

The Bradford Bridge

COMMUNITY NEWS *for* NEIGHBORS *by* NEIGHBORS

Winter Safety from the Road Agent, Police Chief and Fire Chief

Given the significant quantity of snow we have received recently, it is a good time to review safe winter practices. Please be reminded that:

The Town's Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy is in effect. You may view the complete policy on the Highway Department webpage at www.bradfordnh.org.

The Parking Ban is in effect from November 1 to May 1 and prohibits parking in or on the Town's roads or rights of way. The Town has the right to tow

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MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Municipal Solar Pursuant to the possibility of placing a solar array at the Transfer Stations and the disposition of gravel excavation at the transfer station, Energy Committee member Kathleen Bigford met with the Selectboard in December to determine whether a cost/benefit analysis for gravel excavation by the Town had been done and was told it had not. Subsequently, Kathleen reached out to Steve Hall about this and found that the process needed to wait until the spring to run tests. Therefore, Kathleen decided to investigate town-owned land at the "Naughton" site. That investigation is on-going.

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Bradford Town Offices and Committees Need Your Help!

PLEASE take a look at all the openings on Bradford Town Boards and Committees and give some serious thought to helping make important decisions about the present and future of Bradford. For more information about any of these positions please contact the Town Clerk's office for descriptions. tc@bradfordnh.org, 603-938-2288.

Open for Election on March 14th, 2023

- Budget Committee – 3 years, 2 positions
- Budget Committee – 1 year, 1 position
- Cemetery Commission – 3 years, 1 position
- Planning Board – 3 years, 2 positions
- Planning Board – 1 year, 1 position
- Scholarship Committee – 3 years, 1 position
- Selectmen – 3 years, 1 position
- Supervisors of the Checklist – 3 years, 1 position
- Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library – 3 years, 3 positions
- Trustees of the Trust Funds – 3 years, 1 position
- Trustees of the Trust Funds – 2 years, 1 position
- Zoning Board – 3 years, 2 positions
- Zoning Board – 2 years, 1 position

To declare candidacy sign up in the Town Clerk's Office, 134 E Main Street, at the following times: Wednesday, February 1st, 12 pm – 5 pm, Thursday, February 2nd, 10 am – 7 pm, Friday February 3rd, 3 pm – 5 pm – Last Day

Requirements: Live in Bradford + Voter Registration in Bradford + Provide an address in Bradford and mailing address if different + Provide name as requested to appear on ballot.



FEBRUARY HAIKU

Antique pine keeps watch

*Over snowcapped gray
headstones*

In a serene quilt

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From the Bridge



Thank you Anne Kratz

Welcome to February!!

We're happy to welcome new columnists this month. Road Agent Steve Hall, Fire & Rescue Chief Bryan Noell, and Police Chief Ed Shaughnessy have stepped up to write monthly about their respective departments. Each of these leaders of major Bradford agencies responded enthusiastically when I asked if they would be interested in informing readers about activities in and plans for their areas. I look forward to increased awareness of how these departments serve Bradford.

Placing the vast list of vacant Town Board and Committee positions on Page One calls attention to the incredible array of positions needing to be filled and begs the question, "How would the Town of Bradford function without enough members of boards and committees to make decisions?"

While that question seeps in, we hope you will be distracted by and enjoy the awesome array of articles we've curated in this February 2023 edition.

Always remember Dear Readers, You are our Who, What, When, Where and Why. And lots of Bradford Bridge Love to our advertisers. We couldn't do this without you. Happy Valentine's Day!!

Kathleen Bigford, Editor

And the rest of the Lovely Bradford Bridge crew

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.*



Town of Bradford Budget Committee Notice of Public Hearing

Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 6:30pm and if needed on
Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Bradford Area Community Center, 134 East Main Street, Bradford, NH

For the purpose of open disclosure and discussion on the proposed 2023 budgets prior to the Budget Committee's recommendation of the same, per RSA 32:5.



Letters to Our Editor:

Response to a Bradford Bridge Article appearing in July 2022, "What happened to Bradford's 4th of July?"

Due to heavy rain on July 4, 2021, "Bradford's Celebration Day, forever held on July 4th has moved to September 27th to honor Bradford's Founding in 1771, the 250th anniversary. I have no issue in recognizing Bradford's founding. Devin Pendleton, Chair of Parks and Recreation, is quoted as saying "The very SMALL group organizing the event does not want to erase the 4th of July" but that is exactly what happened!

The traditional celebration of the 4th of July has ended in Bradford. The 4th recognizes the founding of our NATION, when the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence. The rest is history: Revolutionary War, US Constitution and Bill of Rights. The United States of America, I would like to think, with warts and all, is the greatest nation on earth.

I noticed most of the events that you had listed for September 24th were normally held on the 4th. In the future, if it rains on the September date, do we return to the 4th? What I am trying to say is the traditional Bradford 4th of July Celebration may need adjusting, but the 4th is the 4th and helps to unite us as a nation. This is especially important for our younger generation.

*Jack Calhoun,
Bradford, NH*

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Bradford Fish And Game Kids Ice Fishing Derby

Sunday, February 19th, 2023. This tournament is for children up to the age of 15, but we strongly encourage the whole family to come out to Lake Todd and participate. Registration begins at 7am at the Fish and Game Clubhouse on Gillingham Drive. Breakfast will be served at the Clubhouse at 7am.

There is no cost to participate in the Derby, however, donations for breakfast are gratefully accepted. Bait is provided for free. Kids may begin fishing anytime after registration, but must be back at the Clubhouse by 1pm for the weigh in. Prizes and trophies are awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the three categories of Perch, Pickerel, and Crappie.

Highway Department News

We have been dealing with snow storms, ice storms and rain of all things so far this winter. We're trying to keep the roads in respectable shape with the warm weather and it's been kind of a challenge on the dirt roads. We have had to deal with wash outs as well as the roads being soft so it makes plowing quite a challenge; when the roads are soft the plows dig into the dirt causing more problems.

We of course always have things that need maintenance, service or repair which keeps us active while doing as many in-house repairs as we can to keep the associated cost down. Cost of salt is up this year. It's almost doubled what the cost was two years ago and of course fuel for the equipment is up too. So far there haven't been a lot of storms so, thankfully, we have not had to spend as much as in the past.

Please, if anyone has questions call and leave a message 603-938-5916 or drop an email highway@bradfordnh.org

*Respectfully,
Steve Hall,
Bradford Highway*

Winter Safety from the Road Agent, Police Chief and Fire Chief *(Continued from page 1)*

or ticket violators. The purpose of this winter parking ban is to allow winter maintenance crews unobstructed snow removal and ice control routes, as much as possible, to maintain the maximum effectiveness of their efforts.

Pursuant to RSA 236:20, RSA 47:17, paragraph VII and RSA 41:11, it shall be unlawful to plow snow across any and all Town roads, including Class V & VI, or to deposit snow within the traveled portion of Town roads.

Jessica's Law, which is a New Hampshire State Law, is in effect. It requires the clearing of ice and snow off the top of a vehicle prior to driving it. Failure to do so may result in a \$500 fine.

Clearly visible house numbers at your home can save a life. Remember that you are required to have them and to keep them cleared of snow.

Your home's venting systems must be kept clear of obstructions. High efficiency furnaces, water heaters, and other energy-saving appliances may have exhaust vents that exit your building through an exterior wall rather than through a chimney. These vents can become blocked in the winter months by snow and ice, which can affect the safe operation of the appliance. Please ensure that all snow, ice and other obstructions are removed from your venting systems. Thank you for helping us keep Bradford safe!

Photos for 2022 Town Report

The Selectmen's Office is gathering information for the 2022 Town Report and can still use some photos. If you have images of the Town's faces, places or events that you would like to share, please send them to administrator@bradfordnh.org. Old and historic photos are welcome too. Be sure to include the photographer's name (if known) so proper credit can be noted.



Bradford Police Department News

You've worked hard for your money, now let's ensure you keep it

We are living in a world where most rely on technology on the daily, whether that reason be for business or pleasure.

Regardless of the reasons you use technology, scammers continue to prove that there is no rest for the wicked. Scammers seem to be getting very clever, adjusting their strategies with the times to achieve their goals. What are their goals? To get your personal information and money.

We at the Bradford Police Department would like to help educate everyone by sharing some of the scams residents have, or almost have, fallen victim to as well as what to do if you feel you have fallen victim of a scam. Scammers are like viruses: They continually evolve in response to the latest news and trends, using new ways to separate us from our cash. Some popular current scams are:

Romance Scam

Scammers pose as having an attraction to you online to initiate conversation. In the midst of conversation, they offer to exchange nude photos, with you sending first.

- We also urge you not to send photos of yourself, or body parts typically covered by a bathing suit, to strangers online. These photos can and will be used against you as scammers will threaten to send these photos to your family and friends if you do not pay them.

One-Time Password (OTP) Bot Scam

Scammers are utilizing automated programs to trick people into sharing your two-factor authentication codes sent from financial institutions. Be skeptical when someone contacts you.

- Scammers use spoof calls and emails to make it look like they are coming

from different sources, including government agencies, charities, financial institutions and large companies. Do not share personal information, usernames, passwords or one-time codes that others can use to access your accounts or steal your identity.

Puppy Purchase Scam

Scammers try to exploit dog lovers by offering cute puppies for sale. They offer an initial fee that sounds reasonable and then follow up with additional charges with a promise to refund these charges upon the safe delivery. In the end, you will get nothing.

- If you are in search of a puppy, go to a local animal shelter or breeder. Avoid searching online as this is typically how this scam originates.

Computer Virus or Microsoft Scam

Scammers have found a way to either 1) send a pop-up message to your computer stating that you have a virus/malware or, 2) send a pop-up message to your computer pretending to be from Microsoft or your anti-virus software company. The message will usually contain a phone number to call or a link to allow remote access to fix your computer.

Calling the number will most likely land you on the phone with a scammer pretending to work for the company. They will then ask for remote access to “get rid of the virus” while they are simply combing through your files for your information and passwords.

- Most virus software run scans to detect viruses and then have steps to remove the virus. These companies do not send pop up messages or make phone calls. The safest thing to do, if you receive something like this or if your computer is acting funky, is to call your virus software directly using the number on the software download email or website.

Marketplace Scam

The art of collecting unused items from around your house and selling them at a yard sale is becoming obsolete with Facebook Marketplace and Local Area Online Yard Sale sites. These sites are

super easy to use, are a great way to expand your customer base, and not have to sit in your driveway or yard all day for \$20-30.

However, be aware of this scenario: A buyer requests a shipping quote for an item. They then send money in the form of a check in an amount that is usually more than you asked for. Then “due to their error,” they ask you to deposit the check and send them the remainder after keeping a little extra for your troubles.

- Do not refund or forward overpayments. Be careful whenever a company or person asks you to refund or forward part of a payment. Often, the original payment will be fraudulent and taken back later.

Bail Money for a Family Member Who Has Been Arrested Scam

A scammer will call you pretending to either be a family member or a law enforcement official that has arrested the like. They want you to send them bail money while not calling their parents because they will get in trouble.

- We arrest a fair amount of people here in Bradford and never, ever have we asked for payment over the phone. Do not send bail money over the phone or web.

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How to Avoid a Scam

While scammers' delivery methods and messaging can quickly change, a few basic security measures can help protect you from the latest and most common scams:

- Add multi-factor authentication to any accounts that offer it. This provides extra account protection by requiring two or more credentials to log in. Besides your password, you'll need a second credential to verify your identity. That could be something like a passcode you get via text message, a security key, or an authentication app. Or something like a scan of your fingerprint, your retina, or your face.
- Research companies. Before you make a purchase or donation, take a few minutes to review the company. Do a web search for its name plus "scam" or "reviews" and research charities.
- Be careful with your phone. If you suspect a spam call, do not respond or press a button. The safest option is to hang up or ignore the call entirely. You can always look up the organization and initiate a call yourself if you are worried there may actually be an issue.
- Look for suspicious payment requirements. Scammers often ask for payments by wire transfer, money order, cryptocurrency or gift cards. These payments can be harder to track and cancel than other forms of payment, which can leave you stuck without recourse.

If you're the victim of a scam, you can file a report with the FTC and your local law enforcement. The report may help others avoid similar scams. We also recommend that you contact your bank and/or credit card companies to discuss changing your account numbers and getting new cards and/or checks issued. You should inquire if these same institutions offer some sort of credit monitoring service to protect you in the foreseeable future.

*Chief Edward Shaughnessy,
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(603) 938-2522*



Bradford Fire & Rescue News

January 16, 2023. The Bradford Fire & Rescue Association donated new battery-operated extrication equipment to the Town of Bradford Fire & Rescue Department. These tools will enable the Department to answer calls requiring extrication without having to wait for Henniker to arrive. Pictured here are the new tools and Fire & Rescue Department members participating in an extrication equipment training session.



The entire cost of the equipment, \$48,153, was donated to Bradford Fire & Rescue by the Bradford Fire & Rescue Association, a separate 501c(3) charitable organization set up to accept donations for Bradford Fire & Rescue. Donations are gratefully accepted by check at PO Box 203, Bradford, NH.



In other Department news: On January 6, 2023, 20 units of blood were collected which equates to 60 people helped. This was a very successful event and thank you to everyone for signing up. Our next blood drive will be May 8, 1-6pm.

As of January 18 the Department has answered 9 calls: 5 fire and 4 rescue. One Emergency Medical Systems (EMS) call was for a possible ice rescue. Please be aware of the ice before venturing out onto it. Thankfully it was a good intent call and no one had fallen through. One fire call was for outside fire and type of material being burned. Remember when the ground isn't covered with snow a

written burn permit is required and the material needs to be clean wood and brush under 5 inches.

2022 finished with 218 total calls up 1.4% from 2021, but with several serious EMS motor vehicle accident calls as well as the gas explosion at the former Valley Transportation building.

Thank you to all the members of Bradford Fire & Rescue for their service to their community and to the Town for their support. We are always looking for new members. Please reach out to the Department if you have a desire to assist in their mission.

*Chief Bryan Noell,
91 West Main, Bradford,
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firechief@bradfordnh.org*

TRANSFER STATION NEWS



Socializing at the Transfer Station

There's no doubt about it: The Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center is a hub of activity! In the busyness of tending to discards and recyclables and expecting to get the errand done quickly, residents often leave their cars idling while catching up with friends they have not seen in a while. Meanwhile, their forgotten idling cars are polluting the surrounding area.

There are several good reasons for shutting off the cars while doing business at the Transfer Station. First, idling cars produce chemicals that are hazardous to the health of residents, Transfer Station employees, vendors, and others doing the Town's business. Second, idling cars leave residue that damages engine components, increasing fuel consumption, and causes untimely repairs. Other natural resources are consumed when parts are replaced unnecessarily.

Third, most cars use unleaded or diesel gasoline, and idling cars serve to deplete our natural resource of oil.

Please turn off your engine at the Transfer Station. Ken and I desire to maintain the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center as a safe, healthy, and pleasant working and meeting place for everyone.

Lois Kilnapp, Manager

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THE MILESTONE TEAM



Looking Ahead To 2023

In 2021, there were 25 sales in Bradford. The lowest price was \$99,000 for 55 Water Street; the highest was \$600,000 for 311 Fairgrounds Road. The average days on the market was 28 days, with a median of 8 days.

In 2022, there were 32 sales of single-family homes. The lowest price was \$96,000 for 17 Fairgrounds Road; the highest was \$700,000 for 203 East Washington Road. The average days on the market were 28, with a median of 13 days.

So what can we expect from the 2023 Real Estate Market? Towards the close of 2022, Lawrence Yun, Chief Economist for the National Association of Realtors offered some predictions at 2022 NAR NXT, The Realtor® Experience, in Orlando, Florida.

◆ For most parts of the country, home prices are holding steady since available inventory is extremely low.

◆ Signs point to mortgage rates topping out.

◆ In 2023, Yun expects home sales to decline by 7%, while the national median home price will increase by 1%, with some markets experiencing price gains and others price declines.

◆ He also projects a strong rebound for housing in 2024, with a 10% jump in home sales and a 5% increase in the national median home price.

Remember...all real estate is local.

Give us a call if you'd like to know how OUR market is performing thus far into 2023.



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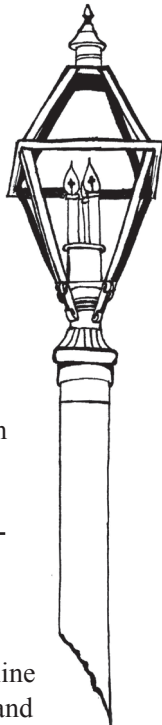
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 Wednesday 11:00am – 7:00pm
 Friday 10:00am – 6:00pm
 Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm

Library Lantern is taking a vacation this month!

Programs will be available online at *brownmemoriallibrary.org* and Facebook, or stop by the Library to see what's on the docket for February.



New Library Art Exhibit

The Bradford Art Group resumed the art exhibition program in Brown Memorial Library with “Finding the Beauty in Birds,” photographs by Bradford neighbor Carl Cooley.

Carl arrived in New Hampshire in 1976 to practice primary care pediatrics in Newport and subsequently specialized in developmental pediatrics at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center and Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center until his retirement in 2016. Photography has been a part of his life for more than 40 years as a means to document travel, family, and the beauty surrounding us.



Sharp-shinned Hawk Photo by Carl Cooley

Carl says, “Photographing birds is a challenge. Birds often must be photographed in low light and at high shutter speeds.” The challenge of capturing sharp and evocative portraits of birds

has amplified his enjoyment of becoming an aspiring birder.

Carl enjoys sharing some of what he sees and learns through an occasional blog called, Why Birds Blog on his website at *www.carlcooley.phoography/blog*.



Red-bellied Woodpecker Photo by Carl Cooley

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Fun With Fiction

We all have a story or two in us! Maybe a bit from our past or just something from our imaginations. Three Bradford Bridge ghost writers are going on a creative writing journey this year. We hope you'll join us by reading along. Each month we will start with a prompt. A little something to spark inspiration to get 200-words flowing onto a piece of paper. The last few sentences of each month's story will be the prompt for the next one. Our collective story will unfold over the course of the coming year. What sort of twists and turns will this journey take us on? We can't wait to find out!

*The light was fading fast.
The sun was setting and an
orange glow cast a streak
across the horizon.
It was time.*

Why not? Watching the evening approach from my office window I daydreamed of a winter-solstice walk through the bustling streets below. I flew into my coat, took the nine flights of stairs down instead of the elevator, through the lobby, and there: the sights and smells of the holidays. Crisp air and hundreds of bundled evening travelers surrounded me and, oh, the lights. At street level the buildings blocked the sky and illumination in all hues came from storefronts and twinkling stars hung from lamp posts.

As if on cue, soft pillows of snow started collecting on my sleeves. Everyone, everyone looked up. The mood changed instantly. Smiles spread through the crowded sidewalk. Children instinctively stuck out their tongues to catch the little snowballs that were beginning to swirl in the breeze.

What would this evening bring? Red, blue and white flashing lights and sirens pierced the relative calm of the avenue.

What, who, where, when? All questions prompted by the urgency of the speeding vehicles. As the noise faded, strangers exchanged guesses about what could be happening.

*From my pocket I felt
the familiar vibration of
an incoming cell call.
I sent the call to messaging,
and immediately
another call came.*

As I looked around, I saw others pulling their mobiles out too. In the space between two passing sirens, I could hear a myriad of ring tones, vibrations, and hesitant "hellos?". My cell wasn't the only one going off incessantly. "Hello? Hello!?" The sounds and stress - so much and so quick - like a pinball machine on high. The overload of input making it hard to think.

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I stepped towards the street, away from the crowd. One of the passing cars stopped and rolled down its window. It was my father. "Get in!" he said. I didn't question it. I got in, hoping for some sense of direction and glad not to be in the driver's seat. I noticed the back of his car was hastily packed – jugs of water, blankets, shovels and our dog. He was calm. But, serious. He pressed down on the gas pedal and I instinctively buckled my seat belt. With disregard for red lights or yellow lines, we pressed our way through downtown and made for the side streets not everyone knew or could navigate quite as confidently as we could. Finally, in the darkness of the winding, dirt road – I could take a breath.

*"Where are we going, Dad?"
His response, with a wild
look in his eye,
"Canada, my boy!"*



The NH Audubon Society announces the "Backyard Winter Bird Survey", February 11th and 12th, 2023. When to watch: February 11th and 12th. What birds are in your backyard? They could be at your feeder, flying overhead, or swimming in the river bordering your backyard. Squirrels are also counted. Participation is free. A detailed report is mailed to all previous year's participants. In 2022 counts included: 4007 Wild Turkeys, 113 Red-tailed Hawks, 65 Bald Eagles, 5,427 Blue Jays, 12,422 Dark-eyed Juncos, and 6,199 Gray Squirrels.

For a 2023 Backyard Winter Bird Survey form and information: nhbirdrecords.org/backyard-winter-bird-survey/ (603) 224-9909, bwbs@nhaudubon.org

Friends of Bradford Center Update

The Meetinghouse Events Committee met recently to discuss the upcoming **Concert Series**. Our successful performances last summer and this winter's **Christmas Eve Pageant** have stoked our enthusiasm to begin coordinating 2023 events!

Nick's Other Band is coming back for a repeat Friday evening concert replete with their trademark high-energy upbeat danceable tunes July 21st! The **Lettvin Classical** performance is set for August 12th, and other music events are in the works.

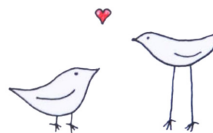
Our **Meetinghouse Window Restoration Project** is currently in progress with the large sanctuary windows being painstakingly restored. Thanks to generous donors and an even more generous matching donor this project will be completed this spring.

Look in next month's Bradford Bridge or check our website bradford.center for more details.

One time or monthly **donations** help us maintain the buildings and support our events offerings. They may be made via our website or by check made out to Friends of Bradford Center and mailed to Sue Moss, 433 Center Rd., Bradford NH 03221.

Thanks for your support and we look forward to seeing you this summer!

Friends of Bradford Center



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MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

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Municipal Weatherization Updates

The weatherization at the Highway Garage has been rescheduled to May 2023. The 2023 draft CIP currently has weatherization projects scheduled for 2024-2026. The BEC has presented the recommendation to proceed with the weatherization of the Fire Station in 2023 to the Selectboard and Budget Committee. Updated estimates from two contractors have been received. Fire Station weatherization could be eligible for 50% savings. NHSaves is in the process of determining eligibility of the project.

Rooftop Solar Updates The Town Hall roof is able to support solar arrays. The Stewardship Agreement the Town has with the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) requires that solar panels be “inconspicuous on the site and from the public right-of-way and do not damage or obscure character-defining historic features”. The Selectboard does not want to pursue rooftop solar. The Highway Garage roof is not suitable to support solar panels. Long term use of the BACC needs to be determined before considering solar. An estimate for the Fire Station has been requested. Rooftop solar at the Library is improbable due to required tree removal.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Membership The Committee approved

a motion to appoint Becca Herman as an alternate.

Funds The unexpended 2022 budget balance of \$415 will be rolled over and put into the Land Protection Fund.

Native Bees Alaina Bandanza has expressed a willingness to give a public presentation this spring on the native bee species found at the Bradford Bog. She researched the bee population there this past spring/summer, as well as the ecology of bees in our region. Alaina remarked that the Bog was one of the most active sites for native bees in all of her research sites!

Groundwater Protection The Warner Groundwater Protection Committee was formed with a grant from NH Department of Environmental Protection to protect the town’s drinking water resources from future harmful land uses which may contaminate or compromise the aquifer and wellhead protection areas. The Conservation Commission is planning future discussion if this is something Bradford should consider.

KRSD SCHOOL BOARD

Unanticipated Revenue The Board approved motions to accept unanticipated revenue awarded from Primex for \$6,589.97 for an insurance claim, and \$380,000.00 in the form of a grant from the Security Action for Education (SAFE) Grant.

Chamber Music Festival Oliver Andrews, (Violin in the String Ensemble), Thomas Shepard, (Bass Voice in the

TTBB Ensemble), and Kristen Garzia, (Flute in the Flute Ensemble), were selected for the New Hampshire Band Directors Association (NHBDA) Chamber Music Festival on Saturday, January 7 at UNH. These students were selected to this festival because of their high All State Audition scores.

Purchase Recommendation The Board approved a motion for a \$35,000.00 purchase recommendation as presented in the non-public session.

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

Editor’s Note: *This is a very brief Monthly Briefing as minutes from Board and Committee meetings were not available at the deadline. Which leads to the following:*

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NHSaves Home Performance with ENERGY STAR – Moderate Income Program



Update on NHSaves Assistance for Weatherizing Homes and Replacement of Inefficient Appliances and Heaters. After our article went to press in the January Bradford Bridge we received some updated information regarding eligibility and benefits for the NHSaves Home Performance with Energy Star Moderate-Income Program. This program helps homeowners and renters whose income exceeds the eligibility requirements for fuel assistance but struggle to cover the required customer copays for the NHSaves programs.

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The 2022-2023 Income Eligibility Guidelines (60-80% of the State Median Income) for the program from the NH Department of Energy’s Electric, Fuel and Weatherization Assistance Programs webpage is shown in the Table below. As before, eligibility must be determined by the Community Action Program (CAP) at 603-456-2207.



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2	\$50,959	\$67,945
3	\$62,950	\$83,933
4	\$74,941	\$99,921
5	\$86,931	\$115,908
6	\$98,922	\$131,896
7	\$101,170	\$134,893
8	\$103,418	\$137,890

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Updated NHSaves benefits for eligible homeowners and renters covers 100% of weatherization (air sealing and insulation) up to \$15,000. Inefficient heating and water heating equipment may be replaced with energy-efficient units. The program will also look to replace inefficient refrigerators and freezers. Other upgrades include new thermostats, LED bulbs, faucet aerators, pipe wrap and potentially replacing windows and doors.

Contact Margaux Levesque with Eversource at Margaux.Levesque@eversource.com or 603-490-3506 for further information about this program.

Sandra Bravo, Chair,
Bradford Energy Committee

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If you haven't made the switch to LED light bulbs, now is a great time to brighten up the long winter nights with these energy and cost saving wonders. Lighting accounts for about 15% of the average home electricity use. LED bulbs use 75-90% less energy than traditional incandescent bulbs, and at least 25% less energy than Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFL's).

With electric rates of over \$.20 per kilowatt hour, any reduction in energy use can make a big difference in your monthly bill. For example:

One 60-watt Incandescent bulb running for 5 hours a day for one month will cost you about \$2. Replace that bulb with a 10-watt LED, which has the equivalent level of brightness, and your cost for running that one bulb will drop to about \$.35 for the month.

LEDs have a lifespan that is at least 20 times longer than incandescent bulbs and 3 times longer than CFLs, which will more than make up for their higher initial cost. Expect to find LEDs for \$2-6 per bulb. Not bad for a bulb that will last 10-25 years!

If you have avoided using LED bulbs because the light is too harsh or too blue, it's time to have another look. Look for LEDs that are labeled "warm white" or check the Kelvin (K) rating on the box. You will find that 2700K will feel just like your old favorite incandescent bulbs. 3000-3500K will give you brighter light for work areas. Higher than that and you will be into very bright and bluish light.

And here are a few other important details: Unlike CFLs, LED light bulbs operate well in cold conditions, and frequent switching on and off will not shorten their lifespan. CFLs contain a tiny amount of Mercury, LEDs do not. Some LED bulbs are suited for enclosed fixtures or are dimmable. CFLs are not dimmable.

According to www.energystar.gov: If every American home replaced just one light bulb with one ENERGY STAR LED bulb, it would save about \$580 million in energy costs and prevent 7 billion pounds of greenhouse gas emissions per year, equivalent to the emissions from about 690,000 cars.

*Susan Reeder Moss
Bradford Energy Committee*

NH Chronicle Interview



Watch NH Chronicle on February 6th to see Bradford Town Administrator, Karen Hamblton, interviewed by Erin Fehlau, WMUR News/NH Chronicle Anchor, about the restoration of the Bement Bridge. Here they are filming on January 16th.

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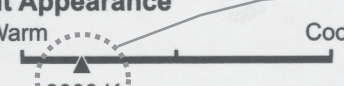
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Based on 3 hrs/day	
Light Appearance	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> Warm Cool </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;">  <p>3000 K</p> </div>
Energy Used	15.5 watts

LED brightness is measured in Lumens, not Watts. Here are a few conversions:
 1600 Lumens = 100 Watts
 800 Lumens = 60 Watts
 450 Lumens = 40 Watts

Today our costs are more than **double**:
 22¢ per KWH plus delivery and other charges made our Eversource rate closer to 30¢ per KWH in January

Earning the Energy Star Seal means that this product uses 20-30% less energy than the industry standard

A value of 3000K or lower means the light will be warm and pleasant in your home living spaces. Above 3500K the light will be colder and bluer

This LED bulb uses only 15.5 watts of power to achieve a brightness level close to a 100-watt incandescent bulb

Kudos for KRES-Bradford

Reading, writing, arithmetic... KRES-Bradford is all about academics. Virtually every moment is an opportunity for learning, especially when young children are around. The way they soak up information and explore new thoughts can be an inspiration to us all.

“February is the perfect month to spotlight reading here,” says Reading Specialist Laura Munroe. Students are accustomed to school routines by now and are eager to show their increasing prowess. The month begins with a fun incentive called the Snowball Slam. When each student reaches their reading log goal, they make a paper snowball and slam it on the classroom door. By the end of the month, the doors will be completely covered with snowballs. Last year, the kids read over 9,000 books or chapters!

During the week of February 20, KRES-Bradford will celebrate Read Across America along with the rest of the nation. There will be playful themes on each day that week to encourage costumes and fun. Reading buddies are established across the grades so students can get to know other aged kids and explore different tastes in reading. And community members are invited to sign up and read to a classroom. Contact Laura at lmunroe@kearsarge.org if you are interested.

This year the Kearsarge School District has adopted a new initiative called One School, One Book. KRES-Bradford has opted to share the title *Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate. Each student will receive a copy of the book to keep and read at home with their family as well as reading it with their teachers and classmates at school. This strategy reinforces reading instruction and bridges the home-school connection, building a community of readers.

Likewise, the KRES-Bradford PTO encourages a partnership between home and school to promote academic, social-emotional and physical growth



School librarian Joanne Palin reading to students at KRES-Bradford, where literacy is highlighted during Read Across America week and celebrated through daily encouragement and practice in every aspect of school life all year long.

of the students and their families. This group of volunteers sponsors events throughout the school year to get parents, teachers and students together to become familiar with one another. They raise money to provide scholarships for the Winter Activities Program and to support teachers when needed. In addition, each year they make a large purchase (like basketball hoops or picnic tables) to benefit the students at school.

Their next community building event will be a Winter Fun Day on Saturday, February 18, 2023 from 1-3pm on the school grounds. There will be sledding, snowshoeing, projects involving snowmen and snow dye, and other fun activities. Cocoa and cookies will be provided and all families are welcome to enjoy this free event. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The KRES-Bradford PTO is a 501c3 tax-deductible non-profit organization and greatly appreciates any donations from the community to be delivered to KRES-Bradford at 163 Old Warner Road, Bradford, NH 03221.

*Laurie Buchar,
KRES-B Volunteer*

KRES-B and KRSD February Calendar

Wednesday, February 1st, 6:30pm,
KRES-B - PTO Meeting

Thursday, February 2nd, 6:30pm,
School Board Meeting

Friday, February 3rd, 12:00pm,
KRES-B - Winter Activities Day #3

Wednesday, February 8th,
KRES-B - POP CORN Day!

Friday, February 10th, 12:00pm,
KRES-B - Winter Activities Day #4

Monday, February 13th,
NO School - Teacher Professional Day

Thursday, February 16th, 6:30pm,
School Board Meeting

Friday, February 17th, 12:00pm,
KRES-B Winter Activity #5 LAST DAY

Saturday, February 18th, 1:00pm,
KRES-B - PTO Winter Fun Day

Monday, February 20th,
KRES-B - READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK BEGINS

Monday, February 27th,
KRES-B - WINTER RECESS BEGINS

Monday, March 6th,
School Resumes

Town Hall Update

The project is underway! On January 16th, Trumbull-Nelson officially began work on the project. Prior to the start date, the GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price) contract was finalized and signed, and LCHIP gave us their thumbs-up to begin demolition and interior wall framing. Since the Town's documents and furniture had been moved out in November, the first task was to remove all the unwanted items and construction debris left behind. Next, several interior walls on the first floor, the old heating ductwork, the dropped ceiling in the old police station, and all the fluorescent lighting fixtures were removed.

The project team held their first on-site meeting the week the demo started. It was helpful to discuss and answer questions while being physically present and able to view the issues at hand. The team is working hard to maximize the energy efficiency of the building while remaining cost effective. This includes installing efficient heating and cooling options, LED lighting, installing storm windows, sealing the building's envelope, and maximizing the insulation – particularly in the attic. These measures will reduce the annual costs of heating, cooling and lighting the Town Hall once it is back in use. The Town is working with Eversource and DMI (Demand Management Institute in Needham MA) to take advantage of grants and rebates for the energy efficiency improvements.

In addition to energy efficiency, the project team has focused their attention on the site plan. With the details of the septic system finalized, and the location of the sprinkler system cisterns taking shape, the project team is pursuing the idea of running the electrical feed into the building underground. Elevation and position of the sprinkler system cisterns are the determining factors as to where the conduit can be laid.

If you have any questions about the project, please reach out to the Selectmen's Office.

*Karen Hambleton,
Town Administrator*



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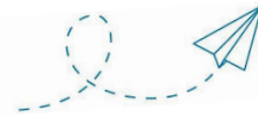
The Bradford Bridge plans to have a monthly column written by Maria Storm with updates and information about activities at the Bradford Area Community Center. This month Maria provides background about the Mountain View Senior Center.

While many of us drive past Bradford’s Community Center on Main Street on a daily basis, far fewer of us realize - or take advantage of - the breadth of services provided by the Mountain View Senior Center (MVSC) housed inside. The MVSC is one of over 70 programs

and services provided by the Community Action Program for Belknap and Merrimack Counties (CAPBM). CAPBM is one of over 1000 Community Action Programs (CAP) nation-wide, established in May 1965 as a result of the Economic Opportunity Act signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson. The program receives federal, state, county, and local funding supporting its mission to promote the physical, emotional and economic well-being of older adults and to promote their participation in all aspects of community life.

To achieve this mission, the MVSC here in Bradford provides a range of free services including Meals on Wheels and community meals at the Center, health clinics and wellness activities, and a broad range of social opportunities to help fight isolation and keep seniors independent in their own homes. In the months to come, services and activities will be described in more detail in the hopes of enticing newcomers.

Maria Storm



How Far Do We Go?

Here’s Bradford Bridge reader Susan Smith visiting during the holidays with daughter-in-law Stacey and grandchildren in Eton, UK. They’re standing on a bridge over the Thames between Windsor and Eton. Yes, that’s Windsor Castle in the background.

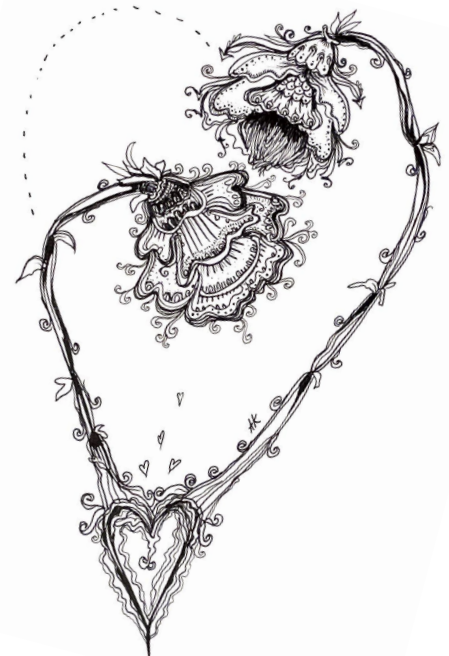


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MVSC WEEKLY ACTIVITIES* ALL ARE WELCOME!

Mondays	8:45–9:30	Strong Living: Bodybuilding and weight training for seniors
	1:00	Bridge Group , beginners are welcome!
Tuesdays	9:30–12:00	Quilters Group , all skill levels, group & individual projects
	12:30–3:00	Mahjong and other games
Wednesdays	1:00–2:00	Therapeutic Yoga and Balance Class (\$5)
Thursdays	12:30	Dominos
Fridays	8:45–9:30	Strong Living: Bodybuilding and weight training for seniors
WELLNESS & FOOT CARE CLINICS – Call 603-748-1731 to make an appointment		
3rd Wednesday of every month	9:00–11:00	Wellness Check (free)
	11:30–2:00	Footcare Clinic (\$30)
FOOD SERVICES – Call 603-938-2014 to make a reservation		
Tuesdays	12:15	Lunch
Thursdays	11:30	Lunch
1st Friday every month	9:30	Brunch
Monday–Friday	8:00–1:30	Grab and Go Take Out – frozen meals are available
Monday, Wednesday, Friday	By Appointment	Meals on Wheels – Sign up for a delivery, call 603-938-2104

*Holidays may influence this schedule



Obituaries

Craig Warren Bristol



Craig Warren Bristol (Bris), of Bradford NH, departed this earthly life on December 2, 2022, surrounded by family, after a sudden illness at the age of 92. He was the loving husband of Emily Dixon Bristol with whom he shared 59 years of joyful marriage. Craig was born on December 29, 1929 in Bronxville New York to Kenneth Hull Bristol and Margaret Coe Bristol, and resided in Connecticut during his formative years. He attended the Taft School for Boys, Yale University, and proudly served in the Navy on the USS Midway. He was joined in marriage to Emily on September 17th, 1955 at St. Albans Church in Washington DC.

During his later years he was the recipient of many sales and marketing awards and accolades to include “Salesman of the year” while working for several large corporations such as AMF, Sheraton, and ITT. Craig, for a short duration, was also the proud owner of Hatherly Foods of New London, NH, a dairy distribution company. He worked hard, commuting many miles, to provide the best life possible to his family.

His loving dedication to his six daughters, grandchildren, great grandchildren and friends was never ending. Craig could regularly be found on the sideline or race trail of sporting events cheering for his daughters, grandchildren and their friends. Anyone that had the chance to meet Craig was provided the opportunity to experience his incredible kind-heartedness, perpetual positive outlook, integrity, extensive knowledge, and of course, his wonderful smile. One of his favorite stories was that of his trip as a young adult to Fairbanks Alaska and his hitchhiking adventures from AK to Miami, Florida. Craig succeeded in leaving this world a better place and will forever be missed by many.

He is predeceased by his parents, his brothers Kenneth Coe Bristol and John Winship Bristol, as well as his bride, Emily Dixon Bristol (2015) and his eldest daughter Deborah Coe Bristol (1978). Craig is survived by his remaining five daughters; Lynn George (husband Garry George) of Andover,

NH, Karen Losik and Sharon Morse (husband Robert Morse) of Bradford, NH, Heather Bristol of Lewiston Maine, Tracy Hiebert (husband Luke Hiebert) of Bethel Maine, and Jill McGrate-Maher surrogate daughter of Westborough Mass. Craig He had 17 amazing grandchildren; Jacob, J Andrew, Jared(Laura), Matthew(Catherine), Joshua, Ryan, Benjamin, Cory, Nicholas, Maxwell, Dylan, Michael, Rachel, Alexa, Jessica (Kenny), Jamie, Brooke, Kira and 10 Great Grandchildren.

A memorial celebration of Craig’s life will be held in early summer of 2023. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Craig’s name to the Jack Byrne Center for Palliative & Hospice Care, 154 Hitchcock Loop Rd, Lebanon, NH 03766. To sign an online guestbook please visit www.chadwickfuneralservice.com.





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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.

Wednesday, February 1

1:00 pm Yoga
4:30 pm Girl Scouts
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
7:00 pm Zoning Board

Thursday, February 2

6:30 pm Budget Committee

Friday, February 3

8:30 am Strong Living Exercise

Monday, February 6

8:30 am Strong Living Exercise
10:00 am Storytime, BML
1:00 pm Bridge Group
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Tuesday, February 7

10:00 am Quilting Group
12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
6:00 pm Eco. Development Committee

Wednesday, February 8

1:00 pm Yoga
4:30 pm Girl Scouts
5:00 pm Cemetery Committee
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Thursday, February 9

5:30 pm Parks & Rec
6:30 pm Budget Committee
Public Hearing

Friday, February 10

8:30 am Strong Living Exercise



Monday, February 13

8:30 am Strong Living Exercise
10:00 am Storytime, BML
1:00 pm Bridge Group
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
6:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday, February 14

10:00 am Quilting Group
12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
5:30 pm Parks & Rec
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Wednesday, February 15

9:00 am LSVNA Wellness Check, MVSC
11:30 am Footcare Clinic, MVSC
1:00 pm Yoga
4:30 pm Girl Scouts
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Thursday, February 16

6:30 pm Budget Committee
Public Hearing if necessary

Friday, February 17

8:30 am Strong Living Exercise

Monday, February 20

HOLIDAY
8:30 am Strong Living Exercise
10:00 am Storytime, BML
1:00 pm Bridge Group
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
6:00 pm Eco. Development Committee

Tuesday, February 21

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

Wednesday, February 22

1:00 pm Yoga
4:30 pm Girl Scouts
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Friday, February 24

8:30 am Strong Living Exercise

Monday, February 27

10:00 am Storytime, BML
1:00 pm Bridge Group
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Tuesday, February 28

10:00 am Quilting Group
12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
7:00 pm Planning Board

Calendar Abbreviations

BACC	Bradford Area Community Center
BCC	Bradford Community Church
BCMHH	Bradford Center Meetinghouse
BHS	Bradford Historical Society
BML	Brown Memorial Library
LSVNA	Lake Sunapee Visting Nurses Assoc.
LR	Learning Room
MVSC	Mountain View Senior Center
SR	Senior Room
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Bradford Community Church December Events

February 2023 Happenings at Bradford Community Church, 88 W. Main St., Bradford NH- 603- 938-5313.

Interim Pastor Lynne Hubley. Our Sunday Services start at 10am. Communion Service is held on the First Sunday of the month. Office hours are Wednesdays 9am- 2pm.

Wednesday Night Bible Study of Genesis - Starting Wednesday, February 8, 6-7pm in the Friendship Room at Church. Did you ever ask these questions: How can we know the Bible is true and is God's word? Where did God come from? Where did Cain get his wife? Does the Bible speak of dinosaurs? How could Noah fit all the animals on the ark? Join us to explore these and many more questions.

Potluck and Special Service to help us prepare for Easter during the Season of Lent. Wednesday, February 22 at 6pm. Please bring a dish to share if you are able. After dinner we will share what Lent is all about, have some readings, a time of prayer and close with Communion.

Game Night, February 24, at 6:30-8pm. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share. It is a great way to get to know other people, see how competitive we are and have fun all at the same time.

The Bradford Community Food Pantry is open the 3rd Wednesday of every month, 5:30-6:30pm in the church office building (located to the right of the church), if you need help between our open times, please call the church office (603-938-5313) for an appointment. Donations needed are: tuna, juice, peanut butter, and soups can be dropped off during office hours (Wednesdays 9am-2pm) or in the collection box outside the office door.



Wednesday, February 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, 3:00-5:00pm. Bradford Town Positions Open for the March 14th, 2023 Election. Help support our Bradford Community by running for an open position! Head to the Town Offices and sign up. Info: www.bradfordnh.org.

Thursday, February 9th, 6:00pm. Galentine's Evening of Food and Comedy at Soul Source. Come relax and spend some time with your Gals. Info: christinefrost@soulsourcenh.com.

Saturday, February 19th, 7:00am. Bradford Fish and Game Kids Fishing Derby at the Fish and Game Clubhouse, Gillingham Drive on Lake Todd. Registration begins at 7:00am, weigh-in at 1:00pm. This event is free, including breakfast.

Tuesday, February 21st, 6:00pm. Mindful Self Compassion Workshop at Soul Source. Learn simple tools for responding in kind, compassionate ways when experiencing challenging emotions. Info: www.forestflow.com.

Saturday, February 12th, 9:00am. Muster Field Farm Ice Day at Muster Field Farm, Kezar Lake, North Sutton, NH. Gather the family, bundle up and share a New England tradition. More information is available at 603-927-4276 or musterfieldfarm@gmail.com.

Tuesday, February 14th, 1:30pm. Caretaker and Me Yoga at Tucker Free Library in Henniker, NH. Join Leah Cummings from Evergreen Healing Arts for Kids Yoga (ages 4-10). Info: tuckerfreestaff@comcast.net.

Wednesday, February 22nd, from 3:30-5:30pm Kearsarge Community Network will be sponsoring Peg Dawson Ed.D., a school/child clinical psychologist, at a KRSD professional development day at KRSD SAU Staff Development Room, New London, NH. Ms. Dawson will present "How to Use Your Brain's Executive Skills to Keep Up, Stay Calm, and Get Organized at Work and at Home". Info: (603) 731-2660, confortiadams@gmail.com.

ONLINE

Saturday, February 11th, 8:00am. NOFA-NH's 21st Annual Winter Conference, "The Art of Food and Farming," is an Online event. Info: <https://www.nofanh.org/nofawinterconference>.

February 23rd, 5pm-7pm, Community Power Forum with Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire. Learn about the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire and how NH towns and residents can choose their power source. Free Event. link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/community-power-forum-with-cpcnh-tickets-510670939527>

Kearsarge Community Network (KCN) monthly community networking zoom meetings. Come join us on the 4th Thursday each month at 2pm. Info: 603-731-2660, confortiadams@gmail.com.



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Out & About: **Plunging into the New Year**

January 1, 2023, French’s Park, Bradford, NH. A crowd of enthusiastic onlookers cheered on 15 or so swimmers as they plunged into Lake Massasecum.



The “Polar Plunge” was a collaboration between Bradford Parks and Recreation and Bradford Fire and Rescue. Pictured here: “Lifeguard” and Fire & Rescue member, Tom Gleason, ensuring the safety of our Library Director and her daughter.



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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