

# The Bradford Bridge

COMMUNITY NEWS *for* NEIGHBORS *by* NEIGHBORS

## MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**Grant** The Board approved a motion to accept up to \$5,000 from the Election Cares Act Grant for election expenses related to COVID-19.

**Town Hall** The Board accepted a \$500 gift card donation from Edmund’s Hardware for paint for the Town Hall. Town Facilities Supervisor Walter Royal is putting together a bid document for the construction of a records storage room in Town Hall.

**Town Signs** The Board accepted \$1,020 in donations for new town signs.

**Audio Improvements** Andrew Pinard presented a sound and video solution proposal for the meeting room at the Bradford Area Community Center in the amount of \$7,213. The Board feels it would be appropriate to get additional pricing.

**Land Donation** The Board motioned to approve the Bradford Conservation Commission’s acceptance of the property donation of Map 9 Lot 20 and 22, approximately 43 acres behind the Low State Forest.

**Fire Department** Chief Leblanc provided the Board with an update on the Department. In the past month they have responded to 29 calls. The budget was reviewed and there are concerns with Engine Two, a 1994 truck, which has failed a pump test. Estimates to replace the pump are between \$20k and \$70k.

**Bradford Historical Society** The BHS does not have custodial ownership for

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## Voting in Bradford

The Town Clerk reports, “The September Election went very smoothly and people were very nice. No one had to wait very long, and the setup we used seemed to keep the flow moving with no issues.”

At this writing ballots for the general election had not been received. The Town Clerk is hoping to be able to mail ballots during the first week of October.

If you filled out an absentee ballot application for the primary and checked that you wanted an absentee ballot for the general election in November, you will be mailed a ballot. If you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk 938-2288.

Town Clerk Hours:

Tuesday, 8-12 & 1-4

Wednesday, 12-5 by pre-arranged appointment only

Thursday, 9-12 & 1-6

In-person voting on November 3rd will remain mostly the same.

There will be a Supervisors of the Checklist Session on Wednesday October 21st, from 7-7:30pm at the Bradford Area Community Center. Please attend this session if you need to change your party affiliation. This is the last day to change your information on the checklist.

The state allows election officials to pre-process absentee ballots. The moderator will open the outer envelope to confirm that the affidavit envelope is enclosed and signed. If the envelope is not included, the ballot could be rejected.

## Bement Bridge



Neil H. Daniels Inc is doing the work in conjunction with engineer Josif Bieja of Hoyle, Tanner & Associates. The work consists of replacement of the north abutment, replacement of the supporting timbers and beams, and new siding. The bridge was moved temporarily up-river to allow for the work on the north abutment to take place.




## Quotes from Kids!

They were asked, “*What’s your favorite part of school this year so far?*”

*“That I get to play with friends and finally get to see their faces.”*

*Annabelle, grade 2, in-school learning*

 Find more of their answers scattered through this issue! Read on!



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*“Reading is the key that opens doors to many good things in life. Reading shaped my dreams, and more reading helped me make my dreams come true.”*

Ruth Bader Ginsburg  
1933 - 2020

I'll leave you to it! In this edition:

- Primary voting results in Bradford and updates on voting on November 3rd,
- Two hikes in Bradford, one guided and one self-guided,
- What happened when Twigs delivered wood to Odds Bodkin,
- Planning for the Abenaki Trail,
- How to avoid a “twindemic” and where to get a flu shot,
- How lucky we are to live in this little corner of the world,
- All the things happening at the Bradford Historical Society,
- Quotes from Kids,

And, as ever, ads from local businesses who continue to support our efforts to bring you monthly reading. Please support them!

Those trees! Those trees!

Enjoy the show!

*Kathleen Bigford*

*And everyone who makes this publication possible*



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## Letters to Our Editor:

### To the Editor:

In reference to September's always delightful "Out & About": I was charmed by the picture of porcupines investigating Ann's fragrant feet, and it put me in mind of my folksy encounters with my own neighbors of the same species. A while ago I noticed a prickly person grazing in the meadow behind my house, so I wandered down for a chat. I asked him how he fared, etc., while he limited himself to rather intense staring and suggestive brisling (affronted by my familiarity, perhaps?). Then he turned - rather rudely, I thought - and wandered off over the rockpile no doubt into a sanctum therein.

Then there was Kathleen's downright scary tale of the black lace-weaver spider, which ended with, "Then a few days later she actively encourages her offspring to devour her." I found this suggestive of what a terminally frazzled mother might be thinking after a few days of sheltering broke twenty-some-things during our COVID pandemic. There, I'm shivering again!

*Greg Johnson  
Bradford, NH*

### To the Editor:

Bradford has many facets that inspire our town pride. We are so lucky to live here, especially in these tumultuous times. The landscape, the space, the sense of community... all of these help us to feel grounded and hopeful. I want to thank someone who works diligently every day, both on and off the clock, to ensure safety, order and cleanliness in our little corner of a world gone awry.

I call my local hero the Queen Bee of Bradford. She can be seen tending gardens all over town. She saves reusable treasures for our children. She listens to our woes and offers considerate advice. She tends her hive meticulously, ridding our waste and feeding the town coffers, all in a day's work. She instills order in a time of chaos. And she always flies the extra mile. Can you guess who she is?

Thank you, Lois!

*Laurie Buchar  
Bradford, NH*

### To the Editor:

On behalf of the Bradford Historical Society trustees, I would like to thank the Bradford Gardening Club for the wonderful job they have done looking after the gardens at our Tin Shop.

If you have driven by anytime in the last few weeks you will see the wonderful burst of color that brightens up our building.

The group continues to make Bradford beautiful with new areas being planted and tended.

Thank you for taking such good care of our small piece of Bradford.

*Tracey Quigley  
Co-President, BHS*

### Flower Power in Bradford!



Flower Power in Bradford! The fields adjacent to the Post Office were ablaze with color this summer thanks to a major volunteer effort to bring a smile to anyone driving through town. Pictured here are Sam and Morgan, volunteers extraordinaire, with bouquets to be sold at Sweet Beet Market and Warner Public Market.

*"The best thing about school so far this year has been getting to know my new school, new teachers, and making new friends."*



*Andrew, age 11, grade 6,  
in-school learning*

*"Baking Cookies!"*

*Deegan, age 3, homeschool, preschool*

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## Long-Time Bradford Residents Lead Hikes

An outing planned for Tuesday, October 27, will visit two of Bradford's best natural attractions, the Tall Pines, and the Bradford Bog. Tall Pines is a small State-owned preserve with a stand of exceptionally large white pines on the banks of West Branch Brook, a tributary to the Warner River. There is a short, easy trail from the highway turnout. The group will extend the outdoor exploration by going from there to the Bradford Bog, a short drive from the pines. The Bog has a lovely boardwalk trail through rare plants and trees. There will be a special guide on both walks: an experienced arborist, Tom Wilkins, and Bradford resident artist printmaker and conservationist, Ann Eldridge. Continue reading for some additional background about Tom and Ann.

Tom Wilkins has been a Registered Arborist since 1975. He started Silver Bear Tree Service with a friend in 1975 and had a full-time business until 1998. He has been visiting the Bradford Pines since his family moved to their current home in Bradford in 1984. Tom says it best: "The Bradford Pines are part of my family now and they remain a special place for me in all seasons."

Ann Eldridge illustrated the Bradford Bog Guide more than thirty years ago and has maintained connection with this unique spot ever since. As a member of the Conservation Commission and the Rural Heritage Connection, she assisted with expanding the Bog with purchase of a 75-acre lot in 2003. The Commis-



*Families love visiting the Bradford Bog. The boardwalk leads them through a forest full of magical nature discoveries and ends at an impressive tower, which offers a panorama of the hills of Bradford.*

sion guided the process of securing a conservation easement on both Bog and Springs Hotel site with the help of the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust. We are so fortunate to have Ann guide us on this walk.

All are welcome to join the Outdoor Recreation For Seniors group for this outing. For everyone's safety, masks will be required, as well as proper social distancing. This will be an incredibly special experience. For further information contact Barbara Cooper at 603-763-9286 or email [barbarahcooper@gmail.com](mailto:barbarahcooper@gmail.com)

*The Outdoor Recreation for Seniors is a group from the Kearsarge Council on Aging, with an office in New London, NH.*

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## Art in the Village Washington Area Artisans Annual Outdoor Show

Take a break from the news this fall and stroll the Washington Area Artisans annual arts and crafts show at the East Washington Mill Pond, less than a mile outside of Bradford. Ten area artisans will be showing their works entirely outdoors under tents from 10am-4pm, October 3rd-4th and October 10th-11th.

Three exhibitors are residents of Bradford - Faye Graziano with original fabric creations, Michelle Marson with baskets and jewelry often made from found objects, and Ann Eldridge who does handprinted etchings of nature studies.

From Bradford, take the East Washington Road to the stop sign just over the town line. You'll see the picturesque Purling Beck Grange on your right and the Mill Pond just ahead on your right. Watch for the tents.

All Covid-19 protocols will be observed for safety of participants and visitors. Rain or shine but certainly some nice foliage.

For updates and further information, look for Washington Area Artisans on Facebook. Or contact Ann Eldridge, 938-5266.

## Hike the Blitzer Easement Loop

The Blitzer Easement Loop Trail in Bradford is a town treasure. October is for hiking with crisp air, colorful foliage and cool breezes. The American Hiking Society calls hiking, "Nature's Therapy." What could be better than a few hours out in the woods, setting time aside to quiet your mind? Who doesn't need that in a pandemic!



The Blitzer trail is a 1.7 mile moderate loop that starts and ends on Rowe Mountain Road and gains about 500 feet of elevation at the top. It winds through a beautiful pine-hemlock-oak-spruce forest, according to trail managers at the Bradford Conservation Commission. As you hike, you are climbing up towards Knight's Hill.

John and Amy Blitzer donated this conservation easement on their 136 acre tree farm to the Ausbon Sargent Land Trust in 1999. According to the Trust, the Blitzers wanted to leave the land wild for recreation and wildlife.

### How to get there:

From the junction of Route 103 and 114 in Bradford, go south on Rte. 114 and take your first right onto Jones Road (the Bement Bridge is closed for repairs). Drive up Jones Road and bear left onto Center Road. Go up Center Road about 2.5 miles to the 4 way intersection at Bradford Center. Turn left onto Rowe Mountain Road. Drive up Rowe Mountain Road 1.4 miles from the Center and park on the road. The West Side Trail sign is on your right.

### The West Side and East Side Trails:

Between signs and arrows the trail is fairly well marked. The West Side Trail will intersect the Knight's Hill Trail at the top. Views here are limited but the hike is lovely. If you're up for a couple more miles, continue on to the Knight's Hill lookout about 1 mile further on the Knight's Hill Trail. Return on the same trail to the intersection and take the East Side Trail down and you will end up back on Rowe Mountain Road about 50 yards up the road from where you started. Only non-motorized use of the land is permitted.

### Where to find a Map:

Google Bradford Conservation Commission Maps and click on The Bradford Trails and Public Lands Map (2017). There is a map and a wonderful second page summary of all the public lands and trails in town.

*Mary Keegan-Dayton*



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Liv, age 3, was delighted to see the size of the pumpkin she planted in the victory garden at Brown Memorial Library this summer. Even if Halloween is different this year, the crop planted by the story time kids is there on display for all to enjoy.

## “Friends”

Colby, age 10,  
5th grade, Bradford,  
in-school learning



“The best thing so far is making a slide show about myself.”

Lyrica Griffin, age 10, 5th grade,  
Bradford, in-school learning

“Dance parties with Rusty (his dog)!”

Bo Cummings, age 5, Kindergarten,  
remote learning



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Marilyn Kidder

## How Lucky We Are!

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Just look around... our area of New Hampshire truly benefits from some of the most beautiful natural advantages and scenic bounty. Several large crystal-clear lakes and many smaller lakes and ponds entice swimmers, boaters, skaters and ice fishermen. The surrounding and protecting, forested mountains welcome skiers, hikers, birders, and explorers. But there is much more...

Summer theater; music groups offer concerts on our greens, along with outdoor antique shows, farmers' markets, and flea markets. Find peace and quiet on the self-guided walks on the SRKG trails and many other community hikes. The Hay Estate offers a wide variety of programs about the land, plants and animals. Duffers and experts alike can choose from a wide variety of golf courses. There are art shows, live theater and innumerable sports and entertainment available. Don't forget our quaking bog, State Parks, and summer resorts. Pick your own blueberries, strawberries, and apples; shop at bounteous vegetable stands. Celebrate at local parades and socials. We also benefit from well-stocked libraries, small specialty museums, guided boat tours on Lake Sunapee, and an untold number of shopping temptations of all kinds. The crisp, white winter, brings well-groomed cross-country ski areas, snowshoe trails off the beaten track, and downhill and snow-boarding on our local challenging mountains. No wonder visitors come to the area and chose to stay! And this list barely scratches the surface!

Beyond all the attractions and the natural beauty of the area, there is a sense of caring community and small-town bonhomie not found at every highway exit. It's a quieter, supportive and embracing life-style.

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## A Shout-Out to Twigs Forest Services in Bradford

It was always a problem, the power line that runs to our house. It slung a bit low and required me to trim the tops of my Viburnum hedge each autumn, which grew directly below it, otherwise they'd touch and catch fire. The same thing applied to cordwood deliveries over the years. Bob Judge, famously loquacious, was always great about minding that wire. When he arrived in his blue truck with the lift bed full of wood, he'd back into a little alcove by my questionable "garage" and dump the load onto the tarp. He and I had learned over the years that when he drove forward and back to dislodge any wood stuck in the bed, we'd both pay close attention to the wire up there, otherwise he'd drive into it. I'd hand signal when the raised bed was getting too close. Before he pulled out, he'd always lower the bed and nothing ever happened.

When Michael Hosmer said he didn't think he'd have wood this summer and recommended Twigs Forest Services, here in Bradford, I took a look. They run the operation down near the water off 103 behind the elementary school. I'd

passed it plenty of times but had never done business with them, and so visited their website, liked it, and read pretty reasonable prices for green wood and seasoned wood. I ordered one of each and a month later Mike Carter, who I've been acquainted with for years, did the first green wood delivery up in my alcove, and a while later returned with the seasoned wood. I was happy it was someone I knew. The trick was to dump the new wood slightly to the right and on top of the green wood.

But that day I wasn't on my game, frankly, and when he jogged the truck forward with the lift up, I failed to warn him, and lo, the power wire stripped off itself. Amazed, I watched him disengage the still-half connected live wire from his truck cab with a long two by six, hoping he didn't electrocute himself. Touch one of those and well, you're fried, really. But he expertly did it and we looked at each other, knowing we'd both messed up. He said to let him know what it cost, if anything, and he'd take responsibility, then got his truck out and successfully drove off. I was relieved for him. However, I was left with a live power wire hanging at chest height off my driveway, so I emergency called EverSource and within an hour they showed up, repaired it, and left with the wire cranked up much higher. The team leader was great. We talked about the arrest of Ghislaine Maxwell, since it was around that time. It was a warm, sunny day. Luckily, noticing my fan was running at half speed, I'd switched off the house power so as not to ruin my fridge and air conditioner. Low current will destroy household appliances.

The next day I emailed Mike and told him all was well, and he said he was about to email me to check on things, too. He again volunteered that he thought it was his fault, and I volunteered that we both messed up equally, but all's well that ends well. We left it that we'd talk again if I ever got a bill from EverSource.

I forgot about the whole thing until the repair bill arrived the other day for

\$642. Rats, I thought, since I'd been hoping it would be a free service, not knowing their policy. Although I took photos for insurance purposes the day of the event, I didn't want to call my insurance company to claim it, since it was such a clumsy affair all the way around and if it was an accident at all, it was really a stupid one. So I emailed Mike and offered to split it 50/50 and said I'd swallow the \$321 if he would.

The very same day, a black Cherokee pulled up in my driveway and a woman emerged and rang the bell. She didn't appear to be a Jehovah's Witness since she wasn't holding a copy of The Watchtower and didn't have that glazed look. Instead, she was holding a check. She introduced herself as Lynn Gross. I'd never met her before. "I'm the owner of Twigs Forest Services, LLC," she said, and handed me a check for \$642. The full amount.

Taken aback, I invited her in and shook my head, saying, "No, that wasn't the deal. I said 50/50."

"No," she replied, "I insist. That's the way we do business."

I balked a moment longer, but could see she wasn't going to change her mind. The calculation flashed across my mind and I realized she'd lost money on the entire transaction, since the two cords of wood hadn't cost that much. They'd even cut it to perfect thirteen-inch lengths, as I'd requested.

She was killing me with graciousness and so I thanked her. On her way out she said, "Just recommend us."

Well, I certainly am.

Good service. Good prices. And what I can only call an extraordinary example of small town grace.

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*Odds Bodkin*

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## Town Board Reports

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their site on East Main Street and asked the Board what options could be pursued to enter into some type of custodial agreement. Town Administrator Karen Hambleton asked that the BHS draft a preferred solution.

**GOFERR Grant** The Board approved a motion to designate Karen Hambleton with the authority to sign the completed GOFERR Grant application for reimbursement for COVID related expenses.

**Intent to Cut** signed for Map 11/Lot 14 and 18, Map 6/Lot 8, and Map 3/Lot 15.

### BUDGET COMMITTEE

**Budget Review** The Committee reviewed the August expense report. Some line items are ahead of budget and overall, the Town's operating budget has just over 34% left.

**Budget Timeline** The Committee drafted a timeline for this year's budget process. The last day to hold a public hearing on the budget is February 12, 2021.

**Meeting Schedule** The next Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2020. There will be no meeting in October.

### PLANNING BOARD

**Continuation** The public hearing for Map 3 Lot 109A and Map 6 Lot 99 was continued to September 22. The applicants are applying for the use of a parking and storage area for trucks and containers for Map 3/Lot 109A, and for minor repair of trucks and to repair and refurbish trash containers for Map 6/Lot 99.

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM COMMITTEE

**Fire Department** The Committee reviewed submissions with Fire Chief Jeff Leblanc. Items discussed included repair or replacement of Engine Number Two, portable radios, painting the fire department and paving the driveway.

**Highway Department** The Committee reviewed submissions with Road Agent

Steve Hall. Items discussed included road maintenance, guardrails, vehicle repair and replacement, and the Jones Road sand pit.

### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

**Variance Application** Mike Beauregard presented an application for a variance to build a 22x22 two garage on Map 23 Lot 15. The Board had questions regarding the distance from the road and the lake. The applicant decided to withdraw the application and will resubmit a new one with accurate measurements.

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Naughton Recycling** The recent site walk on Jones Road was attended by Commission Members Ann Eldridge and Scott McLean. The position of the BCC will state disapproval for use as a container storage area as it is not an ap-

propriate use of this site as it is in close proximity to the river. If the site plan application is passed, stipulation should include the installment of a septic system for the building on the hill, cleaning of dumpsters away from the site prior to storage, and placement of a physical barrier between cleaned dumpsters and the river.

**Abenaki Trails Project** Members of the Abenaki Trails Project presented proposed ideas for promoting awareness and a deeper understanding of the cultural influence the Abenaki people have had on the area at the Bradford Springs Site. Proposed ideas include the creation of a boardwalk to the spring's wellhead, an informative addition to the kiosk, a pavilion to host cultural and educational events, and the erection of a monument to honor and recognize Abenaki history. The Conservation Commission approved

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a motion to support the concept presented by the ATP and to involve Ausbon Sargent to move forward.

**CEMETERY COMMISSION**

**Union Cemetery** Commission member Jarna Perkins conducted a walk through at Union and determined that some lots are still available, however, the slope of the tree line on the back easterly side has reduced overall capacity.

**Maintenance** The Trustees drafted bid specifications for maintenance and planned to finalize the document at the next meeting and submit to the Town Administrator in mid-October for publishing. The determined maintenance schedule to be April 15- November 15.

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

**Friends of BML** Connie Brooks from the Friends of Brown Memorial Library presented an update on the group. Several members have left the Friends and an effort to revitalize the group is in the works.

**ILL Program** The Interlibrary loan program restarted on September 15, 2020. A complete list of library loan materials may be found in the NH state library system.

**KRSD SCHOOL BOARD**

**Propane Bids** The Board approved a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for Rymes Propane for 20 months at 1.299 per gallon.

**Kudos** Superintendent Feneberg commended the bus company for their efforts to pull together the routes in the last few weeks of August. To work from buses that held seventy-four students, which can only now hold twenty-four, is close to phenomenal.

**Propane Buses** Following much discussion regarding the pros and cons of propane buses and best ways to refuel them the board put forward two motions. The Board approved a motion to move forward with a trial of five to six propane buses. A motion to contract with Dead River Company to install a propane pump system and tank in an amount up to \$30,000 failed 4-5-0.

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



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<p>Vote September 8, 2020 A true copy attests: <i>Melissa Christie</i> Signature of Town/City Clerk One copy to be Returned ELECTION NIGHT to the Secretary of State</p>		
<p><b>For Governor</b> Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>Dan Feltes 128 Andru Volinsky 112</p>	<p><b>For State Senator</b> Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>Jenn Alford-Teaster 234</p>	<p><b>For County Attorney</b> Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>Robin A. Davis 208</p>
<p><b>For United States Senator</b> Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>Jeanne Shaheen 249 Tom Alcieri 4 Paul J. Krautmann 10</p>	<p><b>For State Representatives</b> Vote for not more than 2</p> <p>Tony Caplan 183 Rod Pimentel 187</p>	<p><b>For County Treasurer</b> Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>Kathleen G. Donnelly 215</p>
<p><b>For Representative in Congress</b> Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>Joseph Mirzoeff 17 Ann McLane Kuster 243</p>	<p><b>For Sheriff</b> Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>Michael Labrecque 56 Keith Mitchell 55 David A. Croft 78</p>	<p><b>For Register of Deeds</b> Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>Susan Cragin 208</p>
<p><b>For Executive Councilor</b> Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>John D. Shea 25 Emmett Soldati 18 Jay Surdukowski 14 Craig Thompson 14 Cinde Warmington 88 Leah Plunkett 166</p>	<p><b>For Register of Probate</b> Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>Jane Bradstreet 138 Erica S. Davis 75</p>	
<p><b>DEMOCRATIC BALLOTS CAST</b> Total Number of Democratic Ballots Cast by ELECTION DAY voters 1163 Total Number of Democratic Ballots Cast by ABSENTEE voters 1016 Grand Total Number of Dem Ballots Cast (sum of two numbers above) 2179</p>		

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE RETURN OF VOTES BRADFORD REPUBLICAN STATE PRIMARY ELECTION September 8, 2020		
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<p><b>For Governor</b> Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>Nobody 5 Chris Sununu 209 Karen Testerman 22</p>	<p><b>For Executive Councilor</b> Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>Jim Beard 120 Stewart I. Levenson 74</p>	<p><b>For County Attorney</b> Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>Paul Halvorsen 178</p>
<p><b>For United States Senator</b> Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>Corky Messner 118 Gerard Beloin 11 Don Bolduc 78 Andy Martin 9</p>	<p><b>For State Senator</b> Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>Ruth Ward 188</p>	<p><b>For County Treasurer</b> Vote for not more than 1</p>
<p><b>For Representative in Congress</b> Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>Eli D. Clemmer 22 Steven Negron 114 Matthew D. Bjelobrk 7 Lynne Ferrari Blankenkemper 165</p>	<p><b>For State Representatives</b> Vote for not more than 2</p> <p>Thomas A. Dunne 165 James B. Parker 125</p>	<p><b>For Register of Deeds</b> Vote for not more than 1</p>
<p><b>For Sheriff</b> Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>Dennis A. Crawford 94 James S. Valiquet 133</p>	<p><b>For Register of Probate</b> Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>Scott Maltzie 168</p>	<p><b>For Delegate to the State Convention</b> Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>Charlotte Antal 108 Jordan Dunne 92</p>
<p><b>REPUBLICAN BALLOTS CAST</b> Total Number of Republican Ballots Cast by ELECTION DAY voters 199 Total Number of Republican Ballots Cast by ABSENTEE voters 40 Grand Total Number of Rep Ballots Cast (sum of two numbers above) 239</p>		

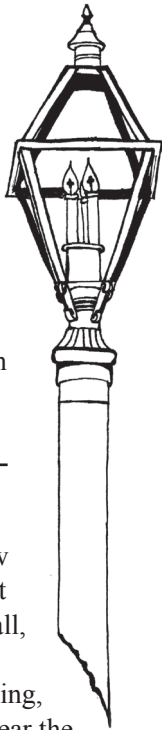
# Library Lantern

## 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:

As I write this article, my view out the window is of the bright white, newly painted Town Hall, teenagers are sitting outside at the picnic table, laughing, talking, and listening to music. I can hear the crickets chirping and feel a nice cool breeze coming in my window, the sun is shining and it's a beautiful end of summer day. For a few moments, I forgot we were in the midst of a pandemic, the bizarro world of wearing masks, feeling restrained, and living with a new set of rules. I won't be seeing my parents this year, they are both in their late seventies, and I hope they will both feel more comfortable with me visiting next year. I think they are holding on hope for a vaccination. I'm not sure what the fall/winter will hold socially, if everyone will go into hibernation mode. I feel lucky to have the library open where I can regularly see and talk to people, even through the constraint of wearing a mask.

I wish I had more to report on the happenings of the library. No programming in the foreseeable future. I would like to hear people's feedback on creating a virtual book group? Any interest? I'm not a huge fan of Zoom, but I could make it work if the majority would like to connect in this way over a mutual book.

Inter-library loan is available again. This will enable you to request books we do not own as long as they aren't brand new. It usually takes between one and two weeks to fulfill the request.

We continue to work on digitizing the library.

Given our current climate, we will not be open on Halloween night. I thought it best to hold off this year and if possible resume with great enthusiasm next year.

On a positive note, we had a good turnout for our Labor Day book & plant sale. We raised a little over a thousand dollars. I greatly thank Devin Pendleton, Seth Benowitz, and Laura Beaton for helping with the book sale, as well as Janet Sillars, Brook McCandlish, and Patty Furness for helping with the plants!

Fall is one of my favorite seasons. The low light, the cool, crisp weather, fires in the hearth, cozy blankets, candles, all create such an inviting environment to read books!!

*Ellen Barselle, Director*

## Friends of the Brown Memorial Library

There will be a meeting of the Friends of the Library on Friday, October 16 at 4 PM at the Bradford library. We invite anyone to come who is interested in planning future events or providing other support to our Library.

We will all need to wear our masks and social distancing will be in effect to keep us and the library patrons all safe. If you are interested in helping but cannot attend the meeting, please contact Connie Brookes at [constance.brookes@gmail.com](mailto:constance.brookes@gmail.com).

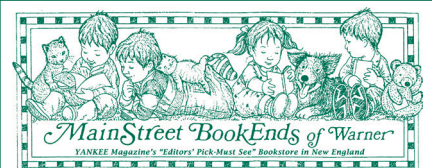
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## The Abenaki Trail Project

It was the idea of Darryl Peasley of Contoocook, which he shared with Bill and Sherry Gould of Warner, all members of the Nulhegan Band of the Abenaki Nation. With community input historic sites will be identified in the towns of Contoocook, Hopkinton, Henniker, Warner, and Bradford. The Nulhegan Band of the Abenaki Tribe will then apply their knowledge of culture, customs, and stories to bust some myths and adjust factual events with a more balanced viewpoint and less ‘romanticism’.

From the Abenaki Trail Project Facebook page, “It is our hope this project will help educate the general public and share a cultural exchange with the Abenaki people. Past and Present. The Nulhegan band of the Coosuk Abenaki Nation welcomes you on our journey together.”

This project has received attention lately on NHPR’s “The Exchange”, an article in the Concord Monitor, on-line articles, and in social media channels.

I recently had the pleasure of speaking with Sherry Gould about the Project as we hiked to the “Indian Tie-up.” Sherry, a professional genealogist, says of her Indian ancestry, “I always knew I was Indian and like anyone I learned about my ancestors by tracing them back.” She has a wealth of experience with genealogical data in Indian lineage as well as with that of early European settlers. Sherry and Kathleen C. Beals authored *Early Families of Bradford, New Hamp-*



*Members of the Nulhegan Band of the Abenaki Coosuk Tribe and others involved and interested in the Abenaki Trail project at the “Indian Tie-up”*

shire. Like me, if you haven’t come across this incredible resource, please check it out at the Bradford Historical Society or at Brown Memorial Library.

Sherry explains, “This is an initiative of the local Nulhegan Tribe of the Abenaki Coosuk Nation, funded through a combination of public and private resources. In each town Tribal representatives have met with the Select Board to inform them of the intentions for the project and ask for ideas to make it a successful project for their town. The goal is for a mutually beneficial outcome of solid education of who the Abenaki of the area were historically and are today in their communities, and a reason for people to come to town and enjoy themselves exploring the rich Abenaki culture while shopping, eating and spending some money in the community.”

Sherry and representatives of the Tribe have been in contact with the Bradford Select Board, the Bradford Historical Society, and the Bradford Conservation Commission to inform each of the Project and have been met with much enthusiasm from these groups.

Specifically about Bradford, Sherry says, “Bradford is the site of Massasecum, both the man and the lake, where a dugout canoe was found. Artifacts were found on property near the lake. We’re hoping to show whether there was a camp site or something larger

there. The lake would be a good location to explore points of interest on an organized kayak trip. Bradford Springs and the Bradford Bog are two other sites important to the Abenaki. Presenting the history of more contemporary families, including Dr. Pascall Richards, would help us show that Abenaki people have always lived and continue to live in the area.”

The Tribe will engage with each town to display exhibits of artifacts and other pieces, like baskets and birch bark bitten work, available in the historical societies. They hope that town libraries will engage with the project through art shows and a selection of books for suggested reading. And they intend to develop a curriculum for each school to enhance their Native American studies.

“We are open to hearing what else people in each town want to include,” says Sherry. “Any stories or artifacts or locations people know of are welcomed. To follow the project, just look for Abenaki Trails Project on Facebook and feel free to message us with any tips or questions you may have. We frequently make posts based on messages from our followers. For those who aren’t on Facebook, you can email Darryl Peasley at [peasleyd@comcast.net](mailto:peasleyd@comcast.net) or Sherry Gould at [sherrygould@tds.net](mailto:sherrygould@tds.net).”

*Kathleen Bigford*



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## Winter is on its Way!

Not only is the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center preparing for winter, we are also helping others prepare. One way we are helping is by collecting liquid oils to give to a resident who heats his business with the oils.

We are set up to recycle all oils that are in liquid form: clean expired and used motor oils, liquid cooking oils such as expired or used canola oil or deep-fryer peanut oil, and many kinds of lubricating oils. We have an oil filter crusher that gets every bit of oil out of the filter, and then we throw the crushed filter into the scrap metal container. The oil that is squeezed out is put into our used oil barrel and then is given to the local business to be used in their used oil burner.

Residents may bring their liquid oils in a container, which we will empty for them, or they may pour their liquid oils into the oil barrel that is in the used oil shed and take their container home again. Ken and I will answer any questions you may have about recycling oils.

This is a great plan for several reasons. First, dumping plant or animal-based oils onto the ground, as many used to do, has been determined by the Environmental Protection Agency to be injurious to plants and wildlife. This method of oil disposal also adds pollution to the groundwater, which we all drink. Second, pouring oil and grease down the drain changes the chemistry of country septic systems and city sewer systems. Backups are caused by fats, oils, and grease that build up in septic lines and sewer filters. Repairs and replacement of these systems are costly. Third, tossing a bottle or jug of any kind of oil into the compactor container is not an option, because Bradford has a mandatory recycling policy.

By recycling the oils, we help curb our expenses associated with shipping municipal waste. And, by not wasting the oils, one resident is not wanting for heat!

*Lois Kilnapp, Manager*

## Virtual Fall Foliage Festival 2020

Since 1947, the Warner Fall Foliage Festival has brought the New Hampshire community together, both with an annual celebration and by using proceeds to help build and support local nonprofits, schools, and cultural activities. Due to 2020 gathering restrictions, Festival activities this year will be held as virtual events. All proceeds from the 2020 Festival events will be donated to the Warner Area Food Pantry and Fuel Assistance programs managed by the Belknap/Merrimack Community Action Program. Join [wfff.org](http://wfff.org) email list for the latest updates. Virtual events take place between September 26 and October 12.

*“The best thing about school so far this year is actually being at school and being able to see friends”*



*Cole, age 11, grade 6, in-school learning*

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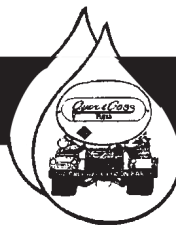
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## Bradford Historical Society News

The Bradford Historical Society (BHS) is looking for your help.

Firstly, we would like to thank all of those who have supported BHS with donations and memberships in a year where we have been unable to host any programs. We really appreciate and need continued support! Anyone becoming a member in 2020 will have their membership carried through 2021 when we plan to have events back on the calendar.

For this year, we are planning a yard sale on October 10th, outside the blacksmith shop. Masks and social distancing to be observed. Donations of items to sell would be gratefully accepted (call 938-2078 to arrange drop off).

Yard Sale will run from 9am-1pm. The Tin Shop will also be open for viewing.

Our annual meeting is to be held at the Community Center so that we can include zoom options. Meeting is October 28th, at 6:30pm. Details for Zoom meeting will be posted on website and Facebook page nearer the time.

So, BHS is looking for help with a winter project. When the group started in Bradford in the 70's, a call went out to all Bradford residents to send in any

history of their homes, stories or other information to be used for research for the Two Hundred Plus book. That information has been kept and now needs to be archivally preserved, updated and catalogued. At this time, we would also like to add to the collection any recent updates we might not have to continue the process of preserving Bradford's history.



*These were recently rescued from a house clear out and donated. They were headed for the trash!*

We have box albums that need to be sorted, boxes can be taken home and worked on at you own pace. We will have two workshops to explain how this is to be done and a kit of supplies will be sent home with the box. Workshops will be held in late October and will be limited sign up only. If you have an interest to help with the boxes please call Tracey at 938-2078. If you have any Bradford related items, updated house photos or stories you think we could add to our collection, please call and let us know - you never know what you might find.

*Tracey Quigley*

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### NH Senate

#### Bradford Senate District 8

Ruth Ward (R) [ruth.ward@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:ruth.ward@leg.state.nh.us)

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#### District 2 (covers mid-section of NH, East to West)

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### US House of Representatives District 2

Ann McLane Kuster (D)

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### US Senate

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Manchester Office: (603) 622-2204

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Jeanne Shaheen (D) (term ends 2020)

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Manchester Office: (603) 647-7500

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### Kearsarge Regional School District (SAU #65) Board Member

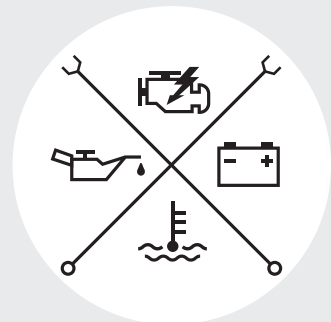
Eric Gregoire, 147 Rowe Mt. Rd., Bradford, 938-5543

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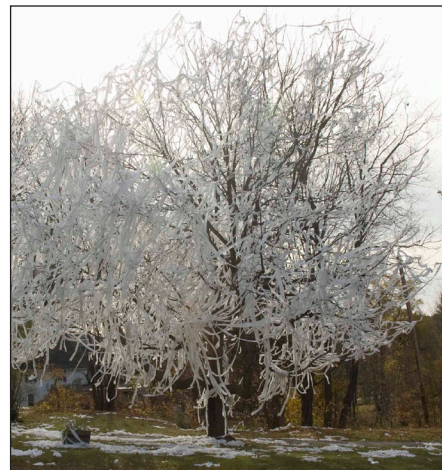
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Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Shoebox is now underway. To pickup a shoebox to fill, stop by on a Sunday morning before worship. You may also go to *Samaritanspurse.org/occ* for a list and instructions on how to fill a box. Drop-off day is Sunday, November 1st at 10am.

The Bradford Community Food Pantry is open on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. As we are now heading into fall and gearing up for our holiday seasons, please keep in mind that donations of turkeys for our thanksgiving baskets would be much appreciated. Call the church office for a drop-off time. We have recently been gifted with gently used clothing in all sizes. If you are in need of clothing please contact Laura Marshall at 938-2086. November will be bringing us into the time of year we begin planning and collecting Christmas gifts for our children. More information will be available next month.

## Bradford Halloween Traditions in 2020



In 2020 who will sacrifice their cache for this Bradford Halloween tradition? For information about Halloween in Bradford call the Select Board office after October 5th, 938-5900.

## Vote Jenn Alford-Teaster for State Senate

Jenn Alford-Teaster is a public health scientist, was born and raised in New Hampshire, and lives in Sutton with her husband and daughter. If elected, she will fight to make sure that our communities get the opportunities we need to thrive.

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- 19th: Scottish Pork Loin
- 26th: Shaker Pot Roast

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A Public Service Announcement from The Center for Disease Control and Prevention

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To be clear, getting a flu vaccine will not protect against COVID-19. However, a yearly flu vaccination has many benefits. Several studies cited by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention support these reasons for getting vaccinated.

- Flu vaccination can keep you from getting sick with flu.
- Flu vaccination can reduce the risk of flu-associated hospitalization for children, working age adults, and older adults.
- Flu vaccination is an important preventive tool for people with chronic health conditions.
- Flu vaccination helps protect women during and after pregnancy.
- Flu vaccine can be lifesaving in children.
- Flu vaccination has been shown in several studies to reduce severity of illness in people who get vaccinated but still get sick.
- Getting vaccinated yourself may also protect people around you.

Health care providers now have the 2020 versions of the flu vaccine.

The website for ConvenientMD Urgent Care offers free flu shots for children, teens, and adults. In Concord find them at 8 Loudon Road, Concord, NH, 603 226 9000, <https://convenientmd.com/patient-services/flu-shots/>

Help everyone stay healthy!

*Compiled by Kathleen Bigford*

# Community FLU CLINICS 2020 BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

September 28	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Sunapee Seniors at United Methodist Church
September 29	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Kearsarge Council on Aging, New London
October 1	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	South Newbury Union Church
October 2	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Claremont Senior Center
October 5	8:30 am - 11:00 am	The Center at Eastman (drive-thru clinic)
October 13	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Kearsarge Council on Aging, New London
October 19	8:30 am - 11:00 am	The Center at Eastman (drive-thru clinic)
October 20	1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Our Lady of Fatima, New London
October 22	10:00 am - 1:00 pm	Wilmot Town Hall
October 29	1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Our Lady of Fatima, New London

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- Concord Regional VNA 30 Pillsbury Street Concord NH 03301 (603) 224-4093 (Walk in hours)
- Hillsboro, Concord Hospital Family Health CTR, 15 Antrim Road Hillsboro NH 03244 (603) 352-1171

## Out & About: Town Hall Painting

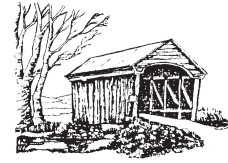


The painting of Town Hall was completed on Thursday (9/17) by Ainslie and Sons General Contracting. Bradford resident Ben Ainslie told me this project was “a labor of love” for him. The Town Hall looks fabulous!

*Karen Hambleton*

*I'd like to invite photographers to share images to be included in this article. 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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