

# THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

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## Zoning amendments proposed

The Bradford Planning Board has proposed several amendments to the town's zoning ordinance to be voted on at the March 2002 Town Meeting. Planning Board chairman Bob Foor provided the following explanation of the proposed changes:

The Planning Board's Amendment No. 1 proposes to revise the ordinance so that nonconforming buildings being replaced must not extend beyond the original footprint on any floor of the new building.

With article No.1, we have concerns that owners of property that doesn't conform to the Zoning Ordinance (nonconforming) will try to build new cottages or houses that will mushroom above the first floor. Nonconforming buildings mean that they were built before the Zoning went into effect and don't meet the setback requirements from the building to the property boundaries. Should a mushroom house be built, it would impact these boundaries and circumvent the ordinance, as well as possibly impact neighbor's property or views.

The Planning Board's Amendment No. 2 proposes to change the lot size from 2 acres to 4 acres in the Rural Residential District.

This article (2) addresses a concern that we have with Bradford's growth. Right now, we are looking at 5 or 6 possible major subdivisions in the near future. Because our roads, schools, and tax base would not support all of these lots being built on 2 acre lots, we are proposing to increase the size to 4 acres to help limit the impact should these subdivisions go through. We are looking at some Growth Management regulations, like Hopkinton has, to limit the number of building permits or subdivisions if they exceed our infrastructure. The intent is to revisit the size of lots when we have a better means of managing our growth.

The Planning Board's Amendment No. 3 proposes to revise the manufactured housing provision to allow them to be located only in subdivisions specifically constructed and designated as manufactured housing subdivisions.

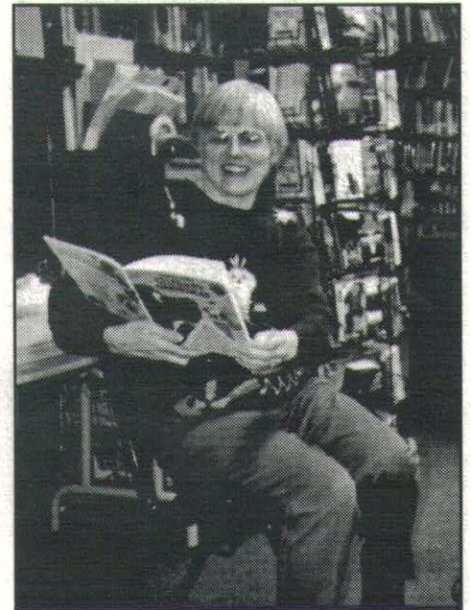
Article No.3 addresses a concern we are hearing voiced more and more. It has to do with the rapid growth in manufactured housing. This is the term given for what may be known as Mobile homes, defined in RSA 674:31 as "any structure, transportable in one or more sections, which, in the traveling mode, is 8 body feet or more in width and 40 body feet or more in length, or when erected on site, is 320 square feet or more, and which is built on a permanent foundation when connected to required utilities, which include plumbing, heating, and electrical heating systems contained herein. Manufactured housing as defined in this section shall not include presite built housing as defined in RSA 674:31-a."

Because of the concern voiced and the impact on our tax base if manufactured houses were allowed on every lot as is now the case, the Planning Board has drafted this article to allow this housing in large subdivisions specifically designated for them. Although we cannot dictate where these manufactured housing subdivisions will be located, we can eliminate additional manufactured houses from being built everywhere.

The Planning Board's Amendment No. 4 proposes to amend the cell tower provisions to ensure abandoned tower properties are returned to their pre-construction condition, removing all buildings, roads, etc, and re-establishing vegetation.

For article No.4, we are concerned that cell tower companies will build them and then disappear if and when satellite communications overcome them. Although we have allowed for the removal of the towers in the current ordinance, we felt that they would be able to leave the buildings, driveways, etc, and we did not want the town to be left to eliminate this mess. This will ensure that when one of these towers is no longer used, the company would have to have a bond in place to cover returning the whole property

## Maggi Ainslie retires from BML



The Trustees of Brown Memorial Library regret to announce the December 31, 2001 retirement of our librarian Maggi Ainslie. During her eighteen years as librarian, Maggi developed the book collection to its present well-rounded state and initiated many library programs that have been enjoyed by children as well as adults. Maggi was essential in coordinating the many years of fund raising that culminated in the 1999 expansion of our library. We wish her happiness in her retirement, and hope she will continue to lend her enthusiastic support to the library for many years to come. Feel free to send Maggi a note, no flowers please at her request.

—Trustees of Brown Memorial Library

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## Selectmen's Update

Welcome to 2002. The Board of Selectmen hope you have had happy and prosperous holidays and are ready to roll up your sleeves and make our community a better place to live. December is always a tense month for the board with winter expenditures unknown and the budget draining fast. We are happy to announce that once again Bradford has finished the year in the black. County and School Taxes have been paid and we anticipate a considerable amount of money to go to surplus. Over \$30,000 was removed from surplus in November. This lowered the tax rate by about \$.30. The budget process is underway and Don Johnson and his group have put together a Capital Improvement Plan. This has been approved by the Planning Board and will now be used as a guide to chart Bradford's future. Aaron Sparks heads off to the Police Academy next week. We wish him well.

## News from the Town Clerk & Tax Collector

October 20. Kyra Rose was born to Tara Page and Edmund Rowell in Concord.

November 9. Andrew Loren was born to Keri Charlton and Desmond Skillings in Concord.

November 13. Theda Nenninger died in Concord.

November 21. Arthur Fred Valley Jr. died in Bradford.

November 26. Russell Frank Box died in Bradford.

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—Sue Pehrson

## Whitman Park and the Tillie Wheeler Trail

The Bradford Conservation Commission has renamed the "Fitness Trail" the "Tillie Wheeler Trail." When Tillie retired from the Commission, members felt she should be honored for her many contributions over 25 years of service. Tillie had helped to organize the "Fitness Trail" in 1977. Tillie and her husband Clarence helped maintain the trail for as long as they were able. In case anyone doesn't know, the "Tillie Wheeler Trail" is the old railway bed from Church Street to Gillingham Drive. The right of way consists of 2.6 acres through a wooded area, easily accessible to the village area. Bordering the northwest side of the trail is Whitman Park. A sign will soon be erected to mark the entrance. John A. Kelley donated Whitman Park to the Town in 1977 as a memorial for his friend and business partner Richard Whitman. Near the entrance to the park and a little to the right is a large boulder with the following inscription: "Given in Memory of Richard Whitman, July 1977, John A. Kelley." Whitman Park (1.8 acres) boasts some beautiful large trees and many varieties of wildflowers. Some of our observant members have seen and photographed painted trillium, trailing arbutus, gaywings, rue anemone, star flower, partridge berry, wintergreen, bunch berry and mayflower at the park. These two contiguous green areas offer "in town" residents a place to enjoy the woods for rest and recreation.

—Bradford Conservation Commission



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# Development on Class VI roads protested

More than thirty residents turned out on the sleeting night of December 17 to voice their concerns to the Selectmen about a building permit under consideration at the intersection of four Class VI unmaintained roads. The location of the permit in question is in the southeast edge of town at the junction of Rowe Mountain Road, Day Pond Road, Massasecum Avenue and Carter Hill Road.

During the last building boom in the 1980's, our representatives passed a law, RSA 674:41 to prevent scattered and premature development (isolated development in otherwise wild areas) and to discourage lawsuits revolving around lack of maintenance and rescue services to dwellings and structures on unmaintained roads. However, the law does allow the governing body of a town, in this case the Selectmen, after review and comment by the Planning Board, to issue a building permit. This can be done only after a waiver acknowledging the limit of the Town's responsibilities for maintenance of the road and damages or liability incurred because of the condition of the road is signed by the applicant and attached to the deed.

The Planning Board concluded at their meeting on December 11 that this permit was indeed a case of "premature and scattered development." The concern of the residents in attendance Monday night and the more than fifty signatories of an accompanying petition was that the Selectmen would not heed the advice of the Planning Board in these issues as this has happened with several similar permit requests in recent years.

Many of the voices raised at the meeting spoke to the condition of the Class V roads leading to the site and the problems of increased traffic. Also stressed were the long-range effects of residential sprawl on taxes, community, and the forestry and recreation industries. It was noted that, even within the Current Use tax system, open land costs the town less than developed land because it requires fewer services—schools, transfer station, rescue, police, etc. Appropriate planning for growth seemed to be a key point as well as continued questions of liability as the Town has already experienced lawsuits in similar cases.

The Selectmen will be reviewing this building permit application after receiving the written comment from the Planning Board. However, the final decision rests with the Selectmen. The Selectmen have agreed to work with the Conservation Commission to draw up a more detailed Class VI road policy after researching the policies and experiences of surrounding towns and seeking the advice of the Municipal Planning Association.

The population of Bradford is expected to grow 20-30% within the next twenty years. The Town has the tools to determine how, when, and where this growth takes place. The Master Plan revealed that the overwhelming majority of residents placed as their highest priority maintaining the rural character of the Town and controlling escalating property taxes. Permitting the development of these unmaintained roads does neither.

—Bradford Conservation Commission

## The envelope, please...

Here are the winners from the Holiday Decorating Contest! In the residential category, Susan and Charles Goodale of 14 Rowe Mountain Road took first place, second place went to Jim and Deb Green, 24 Bacon Road, and third place was awarded to Karl Scribner, Cilley Lane.

Mountain Lake Inn was selected as the winner in the commercial category out of four applications.

The Bradford Business Association would like to thank the Sutton Business Council for again judging the contest.

—Bob Foor

## Voter Checklist Corrections

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet at the Bradford Town Hall on Wednesday, January 2, 2002, from 7:00-8:00pm to make corrections to the Checklist prior to the Annual School District Meeting on Saturday, January 12, 2002 at the Kearsarge Regional High School.

School District Election of Officials will be held at the same time and place as the Town Meeting Elections, March 12, 2002.

—Deborah Lamach, Ann Hibbard,  
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## Girl Scout Cookies Are Here!!

Brownie Troop #178 is now selling Girl Scout Cookies and needs the support of family, friends, and community members. This is our first Girl Scout Cookie Sale and we want to make it a great success! The Brownies would like to take a special trip this coming Spring and will be working hard selling cookies to achieve their goal. If you would like to help them reach their goal and enjoy some yummy cookies, please show your support by buying a box (or two). The boxes are priced at \$3.00 each, with .45 going directly to our troop. If you would like to order a box, please contact our "Cookie Mom" Cindy Michie at 938-5379 before January 21. Thank you for your support and helping girls grow strong!

## Literary Travels for Kids at BML

It's a Small World! movies continue on Wednesday, January 9, 2002, from 3:15 to 4:15pm at Brown Memorial Library. January's movie is *Puss in Boots*. Friends organizer Laurie Buchar invites elementary school students to learn about how kids live in France. Each month children will explore a different country through folk tales.

For more information on the free movie series (sponsored by the Friends of the Library), call 938-5948. Brown Memorial Library, located on Main Street, is handicapped accessible.

## BWC Update

The Bradford Women's Club Craft Fair in November was a big success. Thanks to all of the members who worked so hard on it, and thanks also to the Masons for the use of St. Peter's Lodge. The raffle winners were Molly Ballou of Warner (a DVD player), Andrew Pinard of Bradford (a tree skirt made by Sue Vitale), Woody Savage of Goshen (a small decorated live tree), and Rev. Henry Fleming of Newbury (a *Bradford Cooks* cookbook).

The new *Bradford Cooks* cookbook is now available at the inns, Merrimack Farm and Country Store, the Appleseed just to name a few. The visit with Santa and annual tree lighting sponsored by the BWC were well attended by children and their parents. The next executive meeting will be held on January 8 at 9:30am at the Bradford Area Community Center. The BWC Tea will be on January 15 at 1:00pm at the Candlelite Inn with a sing-along by L. Vannata at the piano.

—Barbara Vannata, President

## Bradford Country Squares

The Bradford Country Squares will host a Mainstream/Plus Square Dance at the Bradford Town Hall on Saturday, January 19 from 8:00–10:30pm. "Snow Days" is the decorative theme of this dance that Jay Silver will call and Vera Prudhomme will cue. Cost of admission is \$5 per person. For further information, please call Chris Sweet at 863-0974. Spectators are free and always welcome.

—Chris Sweet

## Community Workshop

This is how we'll start the year in 2002 at the Community Workshop: we'll meet on Thursday, January 10 at 11:00am at the Friendship House in Newbury. Bring a bag lunch; dessert and beverage will be provided. After lunch we'll provide our own program at 1:00pm called Favorite Places. Members are asked to bring pictures, stories or memorabilia of a place that has been important to them to share with the group. Also, at this meeting the chairmanship will pass from Shirley Markie to Judy Ely. The bell used by Shirley to call meetings to order will be replaced by Judy's larger, more powerful cowbell.

—Clare Bensley

## Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter News

William Shepard, conservationist, bird tour leader, and educator, will present a slide program on the Connecticut River Birding Trail which he established, at the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter meeting on Friday January 11 at 7:30pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London. Shepard is hoping to include two birding "hot spots" (the Low Plains Natural Area in New London and Cascade Marsh in North Sutton) on this birding itinerary. His article in the October 2001 issue of *Birding* describes the effort that has been made to establish birding trails in the United States and Canada. This program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For more information please contact Ruth White at 763-4893.

—Phyllis Curtiss

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# Planning Board Approves Capital Improvement Program

For the past year, the Capital Improvements Program Committee (CIPC) has worked diligently, at the request of the Planning Board, to develop Bradford's first CIP. Through a series of charts and graphs, the CIP presents a financial analysis of Bradford's revenues and expenditures for the past ten years. The CIP classifies capital projects and recommends a time sequence for their implementation in order to stabilize the tax rate by spreading these expenditures over a period of years. Capital items are defined as having a gross cost of more than \$10,000, a useful life of at least three years, are non-recurring (i.e., not an annual budget item), or any project requiring bond financing. Don Johnsen, Coordinator of the CIPC, stressed that the CIP is solely an advisory document to guide the selectmen and the budget committee in the preparation of the annual town budget.

At a public hearing held by the Planning Board on December 19, Johnsen outlined the process used to prepare the CIP which included requesting a list of capital projects and when they will be needed from town departments as well as from local organizations whose activities might have an impact on town expenditures. The CIPC evaluated the projects submitted and prepared a recommended course of action for consideration by the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen. In future years, Johnsen said the details in the document would be further refined when the process is better understood by all those involved.

Selectman Chris Frey pointed out some areas where the CIP should more accurately reflect its impact on the budget. He noted that the 2002 budget is well on its way to completion so that the recommendations for that year in the CIP may not be pertinent. After discussion, the Planning Board voted to approve the proposed CIP once several corrections have been made. Don Johnsen and his committee were commended for the extraordinary effort put into collecting and assimilating the data in the plan and requested that the CIPC continue to update the input required to refine the CIP for the next and succeeding years.

# SPNHF and ASLPT Host Mid-Winter Family Celebration

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) and the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) will co-sponsor a mid-winter family celebration at the Bill Kidder Tract in Newbury on Saturday, January 12 (snow date: January 13) from 1:00-3:00pm. The afternoon family event will include a bonfire and hot cocoa, a snowshoe or ski hike up Sunset Hill for spectacular views of Lake Sunapee, and/or skating on the wildlife pond at the SPNHF's 37-acre Bill Kidder Tract. This tract of land is named in honor of a former SPNHF trustee and New London resident and is an addition to the Hay Reservation. The program is free for SPNHF and Ausbon Sargent Trust members and \$5 for adults and \$3 for children for non-members. For more information or to register, contact Trish Churchill at 224-9945 or e-mail [signup@spnhf.org](mailto:signup@spnhf.org).

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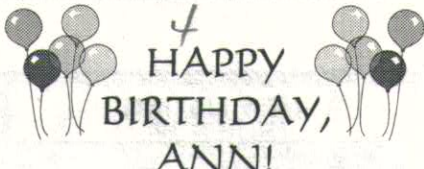
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## Planning Board tackles hefty agenda

Only one meeting of the Planning Board was held in December but it was a busy one. A Site Plan for Valley Excavation to re-locate on a portion of the old Breezy Hill Lumber site was submitted by RCS Designs on behalf of Jonathan and Lynn Kimball. A question was raised concerning the adequacy of the bridge over the Warner River on Breezy Hill Road to handle the vehicles involved with this business. The Board voted to approve the site plan with the condition that the vehicle tonnage would be added to the file along with the most recent NHDOT report that details the current status of the bridge.

The public hearing regarding the subdivision submitted by Timberstand Investments for the Jane Cressey Symmes property on Center and Cressey Roads continued for the third meeting. The major concern expressed by members of the Board and the public pertained to safety issues resulting from several driveways accessing both roads. A District Engineer from the NH DOT viewed the site, offered his comments on the safety issue, and expressed his opinion that the driveways on Center Road should be combined. The applicant proposed eliminating one of the driveways entering onto Center Road. The Board then addressed the driveways on Cressey Road and determined that only one driveway should be shown at that location because a future road could be used for access to all three lots. At that point in the discussion, the applicant withdrew the plan from consideration for the time being.

At the request of the Selectmen, the Board reviewed a building permit request from Carlton Thayer to construct a cabin on the Class VI section of Rowe Mountain Road. Ann Eldridge for the Conservation Commission expressed concern for issuing such a permit since Class VI roads are used for public recreation and deteriorate through use by heavy equipment when homes are built. She said continued building could lead to a financial burden on the Town by demands for maintenance of the road once there are several houses in an area. The Board consulted the tax map for the location of the lot in question, which is at the intersection of four Class VI roads and at least ¼ of a mile from a Class V (town maintained) section of any road. The Board voted to recommend that the Board of Selectmen deny the permit request. The denial is based on the "scattered and premature" location of the lot, the distance from any town maintained road, and the danger of opening up the town to further scattered development because of the number of additional lots where building permits could be requested if this one is granted.

In other business, the Board discussed a role for the Conservation Commission in reviewing "intents to cut" for logging operations to allow time for the site to be reviewed for wetlands and other potential problems. Ann Eldridge informed the Board that the Selectmen can hold the intents for 30 days and suggested that the Selectmen be asked to develop a policy of holding any "intent to cut" for a two week period.

A request for a site plan revision from Laurie Colman was approved on condition that the state food permit has been issued. Ms. Colman plans to open a tea shop as part of Zinom's on East Main Street in back of Bowie's Market.

Bob Foor noted that a public hearing is scheduled on January 8 to amend the subdivision regulations to ensure that the Planning Board has the authority to require fees to be paid for review of documents and costs of special investigative studies when applications present complex issues. A first public hearing will also be held that night on proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance.

As a final item, as the time approached midnight, the Board voted to send a letter to the Selectmen requesting that heat be provided in the Town Hall on nights when meetings to conduct Town business are scheduled.

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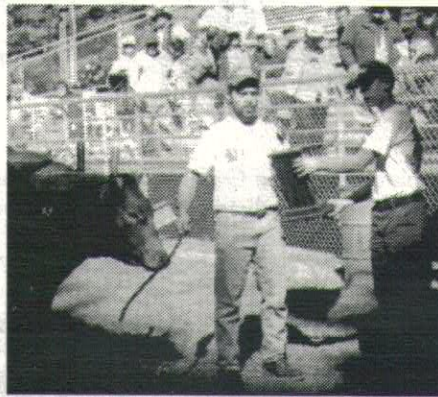
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## Sutton Teamsters Excel at Deerfield



Dutch and Max with Bob Gaynor



Bull (or is it Deer?) with Deven Willett

Sutton was well represented at the Deerfield Fair this past October. Two local teamsters won the Edward "Ted" C. Kimball II revolving trophy. Bob Gaynor won the 2,400-lb. class with his team of Dutch Belts, Dutch and Max. Deven Willett won with his team of Bull and Dozer in the 2,000-lb. class.

### Rosewood Inn a winner

Bradford's own Rosewood Country Inn has been named Inn of the Year for 2002 by respected guidebook author Pamela Lanier. Readers of The Complete Guide to Bed & Breakfasts, Inns & Guesthouses in the U.S., Canada, and Worldwide, by Lanier, voted for the inn that they saw as the best in nation.

The Rosewood was also voted the Most Romantic B&B/Country Inn by readers of Arrington's Bed and Breakfast Journal.

In the past, innkeepers Dick and Lesley Marquis have won other honors for their property, being selected as "One of New Hampshire's Eight Most Romantic Inns" by Chronicle Books and as "Inn of the Year" by the State of New Hampshire.

### Rainbow Girls seek members

The Bradford Rainbow Girls' Assembly #17 invites all area girls to join us. The age requirement for Rainbow is 11 through 20 and we also have a pledge group for children ages 8 through 11. Rainbow is rooted in religion but you do not have to be a specific religion to be in the Rainbow girls. We have lots of fun and hope all of you can come! In December we baked cookies, made cards and sang Christmas carols to the elderly at Fox Chase Assisted Living home. If you would like more information, please call Brande Goodale at 938-2513 or come to one of our meetings at the Masonic Hall (located by the fire house and across the street from the church) every 2nd and 4th Monday at 5:30pm.

—Brande Goodale

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## Fish & Game Clubhouse News

Due to the New Year Holiday falling on our usual meeting day, the January meeting is postponed to Tuesday, January 8 at 7:30pm at the clubhouse. All memberships expire on December 31 so now is the time to renew. Dues are \$12.00 per year. Please contact Bob Stewart (938-2255) to renew or attend a meeting.

The Bradford Fish & Game Club's Annual Banquet will be held at the Clubhouse this year on Saturday evening, January 26. The social hour will be from 5:00-6:00pm BYOB, appetizers will be served, and dinner starts at 6:00pm. The menu will include roast beef, potatoes, vegetable lasagna, dessert, and coffee. Richard LaPorte will give a presentation on his exploits as a Bush Pilot, guiding hunters and fishermen in the Canadian wilderness. The game room will open after supper for music and fun. The price is only \$12.00 and includes everything. This event is open to all but limited to 30 people. Please give Bob Stewart (938-2255) or Dickie Wright (938-5393) a call for further details and to let us know you wish to attend.

—Lance Rickenberg



## Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

**Unhanging of the Greens:** We will be taking the Church Christmas/Advent decorations down immediately following the worship service on Sunday, January 6.

**Food Pantry:** The food pantry will be open on Wednesday, January 16 from 6:00-7:00pm. Food can also be requested at other times by calling the Church office at 938-5313.

**Hunger Dinner:** Our annual Hunger Dinner will be held immediately following the worship service on Sunday, January 20 at 11:00am. This dinner supports Heifer Project International and consists of a simple meal of homemade soups and breads. A free-will offering will be taken. Donations help families around the world receive livestock and seedlings.

**Youth Groups:** There will be two youth group meetings for grades 5-8 during the month of January. The meetings are open to any youth in the community. On Wednesday, January 9, we will meet at the Church at 6:30pm and travel to the home of Dick and Phyllis Whall for an evening of ping pong, pool, darts, other games, and snacks and return to the Church at 8:00pm. On Wednesday, January 23, we will meet at the Church from 6:30-8:00pm. The program is entitled "Random Acts of Kindness." We will be traveling to some local homes to extend some kindness and help chase away the winter blues.

**American Baptist Women's Sunday:** The ABWM will lead the worship service on Sunday, January 27. The theme this year will be "Vital Signs: Five Women Whom Jesus Healed."

**Women's Christian Guild:** The ladies will not hold a formal meeting during the month of January because of wintry weather. Judi Mott, President, will bake some cookies and visit the individual members in their homes at their convenience during the month.

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## Selectmen's Minutes

**December 3.** Keith Stebbings met with Selectmen to discuss tax issues regarding common land on his proposed subdivision. Mr. Stebbings brought a plan with him of the proposed subdivision and proposed the question of limiting the involvement of those in the cluster development with the common land. Bob Foor, chairman of the Planning Board, was in attendance and discussion included the contacting of Central NH Regional Planning Board for help on this issue as well as possible conservation easements. The subdivision has not yet cleared the Planning Board.

Bob Foor, chairman of the Planning Board, met with Selectmen to discuss the hiring of a new secretary for the Planning Board. The Board of Selectmen was introduced to the new secretary, Mrs. Maureen Papuga, and approved the hiring. Questions were then placed to Mr. Foor regarding the budgeted hours and pay for the year 2002. The Planning Board had requested 40 hours per month. The Selectmen approved 30 hours per month, and informed Mr. Foor of the current rate of other town secretarial help. They will compute the budget amount on the 30 hours and, based on the town rates, and will get back to Mr. Foor with the budget figure.

Mr. Foor also met with Selectmen to discuss the need for enforcement of the condition of subdivision on property owned by Maxine and Alan Hill on Center Road. The trailer located on the property was to be removed on the completion of the home. The home is now complete but the trailer remains. Selectmen will contact the code enforcement officer.

The Selectmen approved the nominations of Jane Johnsen and Marlene Freyler to the Central NH Regional Planning Board for a one-year term.

Fred Hubley met with Selectmen to discuss skateboarding on Main Street, the Church parking lot, the Library steps, and the access ramps at the Pizza Chef and Lake Sunapee Bank. Selectmen acknowledged the existence of an ordinance. The Chief of Police, James Kirby, was in attendance at the meeting and agreed to meet with the offenders and inform his men of

the situation. During the discussion, a group of skateboarders joined the meeting. Selectmen included them in the discussion and requested parental involvement on the possibility of relocating a skateboarding area.

Mr. Carlton Thayer requested approval to build on a Class 6 road. Selectmen explained the procedure and will have the necessary letters forwarded to the Planning Board for their comment.

The letter to Jennifer Sayre's attorney, Paul Semple, was signed outlining the requirements to obtain a building permit.

**December 10.** Marlene Freyler has notified Selectmen of next year's Independence Day Parade plans. She has requested the same amount of Town funds be made available for the event.

Selectmen signed the appointment of Ann Lucier as deputy town clerk/tax collector.

Chris Frey read to the record a letter to the Department of Transportation regarding next year's project to upgrade Rte. 103. The Selectmen have requested a dry hydrant be placed on Lake Todd, the railing on the rearing pool on the corner of Rte. 103 and Main Street be replaced, span wire lighting at the Rte. 103 and Main Street intersection and unobstructed access to Lake Todd during construction.

Selectmen discussed problems before the Planning Board regarding lot size and building permits. The recent increase in building in the town has created the need to carefully review our current rules.

Cheryl discussed the 911 map with Selectmen. Discussion with Dick Whall presented the possibility of contracting Mr. Whall to update the map he has been developing over the past few years. Selectmen requested Cheryl approach Mr. Whall about preparing a proposal of costs for the next year.

Chris Frey questioned Bruce Edwards on the Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports use of the snack shack during the winter months. Electricity should be turned off to the shack during the off season. The Town is currently paying elec-

tric bills year round on the refrigerators in the building. Bruce indicated Bob Raymond and Jim Bruss should be contacted.

Selectmen signed an abatement for Franklin Coyle to correct an error in current use recording.

Cheryl questioned the Selectmen on annual leave issues in the police and highway departments. The new policy manual allows for one week's time to be rolled over into the first quarter of the next year in event the employee was unable to use all his/her leave by year end. The Town does not allow employees to cash in their leave time. Bruce Edwards requested Cheryl give him a current copy of the policy manual.

Selectmen discussed the meeting with Provan and Lorber to review the Brownfields report. They discussed the need to request loan application papers for \$160,000 and a \$36,000 grant for the project. The discussion was put aside until all the paperwork was assembled and the details were known.

Selectmen reviewed warrant articles for next year's budget. The current warrants include capital reserves for Highway heavy equipment, Ambulance, Fire, Town Facilities and money to continue the work on East Washington Road, engineering plans for the next bridge on Fairgrounds Road, a new plow truck, new plow and money towards relocating the Highway Garage. The Selectmen hope to be able to fund most of the capital reserve accounts from surplus. There was also discussion of reallocating the High Street drainage money to another location. No decision was made and alternatives to the original drainage plan on High Street will be investigated.

Cheryl will prepare a letter regarding training and continuing education for the Rescue and Fire Departments to keep on file in case of injuries during the training sessions. The letter must accompany any first report of injury involving volunteer workers.

—excerpted from the public minutes  
prepared by Cheryl Behr

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# Legislative Report

By Representative Beth Rodd



The New Year has begun and my family and I wish all of you a prosperous and happy New Year. This is a time for reflection, looking back and looking forward. Who could have anticipated the events of the past few months this time last year? We do not know what the future will bring for the joys and losses, ups and downs of 2002 are ahead of us. I know that together we can endure and as I looked down at the rubble and trash of the World Trade Center recently, I was overwhelmed with sadness at the violence and destruction in my old hometown but heartened somewhat by the knowledge that we are a great people with many common goals and that we will prevail for ourselves, our children, and all who follow us. If there is one lesson we have learned from this, it is that we need to be more aware of both the shared and disparate cultures in our world, sensitive to our own and others' needs, and not complacent in taking our freedom and civil liberties for granted.

In working with abused and neglected children as a guardian ad litem for the past several years, I noted that there were several children who had been expelled from school for one reason or another and had no alternative educational structure in which to continue their studies. Contacting various school districts, it appeared that there wasn't any standard of determining whether or not expulsion was required. Each district makes a determination on a case by case basis. Expulsion leaves a child idle, at home, on the street getting into trouble. No statistics are kept on the number of school age children who have been expelled and are not involved in any educational program but it appears to be a problem. The criminal justice system sees these children as inmates where we pay dearly to incarcerate and, if minors, provide them with a mandatory education. As a result of my observations and the contact with agencies and parents who are dealing with this problem, I have entered House Bill 1124 into the education committee. A hearing is scheduled for January 15 to put this issue before the public. If you or anybody you know has had experience with expulsion, please contact me. Your experience and suggestions would be appreciated.

The Merrimack County delegation recently heard a presentation regarding the proposed \$30,000,000 new county correctional facility in Boscawen. The existing facility, built in 1983 with a capacity for 72, was doubled in 1986 by putting additional beds in each cell. The prison population is growing and the county faces a genuine crisis and the threat of lawsuits if the correctional facility is not updated. Overcrowding, inadequate room for security, and a state of general disrepair makes the current facility dangerous and inefficient. We have been a progressive and innovative county in developing several alternative incarceration programs that allow non-violent offenders to live and work in the community while receiving intensive supervision to keep them on the straight and narrow. These programs have been successful in decreasing even more extreme overcrowding but they, too, have reached a maximum. A new facility, designed to hold 237 inmates and expand to 318 beds, would allow the county to provide inmates with counseling and substance abuse interventions that could alter maladaptive behaviors that result in jail time. Rehabilitation that results in lower recidivism rates would save the county money and result in fewer repeat arrests. If you have an interest in this project, come to the public hearing on January 7 to hear more about it. Contact me for details.

We are getting in gear for the 2002 session with many bills of interest coming before committees. If you have an issue or opinion that is important to you, contact me. As always, it is a privilege to serve you and I am grateful for the support and confidence you have given me for the last three years. May we have peace and good will in the New Year. You may contact me at e-mail [c\\_rodd@conknet.com](mailto:c_rodd@conknet.com), Tel. 938-2692 or State House-271-2136.

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Applications will be received until the Workcamp is full on a first come, first served basis. For further information please call 603-927-6345

## Bradford Area Community Center January Calendar

**Ongoing Activities:**

**MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS**

- **CAP Senior Luncheon**, Senior Room, noon, for reservations call 938-2104

**WEDNESDAYS (Starting January 9)**

- **Yoga Class**, not advanced, Senior Room, 9:30am-11:00am, call Fran at 456-3099 to register

**FRIDAYS**

- **Computer Tutoring**, Senior Room, 10:00am

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 3**

- **Brownies**, Community Room, 3:00-5:00pm
- **BACC Governance Board**, Senior Room, 5:30pm
- **Bradford Newbury Preschool Board Meeting**, Senior Room, 7:00pm

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 10**

- **Bradford Newbury Preschool Board Meeting**, Senior Room, 7:00pm

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 11**

- **Bradford Community Corporation**, Senior Room, 7:00am

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 12**

- **Senior Council**, Senior Room, 1:00-3:00pm

**MONDAY, JANUARY 14**

- **Bridge Group**, Senior Room, 1:30-4:00pm
- **Rainbow Girls**, Senior Room, 5:30pm

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 15**

- **CAP Fuel Assistance**, Conference Room, 9:00am-noon (please call 456-3207 for appointment)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 17**

- **Brownies**, Community Room, 3:00-5:00pm
- **BACC Governance Board**, Senior Room, 5:30pm

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 19**

- **"Taking Care of Ourselves, Taking Care of Each Other,"** speaker Betsy Harrison of Riverbend Community Mental Health Center, Senior Room, 10:00am

**MONDAY, JANUARY 28**

- **Bridge Group**, Senior Room, 1:30-4:00pm
- **Rainbow Girls**, Senior Room, 5:30pm

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 31**

- **Brownies**, Community Room, 3:00-5:00pm

For details or questions regarding Meals on Wheels or Senior Programs call 938-2104. For Youth Program information call director Susan Cowan at 938-6228 or 526-2389. For general information call the Administration Office at 938-6228. There are still certain rooms available for meetings or parties. If you are interested, please call the office at 938-6228. Also, computer tutoring times are available by calling Bill Hatt or Beverly Leo at 938-2996. The Community Center wishes all of you a happy and prosperous two thousand and two!

## Library Lantern



Santa was a crowd-pleaser at this year's Christmas celebration. He even had his elf beside him to hand out candy canes to excited (and a few reluctant) children. Thank you Kathryn Raymond, Elliott Brown, and Laurie Cook Brown for reading wonderful holiday stories to the children and parents. The next after school folktale program will be at 3:15pm on Wednesday, January 9 and will feature *Puss 'n Boots* which originated in France. Time to pass those long winter evenings with a challenging jigsaw puzzle. You'll find a selection of puzzles available for loan in the front entrance of the library.

Some of the new books added to your library for young readers are:  
*Seek* by Paul Fleischman (a former Bradford resident)  
 Volumes 1 through 8 of *A Series of Unfortunate Events* by Lemony Snicket  
*Stuart at the Library* by Susan Hill  
*Salamandastron*, *Mariel of Redwall* and *Mossflower* all by Brian Jacques  
 And for adults:  
*Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger  
*The Long Marriage: Poems* by Maxine Kumin  
*The Corrections* by Jonathan Franzen  
*The Lost Son: A Life in Pursuit of Justice* by Bernard B. Kerik  
*Ahab's Wife, or the Star-Gazer* by Sena Jeter Naslund

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to its original state.

A Public Hearing on the proposed amendments will be held January 8, 2002 at 7:30pm in the Town Hall. Copies of the full text are available for display at the Town Hall.

The Planning Board also has some revisions to both the Subdivision Regulations and the Site Plan Review Regulations. The board is made up of volunteers and has no formal background in land use and planning. To make up for this, we are recommending that these regulations stipulate that the applicant will pay for, and the board will send the applications for, formal review if required. The review may be done by the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission for a nominal fee or, for major applications, by a professional land use and planning engineer.

Simple or minor subdivision applications generally will not trigger this review. This is to make certain that Bradford doesn't end up with problems for new sites and subdivisions.

The Public Hearing on these revisions will be held January 8, 2002 at 8:00pm in the Town Hall.

—Bob Foor, Planning Board Chairman

## Hambrechts celebrate golden anniversary



Shirley and Dick Hambrecht of Bradford recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Family and friends gathered at the Rosewood Inn on November 3, 2001 where they were regaled by stories of childhood sweethearts, army days and friendship as told by lifelong companions and Bradford neighbors. The Hambrecht's grandchildren compiled a Top 10 list, David Letterman style, of 10 reasons why Mimi and Pop are cool grandparents.

Guests were entertained by the Joan Watson-Jones Jazz Ensemble and the party continued in the evening at the Hambrecht's home, Windswept Farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Hambrecht have been members of the Bradford community since 1960 and permanent residents since 1986. Mr. Hambrecht is a former Bradford selectman. They have three children and seven grandchildren.



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# Outside

by Ann Eldridge

Charles Darwin, penciling in the margins of his manuscript on the origins of species, cautioned himself to avoid loaded adjectives like "higher" and "lower" when referring to the evolution of life forms. As I understand it, his theory holds that a species, plant or animal, is successful in so far as it can maintain survival in its environment and is adaptable to changes in that environment. Darwin wanted to discourage the misperception that there is a *direction* to evolution, that some species for instance are "smarter" than others, that the more complex equals superior and more "highly evolved."

The mole, for instance, is perfectly suited to its lifestyle. It knows an infinite number of mole things that we can only clumsily guess at. It does not need to strive to achieve a more "highly evolved" status. Moles are perfect as moles.

They have been tunneling the earth far longer than our primate forebears have been marching above them. With their head start, they came up with a number of innovations for their life underground. Moles ended up with a dramatic deviation from the skeletal plan used by every other digging creature. The humerus bone angles up and out from the body and is flat and wide to attach bigger digging muscles. Their forelimbs stick out sideways to maximize the sweep stroke, pushing soil easily backwards or up to the surface, sometimes having an extra bone in each digging paw. Thus equipped, a mole can dig 60 feet or more of tunnel in a day expending very little energy doing so despite working in blackout conditions with only dank, carbon dioxide-laden air. Their blood contains twice as much oxygen-carrying hemoglobin and there's twice as much of it than any other similarly sized animal.

Those afflicted with lawn vanity are probably feeling faint. The brilliance of the tunneling system is that once established the food then essentially comes to the mole. Earthworms, cutworms, and all manner of grubs falling into these runways are slow to find their way back out apparently due to the smooth packed surfaces. The mole patrols his private subway system three times a day retrieving the day's catch. The rest of his time is spent in sleep and minor renovations.

The system is so reliable that despite its plump appearance, a mole carries almost no body fat. In winter they do not need to



put on thicker fur or slow their metabolic rate. Only the star-nosed mole, which is semi-aquatic, stores fat and this they do in their unusually long tails so as not to encumber themselves in tight tunnels. (Mole fur grows non-directionally—they can advance or retreat with no friction.)

Though their eyes barely detect light, their sense of vibration is acute. Tail, head, and feet are covered with rigid hairs that are set in fluid-filled sacs which amplify the slightest mechanical stimulus. Their tails graze the roof for vibratory information as they perambulate, sometimes thumping the ceiling with their heads to warn other moles of their presence, thus avoiding unpleasant confrontations.

The noses of moles are covered with fleshy knobs containing sensitive receptors called Eimer's organs—"unexcelled in complexity in the whole animal kingdom," though researchers aren't exactly sure what they do. Theories include detection of thermal emissions or perhaps electrosensory devices. The star-nosed mole, which looks like it has impaled a small pink sea urchin on its nose, has 22 mobile appendages containing 25,000 of these Eimer's organs—five times more nerve fibers in a one half inch space than exist in a human hand.

And is there space to recount how they cope with an abundance of earthworms? They clamp these spares between their paws, pulling up on their heads to squeeze out the excess dirt, tie them in a knot and seal them up still alive in tiny storage pantries.

Moles are subterranean survivalists able to withstand a fashion industry which, at the turn of the last century, claimed the pelts of tens of millions of them, causing Germany to pass protective legislation.

In *The Wind in the Willows* Mole describes his charmed life. "You're entirely your own master—things go on all the same overhead and you let 'em."

Most of the information on moles came from the book *Every Creeping Thing* by Richard Conniff.

## Ski-a-Thon February 2

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# January Calendar



## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

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## THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

BACC Governance Board, BACC,  
5:30pm

## MONDAY, JANUARY 7

Bradford Cemetery Commission, Town  
Hall, 10:00am  
Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

BWC Executive Meeting, BACC, 9:30am  
ZBA, Town Hall, 7:00pm  
Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm  
Conservation Commission, Special Meet-  
ing on Class VI Roads, BML, 7:00pm  
Bradford Fish and Game Club, Gillingham  
Drive, 7:30pm

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

Children's folktale program, *Puss In Boots*,  
BML, 3:15-4:15pm  
Parks and Recreation, BACC, 7:00pm

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

BEOC, BACC, 7:00pm  
KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

Bradford Community Corporation,  
BACC, 7:30am  
KRSD Annual District Meeting, KRHS,  
9:00am

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

BWC Tea, Candlelite Inn, 1:00pm  
Conservation Commission, Town Hall,  
7:30pm

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

Country Capitalist Meeting, call 938-  
2787 for details  
Road Committee, Town Hall, 7:00pm  
Friends of the Library, BML, 7:00pm

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

BACC Governance Board, BACC,  
5:30pm

## MONDAY, JANUARY 21

BBA, Church Vestry, 7:00pm

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:00pm

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

KRSD School Board, KRHS, 7:00pm

## MONDAY, JANUARY 28

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5:00pm

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Children's Story Hour, Wednesdays at Brown Memorial Library, 10:30am  
Thistle Spinners, Every Monday, Thistle and Shamrock Inn, 1:00-3:00pm  
Bradford Historical Society, Old Post Office, open by appointment, call 938-5386

To list events for the February Calendar, please call Betty Hague at 938-2722  
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