

The Bradford Bridge

COMMUNITY NEWS *for* NEIGHBORS *by* NEIGHBORS

MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Center Meetinghouse The Board approved a motion to support the grant application to the NH Preservation Alliance to replace the windows at the Bradford Center Meetinghouse to be written by the Friends of the Bradford Center Meetinghouse. The Board further moved to recognize that organization's work in the past and expressed a commitment to reach an agreement to allow the organization to continue their work.

Sheriff Merrimack County Sheriff Dave Croft introduced himself to the board and shared what the Sheriff's Department does for Merrimack County. He said it is the highest ranking law enforcement office in the State. There are about 70 employees in the department. Croft gave a brief description about the department and what type of calls they service.

Budget The Board approved a motion to accept the proposed Select Board budget of \$2,470,479.78

Town Meeting The meeting will be Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00 pm at the Elementary School in Bradford.

TIF (Tax Incremental Financing) Update Karen Hambleton, Town Administrator, had a meeting with Central NH Regional Planning to discuss the TIF District and the recommendation given was to leave it in place for now.

Town Hall The Town received an estimate of a little over 2.52 million for the renovation of the Town Hall. The recommendation was to finish the entire building at once. The difference

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2022 Bradford Town Office Candidate Survey Questions:

Declared candidates who agreed to be contacted by the media and write-in candidates who requested a survey were asked to answer the following questions:

Q *What is your name and hat Bradford Town position you are seeking?*

Why are you seeking this position?

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

Please share your views about the Bradford Town Hall renovation.

What do you like best about living in Bradford?

2021 Bradford Town Office Candidate Survey Answers:

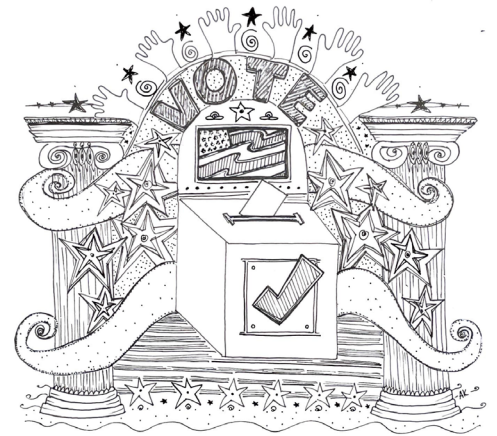
Here and inside on pages 18-23 are the unedited responses from the candidates who returned the surveys. (Per RSA 656:5 - order of Candidates names)

Justin Dohrn – Write-in
Budget Committee for 3 years –
(vote for 2)

Erica Gross 
Cemetery Commission for 3 years –
(vote for 1)

In holding the position of Town Clerk/Tax Collector, I have been involved with all the death and burial records. When a position opened up in Dec. of 2021, I thought that my knowledge along with the records in the office

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Bradford Town Events

Saturday, March 5th, 10:00am
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Saturday, March 5th, Noon-2:00pm
Town Hall Open House

Sunday, March 6th, Noon-2:00pm
Town Hall Open House

Tuesday, March 8th, 8:00am-7:00pm
Town Elections, BACC
Absentee Ballots are available at the Town Clerk's Office

Wednesday, March 9th, 7:00pm-finish
Town Meeting, Bradford Elementary School

As of 2/22/22 Mask wearing is required in all Town Buildings. Accommodations will be made for those who cannot wear a mask. Ask on-site personnel for instructions.

FEBRUARY HAIKU

Winter soldiers onward

The March calendar shows spring

Patience brings the signs



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(closed 12 Noon – 1 PM)

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Tuesday: 8 AM – 12 PM/ 1 PM – 4 PM

Wednesday: 12 PM – 5 PM

Thursday: 9 AM – 12 PM/ 1 PM – 6 PM

Friday through Monday: Closed

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

From the Bridge

This edition is brim full of voter information about Bradford's future governance and finance. However, there is something here beyond the warrant articles and the budgets that is a tribute to this community: Candidates for town offices say that their favorite thing about living in Bradford is the people. Here's a sample of what they say:

"The people who live in Bradford are perhaps the town's greatest resource and one of the key reasons I like living here,"

"In Bradford I enjoy the people with their eclectic mix of incredible talent,"

"Knowing your neighbors and having the comfort of each one around is something to enjoy,"

"... the diverse, interesting, bright, respectful, and talented people who openly express their views."

"What do I like the best? The people."

It is Bradford's great fortune that these individuals want to care for our Town. They deserve all the support we can give.

It is late and this edition, and its editor, need to be put to bed.

Please vote on March 8th and 9th.

Sláinte! and Happy Spring!

Kathleen Bigford, Editor

And the Leprechauns who bring neighborly news and share their pots of gold

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.



Letters to Our Editor:

To the Editor:

We returned from an all-day procedure at DHMC to find our basement deep in water (6-7 inches) and immediately became concerned over our furnace and freezer. With hope we called Bradford Fire (911) to seek help. Within minutes Officer Glen Drewniak arrived with Mark Goldberg and Bobby Green (Bradford Fire) and also Hank Thomas, Chris Nash and Mark Watchman from Newbury Fire. While Glen Drewniak directed traffic on our very narrow road and kept everybody safe, the firefighters evacuated the water and we felt relief beyond measure and gratitude for their assistance during a difficult time. We noticed Hank's and Chris' frozen hands, yet they persevered to clear the drain despite it. Our prayers were answered, and we thank everybody for their time on a cold night to come and help

*"Everyone wants to be
someone's sun
to light up someone's life,
but why not be
someone's moon,
to brighten in the
darkest hour."*

*Roger and Bunny Herman
Bradford, NH*

To the Citizens of Bradford:

I have been a resident off and on for 34 years, full time since 2008. I got to know Beth when working on the Town Hall Restoration committee. While working with her I found she added a lot to the committee and worked hard at getting her points across. You almost always left the discussions with Beth learning something new.

Beth's qualifications are impressive as is her amount of time volunteering for the Town of Bradford. She has been Treasurer of the Rural Heritage Commission (RHC), Budget Committee Chair, ZBA member, Town Hall Restoration member, and active in the Community Center.

I was pleased to be asked to write this endorsement for Beth, not only as stated

above, but for what Beth does in her professional life. She has been working with the senior population as an Elder Care Consultant with Energy for Elders for the last 25 years. That's a skill that few people have and will serve her well.

*Sandra Wright
Bradford, NH*

To the Citizens of Bradford:

Things to Consider -- Some of you may know me from my previous role as a Bradford Selectmen. Although the time I have available to commit to volunteer roles has changed, my care and concern for our town has not wavered. During my time involved in town governance, I gained a vast knowledge about what it takes to keep Bradford running which undoubtedly includes large capital purchases. Based on my experience, I want to offer some food for thought on three articles as we head into town meeting.

Article 3 (Town Hall Renovation Bond): How bad do we need it? Town operations have been successful in a much smaller building for eleven years. What kind of expense will be added to the budget to operate a 12,000 square foot building? Then again, when comparing interest rates to inflation (If inflation continues the same trend), historically low rates would allow us to borrow the money at nearly the same rate of increase as the offsetting rate of inflation. The question seems to be, do we need it at all?

Article 6 (fire truck purchase): The money has been saved over the past few years in a responsible manner and has been at the forefront of the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). However, there seems to be a few lingering questions. Do we have a new part-time Fire Chief yet? Would he/she recommend this purchase? What does the future of the department look like? With volunteerism harder to come by and increasing requirements and classes to become a volunteer firefighter; will our department have the qualified membership to operate this new machine in the future?

Article 8 (ten-wheel dump truck purchase): This is a larger dump truck than we are used to seeing at our highway department. A Ten-wheel dump truck makes

a lot of sense in many situations. Do we need two of them? The Town acquired a used ten-wheel dump truck this winter for what seems like a fair price, when one of our six wheeled dump trucks rolled over in an early season storm. Shouldn't we see how the first ten-wheeler works before adding another? Do we even really need a new truck at all? For the past few years, the discussion has been about a new grader and now suddenly, a truck is more important? Would this money be more wisely spent on the roads (real pavement) before they are all in disrepair? How much cost will the maintenance of this much larger truck be?

Town meetings are intended to bring our community together to make decisions for our future which brings passionate voices to the table. We know that as articles are approved, it increases our tax rate. A reminder that only half our property taxes are applied toward town operations, while the other half goes toward the school district, county and state which we do not fully control. We are neighbors so let's treat each other as such and continue to make Bradford better.

Jason Allen



Live-Streamed Candidate Forum Saturday, March 5th at 10:00am

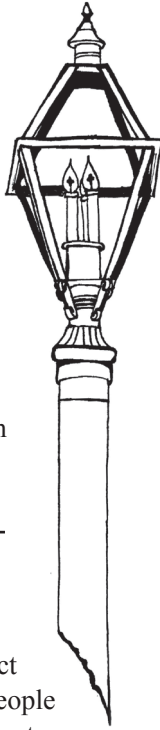
View a live-streamed Bradford Candidate Forum Saturday, March 5th at 10:00am.

Candidates for Town Office have been invited to appear in-person at the Bradford Area Community Center to speak about their candidacy.

The Forum can be viewed at:
www.townhallstreams.com.

For viewer participation a zoom link will be available on the home page at www.bradfordnh.org.

Library Lantern



Brown Memorial Library
brownmemoriallibrary.org
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bmlbradford@gmail.com

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

From the Director's Desk:

There are certain people who have made an incredible impact on my life, and one of those people is Maggi Ainslie. I feel so lucky to call her my friend and to have had the pleasure of getting to know her much better over the past few years as co-workers. For those of you who are not aware, Maggi has quietly retired from her work at the library. She is going to live closer to her son, Ben, and his family. I miss her greatly, but she seems ready for this next step in her life.

Maggi served as the Library Director for Brown Memorial Library from 1983-2001, and among many other things, was instrumental in helping get the funds for the library addition in 1999. She has loved her work in libraries over the years, and this showed in the care and respect that she treated patrons and her co-workers, as well as her love of reading, researching, and understanding new things. She imparted so much knowledge to me about library work, motherhood, marriage, traveling, people, and of course, books! A huge thank you, Maggi, for your years of dedication to our wonderful library!

From Laurie Buchar:

Everyone in town knows Maggi Ainslie. It's not because she calls attention to herself; quite the contrary. But she has been a lovely presence at Brown Memorial Library for the past thirty years. She's now ready to retire and we wish her the very best.

A native of the Concord NH area, she came to Bradford in 1974 where she and husband Don raised their son Ben, who is now a local painter. Her previous work in libraries led her to join the BML Trustees the following year.

Maggi took over as librarian when Dolores Hansen retired in 1983 and has been a member of the staff ever since. She led community involvement to obtain a major expansion of the library and broke ground for it in 2005. She has guided countless readers to just the

right book for them. And she is quite honestly a friend to all. Her kindness and patience are legendary.

Maggi is the final remaining member of the History Committee that preceded the current

Bradford Historical Society. This group was responsible for researching, writing and publishing the invaluable town history, "Two Hundred Plus: Bradford NH in retrospect." They held 300 meetings over the course of six years before bringing it to fruition in 1976, a true labor of love.

None of these accomplishments can shift Maggi's profound modesty. She takes great delight in the success and happiness of others and always deflects praise. But her quiet pride in our town permeates everything she does. It's all in her smile and gentle touch. As Maggi says "You are all such good people. I feel blessed."



Feel free to send any Maggi-related memories or thanks you would like to convey to: Brown Memorial Library, 78 W. Main Street, Bradford, NH 03221.

Library Happenings:

Town Election: Tuesday, March 8th, please write in candidates Elizabeth Bouley (2 yrs) and Robin Steiner (3yrs)

Book Group: Wednesday, March 23rd, at 7:00pm. We are reading *Sweetness of Water* by Nathan Harris. This is a debut novel and an engrossing read set shortly after the civil war in a fictional town of Old Ox, Georgia. I won't give anything away, come and pick up a book, and read it!

St. Patrick's Day Craft: Week of March 14th. Please come pick up a lucky leprechaun take-away craft. Please call to reserve. Craft will be posted on FB/BML website.

Ellen Barselle
Library Director





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Achieving Energy Goals in Bradford

Article Thirty-One on the 2022 Bradford Town Warrant asks the Town to commit to a community-wide goal of transitioning to 100 percent reliance on renewable sources of electricity by 2030 and renewable sources of fuel for heating and transportation by 2050. To reduce carbon emissions and support Federal Energy Goals, the Bradford Energy Committee will be working with stakeholders to evaluate and implement energy conservation, energy efficiency and renewable energy in our day-to-day operations. Here are some examples of how that can happen.

All Stakeholders can evaluate renewable energy opportunities in their decision making.

Bradford Town Government including Selectboard, Planning Board, Budget Committee, Capital Improvement Plan, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Town Hall Restoration Committee, Library, Highway, Fire and Administration. Evaluate renewable energy opportunities in decision making processes.

- **Electricity:** Develop programs to improve access to electricity generated from renewable sources for Bradford's municipal buildings, residents and businesses.

- **Heating and Cooling:** Leading by example, weatherize municipal buildings to the highest possible efficiency, reducing their cost and energy footprint for heating and cooling.

- **Transportation:** Transition town fleet to electric vehicles (EVs). Ensure that charging stations are distributed throughout the town for employees, residents, and visitors.

Schools -

Work with the KRSD Administration and Decarbonization Committee to advocate for the following:

- **Electricity:** Maximize solar potential by developing rooftop and ground mounted solar arrays on school property. Install LED lighting, motion-sensing switches, and Energy Star equipment in all buildings.

- **Heating and Cooling:** Add air or ground sourced heat pumps, and use the school as a working example for parents and the wider Kearsarge community.

- **Transportation:** Replace current bus fleet with electric vehicles. Promote carpooling, biking and walking. Encourage students to learn about next-generation transportation systems.

Residents -

- **Electricity:** Participate in community solar residential projects.

- **Heating and Cooling:** Shift from fossil fuels to air or ground sourced heat pumps to cool and heat homes.

- **Transportation:** Reduce car dependence with bike paths and bike sharing programs (electric and standard).

Businesses and Organizations -

- **Electricity:** Replace machinery and lighting with the most energy-efficient models and use rooftops for solar panels.

- **Heating and Cooling:** Conduct ongoing energy reviews to find ways of increasing efficiency and fuel savings.

- **Transportation:** Reduce unnecessary travel; move to virtual meetings. When travel is necessary, encourage ridesharing and/or public transportation. Invest in EVs for employee use.

Bradford Energy Committee

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Town of Bradford State of New Hampshire

Town Warrant of Town Meeting March 8th, 2022

The Polls will open at 8:00 am, and not close earlier than 7:00 pm, on March 8th, 2022.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bradford in the County of Merrimack in the said State qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Bradford Area Community Center on East Main Street in said Bradford, N.H. on Tuesday the eighth day of March next, at eight o'clock in the morning to act on the following articles:

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

Article Two: To adjourn the meeting until Wednesday, March 9th, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School on Old Warner Road in Bradford. Raising the money and remaining articles in the Warrant will be taken up at the adjourned meeting.

Article Three: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,600,000.00) (gross budget) for the purpose of completing the renovation and restoration of the Historic Town Hall at Map 16 Lot 92. This project will complete the renovation of the Town Hall. Further to authorize the issuance of not more than Two Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,200,000.00) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33). Further to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds and notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof. Further, the amount of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) will come from the 2013 Town Hall Restoration Fund, the amount of Two Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$243,000.00) will come from the 2019 Town Hall Repair and Renovation Fund and the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) will be raised by general taxation. The Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. This article requires a paper ballot and three-fifths vote.

Article Four: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Four Hundred Seventy Thousand One Hundred Three Dollars and Seventy-Eight Cents (\$2,470,103.78) for general municipal operations. This article does not include amounts appropriated by other warrant articles. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend \$2,473,579.78. Budget Committee recommends \$2,470,103.78.

	Selectmen	Budget Committee
1. Executive	219,013.44	219,013.44
2. Elections & Vital Statistics	11,239.00	11,239.00
3. Financial Administration	106,391.00	106,391.00
4. Revaluations	28,700.00	28,700.00
5. Legal	30,000.00	30,000.00
6. Employee Benefits	1.00	1.00
7. Planning & Zoning	21,476.00	18,000.00
8. General Gov	84,300.00	84,300.00
9. Cemetery	25,000.00	25,000.00
10. Insurances	91,700.00	91,700.00
11. Other General Gov	6,050.00	6,050.00
12. Police Department	595,007.86	595,007.86
13. Fire Department	148,450.00	148,450.00
14. Rescue Services - FAST	8,780.00	8,780.00

15.	Rescue Services – Contract	57,200.00	57,200.00
16.	Building Code Department	26,550.00	26,550.00
17.	Civil Defense	500.00	500.00
18.	Highway Department	658,347.82	658,347.82
19.	Bridges	1.00	1.00
20.	Street Lighting	2,200.00	2,200.00
21.	Solid Waste Collection	96,565.76	96,565.76
22.	Solid Waste Disposal	23,600.00	23,600.00
23.	Inoculations	1.00	1.00
24.	Welfare Administration	7,467.85	7,467.85
25.	Welfare Payments	29,520.00	29,520.00
26.	Parks and Recreation	19,508.05	19,508.05
27.	Library	82,560.00	82,560.00
28.	Patriotic Purposes	18,000.00	18,000.00
29.	Community Center	22,450.00	22,450.00
30.	Other Conservation	1,000.00	1,000.00
31.	Long Term Notes	48,000.00	48,000.00
32.	Interest on TAN notes	4,000.00	4,000.00
	Total	\$ 2,473,579.78	\$ 2,470,103.78

Article Five: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) to fund the 2019 Town Hall Repair and Renovation Expendable Trust Fund. This article is null and void with the passage of Article Three. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Six: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Five Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$505,000.00) to purchase a new Class A pumper with equipment. This appropriation will come from the 2006 Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Further, this will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2027. (Majority vote required). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

Article Seven: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00) to fund SCBA Bottle Replacement. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2027. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Eight: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$230,000.00) to purchase a new 10-wheel dump truck with equipment. This appropriation will come from the 2020 Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) with the balance of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000.00) to be raised by taxation. Further, this will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2027. (Majority vote required). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Nine: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to fund road maintenance, preservation and paving. This appropriation will come from the 2019 Roads and Bridges Expendable Trust Fund. Further, this will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2027. (Majority vote required). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Ten: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to purchase a used brush chipper. Further, this will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2027. (Majority vote required). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Eleven: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to fund miscellaneous Highway projects. Further, this will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2027. (Majority vote required). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twelve: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum Forty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$49,000.00) to purchase and outfit with equipment a new Police Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV). This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2027. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Thirteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to fund the 2015 Town Equipment Repair Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Fourteen: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing 2015 Town Equipment Repair Expendable Trust Fund, created at the Town Meeting in 2015, such that in addition to funding major repairs to the Town's vehicles and heavy equipment, this fund may also be used to purchase equipment. Further, to rename this fund the 2015 Town Equipment Repair and Purchase Expendable Trust Fund and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend. (Two-thirds vote required). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

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

Article Sixteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to fund the 2020 Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Seventeen: To see if the Town will vote to establish an Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of funding emergency road, culvert and bridge repairs. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) to be placed in this fund and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Eighteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be placed in the 2021 Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Nineteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) to fund the 2008 Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to fund the 2010 Communication Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (for emergency services). (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

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

Article Twenty-Two: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to fund the 2020 Fire Equipment Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty-Three: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to fund the 2002 Gravestone Repair and Preservation Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty-Four: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Long-Term Planning Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of funding long-term planning efforts. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in this fund and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty-Five: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Matching Funds for Grants Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of providing matching funds for grants. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in this fund and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty-Six: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve created in 1960. Said funds, with accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty-Seven: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993. Said funds, with accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty-Eight: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the 1994 Cemetery Maintenance Capital Reserve Trust Fund, created at the Town Meeting in 1994, so that the fund which was originally established as a non-expendable general trust fund for the purpose of cemetery maintenance, shall now be used as an expendable trust fund for the purpose of cemetery maintenance. Further, to name the Cemetery Trustees as agents to expend. (Two-thirds vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty-Nine: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) to support CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) of New Hampshire. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Thirty: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$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. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2027. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Thirty-One: To see if the Town will vote to commit to a community-wide goal of transitioning to 100 percent reliance on renewable sources of electricity by 2030 and renewable sources of fuel for heating and transportation by 2050. The Bradford Energy Committee recommends residents approve this Article and commits to using fiscal prudence and affordability as criteria for evaluating and recommending potential energy projects to help Bradford achieve these goals in the coming years. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Thirty-Two: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to fund the 2006 Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

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

Bradford Board of Selectmen,

Andrew Pinard, Chairman

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Budget Committee

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO

(WRITE-IN)

(WRITE-IN)

Cemetery Commission

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

ERICA GROSS

(WRITE-IN)

Moderator

TWO YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

BRUCE STORM

(WRITE-IN)

Planning Board

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO

CAROL TROY

(WRITE-IN)

(WRITE-IN)

Planning Board

ONE YEAR Vote for not more than ONE

LAURIE COLBURN

(WRITE-IN)

Scholarship Committee

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

KATHLEEN BIGFORD

KIMBERLY ROWLEY

(WRITE-IN)

Selectman

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

DOUGLAS R. SOUTHARD

DOUG TROY

BETH DOWNS

(WRITE-IN)

Supervisor of the Checklist

SIX YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

KRISTINE FOSS

(WRITE-IN)

Town Clerk / Tax Collector

TWO YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

PAULA ALIANO

ERICA GROSS

(WRITE-IN)

Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO

DEVIN PENDLETON

(WRITE-IN)

(WRITE-IN)

Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library

TWO YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

(WRITE-IN)

Trustee of the Trust Funds

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

(WRITE-IN)

Trustee of the Trust Funds

TWO YEARS Vote for not more than ONE

HAROLD WRIGHT

(WRITE-IN)

Zoning Board

THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO

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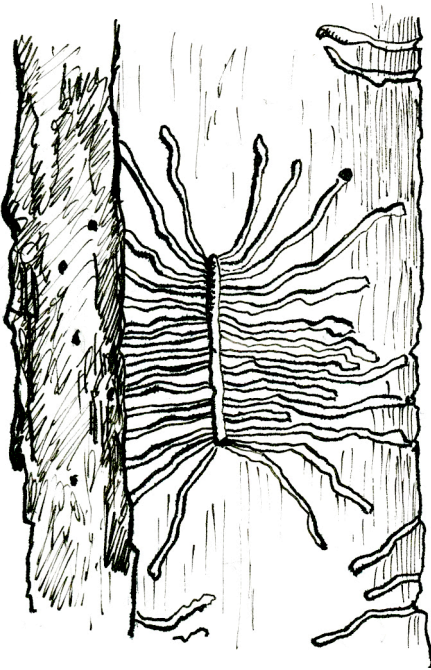
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-OUTSIDE-

Engraver Beetles



The process of engraving involves a metal printing plate, a steel tool with a triangular profile, and a person adept at keeping it sharp. Look closely at the marks on a dollar bill. Now look for the intricate carving accomplished by insects just beneath the bark of dead trees. These hieroglyphics are made by ‘bark’ or ‘engraver’ beetles. A dollar bill has imaginary value – rather, it only has value if we all continue to be-

lieve it does – but the work of engraver beetles has serious purpose to every dot and flourish. It’s possible to identify which species of beetle by reading the handwriting of their wood engravings.

‘Weevils that have lost their snouts’, they are usually very, very small, cylindrical, and dull-colored. They have teeny, tiny legs and antennae that can be folded and put away like camping gear. Relative to their size, their chewing mandibles are large and their eyes are oddly shaped and designed for darkness. Moles of the phloem. They aren’t much to look at.

A subfamily of beetles, the Scolytids have been intensively studied due to their potential for outbreak damage to timber. The vast majority of these species go after dead and dying trees though and these beetles are a part of every healthy forest. They recycle nutrients by slowly dismantling ill, old, or ill-fated trees. They carry with them a complex community of fungi, bacteria, mites, and nematodes to kickstart the process. In monoculture tree plantations or in drought or otherwise stressed forests, some species can damage even live trees by the millions.

Living in sturdy wooden homes in relative safety from predators and weather, these features have favored over many millions of years the vagaries of natural selection. As a result, species of these beetles display unusual (for insects) forms of parental care and more complex forms of sexual behavior than you’d want to know about.

Generally, the pattern is thusly: adult flying beetles locate a likely-looking tree trunk or limb; they drill a tiny hole

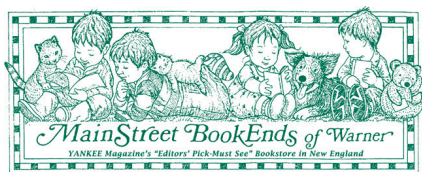
through the bark to the xylem/phloem transport layer; they invite in one or more potential mates; sometimes seal the hole behind them; tunnel a nuptial chamber or ‘gallery’; sing to each other by stridulation; and perform elaborate ceremonies according to species. The female will dig tiny niches along the main chamber and delicately deposit a precious egg in each nook. If all goes well, the eggs hatch and the larvae proceed to drill and feed ‘mines’ at an angle to the main drag. These carvings get wider as the larvae grow. They pause for a spell of pupation at the ends of their roads before they go forth as adult beetles by eating an exit hole through the bark.

Trees that still have some life to them fight back with toxic sap or sticky pitch. Some are able to cause beetle stomach aches. Beetles can counter with fungi that neutralize poisons. If a beetle has found a particularly fine tree with low defenses, it can chemically signal on the wind and bring in an overwhelming army to the feast.

Ambrosia beetles are in this same sub-family of bark beetles. They too make intricate engravings – not to feed, but to farm. They bring with them pockets full of specialized fungi that they then plant on the walls of their tunnels. As the crop matures, they feed themselves and their larvae.

“What makes things baffling is their degree of complexity, not their sheer size... a star is simpler than an insect.” So says Martin Rees, cosmologist and astrophysicist.

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MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

(Continued from page 1)

between completing the whole building and completing the first floor only is approximately \$200,000. This difference is due to the fact that the mechanical work for the whole building would be done at the same time. A bond or note for \$2.6 million would allow for contingencies as well as the cost of the Architect and a Clerk of the Works. The bond sale would take place in July and the construction could begin in late fall. The total amount that would need to be borrowed will not exceed \$2.2 million due to the funds we have already saved. The current bond rates are estimated at 3.5% for 30 years or 3.0% for 20 years. The Board approved a motion to authorize the crafting of language to put on the warrant a bond or note article for the completion of the Town Hall, funding it through monies on hand and additional anticipated funds totaling \$400,000 with the remainder of not more than \$2.2 million to be bonded.

Elections Line Item The Board approved a motion to approve the line item for Elections and Vital Statistics to be \$11,239. This is an increase of \$3,100 more than what the board had previously approved for this line item. The additional \$3,100 is for new computers for the Supervisors of the Checklist and the amount had already been approved by the Budget Committee.

Land Donation In 2020 Cynthia Langly wanted to donate two wetlands lots to the Town. A previous Select Board wanted a title search done. Legal counsel has addressed the questions that arose from the search. The Select Board approved a motion to approve the acquisition of the donation of two parcels of real estate and to ask Brackett Scheffy to register the deed.

Masonic Building Sal Magistro has decided not to use the Masonic building for a bakery. It would cost \$20,000 to make the kitchen compliant with State code. He does not want to invest that

much in a building he doesn't own.

Warrant Article The Board approved a motion to adjust the warrant article 32, Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve. from \$200,000 to \$100,000. The Budget Committee did not recommend.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Town Hall Bond The Board approved a motion to recommend Article 3 supporting the bond/note for the Town Hall in the amount of \$2.6 million.

Fire Truck The Board approved a motion to not recommend Article 32 for \$100,000 to be put toward a new fire truck.

PLANNING BOARD

Initial Consultation Lisa Fantasia came before the Board to discuss her plans to take over the lease of the Bradford Junction Restaurant and Bakery. Lisa will be running a bakery, "Wicked Sweet Cakes and Treats". Initially it will be bar seating with bakery items and coffee, and she hopes in approximately 2 months' time to include breakfast and lunch. The Planning Board is in agreement that this is not a change in use and will officially vote on this at the next meeting.

Lot Line Adjustment Mike Elms, Map 2/ Lot 65 and Jim Raymond, Map 2/ Lot 60, share a driveway that is partly Lord Road which was previously a town road decommissioned by the town in 1996. The lot line adjustment proposed by the

landowners would create two non-conforming lots. After discussion between the Board and the landowners it was decided that the possible paths forward would be either the landowners go before the Zoning Board for a variance, or they continue using their land as it is currently.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Variance The Board reviewed an application for a variance from Mark and Laura Black for property located 24 East Shore Drive, Map 22/ lot 13. The applicant proposes to replace an existing legal, non-conforming house with a new house and attached garage. The new house and garage would increase the existing setback from the road but would decrease the setback on the south side property line to less than 20 feet. The Board approved a motion to accept the application as complete and scheduled a site walk for March 1, 2022, at 4pm, and a public hearing March 2, 2022, at 7pm.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Conservation Opportunity The Commission approved \$15,000 from the Land Protection Fund to the permanent protection of this property. The property recently came back on the market and the protection of this property would help provide connectivity between large unfragmented habitat blocks and protect

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a key watershed and wetland system.

Building Permits Commission members George Beaton and Patty Furness volunteered to form a subcommittee to review new building permits prior to monthly meetings.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Cleanout The basement needs a major cleanout and the trustees discussed the possibility of securing help from students at Kearsarge Regional High School who need community service hours. A committee was formed to assist Ellen in this endeavor; Trustees Laura Beaton and Liz Bouley volunteered to assist.

Open Trustee Positions Three positions are open and only Devin Pendleton’s name is on the ballot for the upcoming March 8 election. Current appointed trustees, Liz Bouley and Robin Steiner, will run as write-in candidates for the 2-year term (Liz) and 3 year term (Robin).

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

Bradford’s Road Plan

In the summer of 2021, Road Agent Steve Hall partnered with Dean Williams and Matt Baronas at Central New Hampshire Regional Planning (CNHRPC) to develop a long-term, manageable road plan for the Town of Bradford.

The first step was to assess the condition of each paved road in Bradford using a mobile mapping and assessment tool created by UNH called RSMS – Road Surface Management System. Each road was separated into maintenance segments and CNHRPC staff drove each route collecting data. Multiple characteristics of each segment were recorded including width, surface condition, surface defect types and drainage information. The Town’s data was compiled and PCI (Pavement Condition Index) values for each segment were calculated.

The next step was to develop a pavement plan. This involved calculating a road priority and following a pavement strategy. A priority level for each road was calculated based on traffic count, importance (which is a value based on

the proximity to needed services such as schools) and the PCI.

The strategy is to keep good roads good. Using low-cost

treatments to keep roads in working condition for as long as possible extends the road’s useful life, limits construction disruption and is most cost efficient. Ultimately, roads do reach points of concern and must undergo restoration. The most efficient use of funds emphasizes the preservation of roads in good condition and restoration of rougher roads as possible.

Using the RSMS to compile the data, charts and maps recommending a path forward have been produced. Maps showing the noticeable difference in PCI if we do nothing to our roads versus following the recommended maintenance plan support the statement that preserving roads is key to road longevity. The software goes further to predict the annual expense that can be expected by following the plan.

The RSMS creates an active database which allows for flexibility and adjustment. Tasks can be shifted forward or backward depending on funding available. Aligning the Road Plan and the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) ensures that necessary funding will be available when needed. Periodic reassessment of the roads by CNHRPC will keep the road plan on track and adjust for any unplanned repairs due to weather events.

The Road Plan documents can be viewed at www.bradfordnh.org.

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From the Select Board Town Hall Proposal for Town Meeting 2022



The Bradford Board of Selectmen, with the support of the Budget Committee, asks the Town of Bradford to support a \$2,600,000 warrant article to complete the renovation of our historic Town Hall at Town Meeting this year.

What analysis/maintenance has been done to the building since Town Hall was closed in 2011?

- An addition (Town Clerk/Tax Collector, later Police Department) was removed from the building returning Town Hall to its original footprint.
- The building has had significant asbestos remediation.
- The building was jacked up and all new poured concrete foundations were installed resulting in additional square footage under the stage left wing overhang that created a new back corner.
- A thorough structural evaluation was done which led to extensive structural reinforcement that has made the building fully compliant with New Hampshire State Building Code.
- A basic heating system was installed in the basement to protect the new foundation.
- Part of the roof has been re-shingled.
- The entire exterior was painted.
- Smoke and heat detectors were installed.
- Finally, the building was buttoned-up to protect the facility while it awaits further restoration efforts.

How does this proposal differ from previous plans?

- Cost.
- A financing proposal that includes the use of Capital Reserve funds saved for this project.
- A commitment to funding the project fully to ensure that the entire facility would be completely functional enabling occupancy throughout.

What are the details of this proposal?

- The completed set of stamped architectural and engineering drawings, delivered in January 2018, will dictate the final construction. Only the septic design, previously approved, will require review and resubmission.
- The professional team of Jay Barrett, architect, and Trumbull-Nelson Construction Company (who most recently worked on the facility in 2017 & 2018) have expressed a firm commitment to completing this project.
- Trumbull-Nelson has provided a solid estimate of \$2,522,000 to renovate the entire building making it fully functional. Approaching the entire restoration as one project benefits from economy of scale while avoiding additional setup costs and loss of opportunity.
- Above the construction costs, \$78,000 will cover architect oversight, a Clerk of the Works (to ensure the Town's interests are protected) and contingency expenses.
- Work could begin as early as late fall 2022.

*A place of vision where wisdom
and community spirit resides.*

- MEL PFEIFLE

What will it cost to renovate the Town Hall if approved in 2022?

The \$2,600,000 proposed in Article 3 breaks down as follows:

- \$2,200,000 from Bond or Notes
- \$250,000 from the Town Hall Expendable Trust
- \$150,000 from taxation (CIP recommended amount for 2022)
- \$2,600,000 total project cost

The current Capital Improvement Plan recommends saving \$150,000 per year for the next ten years. Financing the project now will dedicate that same level of funding \$150,000 toward bond/note payments on a completed building.

When complete, what can the public expect?

- A fully ADA-compliant, accessible building.
- Multiple spaces for meetings (including possibly Town Meeting).
- Ample space for elections.
- Secure work spaces for: Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Select Board/Assessors, Code Enforcement, Welfare, and future needs.
- Dedicated workspace for Planning, Zoning, Conservation, Election staff and Board members to work and securely store their records.
- Climate-controlled, secure records storage.
- A completed second floor, ready for use by community members and organizations (with the exception of specialized equipment for theatrical performances).

Can this proposal wait?

Certainly, but it will have a significant impact on the viability of the project and the financial impact on taxpayers. Each year the project is delayed, the cost of construction increases by a minimum of 4%. The Town has repeatedly demonstrated its commitment to the Town Hall by approving funds to preserve and protect it. In the past three years, a total of \$260,000 has been raised and saved in the Town Hall Trust Fund. However, during those same three years, the cost of doing the project has increased by an estimated \$344,000. At this rate, forecasts show that there is no way for savings to keep up with the cost of inflation. Even if the Town puts \$300,000 per year, there will not be enough funds accrued to begin the project until 2035, when the cost of renovation is projected to be \$4,329,191.

Realizing the project now will have additional impact:

- Resumed use of the facility will encourage further investment and revitalization along both ends of Main Street.
- A positive outcome will further inspire additional projects for collaboration on behalf of the needs of the residents.
- The Community Center will have space freed up to support programming that has relocated or has not occurred due to lack of space.
- Additional space will provide more opportunity for community gatherings across multiple facilities.

This is a significant investment in the future of our community. The plan is in place. The interest rates are favorable. The time is now.

2011 - 2021 Town Hall Voting Record

2011

Due to mold, the building was evacuated. Town offices moved to BACC temporarily.

2012

Town Raised \$13K for Architectural plan to restore building to code compliance.

2013

\$1.7M bond failed. 2/3 majority required (301) Vote: 228 Yes, 224 No

2014

\$1.46M bond failed. 2/3 majority required (160 Yes)Vote was 151 Yes, 88 No
\$95 raised to replace the roof and cover pre-construction costs.

2015

\$995K bond failed. 2/3 majority required (148 Yes) Vote was 144 Yes, 79 No

2016

\$1.3M bond failed 2/3 majority required (186) Vote was 179 Yes, 101 No
\$30K withdrawal from capital reserve approved to relocate town offices to Town Hall

2017

\$861K bond passed. 2/3 majority needed (115 yes) Vote was 132 Yes, 40 No
Cost to complete the plan exceeded the amount raised. Barrett Architecture hired to determine full scope and exact costs.

2018

\$1.3M bond failed. To restore town offices. 2/3 majority needed (117) Vote was 78 Yes, 99 No

2019

Town Hall Expendable Trust Fund Established. \$60K raised and held for transfer to fund in 2020.

2020

\$60K deposited from 2019 and 100K raised for Town Hall Expendable Trust Fund.

2021

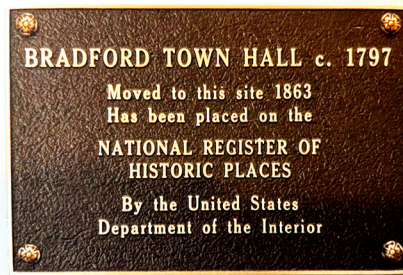
\$100K raised for Town Hall Expendable Trust Fund

2022

Warrant Article to raise \$2.6M . . .

Source: Town Meeting Minutes 2011-2021
Compiled by Kathleen Bigford

Regarding the Town Hall Restoration Bond Vote



It is truly wonderful that the enthusiasm in town to continue the restoration of our beautiful Town Hall makes welcoming the building back into our lives a real possibility. For years, it was my dream to preside as Moderator at the Town Meeting and announce a successful bond vote to restore this treasure as a part of town services and an enhancement to the life of our community. Over many years, I imagined the applause as if I were somehow responsible for its success. Alas, I am now left only to join in and appreciate the moment. Seizing this opportunity, less than three weeks from now, will give each of us a cherished memory of a new beginning; failing to grasp it will be a failure to appreciate the progress our town has already made and disregard the hope we all have that it will continue and blossom. The Town and each of us fortunate enough to make Bradford our home deserve the functioning and symbolic presence of that historic building when it resumes its proper place in our lives after nearly two centuries.

Brackett Scheffy

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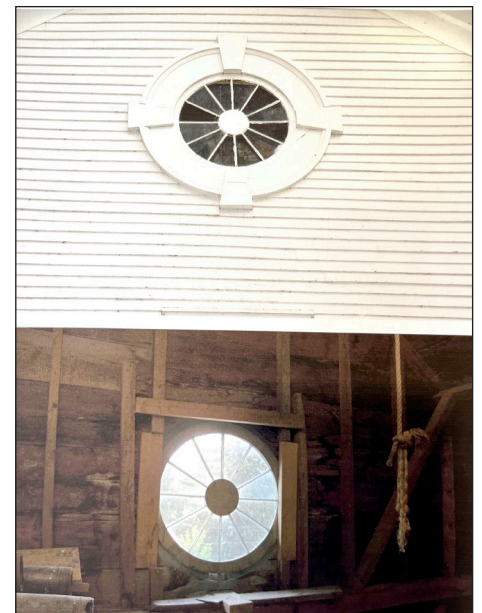
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Town Hall Open House

The Select Board invites you to an Open House at the Town Hall

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The Warrant Article for a Town Hall Bond is excellent!!! It will cost the Town about the same per year as we are putting aside now, and we will have a fully functional building in two years.

- HARRY WRIGHT

2021 Bradford Town Office Candidate Survey Responses

(Continued from page 1)

would be helpful to the position. I was appointed to the commission and so far love the projects the cemetery commission is planning for the upcoming year.

This may sound strange but I have always loved cemeteries. Back in 2015, when I was Town Clerk, I had been working on a project with one of the commission's agents and really enjoyed the work.

Bradford is a lovely town with many cemeteries. I want to help make sure that they are maintained and preserved to the best of our abilities.



Bruce Storm

Moderator for 2 years – (vote for 1)

The position of Moderator will enable me to utilize skills I have developed during my career in education, and through my prior experience in local governance, to the benefit of our community. It is my hope that my efforts as Moderator will in some small way give back to the town that I have grown to value and to appreciate over the twenty years my wife and I have lived here as part-time and now full-time residents.

As a teacher, building administrator, and school superintendent, I have firsthand experience with the importance and value of listening, and with the critical nature of carefully run meetings. Moreover, I have over the years developed a problem-solving skill set that I believe

will assist me in guiding the process of considering and deciding upon the future direction of our town.

I am supportive of the project to complete the Town Hall renovations for several reasons, including my belief in the importance of preserving this element of our town's history, as well as the need to provide this facility for the community's use and for town operations. That said, I also recognize the critical nature of how discussions regarding this project are conducted, and the importance of providing the opportunity for all positions to be heard and considered.

The people who live in Bradford are perhaps the town's greatest resource and one of the key reasons I like living here. There is no shortage of gifted, giving, and enjoyable individuals whom I have come to know and to appreciate for all that so many of them do for the rest of us.



Carol Troy

Planning Board for 3 years – (vote for 2)

I have been a member of the planning board for more than 7 years, first appointed as an alternate then elected to two terms. For the past two years, I have been vice chair as well as the chair of the CIP committee. During my time on the board I have enjoyed learning about how our planning board functions. I would like to continue serving the town in this capacity and help to continue to move the town forward.

I moved to Bradford 20 years ago after falling in love with the beautiful surroundings. I have run a certified organic

farm during this time and appreciate how so many in the town are stewards of the land and responsible in how our natural resources are respected and interested in responsible growth. Being a part of the Planning Board provides me with the opportunity to continue to preserve what I love and appreciate about Bradford.

The Town Hall is such a centerpiece of Bradford and seeing it vacant for years has been difficult. I am hopeful that there will be support to fund the renovation and get the Town Hall open and full of life again as soon as possible.

When we moved to Bradford a friend had said something to the effect of why wouldn't you move to a place where people choose to vacation? I feel like we are so very fortunate to live daily in a place where people can only vacation for a small amount of time each year. Add to that, natural beauty and all of the wonderful people in town who are so passionate about where they live. In the past two years, when so many people have been unable to travel. I am very grateful that 20 years ago this was a place that I chose to call home.



Laurie Colburn – Write-in

Planning Board for 3 years – (vote for 2)

I had originally requested to run for a 1 year appointment but would ask that, if you intend to vote for me, that you do not vote for my appointment to that position but rather write in my name for a 3 year appointment, as it will be easier for us to find volunteers for a 1 year



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position rather than a 3 year position. I would also encourage anyone with interest to volunteer for one of the many vacant positions in Town.


I have a background in business, with a focus on Project/Program Management, Process Management, Business Evolution as well as Financial Planning. I've enjoyed the opportunity to be an active participant on the Planning Board, looking for ways that we can make Bradford a more business friendly community while still protecting the natural resources our community has to offer.


I support the Town Hall renovation initiative. Having an attractive downtown is important to helping our businesses and building pride in our community. This also opens up potential for other programs at the community center, provides a venue for community events as well as potential revenue opportunity.

One of the reasons I moved to Bradford was for the small town atmosphere. I

want to know who my neighbors are and I want to lend my support where I can. I have been fortunate in my life, I have a beautiful family, a wonderful career and now, a fantastic community. I have observed however, that Bradford has some challenges to maintaining its rural agricultural feeling, while enjoying the services we have without increasing taxes that make this community unaffordable for some. I believe the Town has an opportunity to increase revenue streams that don't involve burdening home owners and a lot of that starts with work by the Planning Board.

Laurie Colburn 
 Planning Board for 1 year – (vote for 1)
See previous response.

Dilbert Sonny Harris 
 Write-in
 Planning Board for 1 year – (vote for 1)
No response submitted.

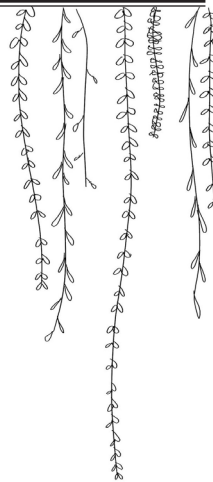
Kathleen Bigford 
 Scholarship Committee for 3 years –
 (vote for 1)

As students and families struggle to pay for college and professional training I would like to help ensure that the Town continues to recognize deserving students seeking post-secondary learning. Having been a member of the committee in the 1990's and again for the past five years, I enjoy this work. I particularly enjoy reading what applicants write in their essays about the part Bradford has played in attaining their goals.

I am a retired educator and I have experience as a Director of Admissions and Financial Aid Officer at a school of art in Washington, D.C. As stated earlier I have served on this committee in the past for a total of 10 years. During my most recent term the Committee accomplished a goal of funding two \$1,000 scholarships. If elected, I plan to continue achieving this goal and to offer funding to students entering both academic and pre-professional programs.

During our forty years of Bradford residence the Bigfords have enjoyed the historic Town Hall in all its various forms and functions. I continue to support all restoration efforts.

In Bradford I enjoy the people with their eclectic mix of incredible talent and their appreciation of rural living, easy access to nature, the "home view" from Center Road, availability of locally sourced food, French's Park, beautiful 20-mile bicycle loops, The Bradford Bog, the 12 one-thousand foot hills, Brown Memorial Library, and more. Ask me.



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Kimberly Rowley 

Scholarship Committee for 3 years –
(vote for 1)

I am looking forward to working with the scholarship committee and potential recipients of the town scholarships. Living in the community since 2008 and working at the Kearsarge High School for 12 years, I have firsthand knowledge about the courses, the atmosphere, and the process for applying to programs, schools, and colleges. Reading the recommendations and applications from each student and watching them become successful with assistance from their community is a wonderful feeling. It takes a village and to watch the process is fulfilling.

For the position of Scholarship Committee, I have several levels of interest in the success of the students and the scholarship program through our community. I enjoy seeing kids be successful in their future endeavors, communities sharing in that success, and the students returning to the area and support all those that helped them progress. I have a Bachelor's degree in Education, have worked with different school systems for over 24 years, and have assisted students in preparing for their future through writing recommendations, assisting with applications, and helping to support their choices in regard to the options available to them.

This subject has no relevance to the position of Scholarship Committee.

Coming from a military dependent background as a child and then a spouse, the close-knit concept of small towns appeals to our family. Knowing your neighbors and having the comfort of each one around is something to enjoy. Watching a community grow, change, and share their prosperity with new neighbors and families makes the town of Bradford a better place. My family chose to move to Bradford which is a change from the military telling you where you will be stationed next. This different kind of lifestyle helps me appreciate the town of Bradford and all that it can offer for families.

Douglas R. Southard 

Selectman for 3 years – (vote for 1)

My wife, Barbara, and I enjoy small town living, knowing our neighbors, and having lots of land with the freedom to roam. Our son, daughter, son-in-law, and two grandchildren have since joined us. What could be better? Unfortunately, our property taxes are increasing significantly, putting a tight squeeze on the family budget. Wanting to know more about town government, I volunteered to serve on the CIP Committee and later as Vice Chair for the Budget Committee. I now feel I have a better understanding of the town's financial operations and the challenges we face over the next few years. I would be honored to continue this service on the Select Board.

After graduating from Kearsarge Regional, I trained at Johns Hopkins University as a Physician Assistant and then received a Masters in Public Health and a PhD in Clinical Psychology. During my 40-year career in academia I served as Dean at three different colleges, as well as President for a research/development business and President of a national professional organization. These experiences required management of over 100 employees and significant operating budgets. I currently teach epidemiology at Franklin Pierce University and serve as a consultant to administrations in higher education.

I have fond memories of the Bradford Town Hall - all the way from the

Women's Day events every August, 8th Grade dancing lessons on the second floor (what could be more stressful?), to the roar of Ted Young's cannon starting the Independence Day 5K races. We need to bring the building back to life. On the Budget Committee, I voted for the proposed Town Hall bond issue, which I think is a responsible way to fund the renovations. However, I also think that we have many other priorities, including significant road repairs that need our attention. To do this, we will have to navigate a narrow path between restoring these key town resources while avoiding taxing families out of their homes.

Climate change is another immediate challenge that we face. I look forward to working with the Energy Committee to develop and implement innovative solutions. I also enjoy my collaboration with colleagues on the Conservation Commission to promote and protect the beautiful rural environment in which we live.

Please know that I do not expect to win this election. I'm not a politician and don't aspire to be one. Just a concerned neighbor having seen my share of challenging times and the need to make major financial decisions with eyes wide open. I ask not for your vote for office, but your support for the town. Get involved - there are lots of opportunities to participate and great people with whom to work. Together we can make a difference!



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Doug Troy 

Selectman for 3 years – *(vote for 1)*

It is always easy to criticize when things are not right, but more difficult to make things right. Rather than criticize, I am running for selectboard in an effort to help the town continue to improve. One of my key goals is to prioritize what needs to be done and see that it gets accomplished, appropriately, and economically. Prioritizing improving the conditions of our roads in a systematic and cost-efficient manner is an example of area that could use increased focus. It would be my goal to help create an environment where the town can flourish effectively.

My family and I have lived in Bradford for the past 20 years and I have enjoyed seeing the many improvements in the town over that time period. I have served on the Planning board for many years and have developed a working knowledge of how the town's government functions. My work career of running and growing manufacturing and retail businesses provides a strong background in prioritizing goals and seeing that those are achieved. If elected, I look to leverage my work experiences to achieve results in a civil and enjoyable way.

Like many people in town, I would like to see the Town Hall resume its place in Bradford as an active and thriving part of the town. However, I realize the town does not have the funds to accomplish as much as some would like. In my opinion, it is important to take steps to place the Town Hall back into operation as soon as possible and most likely, that would be in stages. Just like at home, many may like to remodel their entire home, but in most cases, they may only be able to remodel the bathroom.

Bradford is a wonderful place to live! A diverse group of opinions and ideas provides our town with people who care about our town succeeding. Personally, I really enjoy the natural resources of the town, specifically the hills, open space, forested areas, a Main Street area that is going through a rebirth and how can one ever overlook the lakes? No matter what the season, there is always something to enjoy. I would be hard pressed to live anywhere else.

Beth Downs 

Selectman for 3 years – *(vote for 1)*

Balance the Town's wants versus needs, while remaining fiscally responsible. Remain transparent while carefully adhering to laws, rules and regulations. Improve communication among employers and employees. Improve Bradford's in which to work, va-

cation and recreate. Encourage greater participation of our residents and their exceptional talents. Not discourage environmentally friendly businesses. Promote wise-use of our natural resources. Protect water quality, wetlands and aquifers with great enthusiasm. Ensure compliance of PB, ZBA, and building inspector decisions. I want to give back to the Town for all Bradford has given to my family and me.

A Professional Elder Care Consultant with Energy for Elders for 25 years. Caring for many of our elders during that time. Treasurer for the Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford. Serving on the Budget Committee, including Chair. ZBA member. Town Hall Restoration Committee Participation in our Community Center activities. Past kitchen manager at the Bradford Elementary School I am willing to put in the great deal of time required for this position. I possess the highest degree of integrity and a great deal of common sense. I am a good listener and give consideration to all ideas,

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Kristine Foss 

Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years – *(vote for 1)*

I would like to contribute to the town and as a lifelong student of government I have always been impressed and proud of our electoral process. Voting is a right and I would be honored to be in a role that ensures an efficient, transparent, and accessible process for voters to register, make updates as life changes occur, and change affiliation as they need and want to. A favorite quote of mine, I believe credited to Benjamin Franklin, is "decisions are made by those who show up," and I would like to be a part of supporting people in showing up.



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As previously mentioned, I have always been interested in government. I have a Bachelor's Degree in political science and a Master's in Education. I am a former Human Resources leader for an organization with 2300 employees over two states, and throughout my career was responsible for data management systems, records, and systems. I have managed both paid and volunteer teams and enjoy working with people. All of that required an attention to detail, respect for people, strong communication and education, problem solving, and finding new and efficient systems. I currently own and operate a small business next door in Newbury and the systems innovation and customer service continues! I believe this will support me in the role of Supervisor of the Checklist.

I would like to see the renovation efforts increase in order to bring town offices back to the building. As the community grows, our population ages, and needs change it will be important to have space in our community center for programming and services our townspeople need. Having our town offices in the Town Hall brings us back "home" and puts a building with a long history back to use and updated to support the evolving needs of town administration.

My family moved here three years ago. We were attracted to Bradford because of the community and small town feel. When we moved in, we were immediately welcomed. What do I like the best? The people.

Paula Aliano 
Town Clerk / Tax Collector 2 years –
(vote for 1)
No response submitted.

Erica Gross 
Town Clerk / Tax Collector 2 years –
(vote for 1)


I am currently the Town Clerk/Tax Collector and love this job. There are so many parts to this position with titles, registrations, dogs, vitals, fish & game, OHRV, taxes, cemeteries and of course


elections, so one is always learning something new. Best part is making the townspeople happy and getting to know them.

In 2009, I was hired and trained as Deputy TC/TC by Susan Pehrson (the Town Clerk/Tax Collector at the time). She was a wonderful teacher! I was elected in 2012 as TC/TC. In 2015, my family believed that we would be moving out of state and I stepped down from the position. Thankfully, we never did leave Bradford. I was so happy when in 2020 I was once again able to come back onboard as the Deputy and then in 2021 was appointed Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

I am looking forward to the day when the Town Hall Renovation project is completed. I hope that I am a part of this, since it will be a wonderful transition for the offices and the townspeople.

My family moved to Bradford in 2002, after living in MA most of our lives. We fell in love with the serenity of this small town. It has been 20 years and we have never regretted the move and would still choose this town over all the others.

Devin Pendleton 
Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library
for 3 years – (vote for 2)
No response submitted.

Robin Steiner – Write-in 
Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library
for 3 years – (vote for 2)


I have always enjoyed books and reading and love our town library. I feel this is a small way that I can give back to the Bradford Community.

As an educator, I love reading and I have tried to foster a love for books and reading in my students and child. As a result, I spent a lot of time in our

town library, as well as others, throughout my life. Hopefully my knowledge of libraries can be helpful as a Library Trustee.

I am thrilled with the work that has been done on the Bradford Town Hall. It is such an important historic landmark in our town. I look forward to seeing the work on the Town Hall completed.

I love living in a small town and knowing my neighbors. I love all of the opportunities to do activities outside in Bradford: skiing, walking, boating and skating to name a few. Bradford was such a wonderful place to raise my daughter through her elementary years. She speaks so fondly of her years here. We feel so fortunate that we stumbled upon Bradford many years ago!

Beth Ann von Beren – Write-in 
Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library
for 2 years – (vote for 1)

I have a passion for reading and feel a library is an integral part of a community. I would like to give back to a place that makes so many people happy.

As I stated above, reading is one of my passions. I read daily and am a member

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of a long-standing book club. I have been on various town boards in the past and think this would be a great fit for me.

I would love to see the work on the Town Hall completed. It is such a stunning building, and I would love to see it brought back to its original state and functioning again.

I love living in Bradford because it is such a beautiful small town. I grew up in a small town similar to Bradford and knew it was where I wanted to raise our family. Its location is perfect for summer and winter activities which makes it an ideal location to live.



No Candidate

Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 years –
(vote for 1)
No response submitted.



Harold Wright

Trustee of the Trust Funds for 2 years –
(vote for 1)

I've been a Trustee for 2 terms of 3 years. I intend to retire after this next term. A 2 year term will be sufficient to pass on the position to the next generation of Trustees.

I've been involved with the town in several areas, Selectman, Board Member, etc. From that perspective my interest in the betterment of the Town led to running for Trustee. I do not have a background in accounting.

I have been an advocate of Town Hall restoration for years. I have been a member of the Town Hall Restoration Committee since 2012, serving in vari-

ous roles. The Town Hall is an integral part of Bradford's history and a shining part of our downtown environment. I am in complete agreement with a full restoration, including the second floor auditorium. Functions at the Auditorium will bring a new life and vigor to the Town of Bradford.

We came to Town as part-time residents of a house adjacent to Lake Massasecum in 1988. Over time, with job changes, etc., we lived other places, always returning to Bradford for summers. After retirement in 2008, we moved back here full time. Clearly, the lake was the original draw, but we've come to love the rural nature of the town and our fellow residents; to the point that we have taken active roles in governance, historic preservation, etc.



Brooks McCandlish

Zoning for 3 years – (vote for 2)

Someone has to do it. I am willing.

I believe that zoning appeals should be decided fairly and openly, with consideration given to all parties and concerns without prejudice.

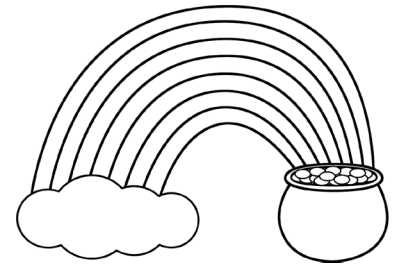
Renovation of the Town Hall is not a Zoning Board of Adjustment issue.

Bradford is my home. The land, the climate, and the community suit my soul. There is nowhere I'd rather live.



Ken Parys – Write-in

Zoning for 3 years – (vote for 2)
No response submitted.



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Kearsarge Community Network News

Kearsarge Community Network (KNC) is an initiative supported by UNH-Extension that has brought together local partners from nonprofits organizations, civic groups, libraries, businesses, and community members. The role of these partners is to work together to address the effects of social isolation brought on by the pandemic.

KNC is getting ready to kick-off small community gathering events in each of the seven Kearsarge towns with an intergenerational program involving the beloved book *Stone Soup*. This book's message has impacted global communities and is seen as a community concept. Partners anticipate delivering soups and bread prepared by local high school culinary students. KCN will be executing this plan by stopping in Newbury and Warner Senior housing complex, Wilmot community center/library and Warner library after school children program. We are reaching out to other towns presently, please get in touch if you would like to assist in "Stone Soup" gathering in your town.

KCN meets the 3rd Wednesday each month 10-11.30am. These meetings are open to the public and we share past/present/future projects and collaborations. The common remark after every network meeting is two or three attendees say, "I learned something about our community I did not know." This month, Amelia will present a youth gar-

dening program with individuals on the autism spectrum. Amelia will also share an education opportunity at Muster Field Farm in Sutton.

Subcommittees: Community Gathering meets the 2nd Thursday each month at 2pm and our youth/young adult Workforce Development meets the 4th Thursday every month at 3pm.

Please contact Kearsarge Community Network Coordinator, Carol, at 938-2562 or at comfortiadams@gmail.com for zoom meeting codes, more information and/or collaborations!



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thru carefree days and sleep-filled
nights.*

*Many decades have passed,
each year exacting its due,
a once fine-tuned instrument of natural
grace
now fails to heed the mind's desire.*

*Passions fade, colors dim, autumn
leaves let go.*

*Sturdy trunks and limbs are unveiled,
stores of energy hidden under their
skins
as the heart's cadence beats apace.*

*The wheel of life turns faithfully
as seasons come and go.*

*Spirits once bursting with glorious
abandon
now stumble over shaky ground.*

Where now that frontier of the cavalier?

*[Definition of Cavalier: Carefree and
nonchalant; jaunty.]*

Laura Beaton Winter 2022

Obituaries

Jay Lawrence D'Angona



On December 29, 2021, God decided that He needed our beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Jay Lawrence D'Angona, 70, of Bradford, to be with Him in heaven. Jay died in Beaufort, SC.

Jay was born in Worcester, MA, April 23, 1951, to the late Samuel and Ellie D'Angona. He met his wife of 48 years, Miriam, at Barrington College, in Barrington, RI. Jay earned master's degrees in Chemistry from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Computer Security from Capital College. The couple moved to California where Jay's first job was as a chemist at the University of California, San Francisco. Jay was a software engineer for Hughes Aircraft and Raytheon, until he retired to his farm in Bradford and beach house on Fripp Island, SC.

Jay was a loving patriarch and put his family first, taking them on adventures all over the world. He took great pride in his family and grandsons and loved being their "Popi". He enjoyed life and projects on the farm and beach with his wife, ATVing, skiing, jeeping, and teaching his kids and grandkids about life.

Jay was a thoughtful, patient, kind and intelligent man who put the needs of others before himself. His smile was contagious. He knew how to fix anything and everything. If he didn't know, he would learn!

Jay was a devout Christian family man, whose unwavering faith inspired and saved others. Jay put God and his family in the center of all he did. He attributed all he had to God.

He is survived by his wife, Miriam D'Angona, daughters, Kristine D'Angona, Cynthia Funk (Joshua Funk), Anne Marie Thompson (James Thompson), and Alida Barry (Randolph Barry); grandsons, Caleb and Jacob Funk; brother and sister, Paul D'Angona and Sharron VanWickle; nieces, nephews, and friends.

The family suggests donations be made to St. Helena's Anglican Church, P.O. Box 1043, Beaufort, SC, 2990, in memory of Jay's life, and will be used to help those in need.

and wife Janice of Pittsfield, Timothy Oliver and wife Maria of Allentown, Jeffrey Oliver and wife Catherine of Bradford, Keith Oliver and wife Denise of Warner, Alice Halvorsen and husband Erik of Swampscott, and Stephen Oliver and fiancée Melissa of Pembroke, two brothers, four sisters, 16 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. To offer condolences, visit www.stilloaks.com



Jeffrey Wonson



Jeffrey Peter Wonson (Twotall) age 61 passed away on 01/29/2022 at Concord Hospital due to complications from Covid 19. He is survived by his wife Sandra Wonson (Sam), Step Mother Jean, Sisters and their spouses Debby and Mark, Wanda and Steve and Debbie and Bernie. Most importantly daughter Jennifer and spouse Dan, son Peter and spouse Debbie and grandchildren Lexey, Abby, Lilly, Daniel and Ruby. He is also survived by aunts, uncles, many cousins and many friends. Jeff worked at Pitco in Bow as a welder for 30 years. He loved riding his motorcycles and was a wonderful family man. He will be greatly missed. A celebration of life gathering will be held at the house this summer.



Alice M. Oliver



Alice M. Oliver, 78, of Allentown, died on February 7, 2022. She was born in Fall River, MA, on March 19, 1943, daughter of the late Otis and Florence (Lee) Reed. Alice was a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. She loved visiting the ocean, local rivers and brooks. Alice appreciated simple moments with a cup of tea and an audio book. She cherished time with family.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by a daughter, Veronica Oliver, four sisters, and three brothers. She is survived by her children, Raymond Oliver of Manchester, Matthew Oliver

William R. Cole, Sr.

Newbury, NH: William R. Cole, Sr., 75, died on January 20, 2022 after a period of declining health. He was peacefully at home, surrounded by loving family, when he went home to the Lord.

William was born on April 26, 1946 in Woodbury, CT to the late Norman and Lillian (Hoxley) Cole. After high school, he enjoyed working for the State of NH DOT. He then worked at GTE Sylvania before opening and operating his own logging business, William R. Cole Logging.

He married the love of his life, Mary Anderson, on July 11, 1964. Together they raised two wonderful children and shared many beautiful years together.

William was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting and fishing, especially bass fishing.

He was predeceased by his parents; and siblings, Norman Cole, Jr., Edith Norton, Walter Cole, Joan McCarthy, Richard Cole, James Cole, Alice Thomas, and Francis Cole.

Surviving family includes his wife, Mary Cole; son, William R. Cole, Jr. and Terri of Gordonsville, TN; daughter, Lisa Cole Morris and Richard of Bradford, NH; grandchildren, Lindsay, Christopher, Matthew, Richard, Nicholas, Molly, Natasha, and Catarina; great-grandchildren, Gabriel, Hayden, and Madison; siblings, Donald Cole of Woodbury, CT, Harold Cole of Salisbury Center, NY, Shirley Wescott of Woodbury, CT, Dorothy Merrill of Morris, CT, Arthur Cole and Linda of Port Orange, FL, Nancy Parnishkul of Woodbury, CT, and Judy LaMothe and George of Rochester, NH; and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Newton-Bartlett Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mary Webb



Mary (Mimi) Colombosian Webb died on January 29, 2022, at age 93, at Sunapee Cove where she was provided with loving care. She was born on September 25, 1928, in Lawrence, MA, to Sarkis and Rose Colombosian, survivors of the Armenian Genocide who started a dairy business in their home in Andover, MA. Colombo Yogurt was their best-known product sold throughout New England.

Mary honed her entrepreneurial skills at the dairy at a young age along with her twin brother, John and older siblings Ann and Robert. She graduated from Punchard High School and was a gifted athlete who fell in love with skiing. She would travel to North Conway on the train with her sister and friends and brought her parents to see her schuss down the mountain. It was on the slopes where Mary met the love of her life, Douglas P. Webb, Sr.. They married in 1956 and settled in Framingham, MA, and later in Sudbury. A terrific cook and baker, Mary created Armenian and American dishes using family recipes.

Mary applied her leadership, creativity, vision and talent to anything she pursued. When Doug raved about an oatmeal raisin cookie and gave her a bite, Mary said she could do better. She did just that, opening Crumble Station alongside the railroad tracks. The little shop with gingerbread people painted on the side was a destination for muf-

fins, cookies and gift items. Mary was ahead of her time offering mail order cookies and creating a large chocolate chip cookie that could be decorated.

The Webbs found land in Newbury “on the way to Box Corner” and built a vacation home that became their permanent residence. Here they could ski, play tennis and host parties for family and friends where Mary’s strawberry shortcake became a must-have dessert. They built The Sweet Patch Café and Bakery on Route 103. Next came The Rolling Pin, a unique kitchen shop where Mary’s display and sales acumen made it a destination for locals and visitors.

Mary was predeceased by her beloved husband, Doug, in 2000 and her son, Jeffrey, in 2014. She is survived by a son, Douglas P. Webb Jr., and partner Jenny Reks, daughter Pamela Webb Gentile and husband Tony, and her son Christopher Webb. Family members include daughter-in-law Sandra M. Webb and grandchildren Wesley Webb, wife Mary and great-granddaughter Lucia Rose Webb, Abigail Webb Pederson and husband Derek, Crowley Gentile, many nieces and nephews and her dear sister, Ann C. Hallahan. Mary loved them all and was always interested in their lives, sharing recipes and welcoming them to her home.

A celebration of Mary’s life will be held later this year in Newbury, New Hampshire. Donations can be made to the Webb Family Foundation, c/o The Colony Group, 132 Turnpike Road, Suite 100, Southborough, MA, 01772. Chadwick Funeral Service is assisting the family with arrangements.

*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your
back. May the sun shine warm
upon your face; the rains fall soft
upon your fields and until we meet
again, may God hold you in the
palm of His hand.*

BRADFORD COMMUNITY EVENTS

Tuesday, March 1

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

Wednesday, March 2

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

Friday, March 4

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise

Saturday, March 5

10:00 am Candidate Forum
 Live Stream, details on Pg. 2

Sunday, March 6

Noon-2 pm, Town Hall Open House

Monday, March 7

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

Tuesday, March 8

8:00 am VOTE!, BACC, until 7

Wednesday, March 9

3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
 7:00 pm TOWN MEETING, Elem. School

Thursday, March 10

5:30 pm Parks & Rec

Friday, March 11

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise

Monday, March 14

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, March 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, March 16

3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Thursday, March 17

6:30 pm Budget Committee

Friday, March 18

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise

Monday, March 21

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, March 22

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, March 23

3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
 7:00 pm Book Group, "Sweetness of Water" by Nathan Harris, BML

Friday, March 25

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise

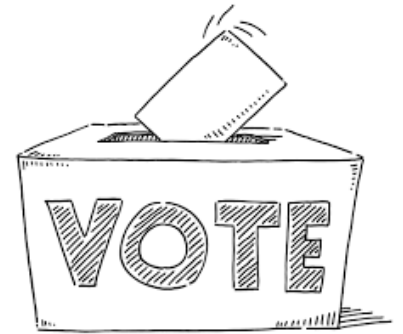
Monday, March 28

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 Selectmens Meeting, TBD

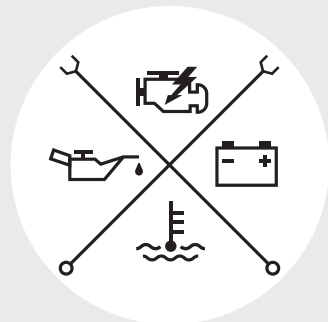
All events take place at the Bradford Area Community Center (938-6228) or the Mountain View Senior Center (938-2104) unless otherwise noted. Call to confirm dates and times in case any changes have been made.

Calendar Abbreviations

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



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February Happenings

“Come all who are weary/tired, and I will give you rest.” (*Matthew 11:28*). We have in-person worship every Sunday at 10am. Communion Service on the first Sunday of the month.

March 18th is our next free community dinner. It will be held at 5pm in the church friendship room and will be a buffet. Come join us!

The Bradford Food Pantry will be open on March 16th, 5:30-6:15pm. Leave a message at 603-938-5313 if you need assistance during the month and we will get back to you as soon as possible.



TRANSFER STATION NEWS

Fulfilling Special Requests

You may have read a few articles in the Bradford Bridge about people in Bradford that have found items at the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center that they have repaired and ended up with a great find.

Recently A young man asked if we would save as much clean insulation as possible for him. We did, and he happily carried it all home and appreciated being able to save some of his hard earned money.

A woman in town has her soon-to-be-walking grandson visiting in the near future and asked if we set aside any plug covers that come in. Within one week a new package of plug covers came in--enough for her whole house!--and she was relieved to know that her grandson would be safe.

Ken and I have been filling requests for items wanted by town residents, and we will continue to do so. When requests are made we take note of the resident's name and phone number and their request, and then we keep our eyes open for those things to come in. Helping others like this gives us an extra sense of satisfaction with a job well done. Finding good uses for things that come into the transfer station helps us to operate more efficiently and is part of the whole recycling endeavor.

Manager Lois Kilnapp

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Out & About: Ice Jam on the West Branch



February has been a month of extreme and sudden temperature changes. The West Branch of the Warner River was frozen solid in early February. Then on February 16 the ice began to melt during an overnight 60-degree rainstorm resulting in this ice jam.

Many of you are enthusiastic about recording the beauty that surrounds us. Therefore, I'd like to invite photographers to share images to be included in this article. An accompanying caption would be nice. Please submit the images in .jpg or .jpeg format.



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