

# The Bradford Bridge

COMMUNITY NEWS *for* NEIGHBORS *by* NEIGHBORS

## MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**Farewell** At his last meeting as a Select Board member, Andrew Pinard thanked his fellow Select Board members for working with him this past year, stating that it has been a privilege working with them, as well as with Town employees. He also enjoyed working with the Fire Department and Police Department and is grateful for their service to the Town. He thanked Karen and her staff for working with the Select Board and acknowledged all the boards he has worked with throughout the year as well.

**Board Chair** The Board approved a motion to nominate Marlene Freyler as Chair.

**Committee Assignments** Selectman Mel Pfeifle will serve on the Economic Development, CIP, Planning Board, and Transfer Station. Selectman Marlene Freyler will serve on the Historic District Commission, Energy Committee, Fire Department, and Cemetery. Selectman Beth Downs will serve on Budget Committee, and Highway Department.

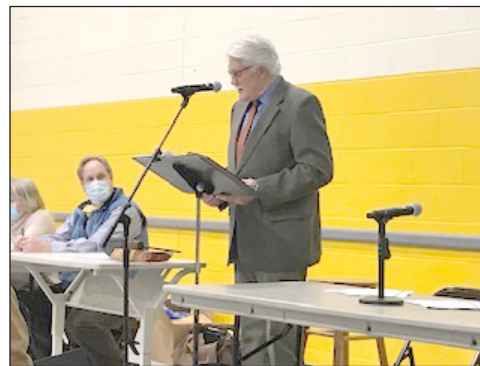
**Road Race** Tim Blagden came before the Board to discuss plans for a 5K road race to raise funds for the Rail Trail project. The race route would go from The Appleseed along High Street, to West Main Street, up Gillingham to a point then down Gillingham back to West Main, up Church Street then along the Tilly Wheeler Trail back to The Appleseed, and then around again as it will be a two-lap race. This would take place on Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 6:00pm. They are hoping for between 100-200 racers.

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## Bradford Town Meeting 2022

The 236th Bradford Town Meeting may go in the books as one of the most agreeable. All of the warrant articles were approved. Significantly, after about a decade of debate over the usage of the Town Hall, a \$2.6 million bond to finish renovation and construction passed by 71% of the votes cast.

At the beginning of the meeting Andrew Pinard thanked all the citizens and first responders who helped at the scene of the fire at the Student Transportation of America building. “Our hearts are with the victims and their families,” he said.



Pictured here, Bruce Storm, interim and newly elected Moderator, led the proceedings admitting that the last time he had addressed a group this size was to let middle school students know it was time to clear the cafeteria. Bruce expressed deepest thanks to Andrew Pinard for serving as Chair of the Bradford Selectboard for the past year and for his support at Town Meeting.

“I have some big shoes to fill,” said Mr. Storm and he quoted one of his mentors by reminding the meeting that, “It is possible to disagree without being disagreeable.”

“A matriarchy has been created,” Interim Moderator Bruce Storm, after reading election results making Beth Downs the third member of the Bradford Select Board.



*Pictured here (rom left to right) Mary Ellen Pfeifle, Marlene Freyler, and newly elected Select Board Member, Beth Downs.*

Many thanks to everyone in our community who makes their voices heard and invests their time and energy into keeping the spirit of our town alive!



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## From the Bridge

*“One person can make a difference, and everyone should try.”*

John F. Kennedy, 35th President of the United States, 1917-1963

*“The act of striving is in itself the only way to keep faith with life.”*

Madeleine Albright, 64th United States Secretary of State, 1937-2022

The citizens of Bradford owe a big thank you to Jimmy Raymond for stepping up as Interim Fire Chief, Andrew Pinard as Chair of the Select Board, and Bruce Storm as Interim Moderator/Election Official. Andrew, Jimmy and Bruce each made a difference and we thank them.

March is a time when it is most obvious that Bradford can be grateful to many who not only try and strive, but keep Bradford moving forward. The list is long and omissions would be shameful. Check out the 2021 Bradford Town Report to see many of those involved. I am continually struck by the number of people and the immense amount of time given freely. My small involvement is enough to know that the way forward, both smooth and rough, is demanding in many ways. So here is my heartfelt appreciation to all those who make Bradford the place I love.

This April 2022 edition offers:

- ❖ Lovely April art from Anne Kratz,
- ❖ News and training opportunities from Kearsarge Community Network,
- ❖ Comments from Jimmy Raymond, Interim Fire Chief, about the March 3rd fire,
- ❖ Poetry from Hanna Flanders,
- ❖ Natalia’s letter about the war in her homeland,
- ❖ April foolery,
- ❖ Tax advantages of going solar soon from the Bradford Energy Committee,
- ❖ Changes at the Recycling Center and Transfer Station from Lois,
- ❖ Ellen’s picks of books about renewal available at the Library.

Don Moss, our advertising coordinator, reports that this issue may contain a record number of advertisers. We are continually grateful to these local businesses who make our community economically viable and bring the Bradford Bridge to you for free.

Sending warm wishes as spring continues,

*Kathleen Bigford, Editor*

*And everyone making a difference at the Bradford Bridge*

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**Land Acknowledgement Statement** – *We are on the unceded land of Nd’akinna which has long served as a site of meeting for Abenaki people from Pagôntegok (Contoocook), O’quasskikonaquan (Newbury) and beyond for thousands of years. Nebizonbik (Bradford Springs) provided healing waters and people exchanged goods at the village site behind Lake Massasecum, calling this land home. The town of Bradford honors, recognizes, and respects these Abenaki, as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we gather today. In that spirit, today we will begin by acknowledging that we are guests in this land. We need to respect and help protect the lands within our use and share of the bounty with our Abenaki partners today.*

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## Letters to Our Editor:

### To the Editor:

I would like to thank the citizens of Bradford who voted for me. I am proud to represent all the citizens of our town as your next Selectman.

I am excited to be in office at this historic time where our Town Hall will finally get the remodel it deserves. I personally feel that a weight has been lifted off my shoulders and my promises to the elders of our town to get the Town Hall open is finally in sight.

Sincerely and with gratitude,  
*Beth Downs*  
*Bradford, NH*

### To the Editor:

A week before the war started I was speaking with Ann Eldridge. With a heavy heart and much compassion Ann was asking me about the situation at home, about my family, and expressing her concern about their safety, as did many other friends from the US in weeks and days prior to the beginning of the war. On the other hand at home in Ukraine my family were shrugging their shoulders during our video chats in disbelief that anything could happen. "Putin is bluffing", "There is no way Russians will attack", "The EU and NATO are watching closely, they will not let this happen" - those were the words I was hearing from my relatives and friends back home.

You see, the whole scenario of "Putin wants to liberate the ethnic Russian population from Ukrainian oppression" didn't make any sense to any Ukrainian, so it was hard to believe that war would start.

It is a dirty war, built on lies, ruthless control and deception. War with the aim to break the nation. The freedom loving nation, too dangerous of a neighbor, when you are a tyrant. More than 70% of Russian people support their pres-

ident and this war. Seventy percent?! They live in the alternate reality, where their soldiers are liberating people from a "nazi" regime?!

Like many Ukrainians, I have asked myself "how can we get through to the Russian people?" If only they knew the truth, that their own sons are dying in this dirty war (over 14,000 Russian casualties in 24 days), that their sons are ordered to strike civilian populations and target hospitals, orphanages, maternity hospitals (109 children have been killed, and thousands of civilians)! Would they find bravery inside to summon people to the streets, by thousands, by millions, to stop this madness?

What can we do on our part here in the US? I invite you to take action if you are not indifferent to the fate of people in my home country who are being targeted as they are trying to evacuate since most of the so-called "green corridors" don't work due to heightened air attacks. They are running for their lives, dying not only from explosions and gunshots but from dehydration and lack of food.

Call your representative in Congress and ask them to advocate for more anti aircraft and anti tank ammunition to be sent to Ukraine. Ask for more strict sanctions against the Russian elite, Putin, and his closest circle.

Here are some websites where you can securely donate to help Ukraine:

- <https://www.comebackalive.in.ua/>, to support Ukrainian army
- <https://razomforukraine.org/donate/>, for Emergency relief
- <https://wck.org/>, to World Central Kitchen, feeding people in the war zone and on the borders

As I write this now, understanding that it will be about a week before print, my prayer is that as you read these words now, there are no more innocent people dying, no homes and towns being destroyed, no families being separated and displaced. My prayer is for Peace.

*Natalia Karaulova*  
*Bradford, NH*



## Bradford Volunteer Fire Department

The Bradford Fire Department would like to thank the following departments for their assistance on March 3, 2022 at the STA Bus Terminal. This was a five alarm fire consisting of multiple explosions and we are extremely thankful for the many volunteers that came to our aid. A very special thanks to all of the civilians who also stopped to help out!

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Warner Fire Department  
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Concord Fire Department  
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New London Ambulance  
Hillsboro Ambulance  
Weare Fire Department  
Dunbarton Fire Department  
Hillsboro Fire Department  
Hopkinton Fire Department  
State of NH Fire Marshal's Office  
Bradford Dunkin' Donuts  
Henniker Ambulance

## Bradford's US and NH Legislators

### US Senate

Maggie Hassen - [hassen.senate.gov](https://hassen.senate.gov)  
Jeanne Shaheen - [shaheen.senate.gov](https://shaheen.senate.gov)

### US House NH District 2

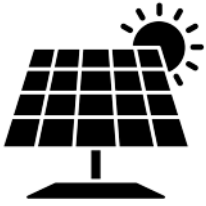
Ann McLane Kuster - [kuster.house.gov](https://kuster.house.gov)

### NH Senate District 8

Ruth Ward - 603-271-3092

### NH House District 6

Tony Caplan - 603-271-3125  
Rod Pimentel - 603-271-3369



## Thinking About Going Solar?

The bottom line: The sooner the better. The Residential Solar Federal Tax Credit will drop in 2023 from 26% to 22%!

### Tax Credit Basics:

A tax credit is a dollar-for-dollar reduction in the amount of income tax you owe. Claiming a \$1,000 federal tax credit reduces your federal income taxes by \$1,000. The federal residential solar energy credit is a tax credit that can be claimed on federal income taxes for a percentage of the cost of a solar photovoltaic (PV) system. In 2022 it is 26%.

So, for a \$10,000 solar PV system placed in service during 2022 the federal income tax credit would be \$2,600. On the same installation in 2023 the tax credit will be \$2,200. And, unless Congress renews this tax credit, it will go away in 2024.

The solar tax credit applies to the following:

- Cost of solar panels
- Labor costs for installation, including permitting fees, inspection costs, and developer fees
- Any and all additional solar equipment, like inverters, wiring, and mounting hardware
- Home batteries charged by your solar equipment
- Sales taxes on eligible expenses

If you're not sure the solar tax credit applies to you and your home, here are some of the criteria to keep in mind:

- Your solar photovoltaic (PV) system was installed between 1/1/2006 and 12/31/2023.
- Your solar PV system was installed on your primary or secondary residence in the US.

• You own the solar PV system, meaning you purchased it outright or financed it with a loan. You did not sign a lease or Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).

• Your solar PV system is new or being used for the first time, the credit can only be claimed on the original installation of the solar equipment. For instance, if you bought a house that came with a solar system already installed, you would not be eligible for the credit.

Readers interested in installing solar products should use their best judgment and seek advice from a licensed professional before making any purchase or investment. If you decide you want to proceed don't delay as a solar PV project can take from 4-6 months or longer to complete. Eversource provides some rebates and resources for solar projects at [eversource.com](http://eversource.com).

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)

*Compiled by the Bradford Energy Committee, Sandra Bravo, Chair; Kathleen Bigford, Susan Reeder Moss, Laura Ryder.*

March 2022

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## Bradford Town Ballot Results

### Candidates elected on March 8, 2022

- Budget Committee  
3yrs – 2 positions  
Justin Dohrn, Sonny Harris
- Cemetery Commission  
3yrs – 1 position  
Erica Gross
- Moderator  
2 yrs – 1 position  
Bruce Storm
- Planning Board  
3yrs – 2 positions  
Carol Troy, Laurie Colburn
- Planning Board  
1yr – 1 position  
Laurie Colburn
- Scholarship Committee  
3 yrs – 1 position  
Kathleen Bigford
- Selectman  
3 yrs – 1 position  
Beth Downs
- Supervisor of the Checklist  
6 yrs – 1 position  
Kristine Foss
- Town Clerk / Tax Collector  
2 yrs – 1 position  
Erica Gross
- Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library  
3 yrs – 2 positions  
Devin Pendleton, Robin Steiner
- Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library  
2 yrs – 1 position  
Beth von Beren

Trustee of the Trust Funds  
3 yrs – 1 position  
Robin Steiner

Trustee of the Trust Funds  
2 yrs – 1 position  
Harold Wright

Zoning Board of Adjustment  
3 yrs – 2 positions  
Brooks McCandlish, Ken Parys

## Kearsarge Regional School District Results

Derek D. Lick for KRSD Moderator:  
242 votes

Question 1: To raise \$22,270,344 to renovate and construct a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math) wing at KRSD High School. *Yes 148, No 148*

Question 2: KRSD Budget: Same amount, \$47,172,493, recommended by the School Board (178 votes) and by the Municipal budget committee (97 votes).

Question 3: Cost of collective bargaining agreement between KRSD and the Kearsarge Regional Teachers Association, \$432,569 for 2022-23. *Yes 108 No 85*

Question 4: To raise \$25,000 for the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund. *Yes 223 No 73*

Question 5: To raise \$35,000 for the School Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. *Yes 233 No 64*



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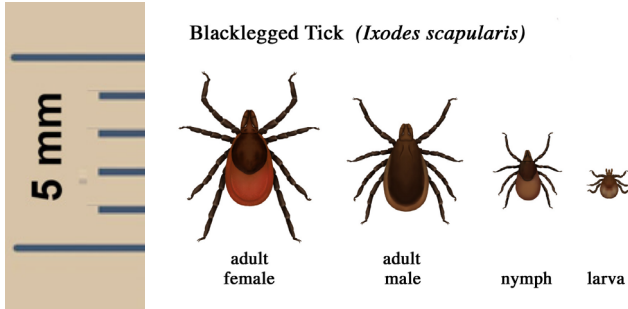
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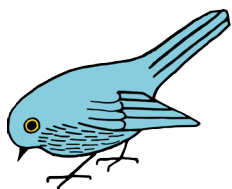
Know where to expect ticks. Ticks live in moist and humid environments, particularly in or near wooded or grassy areas. For more detailed information on how to make a tick-free yard, see the state of Connecticut's Tick Management Handbook.

You may come into contact with ticks during outdoor activities around your home like gardening or when walking through leaf litter or near shrubs. Always walk in the center of trails in order to avoid contact with ticks.

Wearing tick repellent clothing is the best - and easiest - way for people to prevent tick bites when they venture outdoors. Did you know you can turn your own favorite clothes into tick repellent clothes? Products containing permethrin kill ticks. Permethrin can be used to treat boots, clothing and camping gear and remain protective through several washings.

Use a repellent on your skin that contains 20% or more of DEET, which can protect up to several hours. Always follow product instructions. Parents should apply this product to their children, avoiding the hands, eyes, and mouth, with a concentration of DEET no higher than 30%. For detailed information about using DEET on children, see recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

To learn more about how to protect yourself from ticks visit [tickfreenh.org](http://tickfreenh.org)



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## Fire Destroys Student Transportation of America Building

On March 3, 2022, several propane explosions consumed the Student Transportation of America maintenance building on Route 114 in Bradford and critically injured two employees, Bobby Snair and Tim White. As of this writing both remain hospitalized.

As the fire happened during school vacation week, student transportation wasn't interrupted. However, surrounding towns came together over a weekend to coordinate bus routes on the following Monday to accommodate the buses destroyed in the fire.

I had a chance to catch up with Jim Raymond, Bradford's Interim Fire Chief, who commented:

"This five-alarm fire was the largest Bradford has seen, requiring lots of water and people. To see all the people and equipment that came together to fight and contain the fire is beyond words. It was a well-fought fire, and the Bradford Fire Department can hold their heads high. Every fire is dangerous, and it is a



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credit to those involved that firefighters were not hurt. Since the fire had burned most of the building by the time we arrived, the biggest concern was containing the fire, protecting adjacent buildings and the Ayer and Goss gas tanks on close-by property.

As an interesting twist of fate, when the fire happened I was looking to cruise through my final ten days as Interim Chief!"

Thank you Jim for stepping up to lead as Interim Chief of the Bradford Fire Department and for all you did on March 3rd.

On page 3 see the Bradford Fire Department's appreciation for the fire departments and organizations that sent aid.

*Kathleen Bigford*

## April and May UNH-Extension Trainings

Are you struggling communicating with your child, teenager or other adults? This program can give you valuable skills to improve your relationships.

**What You Say and How You Say It: Motivational Interviewing** will give you practice with effective communication skills that can help in personal and professional interactions. [Zoom] April 20, 27 and May 4, 2022 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

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It is time to be involved in the NH Law making process. **Advocacy 101– New Futures** will cover: Policy & advocacy, how a bill becomes a law in New Hampshire, the power of the personal story, and advocacy skills. [Zoom] April 28, 2022, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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## MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

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**Transfer Station** The Board approved a motion that the transfer station will no longer accept demolition waste, furniture, large carpeting, bulk plastic, insulation, and fiber glass. These changes begin May 1, 2022.

**Office Help** The Board approved a motion to allow Town Administrator Karen Hambleton to find an interim person to help with work in the Town Office.

**Scholarship Donation** The Board accepted a donation of \$400 for the 1964 Scholarship Fund.

**Covid Protocol Update** The Board approved a motion to lift the mask recommendation mandate in Town buildings.

**Wage Increases** The Board approved a motion to allow Department Heads to distribute the 5.9% increase with a 2% merit based on performance as they wish.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**ERZ Approval** The Economic Revitalization Zone (ERZ) Tax Relief Program has been approved by the Select Board. Matt Monahan of Central NH Regional Planning will have a map created that shows the RSA 79-E and the Revitalization Zone shown on a single map and the Committee will work with the Town office to get this posted, along with a program summary, on the Town website so it is easy to identify these programs.

### PLANNING BOARD

**Change of Use** The Board held a discussion of change of use for the current Bradford Junction Restaurant. Lisa Fantasia plans to run a bakery called “Wicked Sweet Cakes and Treats” at this location. The Board declared this new business does not constitute a change of use and she can move forward with her plan.

**Retail Store** Anu Saini, owner of Map 17 Lot 2, 2 East Main Street, and Christine Frost, potential renter, came before the Board to discuss plans for a retail store. Christine is hoping to lease the space from Anu to operate a retail store selling Made in America home goods called “Soul Source LLC”, a business that she has created. A site plan is already on file from September 14, 2021 and there will be no new construction. Initially she will be open Fri, Sat, Sun. She is hoping to open in June 2022. There was no need for a formal vote at this time and it will go on the agenda pending for the upcoming meeting.

### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

**Variance** A public hearing was opened to review the application by Mark and Laura Black for a Variance to Article III, Section D-1-4 to replace the existing house with a new dwelling located at 24 East Shore Drive, Map 22, Lot 13. The

Board approved a motion to approve the application with the following conditions: Construction shall include systems to increase filtration of runoff from roofs of all structures; The entire driveway shall be constructed using pervious surfaces such as permeable pavers; A rain garden and/or swale shall be planted with native vegetation between house and shoreline of Lake Massasecum.

### ENERGY COMMITTEE

**Town Hall** Bradford Energy Committee involvement has been invited by the Selectboard to recommend energy saving measures, to research energy efficient heating and cooling possibilities, and to identify grant opportunities to fund the additional costs of such measures.

### Municipal Weatherization Status

The Town approved warrant article 30, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000.00 for the purpose of implementing energy saving measures to reduce the annual energy consumption of the Highway Garage as outlined in the Energy Audit Report sponsored by Eversource Energy dated February 9, 2021. The BEC needs to get two updated quotes for the work which will need to be coordinated with repairs to the door and cement wall of one bay.

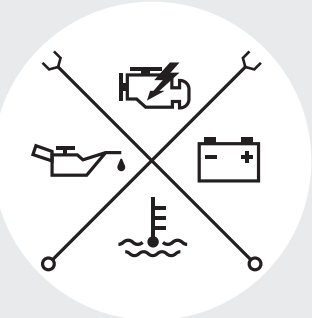
**Solar Energy** The BEC is looking into the feasibility of solar panels at the



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highway department. Committee member Kathleen Bigford will contact Granite State Solar for a detailed analysis. She will also find out how many trees would need to come down and at what price before solar could be installed.

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Warner River** The 2020 Warner River instream survey found algal blooms near Breezy Hill Rd and also ATV traffic downstream in Warner.

**Bradford Bog** The Selectboard has approved the wild bee research at the bog to be conducted by UNH and also drafted a letter of support for a grant for UNH to study cedar regeneration at the bog.

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

**Easter Egg Hunt** The Library Easter Egg Hunt will be at the Brown Memorial Library on Saturday, April 16, 2022, at 11:00am.

**Conference** The NHLTA Spring conference will be held on May 10, 2022 at the Grappone Center in Concord, NH. Trustees Maria Storm and Devin Pendleton, and Library Director Ellen

Barselle plan on attending.

**KRSD SCHOOL BOARD**

**Legislation** The Board had a discussion with Senator Ruth Ward, Senator Rebecca Whitley (via Zoom), Representative Karen Ebel (via Zoom), Representative Thomas Schamberg, and Representative Linda Tanner regarding NH House Bill 1371, AN ACT relative to school district policies on facial masks of students in schools, and NH House Bill 1679-FN, AN ACT relative to the dissolution and repeal of cooperative school districts. The Board approved a motion to note the Board’s disapproval of House Bill 1371 and House Bill 1679-FN.

**Safety Concerns** The fire escapes in Warner need to be completely redone. The estimated cost is \$250,000. The front windows of the school need to be replaced as they provide a second emergency exit. An estimate will be obtained next Summer. School Board Member Ben Cushing stated that he was not pleased to hear that discussions of replacing the same fire escape had come up 15 years ago and no action was taken. He emphasized that the replacement

of the fire escape and the windows are a life safety issue and should be prioritized.

*Minutes of all meetings are on file at the Town Office and online at the town website.*

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**Thank you!**

The Town Clerk’s Office would like to thank the following people for their dedication and hard work during the March 8th, Town Election and the March 9th, Town Meeting;

Moderator: Bruce Storm

Assistant Moderator: Jarna Perkins

Supervisors of the Checklist: Judy Marshall, Jaqueline Pehrson and Sandy Paul

Selectmen: Andrew Pinard, Marlene Freyler and Mel Pfeifle

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*See the full story on page 19.*



## Keep Our Roadsides Beautiful!

Spring has returned and as the snow banks melt away it's disappointing to see bottles, cans, paper and plastic emerging from their winter cover by the side of the road. It's hard to understand why some people feel it is okay to litter, but then somehow, much of the trash vanishes. Bradford, it seems, has a number of good folks who make it their mission to collect and properly dispose of roadside litter. We can all help. Choose a day or two in the month of April to collect when you are out walking. Lois and Ken at the Bradford Recycling and Transfer Station are always happy to provide bags and sorting assistance to anyone who is willing to help keep Bradford beautiful! *Thank you from the Bradford Community Gardeners.*



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## Kearsarge Community Network (KCN)

Let's Build Community Resilience Together! Spring has sprung and we are all ready to connect with each other as we come out of this pandemic.

Kearsarge Community Network (KCN) is charging ahead with the support of the UNH-Extension initiative to build resiliency in our rural communities. KCN brings together local nonprofits, community service groups, libraries, businesses and more to expand awareness of the many services and programs available throughout the Kearsarge/Sunapee region.

Our network partners in collaboration with KCN are excited to kick off a series of spring programs.

Stone Soup Luncheons - Leveraging the community building theme of the folk tale, Stone Soup, four luncheons are planned in April in Newbury, Warner,

Wilmot, and Bradford. Students from the KRHS Culinary Department will provide soup and bread to be shared with participants. Please join us to connect, share a meal, and enjoy each other's company. The Bradford gathering is scheduled for April 29 at noon at BACC- Mt. View Senior Center. Call Roberta at 938-2104 by April 22nd to reserve your spot.

KCN is also offering a children's Stone Soup program that will include a reading of the classic tale followed by a discussion of the values of sharing, connecting and the sense of joy derived from community. Young participants will also prepare a dry soup base to bring home to make soup with their family. Watch for upcoming dates.

Year three of the Tray-it-Forward Program is underway in the Kearsarge area! Local partners of the FEED Kearsarge Initiative are coordinating the growing and distribution of seedling trays to share with neighbors struggling with food insecurity and community garden sites. Last year

375 seedling trays containing 7,824 plants made their way to gardens in 12 local towns. Support this important community program by sponsoring a tray

at [springledgefarm.com](http://springledgefarm.com) or becoming a volunteer at [KNPnh.org/volunteering](http://KNPnh.org/volunteering). Together we can grow food sovereignty, resilience, and joy for more neighbors!

If you are a high school student looking for community service, job exploring or extended learning opportunity KCN is trying to connect students with our Kearsarge partners contact KCN coordinator.

Youth Summer Program - KCN has grant funds available to develop and deliver a summer program for youth ages 12-14. The program "Navigating Resiliency in Nature" will teach the use of a compass in nature and connect navigation skills to one's ability to build life skills. We are looking for educators or conservationists to assist in developing this program. For more information contact [carol@sheinh.org](mailto:carol@sheinh.org).

The KCN meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month and all are welcome. Our next meeting is April 20th at 10am. Highlighted speakers will be from FEED Kearsarge and UNH-Extension Food Matter program resources. For more information, please contact KCN Coordinator Carol at [confortiadams@gmail.com](mailto:confortiadams@gmail.com) or 938-2562. Please check out the KCN ad for UHN-Extension Community trainings. They are wonderful and free.

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## KFH 2022 Farmer Apprenticeship Program!

Kearsarge Food Hub’s Farmer Apprenticeship program is a 6-month paid opportunity for one or two people who are looking to gain the experience, knowledge, and practical skills needed to run their own regenerative, community-oriented market garden. The program is set to begin in April or May, depending on the apprentice availability, so interested folks are encouraged to apply ASAP.

Applicants should be seriously considering a career in (or directly related to) farming or local food systems. Because housing in the area can be difficult to come by, potential apprentices will need to have or find housing nearby to Bradford, NH and have reliable transportation. Experience on a farm is a plus but isn’t required. Preference will be given to underrepresented groups in the community.

To learn more, visit <https://www.kearsargefoodhub.org/farmer-apprenticeship>; for the complete job description and to learn how to apply, visit [bit.ly/FarmApprenticeApp](http://bit.ly/FarmApprenticeApp)

Don’t hesitate to reach out with any questions! Please contact Pierre Hahn [pierre@kearsargefoodhub.org](mailto:pierre@kearsargefoodhub.org) or Julie Loosigian [julie@kearsargefoodhub.org](mailto:julie@kearsargefoodhub.org) for more information.

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## New Hampshire Telephone Museum

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Warner NH – What does 2 + 1 equal? Big happenings at the New Hampshire Telephone Museum, that’s what! The museum’s small but energetic staff of two is excited to announce the addition of an Education Coordinator and even more excited to announce that Bradford resident Megan Hurley has been hired to fill the position.

Megan brings a wealth of experience to the museum. In addition to teaching grades 3 through 8 for twenty years in the Hillsboro-Deering School District, she has mentored new teachers and delivered professional development to middle school staff. Initially, Megan plans to reach out to her fellow teaching colleagues to get a feel for what they are looking for and the challenges they are facing. “There are so many ways in which to integrate the museum into everyday learning,” says Hurley. “There is the social impact, the historical



significance, technology, and so much more! The tricky part will be narrowing it down to individual lesson plans. The sky’s the limit!”

After a winter hiatus, the museum is now open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10am to 4 pm. Beginning in May, it will be open Tuesdays through Saturdays. Their special exhibit and annual 4th Phridays at the Phone Museum series will kick off at that time too. Be sure to visit [NHTelephoneMuseum.org](http://NHTelephoneMuseum.org) to keep up to date with all that is in store for this year.

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*Remember*

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*Don't make yourself small*

*Don't make yourself small*

*Expand*

*Into the full force of your being*

*I know it's scary,*

*Terrifying.*

*Be brave*

*Be brave*

*Don't apologize*

*Don't retract*

*It's a long way*

*But you're only just*

*Going home*

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*Hanna Flanders*

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- **Look for houses under your budget**, then you have room to bid up. Most properties are selling at over asking prices.
- **Expand your search area.** Don't let a few miles limit your possibilities for success.
- **Don't overcommit emotionally to one house.** Competition is stiff and there will likely be a lot of it. Be prepared to move onto the next, and
- **Don't give up!** It's likely to take more time to find a house you like which you can "win" in a multiple-offer situation.
- **Work with an experienced real estate agent.** An excellent one can be your secret weapon. Interview before committing. Get references and read reviews. Ask questions.
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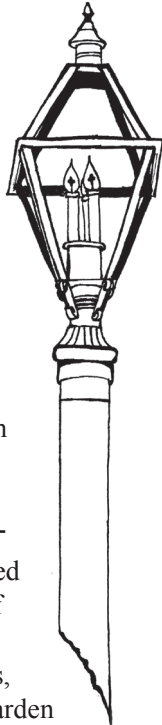
**Library Hours:**

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Wednesday 11:00am – 7:00pm

Friday 10:00am – 6:00pm

Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm



- *How it All Began* / Penelope Lively
- *Journal of a Solitude* / May Sarton
- *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* / Gail Honeyman
- *The Beginning of Spring* / Penelope Lively
- *After Birth* / Elisa Albert
- *Black River* / S.M. Hulse
- *The Awakening* / Kate Chopin

You can find all of these books at the library!

**Programs:**

Monday morning story time and snacks at 10:00am. New children and caregivers are welcome to this weekly group. It's a nice way for both children and adults to connect with each other. I thank Maria Storm for leading the group while Laurie is convalescing.

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 16th at 11am. Rain or shine meet on the library lawn for a fun hunt around the library.

Book Group – Wednesday, April 27th at 7pm. The group selection this month is *Ragtime* by E.L. Doctorow. The novel has a very interesting narrative style, which much like the music was described at the time, is a bit unorthodox. If you haven't read this book yet, now is the time to read this classic! New members are always welcome.

*Ellen Barselle,*  
*Library Director*

***At the Spring Dawn***  
*by Angelina Weld Grimké*

*I watched the dawn come,  
Watched the spring dawn come.*

*And the red sun shouldered his  
way up*

*Through the grey, through the  
blue,*

*Through the lilac mists.*

*The quiet of it! The goodness of it!*

*And one bird awoke, sang,  
whirred*

*A blur of moving black against the  
sun,*

*Sang again—afar off.*

*And I stretched my arms to the  
redness of the sun,*

*Stretched to my finger tips,*

*And I laughed.*

*Ah! It is good to be alive, good to  
love,*

*At the dawn,*

*At the spring dawn.*

*This poem is in the public domain.  
Published in Poem-a-Day on  
March 26, 2022, by the Academy of  
American Poets.*

Springtime is here! I am thrilled to hear the songs and chirps of the birds outside my window, to have longer light-filled days, and to see the growth in my garden and new buds on the trees. Winter felt exceptionally long this year, so I welcome the change in seasons. There are a few temporary changes here at the library, both Connie and Laurie, are out for several weeks. Deborah Gregory has returned to work, after going down south for the winter, and Patty Furness will be filling in temporarily.

Here are some books that are about renewal and starting over, an ode to spring.

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Category: Appetizer

Servings: 6

Prep Time: 20 min

Cooking Time: 5 min

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- 2 **garlic** cloves
- 1 can **chickpeas**, drained and rinsed
- 2 tbsp. tahini
- 2 tbsp. **extra-virgin olive oil**
- 2 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- 2 to 3 tbsps. warm water
- ½ tsp. each of cumin and coriander (optional)
- **Sea salt** and freshly ground black pepper
- For serving: **baguette, pita chips, crackers, carrots, radishes, apples, snap peas**

**Note:** Pick up all **BOLD** ingredients at Sweet Beet Market!

### PROCEDURE

- Preheat the oven to 400°F. Drizzle the beet with olive oil and then wrap the beet and garlic together in foil. Place on the baking sheet and roast 30 to 40 minutes, or until the beet is fork-tender.
- When cool enough to handle, peel the beet skins under running water using your hands. Chop the beet and place it in a blender. Add the roasted garlic, chickpeas, tahini, olive oil, lemon juice, and water and blend until smooth. Add cumin and coriander, if using. Chill until ready to use.
- Slather onto baguette or serve with crispy raw veggies, pita chips, or crackers

Adapted from: [LoveandLemons.com](http://LoveandLemons.com)

## TRANSFER STATION NEWS

### Changes at the Bradford Transfer Station & Recycling Center

Starting May 1, 2022 the Bradford Transfer Station and Recycling Center is no longer accepting Demolition/Construction waste. This includes sheetrock, asphalt shingles, treated wood, construction waste, insulation, shower stalls, carpet, large pieces and broken furniture, mattresses, box springs, sofas and stuffed chairs. All of these items can be taken to Naughton & Son Recycling at 24 Jones Road Bradford, Monday through Friday 8:00 am-4:30pm. If you have any questions please call me at 938-2526.

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# Obituaries

## *Isabell N. (Ingalls) Blanchard*



Isabell N. (Ingalls) Blanchard died peacefully at home with her family around her on March 4, 2022, aged 87. Her path with Lewy Body Dementia brought lots of changes to her life in the last few years including the opportunity to be closer to her children.

Born July 10, 1934 to Mabel (Dyer) and Carl Ingalls in Newport, NH, her childhood in Bradford, NH was spent on the Ingalls family farm with her grandmother Hattie (Shattuck) Ingalls. She enjoyed a rural life with seven younger siblings nearby. After graduation from Simonds School in Warner in 1953 she married Sidney Blanchard and settled in Hillsborough, NH and raised her family of five children.

Isabell was active in the Hillsborough United Methodist Church where she served at various times as Superintendent of Sunday School, organized Vocational Bible School, led Pastoral Relations, was a representative for Hillsborough UMC at general conference, worked the church suppers with her fabulous friends, sang in the Choir, produced the church bulletins and created the brick walkway to a sitting bench with her son Seth.

Her work life included raising her children, bookkeeping for local businesses, and working at the Bank of New Hampshire in Hillsborough, where she became

the loan officer. She was thrilled to move to the office upstairs! Isabell loved interacting with her colleagues and the community members she served.

A citizen of the Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk Abenaki Nation, she enjoyed many activities such as cooking at Abenaki events, helping with Wijokadoak Abenaki basket/language camps and assisting with pressing cider for the Abenaki Food Shelf. She was a proud member of the Abenaki Artist Association for her work in learning basket making in the traditions of her Abenaki Dyer ancestors.

After retirement Isabell enjoyed the “best years of her life” as she would say. She bought an RV (in her 70s!) and took to the highways with her siblings– to the horror of fellow motorists and especially truckers. The stories of her adventures entertained all who knew her, especially her family. She subsequently made her home in Supply, NC where several of her siblings had relocated. Free from the ice and cold of the north, she enjoyed her home near Holden Beach immensely. She especially loved entertaining family and friends and attending “music” – local bluegrass sessions.

Isabell was predeceased by her parents, her brother Carl, and her sister Helen. She is survived by her brothers Walter, Ralph, Wallace, and Harold, as well as her sister Delia Morrill. Isabell is also survived by her five children: Sherry Gould, Brian, Rebecca, Anita and Seth; 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. They all celebrate her memory and her many funny tales of a life well-lived.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Hillsboro United Methodist Church, Abenaki Trails Project (Hopkinton Historical Society, fiscal agent) or the Granite Visiting Nurses Association. A celebration of her life will be held at the Hillsboro United Methodist Church with graveside services at Sunny Plains Cemetery in Bradford at a date to be announced later in the spring.

## *Aaron Timothy Simonton*



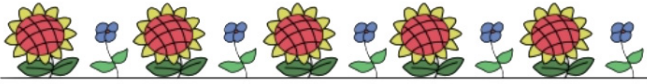
Aaron Timothy Simonton, formerly of Concord, died March 9, 2022, from natural causes.

Aaron graduated from Concord High School in 2008 where he played trumpet in the band. He became a staple in the Concord food service industry, leaving a legacy of hard work with a positive attitude. He will be remembered for his goofy sense of humor and matching laughter, imagination, fortitude through hard times, and his willingness to help anybody who needed it.

Aaron loved Space and the endless possibility it held. As a thank you for all he gave us on Earth, arrangements are being made to send some of Aaron’s cremated remains on a rocket ship into deep space where he can continue to explore and inspire. A GoFundMe has been established to accept donations for this audacious first-of-its-kind journey.

Aaron is survived by his son Marshall Simonton of Bradford, whom he shared with his former wife Alicia Boynton of Bradford, his parents Richard and Cathy of Davenport, FL, his brothers Jeffrey Simonton and wife Marissa of Clermont, FL, Christofer Simonton of Englewood Cliffs, NJ, Tyler Simonton of West Paris, ME, grandmother Deborah DiMaria of Rochester, NH, and an extended family. Aaron is survived by his long-time loving partner Kayla Higgins of Goffstown, NH.





## Scholarship Announcements

### Bradford Town Scholarship

High school seniors wishing to apply for the Bradford Town Scholarship should be a resident of Bradford, NH and furthering their education in a university, college, school of nursing, technical institute, or pre-professional program. To apply:

- Submit a type-written application telling the committee about post-high school goals and how living in Bradford has helped promote these goals. Leadership, extracurricular and community activities should also be included,
- Submit a high school transcript,
- Submit a letter of reference from a non-relative,
- Submit a photograph appropriate for media distribution.

Funds are awarded to Bradford students of good academic standing who have demonstrated community involvement, strong leadership qualities, and other considerations as determined by the committee.

Bradford students interested in applying for a scholarship should contact the Guidance Department at KRHS or go online to the [bradfordnh.org](http://bradfordnh.org) website. **All application materials are due April 30, 2022.**

### Bradford Newbury Sutton Women's Club Scholarship Announcement

The Bradford Newbury Sutton Women's Club (BSWC) welcomes all female residents of Bradford, Newbury and Sutton to apply for one of two \$500 scholarships we award. The two scholarships are the Bradford Newbury Sutton Women's Club Scholarship and the Jane Miele Lucas Memorial Scholarship. The recipient will be chosen based on demonstrated academic achievement, financial need, and community service and other considerations as determined by the committee.

Applications are available at the guidance office at Kearsarge Regional High School or by contacting [BNSWCScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:BNSWCScholarship@gmail.com). **Applications are due by April 30, 2022**

### Bar Harbor Bank & Trust Career & Technical Education Scholarship.

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Interested students can visit [www.barharbor.bank/scholarships](http://www.barharbor.bank/scholarships) for more information about eligibility and to download the application. The deadline to apply for a 2022 Career & Technical Education Scholarship is May 1, 2022.



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# BRADFORD COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Monday, April 4**

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise  
 10:00 am Storytime, BML  
 1:00 pm Bridge Group

**Tuesday, April 5**

10:00 am Quilting Group  
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR

**Wednesday, April 6**

7:00 pm Zoning Board

**Friday, April 8**

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise

**Monday, April 11**

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise  
 10:00 am Storytime, BML  
 1:00 pm Bridge Group  
 3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
 6:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting

**Tuesday, April 12**

10:00 am Quilting Group  
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR  
 3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
 7:00 pm Planning Board Meeting

**Wednesday, April 13**

3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

**Thursday, April 14**

5:30 pm Parks & Rec

**Friday, April 15**

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise

**Saturday, April 16**

11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt, BML

**Monday, April 18**

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise  
 10:00 am Storytime, BML  
 1:00 pm Bridge Group  
 3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
 6:00 pm Eco/Dev Committee

**Tuesday, April 19**

10:00 am Quilting Group  
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR  
 3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
 5:00 pm Energy Committee  
 7:00 pm Conservation Committee, BML

**Wednesday, April 20**

3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

**Thursday, April 21**

6:30 pm Budget Committee

**Friday, April 22**

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise

**Monday, April 25**

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise  
 1:00 pm Bridge Group  
 3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
 6:00 pm Eco/Dev Committee

**Tuesday, April 26**

10:00 am Quilting Group  
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR  
 3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
 7:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting

**Wednesday, April 27**

3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
 7:00 pm Book Group, "Ragtime"  
 by E.L. Doctorow, BML

**Friday, April 29**

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise

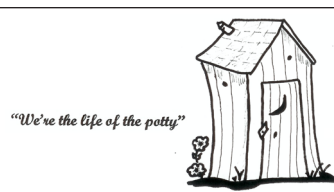
*All events take place at the Bradford Area Community Center (938-6228) or the Mountain View Senior Center (938-2104) unless otherwise noted. Call to confirm dates and times in case any changes have been made.*

**Calendar Abbreviations**

<b>BACC</b>	Bradford Area Community Center
<b>BCC</b>	Bradford Community Church
<b>BCMh</b>	Bradford Center Meetinghouse
<b>BHS</b>	Bradford Historical Society
<b>BML</b>	Brown Memorial Library
<b>FGC</b>	Fish & Game Club
<b>KLC</b>	Kearsarge Learning Center
<b>LSVNA</b>	Lake Sunapee Visting Nurses Assoc.
<b>LR</b>	Learning Room
<b>MVSC</b>	Mountain View Senior Center
<b>SR</b>	Senior Room
<b>YR</b>	Youth Room
<b>ZBA</b>	Zoning Board of Adjustment



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**April Happenings**

Our Sunday Services start at 10am. Communion Service is held on the First Sunday of the month.

Easter Worship Service will be held at 10am, April 17th with Rev. Bob Wyand.

The Food Pantry will be open on April 20th, 5:30-6:30pm. If you need help before that date, please call 603-938-5313 and leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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**Family Yoga at Evergreen Healing Arts on Saturdays from 9:35-10:35am, ongoing.** This Family Yoga class, led by Liz Dyment, is held every Saturday morning. All ages are welcome to join us in the studio. Kids must be accompanied by an adult. Class will begin with breath work and move into a slow flow of postures. Support wellness offerings in our community by making donation if you can! *Please note that masks are required in the studio.* Contact [603eha@gmail.com](mailto:603eha@gmail.com).

**Easter Egg Hunt at Brown Memorial Library on Saturday, April 16th at 11am.** Rain or shine meet on the library lawn for a fun hunt!

**Easter Egg Hunt and Craft Show at The Rosewood Inn on April 16th.** Egg hunt is free but you need to sign up here <https://forms.gle/L37mjKZewgakU9Nq8> Kids, don't forget your camera as the Easter Bunny will be here. This year is the first time we will have a craft show! Our crafters are very excited so please visit their booths. It will be a great day. Crafters can still sign up here: <https://forms.gle/Gpx1QXITUzRoTr1c8>

**Opening day at Wicked Sweet Treats Bakery on Saturday April 9th at 10am.** A new bakery is opening at the old Bradford Junction location! A diner will follow in about another month after the bakery opening, with full breakfast and lunch. There will be tons of Wicked Sweet baked goods available for purchase on April 9th. There will also be Wicked Sweet baked goods available to sit and enjoy with coffee, tea, hot cocoa, Contoocook Creamery milk products, along with Wi-fi.

**AREA EVENTS**

**Closing Day at Mount Sunapee is on April 4th.** Thanks for a great season!

**Tax Day in the United States is on Monday, April 18th.** Don't forget!

**Author Event with Ian Rogers on Saturday, April 23rd from 2-3pm at Main Street Bookends in Warner.** Warner's own Ian Rogers presents his new novel, *MFA Thesis Novel*, at our first in-person author event of the year. A delicious romp through the smudged halls of academe, this book will make you laugh out loud, as pretenders, drug-gies, hapless romantics, and the slightly talented do battle in fiction, trying to invent a book that will save them from the fate of ordinary life.

**SPECIAL APRIL EVENT**

**ICE OUT!! (Continued from page 10).** An eagerly awaited sign of spring, the day the ice leaves Lake Massasecum this year will be celebrated by the Bridge's resident April Fool!



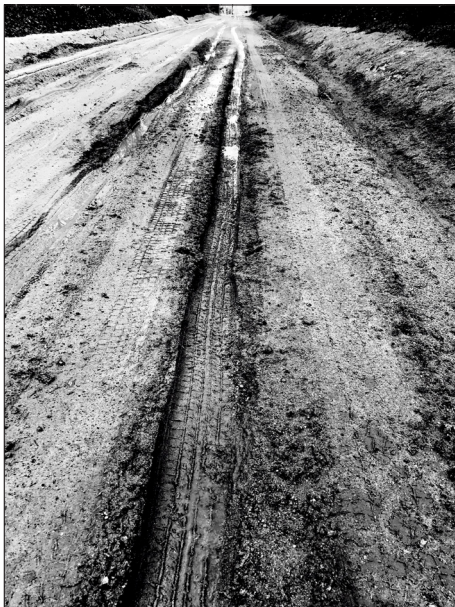
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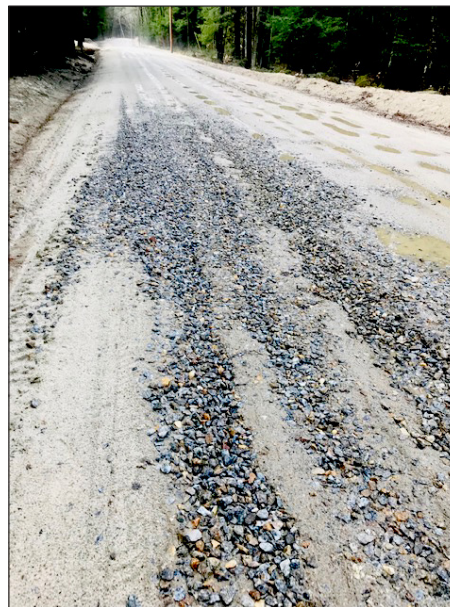
A message from the Bradford Highway Department, “Hello Bradford! Yes, the Highway Department is very aware of the status of the gravel roads. As much as we are all loving this warmer weather, it definitely causes the roads to thaw quicker than they can keep up with them!! Thank you for your patience as we muddle through the spring thaw!” [found on Facebook].



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Gravel making its way up County Road



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