efforts to make a chrysalis, this tiny package was discovered underneath a balustrade knob. Visible inside the greenish tube were two black antennae and an outside ring of "diamonds" near the top of the tiny tube. What would happen next?

Four weeks of watching. The tube turned black. Antennae grew longer. Something was being transformed. Alas, after patient observations, anticipating a grand emergence, the Monarch inside departed leaving a wispy, empty chrysalis. Bon Voyage, Monarch, on your 3000-mile journey to Mexico.

And below, Brooks McCandlish sent in this peaceful scene titled "Heading Home."







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

Kathleen Bigford







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