

# The Bradford Bridge

COMMUNITY NEWS *for* NEIGHBORS *by* NEIGHBORS

## MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**Police Dept. ACH (Automated Clearing House) Withdrawal** The Police Dept. has been getting charged a \$75 late fee because checks have been received late for payments for their gas card invoices with WEX Bank. Lieutenant Shaughnessy would like to make this an automatic withdrawal to avoid the late charges. The Board approved automatic withdrawal for this use as long as it continues to be monitored.

**Economic Revitalization Zones** Matt Monahan from Central NH Regional Planning updated the Board on the project. He said it was great working with the Planning Board and the Select Board on this project. He is looking for the Board to sign the East and West resolutions which give authority to the Town Administrator to submit the applications. The Board motioned to approve both the East and West Resolution and authorized both of the resolutions.

**Fire Department** Selectmen Andrew Pinard went over the Fire Department gear inventory, what is needed for first responders, and a quote for new gear. Andrew would like to see the individual response to events in a spreadsheet. There is approximately \$35,000 remaining in the 2021 Fire Department budget, however, there are still invoices against 2021 that have not yet been received. Selectmen Mel Pfielle and Andrew Pinard expressed frustration with the unplanned nature of this expense. The Board approved the purchase of fire gear in the amount of \$35,079.00

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## Town Positions Open for the Election on March 8th, 2022

Open positions with declared candidates appear in the list below. There are several positions without candidates. Though the time to officially declare candidacy has passed, write-in candidacy is still an option. The Bradford Bridge will be sending a survey to candidates who have given permission to do so in the next week. Write-in candidates wishing to receive a Bridge survey are welcome to email [bradfordbridge345@gmail.com](mailto:bradfordbridge345@gmail.com) to request one. Candidate surveys are due by February 20th for publication in the March 2022 Bradford Bridge.

Budget Committee  
*3yrs – 2 positions*

Cemetery Commission  
*3yrs – 1 position*  
Candidate: Erica Gross

Moderator  
*2yrs – 1 position*  
Candidate: Bruce Storm

Planning Board  
*3yrs – 2 positions*  
Candidate: Carol Troy

Planning Board

*1yr – 1 position*  
Candidate: Laurie Colburn

Scholarship Committee  
*3yrs – 1 position*  
Candidates: Kathleen Bigford,  
Kimberly Rowley

Selectman  
*3yrs – 1 position*  
Candidates: Beth Downs,  
Douglas R. Southard, Doug Troy

Supervisor of the Checklist  
*6yrs – 1 position*  
Candidate: Kristine Foss

Town Clerk / Tax Collector  
*2yrs – 1 position*  
Candidates: Erica Gross, Paula Aliano

Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library  
*3 yrs – 2 positions*  
Candidate: Devin Pendleton

Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library  
*2yrs – 1 position*

Trustee of the Trust Funds  
*3yrs – 1 position*

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

Zoning Board of Adjustment  
*3yrs – 2 positions*  
Candidate: Brooks McCandlish



### FEBRUARY HAIKU

February Sun

Peeks from behind  
stormy clouds

Winter's spring disguise

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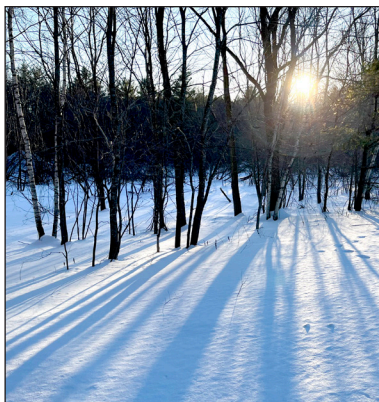
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## From the Bridge



*Daylight strengthening*

*Is winter half done with us?*

*Sunlight and shadows*

*KB*

The unanswerable: When will the coronavirus settle down? On this late-January morning a new omicron variant is appearing in Europe, Asia, California, and Washington State. Vigilance and risk assessment continue at unpredictable intervals.

Immense and enduring gratitude to all who provide education, healthcare, food, safety, road maintenance, and the many services that keep our community at work. Parents, you are heroes.

And a huge shout out to the volunteers keeping Bradford's boards and committees moving forward. It takes all kinds of skills to guide the governance of this small town. If, with everything modern life demands, you find you have a talent to share with the town, please consider a term in one of the open positions listed on page one.

Also, in this February edition:

- ♥ Completion of the phrase "Love is..." from Bridge staff and others,
- ♥ Anne's lovely drawings throughout the paper,
- ♥ Devin's summary of board and committee activity in "Monthly Briefing"
- ♥ Town Board and Committee positions open for voting on March 8th,
- ♥ What keeps Lois busy recycling at the Transfer Station,
- ♥ I talk to Bruce Storm about becoming the Town Moderator,
- ♥ Plan your e-bike purchase with help from Laura's article,
- ♥ Ellen's reflection on life with COVID and library news in Library Lantern,
- ♥ Planned restoration at the Bradford Center Meeting House,

And the advertising that brings a free Bridge every month. Please support these businesses and services as often as possible.

Here's to a very enjoyable Ground Hog Day, Valentine's Day, Super Bowl Sunday, and any other winter festivities!!

With Love,



*Kathleen Bigford, Editor*  
*And all the Heart Throbs at the Bradford Bridge*





## Letters to Our Editor:

### Dear Editor:

While Congress continues to go back and forth on the Reconciliation Bill, we are left struggling with costly, extreme weather-related disaster after disaster. We all know that fossil fuel emissions are to blame for causing these disasters to become more extreme and more frequent. So, the simple solution is to reduce/eliminate the use of these harmful products. Easier said than done. But there is a way.

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Most economists support CFD (<https://www.econstatement.org>). They support it because it's quick, effective, and gets us where we need to be by 2050 - net zero (<https://environmentamericacenter.org/feature/amc/carbon-pricing-101>).

Biden has pledged that by 2030 the US will reduce carbon emissions by 50%. But climate-related provisions currently in the Reconciliation Bill would not get us to this goal. But CFD would.

If we are going to meet President Biden's goal, stop extreme weather-related disasters, save lives, money and the planet, we need Congress to act now and pass CFD.

To learn more about the CFD, check out [carboncashback.org](http://carboncashback.org).

Sincerely,

Barbara Southard  
Bradford, NH

## Introducing Bradford's Interim Town Moderator



It was a pleasure to chat with Bruce Storm at the home he and his wife Maria have beside the West Branch of the Warner River on Fairgrounds Road in Bradford. Bruce volunteered for and has been appointed Bradford's Interim Town Moderator. Our conversation touched on Bruce's background and his plans for the duties of this important job.

The Storms have owned property on Fairgrounds Road in Bradford since 2002, becoming full-time residents in 2019. "This is the best place for us," says Bruce. Although they are adjusting to not having a convenience store "around the corner," they were attracted to Bradford by the people, lifestyle, surroundings, and proximity to services.

Bruce was born and raised in Buffalo, NY, "That's a story unto itself," he says. He holds a Bachelor's Degree from St. Lawrence University, a Master's Degree in English from State University of New York, Buffalo, and an EdD from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. His career was as an educator teaching

in private and public schools. He has served as an associate superintendent and as superintendent in school districts in Massachusetts and Connecticut. Retired now, he misses the work he did with students and teachers and the many decisions he made on their behalf.

Along the way Bruce was active in town governance as Selectman in Branford, CT. The "town meeting" form of government is familiar, and Bruce feels his experience in school districts and town and city government will lend itself to the Moderator job in Bradford. "The tricky situations I've been in have taught me how to make decisions. I have the skills to work through an issue."

"[Town Moderator] will give me an opportunity to do some good for the town and at the same time fulfill a need to be part of things and instrumental in some elements in what's going on."

He admits, "I'm a little nervous about it. I've had political experience. I am familiar with Robert's Rules of Order in a way that anybody who has had to live under their control. I've refreshed myself a little bit and have heard from folks to be prepared for certain questions."

He feels the best way to communicate points of view is through listening and will encourage respect and kindness. "It's my intention to be as objective as possible," he says.

Thank you Bruce for sharing your time, experience, and skills as Bradford's Interim Town Moderator. And for your willingness to become a candidate for this job. All the best as you steer us through Town Meeting and elections.

Kathleen Bigford

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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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Marilyn Kidder  
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"Thanks, Marilyn, for all of your help along the way. Because of our special circumstances, it was a long process, but with your tremendous help and guidance along the way, we got it done. You and your team certainly went above and beyond many times along the way, and we certainly couldn't have done it without you. You are a credit to your profession".

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**Love Your Meetinghouse**



The Bradford Center Meetinghouse is not only a historic landmark, it's also where we get our community together to enjoy culture and celebrate. This past year has been tough on both fronts. Due to COVID-19, we haven't had any events to bring money in the door, and we really miss seeing our neighbors at the events.

**We need your financial support!**

You wouldn't think it, but upkeep for the Meetinghouse is expensive. The Friends of the Bradford Center Meetinghouse is a volunteer group of neighbors whose mission is to preserve the integrity of the building and make it available for community enjoyment. We often offer free events and always keep any ticket costs to a minimum.

However, our annual cost is \$6,000, most of which is to cover the building insurance. On top of that, we have performed major upkeep, including interior and exterior painting, steeple and roof repair, and foundation support in recent decades. We don't receive any tax money, relying solely on donations.

Now it is time to repair the original windows to keep the New England weather out and preserve the historic aesthetics of the Meetinghouse. Restoring the original windows comes at a steep price though: \$30,000. We are applying for a grant which will defray \$10,000 of this

cost if we are awarded it, but we will have to raise the rest ourselves.

**New website for events and donations.**

We would really appreciate your support to get us a little closer to that goal. We've used our pandemic days to create a new website: Visit [www.bradford.center](http://www.bradford.center) to see the upcoming events, sign up for the mailing list, and to make a donation.

**Upcoming concerts:**

We have two big concerts on the books for 2022 already. We are looking for sponsors for both events. We need funds to move a piano, provide a tent, and help pay for the musicians. Contact [lbuchar@gmail.com](mailto:lbuchar@gmail.com), for more details, or donate through our website.

- July 9th at 7 pm – Lettvin Music Series featuring classical pianist Will Ogmundson
- July 22nd at 6 pm – Nick's Other Band family rock and roll concert

Thanks to all who have helped in recent years to keep Bradford Center Meetinghouse alive. Many townspeople enjoyed our outdoor offerings during the pandemic. We are eager to see you all in this bright new year.

*Friends of Bradford  
Center Meetinghouse*

**LOVE IS...**



To hug a grandchild.  
To cook for a friend. -HD

**LOVE IS...**



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*Valentine's  
Bouquets!*



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# Library Lantern

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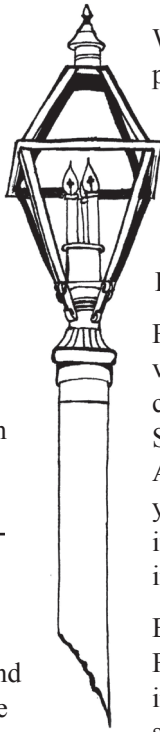
### Library Hours:

Monday 10:00am – 6:00pm

Wednesday 11:00am – 7:00pm

Friday 10:00am – 6:00pm

Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm



What continues to buoy me are the people and pleasures in my life. Getting outside with my silly dog. Working at the library, and connecting with people about books, movies, and ideas. Learning something new, I'm taking a philosophy class through Adventures in Learning.

February at the library will include a virtual program on February 24th at 7pm called African American Soldiers and Sailors of New Hampshire during the American Revolution. This is brought to you by Friends of BML and NH Humanities Council. You can sign up by emailing [bmlibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:bmlibraryfriends@gmail.com).

Book group will meet on Wednesday, February 23rd at 7pm. We will be reading *Intimacies* by Katie Kitamura. The story is about a woman who moves to the Hague to be a translator for the court. It's about her work translating a case for a leader who has committed atrocities on his people. It's about connection and relationships and the various levels of intimacies she experiences.

Story time is on Mondays at 10am. Snacks offered afterwards. Laurie Buchar will be returning to the library to run story time and be in the library on Mondays. Welcome back, Laurie!

On February 21st we will be closed for President's day.

*Ellen Barselle, Library Director*

Is anyone feeling Covid fatigue? I certainly am. The last two weeks have been stressful and straining for my family, and I imagine for many people. We continue to get daily reminders of how many students are out of school due to Covid, that we need to check daily for symptoms, and to keep kids out of school until symptoms have resolved. Planning for anything requires diligence in terms of mask requirements, vaccination requirements, and potential for the need to cancel last minute. This is life in a pandemic. An ever present, low level buzz of stress humming through everything I do. I felt so hopeful when the vaccine was out and it felt like there might be an end in sight. But now, after the second variant, and booster, and the virus still seems rampant, the light at the end of the tunnel looks further away.



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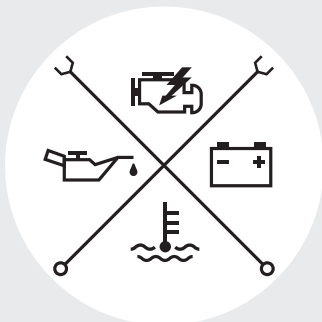
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## African American Soldiers and Sailors

Join the Friends of the Library for a virtual presentation of African American Soldiers and Sailors of New Hampshire During the American Revolution.



Glenn Knoblock, an independent scholar, and author of 15 books and over 100 articles will inform us of one of the most interesting aspects of the American Revolution, the role played by African Americans in the fight for independence. This virtual event will be held on Thursday, February 24th at 7pm.

Both free African Americans and those that were enslaved were key in manning state militias and Continental

Army units, as well as serving on the high seas in the Navy and on privately armed ships. Indeed, their service to the colonies was crucial in a conflict that lasted nearly seven years. Prohibited from serving in military units and largely considered “undesirable elements,” how is it that these African-American soldiers came to fight for the cause of liberty, even when their own personal liberty was not guaranteed? Glenn Knoblock examines the history of African-American soldiers’ service during the war, including how and why they enlisted, their interaction with white soldiers, service on the battlefields, how they were perceived by the enemy and the officers under whom they served, and their treatment after the war.

Please email [bmlibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:bmlibraryfriends@gmail.com) to register for this event. We will confirm your reservation and the Zoom link will be emailed back to you closer to the day of the event. If you have questions, you can also email them to the address above or call Connie Brookes at 603-938-5112.

## A Few Words

Thoughts ringing into the new year. What will I change? A shorter haircut, perhaps? Giving away more books. Swapping out an unhealthy snack. Listening to way more music, hiking further, traveling more. Being quiet, which may not be possible. But in a new year, all things are possible. Snow covered woods for skiing, a spring that will burst through with unending fluorescent greenery and then, summer. I wish for a summer full of blooming Dahlias, cherry red tomatoes, blue lake swims and spending time with friends. Good friends.

MKD

*Readers are invited to share a few words here. Submit your fiction or non-fiction stories of 100 words or less to the Bridge. It could be a story about your cat, or the moose antlers you came across hiking one day. Readers may want to submit stories about how you helped a friend in need or made a favorite food. Share your words with us.*



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# TRANSFER STATION NEWS

## Kept Us Busy in 2021!

The Bradford Transfer Station and Recycling Center literally transferred and recycled tons of waste and unwanted items last year. We remind residents and tell new residents what we recycle, and the benefits are numerous. Here are just a few examples:

- We receive between one-half and two yards of compost on open days. When people bring their compostable organic waste to the transfer station in a container, it is a selfless act. Although it takes more effort and time to collect the organic waste, it is good for the earth, others can use the resulting compost, and the town saves tipping fees (Bradford pays to empty the compactor) because there is less household waste.
- More residents are bringing their outdated and exhausted batteries to the transfer station. This thoughtful action has a big positive environmental impact

because there are many negative chemicals in batteries that should be recycled properly. Again, recycling batteries saves tipping fees.

- The transfer station has received more used and expired oils and oil filters. Another tipping fee savings is realized, and someone in town is using the oil to heat their shop.

Ken and I will continue to tenaciously remind everyone about the many recycling programs we manage at the transfer station because there are so many benefits to recycling. 2022 promises to be another busy and productive year!

*Lois Kilnapp, Manager*

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## Achievement Award

Evan Bryce Miller, a 2021 Bradford Scholarship Recipient, has been named to Clarkson University's Dean's List. Evan, a freshman majoring in mechanical engineering, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2021 semester. Dean's List students must achieve a minimum 3.25 grade-point average and also carry at least 14 credit hours.

### LOVE IS...

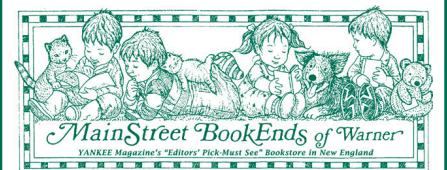


The feeling that hurts when one says, "Goodbye." -AS

### LOVE IS...



Chocolate kisses! -LC



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## The Rise of e-bikes



You may have seen some strange looking bikes around the area this summer. It's one of those things where you find yourself taking a closer look because there is something different about that bike. These are e-bikes or electric bikes and they are really taking off in the United States. Last fall I found myself with more time to look into e-bikes. I had lots of questions. I talked with friends, had some excellent guidance from a couple of local "bike whisperers", and kept wondering if I was just being a wimp and researching a glorified scooter. It took a while to work it all through.

There were several things driving my decision;

- I have always loved to bike, but as I got older the hills of Bradford were becoming more of a barrier. I had some health issues and needed time and some support to get myself back into shape.
- I could utilize the bike on trips into town and save some gas.
- In the future, perhaps I could take on part of my long daily commute using the e-bike and leave the car on the outskirts of Concord. I would reduce the use of gas, the wear and tear on my car and take small steps to reducing my own carbon footprint. These were all compelling reasons.

Last spring as we began emerging from the long winter shutdown, I purchased the e-bike, sight unseen from an all-online vendor in North Carolina. I had consulted with the company through the winter and they answered all of my questions. They also helped fit me to the

right frame and bike size. These bikes will have a different fit than a regular bike so getting advice on fitting the frame and tire size to your full height and stand over height is very important. They recommended a step through frame for me and I was skeptical. When the bike arrived it was exactly what I needed.

Is an e-bike a glorified scooter? No, e-bikes provide pedal assist. They have regular gears and they have levels of battery powered pedal assist. You can choose to have the battery provide an easy ride, or you can set the assist to be much more challenging. It's up to you. The more battery you use the less distance you can go. I get about 50 miles of distance on one charge. If I use the battery at the highest level of assist all of the time, I might get 15 miles per charge. At first, the learning curve was a little daunting, but after a few rides I understood how everything worked and now I am right at home on the bike.

Upon arrival the bike needed a few adjustments and the support people helped me get through it. The bike was everything I expected and more. I put over 500 miles on the bike this summer and explored many beautiful places in Bradford and surrounding towns. No hill could stop me and suddenly I was loving my time on a bike again.

If you are considering an e-bike you will want to know the laws regarding them in New Hampshire. The NH Rails to Trails website covers much of this information to help you navigate where you can ride <https://nhrtc.org/difference-between-trail-bikes-and-e-bikes/>.

The actual NH RSA passed in 2019 can be found here <https://legiscan.com/NH/text/HB148/id/1990574>.

Another consideration is weight. Due to the battery, motor and electronics e-bikes are heavier than a regular bike. Mine weighs 62 pounds without the battery. It requires a more substantial bike rack to handle the weight. Most racks that handle the weight of e-bikes are attached via a receiver hitch on the car

and are lower to the ground. This means you won't have to lift the bike completely off the ground to get it onto the rack.

There are many price points out there for e-bikes. There are mountain bike versions, commuter e-bikes and e-bikes designed to carry goods and materials in urban settings (think delivery services). I chose a mountain bike knowing I wanted to ride trails and handle the class six roads in the area. It was a good choice for me.

It would have been nice to try an e-bike before buying, but at the time there were no options. Last summer, Vital Communities <https://vitalcommunities.org/> and the New London Energy Committee collaborated with thirteen Energy Committees from the Upper Valley to offer free e-bike loans in each town for a week or two.

People from Bradford were able to sign up for a time slot to try the bikes in New London. There is talk of trying to do the same program next summer. Keep an eye out for an announcement if you would like to try a ride before you buy.

Another great source for learning about e-bikes is YouTube. There are so many videos with helpful hints and information to answer your questions.

I am very happy with the e-bike I purchased and recommend considering one if it sounds like it will help you get out there and ride. The health benefits have been great and I see wildlife all over the place on the remote roads of Bradford. It is fun! I can't wait to get back out there next spring and hope to see other riders out there as well.

Laura Ryder

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## MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

*(Continued from page 1)*

**Abatement Appeal** The Board approved a motion to give a resident an extension until June 30 to discuss his appeals.

**Mileage Rate for 2022** The Board approved a motion to adjust the mileage reimbursement rate from 54 cents a mile to 58.5 cents a mile.

**Wages and Vacation Time** The Board voted to pay retroactive merit wages and approved a limited pay out of unused vacation time.

**Dump Truck** The Board approved a motion to approve the purchase of a 10-wheel dump truck from ATG Of Westminster in Westminster VT in the amount of \$60,000. Purchase includes the truck, a sander, wing, fixing the windshield and the required inspection. The Town will receive \$23,978 from insurance for the truck that was totaled, the remaining \$36,022 to come from the highway department's 2022 operating budget.

**Warrant Articles** \$1,566,203 is the bottom-line number given by CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) but gets adjusted by \$740,000 for some of the items that get funded by the trust funds. CIP numbers were reviewed, and the board suggested the following: reducing the amount to be put into the 2003 Fire Department Repair Fund from \$5000 to \$2000 contingent upon the painting article passing; repurposing the 2015 Town Equipment Repair Expendable Trust Fund to include purchase of new or used equipment, and to increase the funding from \$10,000 to \$45,000 contingent upon the passage of the dump body article; removing the \$1000 for the 2009 Salt and Fuel Expendable Trust.

**Fire Chief Interviews** On January 13, 2022 the Selectboard held a nonpublic session to interview three candidates for the Fire Chief position. No decisions were made.

### BUDGET COMMITTEE

**Budget Line Items** The Committee reviewed general budget line items and the Board voted on motions to approve the following line item totals: Revaluation of Property, \$28,700, Employee Benefits \$1, Cemetery \$25,000, Insurances \$91,700, Street Lighting \$2,200, Inoculations \$1, Welfare \$7,467.85, Welfare Payments \$29,520, Patriotic Purposes \$18,000, Community Center \$22,450, Other Conservation \$1,000, Interest on TAN Notes \$4,000. All other line items will be reviewed at a later meeting.

**Important Dates** February 11, 2022- Last date to hold 1st public hearing. February 22, 2022- Last date to provide Select Board with the annual budget.

### ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

**Appearances** The Committee met with Bridgett Beckwith, Tax Incentive Program Manager with the NH Division of Economic Development. She gave an overview of the Economic Revitalization Zone program and touched on some important details. Discussion with the group covered expansion of existing zones, creating additional zones, and the areas that might be suitable for, or benefit from, such additional zones

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Treasurer's Report** Meg Fearnley stated \$450 was paid for the Bradford Spring site replacement sign from the remaining 2021 budget. The Current Use Change Penalty Tax was received from the town and \$4792.91 was deposited in the Land Protection Fund.

**Revision Energy Inquiry** Meg Fearnley informed the Commission that the



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solar energy proposal at the Bradford Transfer Station by the Energy Committee was recently rejected by Eversource due to the current grid electric infrastructure is not sufficient to support any new electricity regeneration.

**Bradford Bog** Heidi Asbjornsen from UNH is applying for a research grant from the US Department of Agriculture to study Atlantic White Cedar regeneration at the Bog. There will be a Zoom meeting with her and anyone interested on Tuesday February 1 at 4pm.

**CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

**Maintenance** The 2022 Cemetery Maintenance Contract was signed. Fritz Von Beren will continue to maintain the cemeteries.

**ENERGY COMMITTEE**

**Energy Goal** The BEC will present a Community-wide Energy Goal to the Select Board for inclusion as a Warrant Article for the March Town Meeting which commits to transitioning to re-

newable sources of electricity by 2030 and renewable sources of fuel for heating and transportation by 2050. These goals have been adopted by the Federal Government and many cities and towns across the country.

**Energy Saving Measures** The BEC is recommending that Energy Savings Measures be implemented at the Highway Garage and will request that the Select Board include weatherization funding of \$13,000 as an article for 2022 Town Meeting. If the NH Saves program is reinstated at 2020 levels, the town will be eligible for a 35% incentive of \$4,300 pending approval by the NHSaves program.

**Letter of Support** The Committee approved the signing and sending of a letter to the Superintendent and KRSD Board to support the inclusion of renewable energy opportunities in the proposed STEAM renovation plans at the high school.

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

**Winter Fun Day** February 26, 2022, 10am-2pm. The Board approved a motion to expend up to \$1,000 for food and supplies for Winter Fun Day. This event will be a family fun day on the ice and snow at French’s park. Winter games and lunch provided by Parks and Rec. Bring your own equipment for ice fishing, cross country skiing, and ice skating.

**Bradford Celebration Day** Saturday, September 24, 2022. Bruce Edwards is working on setting up the 5K Road Race. Fireworks have been scheduled with North Start Fireworks. Parks and Rec is looking for volunteers to help plan and run this event. Please contact [devinpendleton505@gmail.com](mailto:devinpendleton505@gmail.com) if you would like more information on volunteer opportunities.

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# Obituaries

*David W. Pickman, Sr.*



David W. Pickman, Sr. was born on February 9, 1944, in Hartford, CT, and died on September 30, 2021, peacefully in Concord Hospital of heart failure. He was the son of the late Harold Pickman and Mercy Pickman (Davies) of Hartford, CT.

David Pickman spent his early years in Bloomfield, CT, graduating from Bloomfield High then worked as a pipe fitter. He moved his family to Bradford in 1970 to provide a better opportunity for his family. "Dave" as he was known, became involved in the community right away. He was part of the rescue squad, fire department, Shriners and as town selectman. In 1972 he started his own family business "Pickman & Sons Plumbing and Heating" which still serves the community under the leadership of his son, James Pickman.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Janice Pickman of Bradford; children: David Pickman, Jr. and wife Mary Ellen, Debra Flinkstrom and husband Paul, James Pickman and wife Joni, Tracy Leroux and husband Ken, Tami Foss and husband Mark, 14 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Dave and Jan spent winters in Florida for 13 years where they fitted in with the "snowbird" community and made many new friends. Dave picked up his love of cars in later years and was often found at one of the local car shows displaying one of his "toys".

He will always be remembered and loved for his generosity, willingness to help and his sense of humor. Memorial contributions may be made to the NH Heart Association, 2 Wall Street, Manchester, NH 03101.

## *James F. Hansen*

James "Jim" F. Hansen, Sr., age 90 of Newbury, NH, died on January 22, 2022, with family by his side.

Jim was born in Jersey City, NJ, on January 12, 1932, son of Frederick W. and Blanche (Miller) Hansen. His brother, Frederick Hansen and sister, Doris Polis survive him. He is predeceased by a son, James F. Hansen, Jr.

Jim grew up in Oradell, NJ, and graduated from Dwight Morrow High School, Englewood, NJ, in 1950 and attended Prose Insurance College. He was employed at Kemper Insurance Co. in New York City and Allstate in NJ. He met the love of his life, Dolores, on a bus ride into the city. Jim served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Jim and Dolores married on January 18, 1953, started a family and in 1960 moved to Bradford. Jim joined NH Insurance as a claims adjuster and became an assistant manager. Jim and his wife moved to Marshfield, VT, in 1983, where he was claims manager for AIG in Barre. Retiring in 1993, they settled in Newbury.

Jim was a member of The First Baptist Church of Bradford, St. Peter's Masonic Lodge #31 F & AM and Mt. Sinai Shrine #3 in Montpelier, VT. He was on the original and second Kearsarge Study Committee, Chairman of the original school board, Treasurer of the Kearsarge School District, and was Bradford's Town Treasurer for three years. Jim was a member of Bradford's Fire Department, assistant scoutmaster for the Bradford Boy Scouts Troop #69

and co-coached the Bradford Bombers Little League. He and his wife oversaw the Food Bank at The First Baptist Church.

Jim enjoyed spending time with family, being active in Church, collecting stamps and trains, golf, traveling and reading. The couple traveled to most countries in the world and states in the USA.

Jim is survived by the love of his life of 69 years, Dolores A. (Clark) Hansen of Newbury; children, Jo Ann Labelle of Myrtle Beach, SC, Karen (Daniel) Ladd of Loudon, NH, Steven (Deborah) Hansen of Bradford, Barbara (Tim) Dauphinais of Springfield, NH and Thomas (Marci) Hansen of Marston Mills, MA; 12 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; brother Frederick (Barbara) Hansen, of Fountain Hills, AZ, sister Doris Polis, of Homer, AK, and a large extended family.

A graveside service will be held in the spring at Sunny Plain Cemetery, Bradford, NH. In memory of Jim, memorial contributions may be made to Newbury Fire Rescue, Newbury, NH. Chadwick Funeral Service of New London, NH is assisting the family with arrangements.

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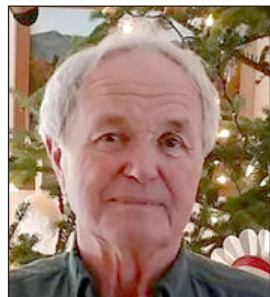
Anne Louise Ross (Ward), 83, died at home in Concord, NH, July 20, 2021. She was born on September 24, 1937, to Winthrop D. and Cecelia J. Ward, of Andover, MA.

Anne was a long time resident of Andover (Ballardvale), MA, and attended Punchard High School. She drove school buses for many years and managed Parent Bus Co. in Andover. She loved her family and was a dedicated mother and grandmother. She enjoyed cooking, and was well-known for her spaghetti dinners and apple pies. She spent 30 summers at her camp in Warner.

Anne is predeceased by her sons Bruce W. Laspesa of Warner, and Michael A. Laspesa of Bradford. She is survived by her son Mark D. Laspesa of Concord; daughter Elizabeth A. Ruel of Warner; brothers Dean W. Ward of No. Andover, MA, and Dale Ward of Hampstead; grandsons Bruce W. Laspesa Jr. of Hopkinton, Robert Anthony Laspesa of Bradford, Joseph Castro of Methuen, MA, Jonathan C. Ruel of Warner; Christopher M. Ruel of Warner; granddaughter Marina Desmaris of California; and numerous great-grandchildren.

*Merrill Wesley Nutter*

Merrill Wesley Nutter, 78, passed away at his home in Henniker on March 7, 2021. He was born in Concord, NH on June 27, 1942. He was predeceased



by his mother, Norma Connor of Henniker, his father, Perley Nutter of Florida, and his stepfather, Karl Connor of Henniker.

Merrill spent most of his working career driving tractor trailers and hauling many different items. In later years, he drove trucks carrying US mail. He loved motorcycles, and was rarely without one. He took several long distance vacations on his motorcycles. He was also a devoted fan of the National Football League. On Sundays during football season, you could usually count on him being home watching the games.

Merrill is survived by his son, Mark Nutter and partner, Ginger Card, of Bradford, NH, his grandson, Ryan Nutter, of Maine, his sister, Karla Connor Meyeette and her husband, Brian, of Cornish NH, as well as cousins. At Merrill's request, there will be no services. The Holt-Woodbury Funeral Home & Cremation Service Henniker, NH is assisting the family.

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[www.holtwoodburyfh.com](http://www.holtwoodburyfh.com)

*Karen K. Russell*

Karen K. (Audet) Russell of Bradford passed away suddenly at home on Dec. 23, 2021, at age 59. Karen was born on Dec. 19, 1962, to Rita Y. (Roux) Audet and Ernest M. Audet. She graduated from Manchester Memorial High School in 1981. She met the love of her life, Jeffrey Russell. Jeff and Karen married on Jan. 8, 1983. She was the proud and loving mother of Joshua and Ryan. Karen was an avid fan of the Boston sports teams, especially the Red Sox. She enjoyed reading novels by Stephen King and Dean Koontz.

From 1993 to 2019, Karen was a licensed nursing assistant at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH. While she enjoyed her work as an LNA, her true passion was raising and breeding German Shepherd Dogs. Karen and Jeff created Granite State K-9 in 2014. Karen became an expert in the care and raising of canines. She shared that knowledge with her many clients. Karen's passion for her family, her sister Patty and her family, and her dogs was obvious to everyone. Karen has left her family too soon, but her legacy will live on in every soul – both two-legged and four-legged.

Karen is predeceased by her parents, Rita, and Ernest Audet. She is survived by her husband Jeffrey; sons Joshua Russell, of Merrimack, NH, and Ryan Russell of El Paso, TX; her sister Patty (Audet) Devine of Concord, NH, nieces Jenna Perigny and Chelby Perigny and great niece Camryn Cote. She will be missed by the families of Sheila Russell, Christopher Russell, and Lawrence Russell. A funeral service was held in January, 2020. Donations may

be made to: NH Hampshire Canine Trooper's Association that provides financial assistance and recognition to certified NH State Police Canine Teams: [nhk9trooper.org/donate-now](http://nhk9trooper.org/donate-now)  
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# BRADFORD COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Tuesday, February 1**

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

**Wednesday, February 2**

3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
 7:00 pm Zoning Board

**Monday, February 7**

10:00 am Storytime, BML  
 1:00 pm Bridge Group  
 3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

**Tuesday, February 8**

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, February 9**

3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

**Thursday, February 10**

6:30 pm Parks & Rec  
 6:30 pm Budget Hearing Committee

**Monday, February 14**

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, February 15**

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, February 16**

3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

**Monday, February 21**

The Library will be closed today  
 1:00 pm Bridge Group  
 6:00 pm Eco/Dev Committee

**Tuesday, February 22**

10:00 am Quilting Group  
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR  
 7:00 pm Planning Board Meeting

**Wednesday, February 23**

7:00 pm Book Group, "Intimacies"  
 by Katie Kitamura, BML

**Saturday, February 26**

10:00 am Winter Family Fun Day,  
 French's Park, until 2pm

*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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The annual meeting of the Bradford Community Church will be held on February 6th at 11:30am in the Friendship Room.

The Bradford Food Pantry will be open on February 16th, 5:30-6:15pm. Leave a message at 603-938-5313 in case of emergency.

**BRADFORD EVENTS**

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 7TH**

**Story Time, 10am, Brown Memorial Library.** Laurie Buchar will be returning to the library to run story time every open Monday. Snacks offered afterwards. Ellen Barselle at 603-938-5562.

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 24TH**

**African American Soldiers and Sailors of New Hampshire During the American Revolution virtual program, 7pm, online.** Brought to you by the FRIENDS of the Brown Memorial Library and NH Humanities Council. Sign up by emailing [bmlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:bmlibrary@gmail.com). Contact: Ellen Barselle at 603-938-5562.

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26TH**

**Winter Family Fun Day, 10am-2pm, French's Park.** Join Bradford Parks & Rec for a day of family fun on Lake Massasecum! Hot lunch will be provided. Bring your own equipment for ice skating, hockey, fishing, cross country skiing, etc. Contact: Devin Pendleton at [devinpendleton505@gmail.com](mailto:devinpendleton505@gmail.com).

**AREA EVENTS**

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6TH**

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Farm Museum. The ice cutting is done by a gas powered saw and is finished by hand by volunteers. Contact: Muster Field Farm at 603-927-4276 or [musterfieldfarm@gmail.com](mailto:musterfieldfarm@gmail.com).

**NOFA-NH's 20th Annual Winter Conference, February 6-12, online.** "Collaboration & Self-Reliance: Building a Stronger NH Food System" is the theme for this year's conference. Join us for a full week of workshops broadly addressing this topic. More information can be found at <https://www.nofanh.org/winterconference>. Contact: Northeast Organic Farming Association of NH at 603-224-5022 or [info@nofanh.org](mailto:info@nofanh.org).

**KEARSARGE COMMUNITY NETWORK FEBRUARY TRAININGS**

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**Take Charge of Your Health! February 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15 from 2-4:30pm.** Melissa Lee and Alyssa Lemmermann from UNH Extension. Gain the confidence and real-life skills needed for living a full, active and fulfilling life with chronic disease or pain.

**The Power of One - Everyone's an Asset Builder, February 11 from 12-1:30pm.** Julie Yerkes, M.Ed. CPS JSI Research and Training Institute. The Developmental Assets Framework looks at the strengths of young people, both internally and externally, that protect against risk and move an individual toward thriving. We will get an introductory look at the Framework and explore what each of us can do to nurture those strengths.

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