

# The Bradford Bridge

COMMUNITY NEWS *for* NEIGHBORS *by* NEIGHBORS

## MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

### SELECT BOARD

**Building Inspector** Walter Royal discussed certification of non-asbestos roofing. The Board agreed that certification of non-asbestos roofing would be the responsibility of the owner and not the Town. Walter asked that he be allowed to expedite heating system replacement permits in the winter. The Board agreed. Walter will draft language to reflect these changes.

**Municibid** The Board approved a motion to sell the leaf sucker for \$650, the welder for \$275, and the boiler for \$1,000.

**Garage Doors** Steve Hall, Road Agent, presented costs and his plan for installing electric door openers over the next two years. The Board approved a motion to allow Steve to move ahead with installation of electric door openers and electrical work at the Highway garage, estimated to cost \$5,390 this year.

**Police Incidents** Total of 717 calls for service, 13 assists, 15 open cases in court, 16 open investigations. Total numbers of cases will be fewer than last year, but court and investigations are up.

**Promotion Effective** December 3, Officer Glen Drewniak will be promoted to Sergeant.

**New Checking Account** The Board approved a motion to open a new checking account at Bar Harbor Bank and Trust to serve as the Town's operating account. Further, to close the existing checking account ending in 4870 upon request of the Treasurer.

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## Call for Opinions

What form of government best serves Bradford, Town Meeting or SB2? Please submit letters or articles of about 250 words to [bradfordbridge345@gmail.com](mailto:bradfordbridge345@gmail.com) by January 20, 2024. If you have thoughts on either format, please consider chiming in on this important topic. Here is some background.

There is a petition circulating to change the way Bradford governs itself from the "town meeting" format to the "SB2" format.

Presently and for the past two centuries Bradford has made decisions about town governance with the "town meeting" format. On a day in March, residents vote by paper ballot to elect town officials and enact ordinances. Usually the next day, residents gather in person to vote on additional items, mostly budgetary in nature.

"SB2" is the governing format used by the Kearsarge Regional School District. It was instituted by the state legislature in 1995 because of concerns that

modern lifestyles had made it difficult for people to attend traditional town meetings. SB2, Official Ballot Referenda, is a form of town meeting that has two sessions. The first session, deliberative session, is for explanation, discussion, debate and amendments to the proposed operating budget and warrant articles. The second session, voting session, allows voters to cast an official ballot to pass/fail proposed articles. Residents vote in an SB 2 election at a polling place throughout the day. They may also vote by absentee ballot.

How does a town adopt SB2? From the NH Department of Revenue Administration: "The local governing body must hold a public hearing at least 15 days prior to the question being voted on, (RSA 40:14, IV). The question as worded in RSA 40:14, V, "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the (Town of Bradford, NH) on the second Tuesday of (March)," is placed on the warrant for the annual meeting. Passage requires a 3/5 majority vote of those voting.

## Bradford Lights Awards

### *Congratulations to the winners of the...*

People's Choice Award – 127 Old Warner Road. They received the Copper Boot trophy and \$200 cash donated by the Appleseed.

Spirit of Christmas Award – 67 Deer Valley Road. They received a \$50 gift card donated by the 121 Shop.

Clark Griswold Award – 56 West Main Street. They received a \$50 gift card to Market Basket donated by an anonymous donor.

Thank you to all that participated. There were so many beautiful homes!





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Town offices are temporarily located at  
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## From The Bridge



As this edition comes together on the shortest day of 2023 I wanted to include *Out and About* here. I found this beaver sculpture in the woods of Bradford along a stream where beavers are flourishing having built five dams and two lodges.

At a little more than two feet by two feet, the shape seems whimsical, but probably has practicality. I love the interplay of the tree rings and the chew marks.

There's plenty more to enjoy in this first edition of 2024. Along with articles about elections and other happenings, I want to highlight *How Far Do We Go* as a contribution that makes this little newspaper Bradford's own.

Please take in all the information from our local, loyal businesses and support them whenever possible. Their contribution to this community cannot be measured.

Warmest wishes for a happy and healthy 2024,

Kathleen Bigford, Editor

And everyone who brings monthly neighborly news

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

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## Letters to Our Editor:

### A Thank you

I wanted to take a moment to express my thanks to Selectperson, Mel Pfeifle. As we received our new tax bills last week, it would be easy to point fingers without digging deeper into the many factors that influence our tax rates. Many of us have been involved in, or watching closely, as the town navigates all these factors. As costs all around us continue to rise, so does the cost of operations for the Town of Bradford.

Over the past year, I have been more involved on committees and in various volunteer functions. During that time, I have noticed one leader in particular stands out, bringing forth new ideas to increase efficiencies, decrease costs, and increase new revenue streams. All three of these elements are critical to town operations and services today and going forward. As costs increase, finding efficiencies and limiting spending is a part of the solution. Another equally important part (or more important these days) is finding new streams of revenue to ease the burden and reliance on the taxpayers.

I want to thank Mel for bringing ideas for new revenue to the table in meeting after meeting. It is not always easy to bring forth new ideas or to ask for change. Mel never hesitates to bring those views to meetings even when faced with opposition. Thank you Mel and keep bringing the ideas and questioning the status quo. We can't afford to keep relying on raised taxes alone.

*Kris Foss, Bradford NH*

→ **NEW FEATURE! CHECK OUT:**  
"Community Resources" on page 20.  
Food, energy, and healthcare resources.

### To The Editor

The Democratic National Committee (DNC) has determined that New Hampshire does not have sufficient "diversity" in our population to qualify for "first in the nation" status. "Bah humbug", we say, and insist that we will continue as "first in the nation". As a result, our state is being "punished" and Joe Biden will not appear on the primary ballot on January 25, 2024. That does not mean that he is not a candidate, however.

On January 23, please support Joe Biden for president by writing him in on the ballot. We'll show them!

*Beth Rodd, Former Democratic State Representative, Bradford/Henniker*

### Photos and Submissions for 2023 Town Report

Time is running out! The Selectmen's Office is gathering information for the 2023 Town Report. If you have photos of the Town's faces, places or events that you would like to share, please send them to [administrator@bradfordnh.org](mailto: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.

Similarly, if you represent a local organization and would like to submit an update of your 2023 activities for the Town Report, please forward it to [administrator@bradfordnh.org](mailto:administrator@bradfordnh.org). Don't forget to include photos of your organization's 2023 events as well!

Submissions must be received by January 15, 2024 to be included. Thank you!!

Let it  
SNOW

### 2024 Election Information

**From Town Clerk, Erica Gross**

**The 2024 NH Presidential Primary will be held on Tuesday, January 23rd, from 8:00am-7:00pm at the Bradford Area Community Center, 134 East Main Street, Bradford, NH.**

**Absentee Ballot Request forms are available.** If you will not be able to vote in person, please contact my office at 603-938-2288 and we will send you a request form immediately.

**The 2024 list of open Town Positions for the March 12th, 2024 election is below.**

**Signup for these positions will be from January 24th through February 1st** during regular Town Clerk office hours. Please call or come in to request more information and/or descriptions of the positions.

**Budget Committee: 2 three-year and 1 one-year terms**

Likely Candidates: Kim Firth (three-year term), Dawn Gezelman (one-year term)

**Cemetery Committee: 1 three-year term, 1 one-year term**

Likely Candidate: Marlene Freyler (three-year term)

**Moderator: 1 two-year term**

Likely Candidate: Bruce Storm

**Planning Board: 2 three-year terms**

Likely Candidates: Carol Meise, Shanna Griffin (three-year term)

**Scholarship Committee: 1 three-year term**

Likely Candidate: Devin Pendleton

**Select Board: 1 three-year term**

Likely Candidate: Mel Pfeifle

**Supervisor of the Checklist: 1 six-year term**

Likely Candidate: Judith Marshall-

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector: 1 two-year term**

Likely Candidate: Erica Gross

**Treasurer:**

**1 two-year term**

**Trustees of Brown Memorial Library: 1 three-year term**

**Trustees of the Trust Fund:**

**1 three-year term**

**Zoning Board of Adjustment:**

**1 three-year term**

# TRANSFER STATION NEWS

## TOO MUCH FOOD

Recently many residents have been discarding lots of food into the municipal waste container (ie.compactor) at the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center. Not only does this violate Bradford’s mandatory recycling policy, but it also increases our taxes by a small fortune.

We offer two options for discarding food waste and unwanted foods:


- Compost food waste (“garbage”) in our clearly-labeled container. This includes mostly plant-based waste. NO MEAT.
- Or place food that could be consumed by farm animals on the compactor. Examples are baked goods, produce, beverages and meat.

Under regular circumstances, Bradford can keep the compactor container on site for seven open days. If residents recycled their food waste and unwanted foods, Bradford could have the container emptied every fourteen open days! This could save about \$7,000 for the town each year in tipping & hauling fees.

Ken and I are often surprised at how much food some residents discard. Not only does throwing away unwanted food increase an individual’s personal food bill, but throwing away unwanted food increases Bradford’s cost to dispose of that food placed in the compactor. If we watch our pennies, the dollars will take care of themselves!

*Lois Kilnapp, Manager*






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**Write-In Biden NH Presidential Primary January 23, 2024**

A group of more than one hundred Democratic organizers in NH have launched a campaign to cast write-in votes for President Biden in the upcoming NH Presidential Primary. Write-In Biden volunteers are trying to get the word out in NH that while Joe Biden will not be on the printed NH Primary Ballot, voters can write his name in at the bottom of the ballot as a write-in and are encouraged to do so in the NH Presidential Primary for January 23.

On March 9, 1920, NH held its First-in-the-Nation Presidential Primary. In 1975, House Bill 73 passed the NH Legislature to allow the NH Secretary of State to set the primary date to keep first in the nation primary status. However, this year, the Democratic National Committee (DNC) has set the NH Primary date in February, three days after the South Carolina primary, first on the DNC calendar. In defying DNC rules, NH will not be holding its primary in February. In October this year, the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee sent out guidance advising candidates not to file to be on the NH primary ballot. The Joe Biden campaign has followed this guidance.

In 1968, President Lyndon Johnson won the NH Primary as a write-in candidate. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the NH ballot, write in the name of the person in the "WRITE-IN" space, and completely fill in the oval opposite your choice.

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## Kudos for KRES-Bradford and KR-PreSchool

In this celebration of all things awesome about life at KRES-Bradford, we heard from the Kindergarten teachers in November. Next up, first grade!



First graders study hibernation for a week in December. They get to wear pajamas and make their own bear dens under their desks. Innovative approaches like this make our local school extra effective and fun.

Jessica Caswell and Elizabeth Fenton are familiar faces at the school, having each taught there for many years (since 2006 and 1998, respectively). They say: “We love how enthusiastic first graders are to learn and experience new things. They are so proud when they discover a new skill.”

Can you remember your own excitement at that age? I can see myself showing off my daily accomplishments to my family at the dinner table. I guess I was lucky to have considerate older brothers who didn’t shush me when I spouted common facts they had learned years before. It may be worthwhile to reflect on how we keep that thirst for knowledge active in ourselves and others in adult life.

Beth and Jessie say: “It’s amazing to watch when kids start to learn how to read. Putting sounds together and being able to read is a huge step for them. But our overall goal for first graders is to

be kind and caring towards others, be able to work on a team whether playing a partner game or working on a project together, and be active and productive citizens of the classroom.”

Academic goals for first grade include not only reading but also a variety of math skills including adding and subtracting. Popular science topics they study are Sun & Shadow Patterns, Animal Superpowers, Plant and Animal Adaptations, Light, Sound & Communications.

First grade has partnered with Sweet Beet/ Kearsarge Food Hub during the past few years. The students visit the farm up on West Road and help harvest carrots while exploring all the different types of plants and vegetables grown there. They prepare beds for winter and plant garlic. And in the spring, they help with weeding and harvest salad greens to serve for Field Day at their school. Activities such as these help develop various life and science skills as well as strengthen the children’s sense of community.

A first-grade classroom at KRES-Bradford is a delightful place to be. Classroom pets, stimulating study centers, tidy desks, cozy nooks, children’s work on display, backpacks all in a row. There is just the right balance of fun and focus under the guidance of these two talented teachers and their dedicated aides, Chris Shaw, Kate Cusick and Abbey Sweet. Who wouldn’t want to be a first-grader again?

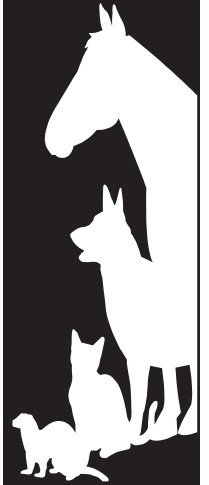
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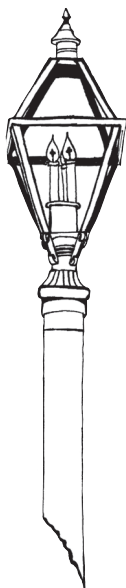
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 Friday 10:00am – 6:00pm  
 Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm

January feels like a time for new opportunities. My resolution for 2024: out with the old and in with the new, or in my case, out with the old and don't bring in the new! My goal this year is to have less STUFF. My motto this year is care 20% less, less needless worry, as that is junk of the mind, and get rid of at least 50%! I'm going to use a combination of Marie Kondo style, if an item doesn't spark joy it's out, and pure minimalist thinking. I have heard too many stories recently of adults clearing

out their parent's homes and the amount of clutter and useless items people hold onto. I want to have a house full of items that are useful and meaningful. I want to be a more conscientious shopper, get rid of my Amazon account, shop locally, but also minimally. Wish me luck, the hardest part will be paring down my closet. I love clothing, but my poor husband has resorted to keeping his clothes in our laundry room, it's time for a haul out! To all of you who have made resolutions in whatever capacity, I hope you stick to them!

The New Year is bringing a few changes to the library. First, for those who use Libby/NH Overdrive to access e-books and audio books, we are changing the way you login to the system in order to more accurately determine who is using the Libby system, which in turn helps the State NH Library better budget for this expensive program. We will be switching the system as of March 1st. So please call or come down so we can turn off your old number and give you your new number. We will be sending out reminders for this on our various advertising platforms.

Our second change is more of an addition, we are now a subscriber to Ancestry Library. You will only be able to access this website through our library. We hope many of you will be able to enjoy this new feature!

Also for those of you who may need a fax machine, we have one!

**Programs:**

Saturday, January 13th at 11:00am: Wildlife Encounters / Junior Zookeeper's program will be coming to our library again. Some of you may have seen Derek and his animals this summer, and he's coming again, but with a new set of animals!! Derek is very enthusiastic and a great presenter. Mark your calendar as this should be fun for all.

Monday, January 22nd at 6:00pm: Constitution 101. Bradford local, Patrick Higgins, will be giving us a basic understanding of our nations Constitution, its text, history, and structure. This will be an informative and interesting program, hope you can attend.

**Book Groups:**

Junior Book Group: Monday, January 22nd at 4:00pm. The group is reading *Island of Spies* by Sheila Turnage. A few copies of the book are still available for those who'd like to attend.

Book Group: Wednesday, January 24th at 7:00pm. We are reading *Small Mercies* by Dennis Lehane.

*Ellen Barselle,  
 Library Director*

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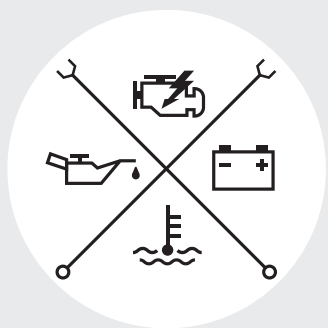
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## How Far Do We Go?

We, Tineke and Rohan, visit Bradford every year during the summer. We stay there sometimes for more than 4 months and are loyal readers of your newspaper and enjoy that very much. During summers we consider ourselves Bradfordians. The rest of the year we live in The Netherlands and are able to read The Bradford Bridge online.



The attached picture, taken in front of the Sint-Nicolaas church in Dwingeloo, The Netherlands, is where we live our Dutch lives. This church was built around 1410 on the remains of a 12th century smaller church. The reason the spire is shaped like an onion? Folklore has it that a local damsel (Juffer van Batinghe) had fallen in love with the master builder of the church. It is said that the damsel was very fond of onions, so the master builder created an onion shaped spire, just to show he liked the damsel too. The statue is the damsel in love on horseback passing the church every day while the master builder was doing his thing. Of Course, there is a fairy tale end to this: they got married and lived long and happy lives.

*We want to know where you read your copy of The Bradford Bridge. Share your photographs to us at: [BradfordBridge345@gmail.com](mailto:BradfordBridge345@gmail.com)*



## How to Add Value Before Selling

If you are thinking about selling in the next few months, you can increase the value and desirability of your house by making upgrades and changes now. Here are a few proven strategies to help get you started.

- **Decluttering and cleaning** are two of the most important and cost-effective ways to increase value. If you do nothing else, do this!
- **Kitchen and baths sell the house.** Consider replacing dated light fixtures, adding a new bathroom vanity, changing out old appliances for stainless steel, updating cabinetry hardware, etc.
- **First impressions count.** The landscaping & exterior appearance should be attractive and welcoming.
- **Freshly paint rooms** using neutral colors and high-quality paint are a simple and worthwhile improvement.
- **Energy efficient upgrades** like adding new windows and more insulation can help you net a higher sales price.



**Donna Forest**  
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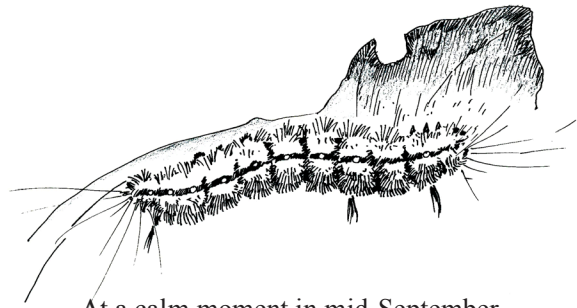
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# ~OUTSIDE~

## Great Tiger Moth

Poplars have been side-stepping into the rough field in front of the house the way they always do – discreetly. Their roots stealthily tunnel and quietly periscope advance scouts. They and the birches are intent on exchanging field for forest, threatening my agrarian plans.



At a calm moment in mid-September, I wandered with loppers, intending to slow the sapling progress. Logging operations halted when I noticed two very large caterpillars motionless at the base of a young tree. They were large enough to exhibit undecipherable facial expressions. Their twelve tiny stemmata/eyes arranged in two delicate semi-circles on either side of their heads could tell them only when darkness approached to retire their main predators. They then hiked up into the leaves for a night of consumption. Caterpillars are essentially an astonishing number of muscles and five pairs of tiny hearts on either side of an elongated digestive tract.

These caterpillars were larvae of *Arctia caja* moths. This species lives anywhere on the frostier northern curves of the

planet. In Europe they are in severe decline and in England, where they are commonly called Garden Tiger Moths, they are a protected species. Here, where we don't know how they are faring, we call them by the more majestic name Great Tiger Moth. "This densely hairy behemoth is the entomological equivalent of a musk ox." So writes David Wagner in his book *Caterpillars of Eastern North America*.

Great tiger moth caterpillars are more huggable than their spikey cousins the common 'wooly bear' caterpillar. Grizzled gray below, brown and furrily upholstered above, they sported a lengthwise black belt studded with white spiracles (respiratory tubes). Fore and aft there were very long, silky hairs and, as an added flourish, three ink-dipped paint brush tufts. An award-winning prototype for a sofa. All of this ornamentation varies a lot but probably deters smaller birds and bugs.



When hatched in a pearled raft of dozens of eggs, their first meal was their eggshells. Tiny, pale and barely hairy at all, they were easy prey for all sorts of insect-eaters. Most nestling birds are made exclusively of caterpillars. In September, there appeared to be only these two souls surviving.

Their mothly mother, using the receptors on her feet, carefully chose a plant that was high in toxins, primarily pyrrolizidine alkaloids. These chemicals are intended by the plant to discourage leaf-munching. Some insects though, including tiger moths, dine on would-be deterrents and store them in special sacs for use against moth and caterpillar-eaters.

The Environmental Protection Agency should know about this. A supposedly brainless and uncertified insect can collect unlabeled and unpermitted chemicals. Actually, they *are* labeled. The adult moths that appear in mid-summer spread their wings when disturbed. This reveals bright red/orange eyes on their underwings. Their main antagonists, birds, are reliant on vision and understand these signals. Similar hazard labels include the orange of monarch butterflies and efts and the red of milkweed bugs and stop signs.

A close relation of great tiger moths, *Utetheisa ornatrix*, is equally protected by this diet. This tiger moth has been documented caught in spider webs. Most moths/butterflies will struggle in a web, loosing some wing scales, but usually escaping. *U. ornatrix* when trapped, holds perfectly still and waits. When the resident spider comes for her meal, she/he inspects and rejects it for the bad vibes it gives off. One by one, the spider snips the webbing and lets the moth free unharmed. Like freeing a whale from fishing tackle. The great tiger moth may do the same.

As I watched these survivors for a week in September, they became emboldened or perhaps more urgent – no longer climbing down to hide at the foot of the sapling during the day but risking the daylight and migratory birds in order to eat non-stop. Eventually, driven by some internal clock, they rolled off to construct a cocoon with silk and spare caterpillar fur. Wrapped somewhere in the fallen leaves, they will wait out the winter hoping for not too dry, not too wet, not too warm, and not too cold until spring unlocks their appetite and they climb again. And again, by the end of May perhaps, another switch will engage and they will build a case in which to pupate. They will repurpose all their caterpillar parts into moth parts and retain their accumulated chemical weapons. If they are lucky, they will emerge with new vision and will startle themselves with flight.

*Ann Eldridge*



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## MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

*(Continued from page 1)*

**Tax Rate** The Board reviewed the tax rate breakdown supplied by the Department of Revenue and discussed the impact of using some Fund Balance to reduce the tax rate. The most that the Town could use and remain within the DRA guidelines would be \$60,733. The Board opted to conserve the Town’s Fund Balance. The Board approved a motion to set the tax rate at \$27.80 per thousand using \$0 from Fund Balance.

**Highway Block Funding** There is \$222.05 remaining from the \$76K in Additional Highway Block Funding received in 2022. Karen Hambleton, Town Administrator, suggested that it be used for road patch (or other road work/supplies) before the end of this year. The Board agreed by consensus.

### BUDGET COMMITTEE

**Community Center** Committee discussed how much other towns are using the BACC and if Bradford should reach out for some support. Raising the rent for the Community Action Program was also discussed. The Committee found this budget in order.

**General Government Buildings** The Committee has a question about the computer repair line item. Karen Hambleton explained that this includes the regular maintenance contracts, moving the town from a .org to a .gov domain, and moving all the equipment and setting it up at the Town Hall. The Committee found this budget in order.

Executive, Community Center and Town Hall, Karen Hambleton, Town Administrator clarified and explained line items for these budgets. The Committee asked about a line item for the Economic Development Committee of \$1500. Karen explained that the EDC has requested money in support of furthering Town enrichment projects. The Committee found this budget in order.

**Warrant Articles** The committee will vote on the Warrant Articles at the January 11, 2024 meeting.

### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

**Special Exception** The application for a Special Exception to expand the number of units on property at 123 East Main Street was accepted as complete with additional information and sketches of the location of the well and septic system on the property to be provided at the site walk and hearing. Site walk is scheduled for Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 4:30. Public hearing on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Bradford Area Community Center.

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Dock Construction** The Board approved the application from Steve Chase for the construction of a seasonal floating dock for property located on Oakdale Road

at Map 21, Lot 14. The Board felt Steve gave an exceptional proposal, with great concern to minimizing impact to the uniqueness of the lake.

**Hazard Mitigation** Doug Southard has volunteered to represent the Conservation Commission on the committee to develop the hazard mitigation plan. Becca Herman will also participate if needed.

**Deer Valley Road Culvert** Ben Nugent of NH Fish and Game, Steve Hall, and Karen Hambleton are working together to apply for a grant through the US Fish and Wildlife Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to replace the Deer Valley Road culvert. The plan is to combine applications for five culvert replacements, including Deer Valley Road, in surrounding towns under one grant.

**Complaint** A complaint form has been filed with DES for property located on Blaisdell Lake Road, Map 3, Lot 36.

**Bradford Bog** George Beaton has single handedly replaced 34 planks along the boardwalk, and 16 planks at



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the tower. Three cheers, and resounding applause for George’s dedication and generosity of time and labor!

**ENERGY COMMITTEE**

**Community Power Update** Bradford’s Electric Aggregation Plan (EAP) is due January 1. CPCNH will return it to the Town by January 8th. We then submit our EAP to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). The second public hearing is scheduled for January 9th. Committee members Kathleen Bigford and Jenny Howley will submit a warrant article to the Select Board for consideration at the Town Meeting 2024.

**Hazard Mitigation Plan** Sandra Bravo will represent the energy committee for the hazard mitigation plan.

**Fees** NH RSA 261:153 (2022) enables towns and cities to adopt a \$5 fee to vehicle registrations to fund EV chargers in your municipalities. This could help Bradford raise money to fund Energy related projects such as EV charging stations. Sandra will explore if the committee wants to pursue this as a warrant article.

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

**Polar Plunge** January 1, 2024 at French’s Park.

**Curling** Committee member Patty Hefner has found a location for curling and herself and 3 others are willing to teach lessons. The committee is looking at February or March 2024 for this event. Need to secure a date for ice rental and a bus.

**KRSD SCHOOL BOARD**

**Benefit Consultant** The Board approved the purchase recommendation for One Digital Health & Benefits, sole source, for the amount of \$20,000.00

**Insurance** The Board approved the renewal of Schoolcare medical and dental insurance with a 9.9% premium health increase and 6% increase for dental insurance.

**Superintendent** Mr. John Fortney has been hired as the next Superintendent of Schools for Kearsarge starting July 1, 2024. 165K starting salary with 15k moving stipend.

**District Photography** The Board approved the 3 year renewal contract with Geskus Studios.

**Town Hall Update, January 2024**

The process of winding up the project has slowed some, however, it does move forward. Once we have a certificate of occupancy, we will choose a date to celebrate the Town Hall’s reopening.

In early December, Eversource installed the pad transformer and connected our permanent power. New door hardware for the historic front doors had to be ordered and has taken a while to arrive. Preliminary inspections were conducted and a final punch list was created to identify all the outstanding issues. Trumbull-Nelson and the subcontractors continue to address the outstanding issues, one of which is lighting in the first-floor meeting room. If you’ve seen the lights on at night, it is because the electricians are working the bugs out of the switching connections. Final inspections are scheduled for early January.

Information on the Town Hall reopening will be posted on the Town’s website and FaceBook page when a date is chosen. If you have any questions about the renovation, please reach out to the Selectmen’s Office (603-938-5900) or [administrator@bradfordnh.org](mailto:administrator@bradfordnh.org).

*Karen Hambleton,  
Town Administrator*

*Minutes and recordings of all meetings are on file at the Town Office and online at the town website.  
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 **The Bradford Community Food Pantry** — Open on 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.

 **Community FREEdge at Sweet Beet Market**, — Open and available to all 24/7/365. 11 West Main, Bradford. Stocked three times per week with fresh produce, meat & eggs, pantry items, and prepared meals from Sweet Beet Café.


 **The Warner Food Pantry** — Tuesday 4:00-6:00pm and Thursday 11:00am-1:00pm. The Fresh Vegetable Cart is on Thursdays 11:00am-1:00pm, in the upper parking lot. (603) 456-2053.

 **Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry** — Housed in the First Baptist Church, 461 Main Street, New London. Hours of service: Wednesdays 4:30-6:30pm, Saturdays 10:00-11:30am. Info at the First Baptist Church office. (603) 526-6511.

 **Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice** — Located in New London, NH serving individuals of all ages in parts of Grafton, Merrimack and Sullivan counties. Services include hospice, palliative care, personal care, and wellness programs. Call for help 24/7: (603) 526-4077, Website: [lakesunapeevna.org](http://lakesunapeevna.org), Email: [info@lakesunapeevna.org](mailto:info@lakesunapeevna.org).

 **Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners** — Provides the Kearsarge area with a wide variety of services for all: Help with chores, transportation, emergency firewood, home cooked meals, phone check-ins, and much more. They also recognize the value of reciprocity, and look for ways that neighbors seeking help to eventually be in a position to serve others. Website: [knphn.org/](http://knphn.org/), [info@KNPnh.org](mailto:info@KNPnh.org), (603) 317-5900.

 **Energy Assistance Community Action Programs** of Belknap and Merrimack Counties provides services to eligible households to assist with home heating and electric costs. Website: <https://capbm.org/Energy-Assistance>, Toll-Free: (800) 856-5525.

 **NH Saves** — This program offers a wide range of rebates toward the purchase of lots of appliances. Also, find out how to apply for a home energy audit and qualify for rebates on energy efficient construction upgrades at the website [nhsaves.com](http://nhsaves.com).

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**January 2024 Happenings**

We would like to thank our community for the generous donations that were given at our Mac n' Cheese Dinner held on December 8th. Almost \$600.00 was donated and we were able to buy winter coats, hats, mittens, gloves, sweatpants and shirts for Bradford Elementary School and the Middle School.

**Worship:** Our worship service is held at 10am every Sunday morning. After a Time With God's Children, our children go next door for a Bible lesson, crafts, and activities.

**Bible Studies:** Beginners Bible Study meets Sunday mornings at 8:45-9:30am. The book of James will be studied during the month of January.

The Book of Revelation is being studied on Wednesday nights in the sanctuary from 6-7pm.

The Thursday morning Bible Study is

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**Small Groups:**  
Men's Breakfast is Saturday, January 6th at 8am in the Friendship Room. Topic: The cards you've been dealt.

Sister to Sister meets on Saturday, January 13th at 8:30am in the Friendship Room. Topic: Moving Forward.

Young Adults will meet two times in January. Dates to be announced. Theme: How to find and nurture Godly relationships.

**New Group:** Grief Support Group. Pastor Lynne will facilitate this group during the month of January for anyone who has lost a loved one. If you are interested send an email to the church at [bradfordcommunitychurch@gmail.com](mailto:bradfordcommunitychurch@gmail.com) to let her know what days and times are available for you.

**Missions:**  
During the month of January, we will be collecting the following items for a shelter run by Turning Point Network, Claremont. The shelter is for survivors of domestic, sexual abuse, stalking and sex trafficking. Items needed are linens, paper goods, cleaning supplies, new pillows, laundry detergent.

Food Pantry will be open on Wednesday, January 17th, 5:30-6:30pm or call 603-938-5313.

**Fellowship:**  
Potluck Dinner and game of Bible Family Feud will be held on Friday, January 12th at 6pm.

Ladies Tea (all ages) Please join us on Saturday, January 20th at 1pm for tea, finger sandwiches, and intergenerational activities. Bring your favorite scripture and feel free to dress up and wear a fancy hat.

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# BRADFORD COMMUNITY EVENTS

*All events take place at the Bradford Area Community Center (938-5900) or the Mountain View Senior Center (938-2104) unless otherwise noted. Call to confirm dates and times in case of any changes. For town boards and committees, check the Town's website calendar for up-to-date times: [bradfordnh.org](http://bradfordnh.org)*

**Monday, January 1**

NEW YEARS DAY  
10:00 am Polar Plunge, French's Park

**Tuesday, January 2**

12:15 pm Lunch, MVSC  
1:00 pm Therapeutic Yoga, MVSC  
5:00 pm Rural Heritage Commission

**Wednesday, January 3**

10:00 am Storytime, BML  
1:00 pm Therapeutic Yoga, MVSC  
4:30 pm Girl Scouts, MVSC  
7:00 pm Zoning Board

**Thursday, January 4**

12:15 pm Lunch, MVSC  
12:30 pm Dominos, MVSC  
6:00 pm Economic Dev. Committee, SR

**Friday, January 5**

Winter Activities begin for  
5 weeks, KRES-B  
8:30 am Balance & Strength  
12:30 pm 1st Friday Brunch, MVSC

**Monday, January 8**

8:30 am Balance & Strength  
10:00 am Storytime, BML  
1:00 pm Bridge Group, MVSC  
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
6:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting, SR

**Tuesday, January 9**

10:00 am Quilting Group, MVSC  
12:15 pm Lunch, MVSC  
12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR  
4:00 pm Cemetery Commission  
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
6:00 pm Community Power Hearing

**Wednesday, January 10**

1:00 pm Therapeutic Yoga, MVSC  
4:30 pm Girl Scouts, MVSC  
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
5:30 pm Masonic Building, SR

**Thursday, January 11**

12:15 pm Lunch, MVSC  
12:30 pm Dominos, MVSC  
5:30 pm Parks & Rec., SR  
6:00 pm Community Involvement, SR

**Friday, January 12**

8:30 am Balance & Strength

**Saturday, January 13**

11:00 am Wildlife Encounters/Junior  
Zookeeper's program, BML

**Monday, January 15**

MLK HOLIDAY OBSERVED  
No School, KRES-B  
8:30 am Balance & Strength  
10:00 am Storytime, BML  
1:00 pm Bridge Group, MVSC  
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

**Tuesday, January 16**

10:00 am Quilting Group, MVSC  
12:15 pm Lunch, MVSC  
12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR  
5:00 pm Energy Committee, SR  
7:00 pm Conservation Committee, BML

**Wednesday, January 17**

9:00 am Footcare Clinic  
by appointment, MVSC  
1:00 pm Therapeutic Yoga, MVSC  
4:30 pm Girl Scouts, MVSC  
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

**Friday, January 19**

8:30 am Balance & Strength  
12:15 pm Lunch, MVSC  
12:30 pm Dominos, MVSC

**Monday, January 22**

8:30 am Balance & Strength  
10:00 am Storytime, BML  
1:00 pm Bridge Group, MVSC  
4:00 pm Junior Book Club, BML  
6:00 pm Constitution 101, BML

**Tuesday, January 23**

PRIMARY VOTING DAY

**Wednesday, January 24**

1:00 pm Therapeutic Yoga, MVSC  
4:30 pm Girl Scouts, MVSC  
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
5:30 pm Masonic Building, SR  
7:00 pm Adult Book Group, BML

**Friday, January 26**

8:30 am Balance & Strength

**Monday, January 29**

8:30 am Balance & Strength  
10:00 am Storytime, BML  
1:00 pm Bridge Group, MVSC  
3:00 pm Hazardous Mitigation  
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

**Tuesday, January 30**

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

**Wednesday, January 31**


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

**Calendar Abbreviations**

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



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**BRADFORD EVENTS**

**Sunday, January 1, 10:00 am. It's the 2nd Annual Polar Plunge at French's Park!** Grab your best friend and neighbor and join us for the plunge of a lifetime. More information, <https://www.facebook.com/events/198015156704514>

**Wednesday, January 10, 7:30 pm. Open Mic night at 11 West Main Street.** Come to open mic night; join us to participate or listen. More information, [11westmainbradfordnh@gmail.com](mailto:11westmainbradfordnh@gmail.com)

**Monday, January 22, 6:00 pm. US Constitution 101 at Brown Memorial Library.** Join Patrick Higgins for an hour-long evening seminar all about the United States Constitution. More information, <https://www.brownmemoriallibrary.org/upcoming-events.html>

**Thursday, January 25, 4:00 pm. Meet the Maker Series at Soul Source.**

More information, <https://www.facebook.com/SS102EMain>

**Wednesday, January 24, 7:30 pm. Open Mic night at 11 West Main Street.** Come to open mic night; join us to participate or listen. More information, [11westmainbradfordnh@gmail.com](mailto:11westmainbradfordnh@gmail.com)

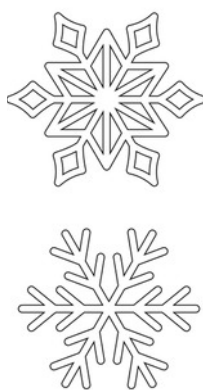
**SURROUNDING TOWNS**

**Mondays and Fridays in January, 6:30 - 8 pm. Pickleball at Simonds School in Warner.** More information, sign up on the *TeamReach* app to see updates and how many are coming! Look for WarnerNHPB, code WPB21, to join via the app.

**Saturday, January 20, 12:00 pm. MKIM Annual Meeting in Warner.** Hear about their 2023 year at this free event which is open to the public! More information, <https://www.indianmuseum.org/events>

**Weekend of January 26 - 28, Concord NH Winterfest The Hotel Concord and Intown Concord.** Enjoy ice-carving demonstrations and meet some of New England's most talented ice carvers. This is an outdoor event so be prepared for the elements. More information, on Facebook - Concord NH Winterfest.

**Saturday, February 3, 10:00 am. Snow Snake Games at the Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum in Warner.** Join the second annual Snow Snake Event. This event is dependent on snow, so stay tuned for last-minute details. More information, <https://www.indianmuseum.org/events>



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### TOWN OF BRADFORD NEW HAMPSHIRE 03221 ENERGY COMMITTEE



#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE COMMUNITY POWER PROJECT

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 675:7 that the Bradford Energy Committee will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at a meeting beginning at 6:00 PM at the Bradford Area Community Center, 134 East Main Street, Bradford, NH, 03221 to present the proposed 2024 Community Power Project.

The purpose of the hearing is to give Bradford rate payers an opportunity to learn about the community power plan being formed by the Bradford Energy Committee to propose in a warrant article at the 2024 Town Meeting.

The energy committee is pursuing this plan in partnership with Community Power Coalition of NH. To Learn more about community power and the NH Community Power Coalition go to [cpcnh.org](http://cpcnh.org).



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## HELP WANTED at the Bradford Bridge

Two volunteer opportunities:  
Subscription secretary and  
distribution coordinator.

After decades of dedicated service, our awesome Volunteer Distribution Manager, Harriet Douglass, is thinking about passing the torch. Harriet has performed both jobs, however, it could be one job or two, depending on the individual.

The requirement is having 3-4 hours available in or around Bradford during the last week of the month.

If interested, please contact Don Moss, 603-938-2230 or Kathleen Bigford, 603-938-5104 or [bradfordbridge345@gmail.com](mailto:bradfordbridge345@gmail.com).