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What is a Conservation Easement Anyway?

Very simply put, a conservation easement is a legal agreement between a landowner and non-profit land trust or other non-profit organization that permanently stipulates the uses of the land in order to protect specified conservation values. Sounds rather dry, doesn't it? It can be, and it isn't for everyone. And it isn't for every piece of land.

Restrictions of this type, which are attached to the deed, can give landowners peace of mind that their properties will be permanently protected while allowing them to continue to enjoy all the benefits of property ownership. Income can still be generated through logging and agricultural uses consistent with the purposes of the easement and limited future development can be planned for. The land can be sold, given, willed, or traded like any other property, but the easement always goes with it.

Not everyone wonders about, or cares about, their property's future: what will happen to it when it passes to another owner? Would children or relatives want to - or be able to - maintain it in the future? Will future owners appreciate the land or convert it to other uses? Will its special features be respected? Will a discussion about the land resolve difficult issues that will be faced by the heirs? What are the financial incentives of an easement?

Conservation easements are primarily designed for lands that have special features. These can cover a wide range of possibilities. The most common reasons are to preserve large, unfragmented forest blocks, or connectors between large blocks, to protect rare or endangered species and habitats, outstanding views, water resources, exemplary agricultural or forestry lands, or for historic values.

Consider that lately NH has been los-



View of the Aiken Town Forest. This photo was taken by Mike and Carol Andrews who are monitors for the conservation easement.

ing 18,000 acres per year to houses, roads, and commercial development. Since the passage of RSA 4177 which authorizes these types of deeds, hundreds of thousands of acres of private lands have been protected in this manner. This is essential for a state that relies heavily on recreational and forestry industries, and good for towns because these "open-space" lands require fewer expensive town services than developed landscapes. More conserved lands means lower taxes, often even when towns have to purchase land in order to keep it undeveloped.

Conservation easements are flexible and are individually designed to the particular needs of the landowner and the

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Oppurtuniy for Women Offered by the Bradford Women's Club

The Bradford Women's Club has a scholarship available to any female from Bradford, Sutton, or Newbury who is in or has been accepted to college. This is open to women of all ages who are either starting or furthering their education. Call 938-5951 for an application.

More from the Bradford Women's Club

What fun we had at our last general meeting. David Holland and Sue Montminy demonstrated their flair with hair and taught us some tricks that we have never known.

The next General meeting will be our Annual Luncheon at the Appleseed Restaurant on Tuesday, May 17, at 11a.m. The invitations have already been sent and all attendees should respond by May 6th. This will ensure a proper head count. The Fentons are whipping up a delicious menu, so please try and join us.

Remember, we will be holding a Town Wide Yard Sale in June. Anyone interested in posting his or her home on the map should contact me at 938-5566. This is open to all Bradford townspeople and will be broadly advertised, so it's a good time to start cleaning out.

Annual Dues are also due! New members are always accepted and we would love to have you!

See you at the next meeting!

—Erica Gross, President

Friends of the Brown Memorial Library

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 18 at 7 p.m. This year's agenda includes planning the Summer Reading Program and developing an exhibition schedule for the rotating art exhibits in the library.

Members, non-members, and Bradford area artists are encouraged to attend this short conversation on the Friends' future activities. Refreshments will be served. The handicapped accessible library is located at 78 W. Main St., Bradford. For more information, call 938-5948.

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MOSAIC SUN CATCHER \$20—Learn how to create a mosaic sun catcher, choosing from a selection of project bases and stained glass tiles. You will learn the simple techniques of adhering and grouting in the pique assiette style. Materials included. Monday, May 2, 9:30 to 11 a.m. • Thursday, May 5, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

CUTTING ART GLASS \$20—This class will show you the techniques for cutting art glass. Cutting glass is a two-step process; the score and the break. Learning to cut art glass will allow you to cut out patterns and pictures to either produce a stained glass window or put in your favorite mosaic piece. Monday, May 9, 9:30 to 11 a.m. • Thursday, May 12, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

GARDEN STEPPING STONE \$65—Pick out your own pattern and cut the glass yourself (Cutting Art Glass Class a prerequisite) or learn to do just the stepping stone with pre-cut glass. Materials included. Monday, May 16, 9:30 to 11 a.m. • Thursday, May 19, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

MOSAIC FLOWER POTS \$15—Bring your old dishes and learn the safe technique for breaking plates, using roll cutters and nippers and decorate your own ceramic pot. Supplies will be available for sale if you don't want to bring your own. Monday, May 23, 9:30 to 11 a.m. • Thursday, May 26, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

For more information call the BACC at 938-6228

—Jarna Perkins

Bradford Parks and Recreation Baton Twirling Classes and Paint Class

The Bradford Parks and Recreation will be offering a "A Picture in a Day" paint class at the Bradford Area Community Center on Saturday and Sunday, May 21st and May 22nd. Shirley McMurray will instruct the class using the Bob Ross "wet-on-wet" technique. Shirley is a certified Bob Ross instructor and has been teaching this technique since 1988. The class will start at 9 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. Cost is \$45 and includes all materials. For more information or to register for the class, please call Margaret at 938-5392.

The Bradford Batonettes will start classes on Wednesday, May 4th with Donna Acker. Class and registration for 4 to 6 year olds will start at 2:45 p.m. and at 3:30 p.m. for children 7 years and older. Classes will be on Wednesdays during the months of May and June and are held at the Bradford Town Hall. The cost for the two month session is \$45 for the first child and half price for the second child. For more information call Joni at 938-2224.

—Jarna Perkins

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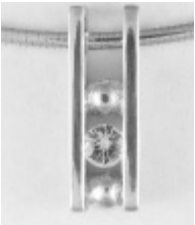


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This program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Ruth White at 763-4893.

On Sunday, May 22, Peter Newbern will lead the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter “Birdathon” to help raise funds for chapter programming. Participants will meet at Cricenti’s Market parking lot at 8 a.m. to begin the tally of bird species in the local area.

Solicitations may be sought for individual bird species or a blanket donation may be made. Inclement weather cancels the trip. For details, call Newbern at 763-4308.

—Phyllis H. Curtis

Bradford Country Squares

The Bradford Country Squares will host the Twentieth Anniversary Celebration of our square dance club combined with Don Bachelder’s Tenth Anniversary as our club caller.

This gala celebration will be held on Saturday, June 18th at the Bradford Town Hall. It will follow an Invitational Reunion Dinner for current and past members of the club. The Dance Ribbons (Tickets) are available prior to the

dance for \$5 per person by calling Reggie Scudder at 763-0187, Elaine Warren at 938-2960 or by e-mailing SquareDancerten@aol.com.

Ribbons for dance admission at the door will not be available if we have sold out for the dance.

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Bradford Historical Society

The Historical Society is looking forward to planning for a new building to house our fabulous collection representing Bradford's history. The proposed site is located on the front side of the Town-owned property, known as the "Marshall" lot on East Main Street.

We have fortunately recruited some pro-bono help for the preliminary architectural design and will need lots of other support before this project is over. If you are interested in helping us preserve Bradford's historical treasures, watch the *Bridge* for notice of upcoming volunteer opportunities.

The BHS also has plans for hosting the Kearsarge Regional High School Music Department in May with their yearly exceptionally talented program.

In June we look forward to the program by Leonard Spencer, the restoration specialist of the Center Church, with co-hosts, the Union Congregational Society.

We still have copies of *200 Plus History of Bradford* and the genealogies, *Early Families of Bradford* available for sale. Don't miss out, call 938-5386.

Our regular hours are Saturdays between 1:30 and 3 p.m. at the Old Post Office (beside the dump entrance for any newcomers). If there is no one there at that time—there must have been something terribly necessary somewhere else. Usually someone will be there.

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Library Lantern
by Meg Fearnley

Our book-to-movie discussion series continues on Friday, May 6th at 7 p.m., comparing the book *Vile Bodies* by Evelyn Waugh with the 2004 movie version *Bright Young Things* directed by Stephen Fry. Please join us. Refreshments will be served.

Come one and all to our May book and plant sale on Saturday, May 28 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the library lower level. We welcome book donations for our sales at any time.

Thanks to everyone who helped with this year's Easter Egg Hunt. It was very well organized and the eggs were beautiful!

We have a new display of vintage Bradford "finery" (hats and purses) courtesy of the Bradford Historical Society. Come in and take a look.

Try out one of the many new books added to your library in April.

FOR ADULTS:

True Believer by Nicholas Sparks
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This fall, seven students in the Community and Environmental Studies program at Colby-Sawyer College began work on a year long regional land conservation project in cooperation with the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT). The students examined a variety of land conservation variables in the Kearsarge-Lake Sunapee region. Some of the variables they looked at include the amount of conserved land in the region, town conservation plans, the role of land conservation in sustaining regional forestry, agriculture, water resources, scenic areas, wildlife habitat, and recreation.

There will be a final presentation on Monday May 9 at 7 p.m. in room 20 of the Curtis L. Ivey Science Center (new building next to the Colby-Sawyer Library). The presentation will cover topics such as ecologically important lands, water resources and land use.

—Institute for Community & Environment,
Colby-Sawyer College

KEARSARGE AREA PRESCHOOL'S Entertainment and Arts For Little Hearts

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How Does Your Garden Grow?

Saturday, May 21, 2005 at 1 p.m.
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Join Fran Lyons of Lyons Nursery in Newbury as she demonstrates how plants grow and what their needs are to thrive. Fran will have different types of seeds to examine and will show plants in various stages of growth. All participants will decorate small flower pots and plant seeds to bring home. This seminar is sponsored by Lyons Nursery and will be offered at no cost to all children in the Kearsarge community age Pre-K to third grade. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Hope to see you there!

—Fred Hubley



photo by Audrey V. Sylvester

During a public reception for the Brown Memorial Library's art exhibition entitled *The Art and Books of the Five Carrolls*, Brown Memorial Librarian Meg Fearnley, Bradford artist Ann Eldridge, and Margaret Liszka enjoy a conversation with one of the honored artists, David M. Carroll, who is an author-illustrator of three acclaimed natural histories: *Year of the Turtle*, *Trout Reflections*, and *Swampwalker's Journal*. This talented family of artists includes: Laurette Carroll (watercolors) and the couple's grown children: Sean Carroll (watercolors, pen and ink drawings); Rianna Frost Szymkiewiewicz, a Bradford artist (painting on Wild Turkey feathers); and Rebecca Carroll (author & editor of a New York-based video and filmmaker's magazine). The exhibition continues through May 25th. Brown Memorial Library hours are: M. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; W. 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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Conservation Easements

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values to be preserved within the guidelines of the over-seeing organization that “holds” the easement. Bradford is fortunate because it falls within the target area of the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT). This existing land trust has a lot of experience formulating these plans for property that falls within their criteria. A town can also hold an easement. Easements do not automatically give the public any rights to enter or use property, although public access of some kind is often specified. That decision is also made by the landowner.

In addition, an easement can be a sound financial decision for the landowners. Easements are often designed and timed to provide for reduction of estate and capital gains taxes, depending on the individual circumstances and there could be other tax advantages as well.

As an example of a conservation easement, Bradford voted some years ago at its annual meeting to preserve a wooded

parcel of about 137 acres as the Aiken Town Forest. A conservation easement was designed using public input. This land will be maintained as an example of a well-managed timber stand and it will be increasingly important as the town continues to grow for hunting and other recreational uses. A trail system is planned that will connect this town forest with Bog conservation land and the Low State Forest. The easement is held by the ASLPT and a portion of the town’s conservation fund, managed by the Conservation Commission, was used to make this happen.

If you have any other questions, please contact the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust at 526-6555, or the Bradford Conservation Commission, Ann Eldridge, at 938-5266.

Future articles will outline additional methods of land and historic conservation.

—Bradford Conservation Commission & the Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford

Garden Symposium at The Fells in Newbury

“Ecology and Design for New England Gardeners” is the theme of a garden symposium on Saturday, May 7, at The Fells in Newbury. Botanist Judith Sumner will speak on garden ecology, author Robert Gillmore will describe how to create low-maintenance gardens, and Massachusetts Horticultural Gold Medalist Susan E. Dumaine will teach the geometry of good design.

The program runs from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The \$60 fee includes tours of The Fells’ historic house and gardens as well as a gourmet box lunch. Call 763-4789 to register.

Judith Sumner will begin the symposium with “Ecology for Gardeners,” an exploration of the interconnected web of plants and their basic needs—light, water, soil, nutrients. Sumner teaches botany at Harvard’s Arnold Arboretum and has received many awards for excellence in teaching. Her recent book, *American Household Botany*, won the American Horticultural Society’s 2005 book award.

Robert Gillmore, a nationally recognized landscaper designer, is best known in New Hampshire for Evergreen, his woodland garden in Goffstown. He is the author of two gardening books, *The Woodland Garden* and *Beauty All Around You*, as well as the *Great Walks* series. His slide presentation will explain, he said, “how homeowners on small lots and small budgets can create large, private gardens usually found only on very large estates.”

Susan E. Dumaine’s presentation, “Zoom in on Good Gardens,” will explore the principles of good design, especially geometry. “Circles and squares, for example, have a magical relationship and can provide the springboard to successful garden composition,” she said. Dumaine is owner of Horticultural Thoughts, a garden design service in Weston, MA.

The gardens at The Fells, which include an extensive Rock Garden, a formal Rose Terrace and a “secret” Pan Garden, are open to the public daily from dawn to dusk. The historic Main House opens for public tours Memorial Day weekend.



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Planning Board Notes—April 19, 2005

The Town of Bradford Planning Board had their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 19.

Call to Order: Bob Foor, Chair, called the April 19th Planning Board meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Roll Call: Present were: Barbara Vannata, Jim Bibbo, Alternate, Phil Lamoreaux, Bob Foor, Chair., Dave Pickman, Selectman, Susan Janicki, Alternate and Bill Glennie. Bob Foor, Chair seated Jim Bibbo for Doug Troy, and seated Susan Janicki for Marcia Keller

The February 8, 2005 minutes were reviewed. Motion was made by Phil Lamoreaux and seconded by Jim Bibbo to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed. Barbara Vannata and Dave Pickman abstained as they were not here. March 8, 2005 meeting: canceled because of snow storm.

SOLITUDE RIDGE.

Map 11, Lot 27: Subdivision of property between Fairgrounds Road and West Road Street. Plat's conditions have been met, Plat signed, subdivision compliance binder there, containing permits and documents pertaining to conditions of approval. Two requirements for the State, one which is getting approval from the Attorney General, and the second, they have a donation to the Conservation Commission of around \$31,000 or \$32,000 due. This has to be met before they can do anything at the location. Approval has to be acted upon within 5 years time.

PERRON SUBDIVISION, Map 4, Lot 10 Subdivision of property at 20 Fortune Road. Bob Foor, Chair has been in contact with the Perrons and they wish to make two lots out of one. The issue is that in the subdivision regulations there is a standard for a bridge. Therefore, the bridge crossing the brook would have to be brought up to standard for the subdivision to go through. Question is if the subdivision could be approved, and hang the upgrade of the bridge in

the Building Permit, which would mean there would be no developing until the bridge is brought up to standard. The Perron's Attorney sent a letter dated 4 - 13- 2005 requesting the Planning Board grant the subdivision approval without requiring the bridge be brought up to standards. But the Planning Board instead made it a condition of approval that no building permit may be issued until the bridge is brought up to standards. (Letters on file) In response to an inquiry made by Bob Foor, Chair to Mitchell & Bates, their response was



Planning Board meeting, April 19, 2005. l to r: Barbara Vannata, Alternates Susie Janicki and Jim Bibbo, Chairman Bob Foor, Phil Lamoreaux, Selectman Dave Pickman and Secretary Marge Cilley. Not pictured but present, Bill Glennie.

dated April 15, 2005, (letter on file) to the Planning Board advising that the Planning Board has jurisdiction over subdivisions, not building permits and the requirement of construction meet the NH DOT suggested minimum design standards that is contained in the subdivision regulations. They recommend that a condition of subdivision approval be that the bridge be brought up to SH-20 loading, (AASHTO) or that such work be bonded. A time frame of no more than a year within which actual upgrading of the bridge must be completed. Town council also responded the same to the Perron's attorney, William Aivalikles, Esquire, in a letter dated April 14, 2005. (Letter on file) This bridge impacts Tim Skillings property who has a second dwelling now. Bob Foor, Chair advised that the Town needs to set standards for bridges. Dave Pickman, Selectman advised the Fire Dept. needs input, if they will not go over the bridge, then there will not be full fire protection. Bob Foor suggested that the Planning Board should write a letter saying that the town

is not going to afford full fire protection to an owner because of an inadequacy of their bridge, but would fight it with portable equipment or whatever could be gotten in.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

JUANITA L AND JOSEPH N. BATTLES, Tax Map 10, Lot 12: Rowe Mountain Road (The Emerson Place) Site Plan Subdivision for Annexation: Present were Juanita and Joe Battles and Sonny Harris regarding a Boundary Line adjustment, of adding lot to Bellinos. All application checks were received and abutter's notices returned. Bob Foor, Chair advised that he and Lucy St. John, CNHRPC had some questions regarding the map, there being no legend, (depiction of survey) therefore a revision was done, which was put out for the public to review. Bob Foor, Chair opened the meeting for public comments. There being no comments from the public, the Public Hearing was closed. Motion

to accept the Boundary Line Adjustment as presented to be complete was made by Phil Lamoreaux and seconded by Susan Janicki. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to approve the Boundary Line Adjustment made by Jim Bibbo, seconded by Dave Pickman, Selectman, Motion carried unanimously.

PETTIGLIO PROPERTY, Tax Map 3, Lot 52,3 lots: NH Rt. 103 & Blaisdell Lake Road Site Plan for Subdivision Bob Foor, Chair read a letter (on file) from Virginia Mitchell & Edwin Geffken regarding the drainage and flooding on their property. Bob Foor advised them that being on Route 103, it is a State concern. Bob Foor, Chair advised that no review has been received from CNHRPC by the Planning Board. Bob Stewart, RCS Design, representing the Pettiglio's requested going over the application the old fashioned way by going over individual list to see if substantially complete, then put on for review. Abutter, Gary Warriner's certified letter notice has not been returned, all

Grand Opening of Mosaic Antiques

Mosaic Antiques, located on Route 103 in Bradford, will be having its Grand Opening on May 7th. A free gift for the first 50 customers! Mosaic Antiques is a stained glass art studio and gift shop offering handmade gifts from local artisans and craftsmen. Offerings include candles, ceramics, wind chimes, cards, jewelry, paintings, antiques, and much, much more. Local artists are welcome to bring a few samples to display in the shop, please feel free to stop by and inquire.

Mosaic and Stained Glass Classes will also be held at the shop. For a limited time, classes will be held at the Bradford Area Community Center at a discounted price. Look for the details in the BACC's Calendar of Events.

Owner and artist Carolyn Demer's is from Derry, NH and has been doing mosaic and stained glass art for ten years. She also does custom installations; kitchen backsplash, bathroom tiling, etc. Her work is very reasonably priced, just ask her references.

The local day care camps can also benefit, bring the kids in for a morning or afternoon lesson for only \$10 (Minimum 5 kids). Please ask about in-home children's birthday parties – for only \$10 per child and they each go home with a piece of handmade art.

Private and group lessons are available pre-registration is required.

Shop Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Directions: From I-93 merge onto I-89 North to exit 9 (Sunapee). Take a right off of the exit (towards Bradford) and Mosaic Antiques is 6 miles on the right, directly after the Sunshine Farm building. From the west: The studio and gift shop is located 5 miles from Sunapee Lake and 10 miles from Mount Sunapee on the left.

Saving Special Places 2005: Conservation Tools for a Growing State

The day-long conference on April 16, Saving Special Places 2005: Conservation Tools for a Growing State attracted more than 250 New Hampshire leaders and professionals in land conservation. It was sponsored by the the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, the Center for Land Conservation Assistance, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, and the Piscataquog Watershed Association. The 33 workshops offered covered a wide array of ethical and technical land conservation topics: from Land Conservation Planning, Basic Land Conservation Tools, Contemporary Land Conservation Issues, Land Conservation Finance, to Conservation Easement Stewardship and Land Management.

Whew! Quite a mouthful of technical topics for someone like myself who cares about the permanent protection of Bradford's special places. I chose workshops especially to hear a former Bradford neighbor, Tamara Van Ryn who works for the national Land Trust Alliance. Van Ryn gave workshops on the Ethics of Land Conservation and Land Trust Standards & Practices-updated for the 21st Century. I also attended Conservation Easements for Working Farms, led by Jerry Cosgrove of the American Farmland Trust.

With a brain filled to capacity and armed with an bookbag of hand-outs, brochures, and reference materials, I have begun my immersion into the complexities of land conservation. I now have some concept of its challenges, effective techniques of making it happen, the importance of working with land-owners and community, and the public benefits to our community. "Conservation

Tools for a Growing State" provided a framework for understanding the issues and gave some direction for preparing for New Hampshire's and Bradford's present and future growth spurts.

This year's keynote speaker was Darby Bradley, president of the Vermont Land Trust. During his tenure as VLT's general counsel and president helped conserve 435,000 acres of Vermont land, including 400 working farms. He spoke to the challenges of balancing different community needs and interests and how communities can retain what they value and acquire what they need. He stressed that plans must have clear general goals and public benefits. It is essential that the community has a voice in conservation decisions and that flexibility be the operating word.

The First Ever Annual Sarah Thorne Conservation Award, was shared by Phil Auger of Strafford and Meade Cadot of Hancock, honoring them for their major contributions to the protection of the integrity of New Hampshire's most treasured landscapes.

Planning, flexibility, legal and ethical best practices are some essential conservation tools for the 21st Century. The good news for our small local community is that there is an enormous network of people and resources available. They are ready to help us find answers as we develop successful projects that fit our community needs and interests.

Why conserve land? A few years back, life-long Bradford resident, Tillie Wheeler, stated the issue clearly, "They're not making it any more."

—Audrey V. Sylvester

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Real Estate Hints:

Mistakes Seniors Make

by *Laura Hallaban*

We all know that buying or selling a home can be a complicated, stress-filled process even when things go smoothly. Seniors have many added issues to deal with and need to be even more diligent in planning their purchase or sale.

SELLING SIDE: Pricing the home too low. Often, seniors price their home incorrectly because they don't know how it compares to others in the marketplace. A market analysis by a Realtor is usually free and will give the seller an idea of what has sold and what is on the market currently in the area. As with estimates on home repairs, sellers often choose to have more than one Realtor provide them with an analysis and suggested listing price range so they can compare before making a decision. Seniors should also consult their financial advisor, accountant, doctor and anyone else who can provide information on the timing of when to sell and the concerns there may be for investments, taxes, lifestyle and emotional needs. Many seniors feel they have no choice but to sell. While not for everyone, a reverse mortgage may be the answer to staying in a much beloved home. As many seniors have equity in their homes, another idea is to apply for a home equity loan to make modifications if, for example, changes are needed to be able to stay in a house. Perhaps having a first floor bedroom and bath will delay the need to sell the property. Too much clutter can kill a sale. Rather than leaving the cleanup of your belongings to your children or heirs, now is the time to start going through things and giving away or selling collections, donating clothes and other items. The house will show better, too. Com-

mitting to a closing date without having anywhere to go. Moving is stressful enough, so be sure to time things so no one is homeless or forced to stay with family or in a motel.

BUYING SIDE: Not paying attention to transportation needs. Seniors often buy while they can still drive and then realize that other means of transportation are non-existent or limited. Check out bus lines, community transportation, taxis, etc. Be practical and plan ahead. Look for one-floor living, limited stairs in and out of the house, level driveways, non-slip floors, bathroom grab bars and other essentials. Explore the new community. Visit at different times of the year and even at different times of the day to see what happens in the area before you commit to moving there. Understand the reality of living away from family and friends. We all like to be warm, but if seniors move away from the kids, grandkids and friends, they may find themselves traveling more than expected if schedules don't allow loved ones to visit their new location.

NEW FEATURE: Recent Sales in Bradford

Each month I will list the sales that have taken place in town the prior month, just to keep readers abreast of the market. Dates will coordinate with deadlines for the Bridge.

Lot 12 West Meadow Road, new Cape on 5 acres, \$242,000

81 Marshall Hill Road, Cottage/Camp on 2.88 acres, \$136,400

127 Old Warner Road, Ranch w/outbuildings on 42.85 acres, \$500,000

105 Fairgrounds Road, Raised Ranch on 13.83 acres, \$165,000

2097 Route 103, Mobile home w/detached garage on 2.9 acres, \$157,500

NH Women's Lobby

As the 2005 Legislative session comes to an end, it is worth considering the work of one organization lobbying for the economic and social benefits of women, children and families in NH.

The NH Women's Lobby (NHWL), founded in 1980, is a grassroots, non-partisan, statewide membership organization, whose mission is to promote public policy to improve the economic and social well-being of NH women and their families. NHWL has consistently advocated for the development of equitable public policy in areas such as welfare reform, minimum wage issues, the death penalty for children, affordable health insurance and unemployment insurance for part time workers, (many of whom are women with children and elderly parents to care for at home).

The initial description of a bill may not point obviously to its impact on women and families. It has been the mission of the NHWL to analyze seemingly innocuous proposed legislation and determine its actual effect on real people, particularly those struggling to make ends meet while caring for and protecting families. Much of the legislation that comes before NH committees stems from a particularly partisan or personal point of view. For instance, a former legislator who had assaulted a woman in his youth, attempted to change the definition of "assault" with his proposed legislation. The NHWL testified to inform legislators of the dire effects of altering the state's domestic violence statutes to include a change of definition and the gentleman's legislation failed. Now that a state budget is being set, the NHWL is offering testimony on how proposed cuts in social services will effect women and children and how, in the end, severe cuts result in more broken families, hospitalizations and incarcerations, negative results that diminish family stability and increase overall state costs to local budgets.

If you are interested in learning more about the NHWL, would like to participate in a "how to lobby" workshop or would enjoy speaking with other advocates who are dedicated to promoting equality in policymaking, please consider joining the lobby. For more information, e-mail "nhwomen@earthlink.net" or call me at 938-2692.

—Beth Rodd

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others have been received. All checks are in. Driveway access permits are pending, however, being on Route 103, the State deals with this. Letter dated Jan. 12, 2004 from DOT on file regarding highway curb cuts which were previously approved for agricultural purposes. Letter dated April 11, 2005 (on file) advising changing proposal from access for agricultural, to access for two single family residences. Septic approval is pending, has been submitted for lots 2B & 2C. Test pits have been done on all 3 lots. Planning Board does not have ROW descriptions. Deed descriptions received. Motion was made by Phil Lamoreaux to accept the Site Plan for Subdivision application as complete with the understanding that all criteria be reviewed by CNHRPC. Seconded by Jim Bibbo. Motion carried. Bill Glennie voted nay. This will start the 65 day time frame for approval of the application. Public Hearing opened, there being no comments, it was closed. Continuation of this meeting will be May 10, 2005.

Bob Stewart suggested that perhaps an independent review might need to be acquired since CNHRPC is having work load problems, with the process being one week short with tonight's meeting being held on the 19th rather than the 12th of April, and they would be willing to apply the escrow funds be paid to whom ever is used. Bob Foor, Chair will check into this.

MAPLEVIEW DEVELOPMENT LLC (ANDERSON PROPERTY), Tax Map 3, Lot 94, 2 lots: Old Warner Road Site Plan for Subdivision Mark D., Mapview Development LLC present. This is phase I of Mapview subdivisions only, dividing off house lot from bigger piece of land, and does not require special exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment. There has been no review received of the subdivision by CNHRPC. Trudy Willett's certified letter receipt has not been received. None has been received by the Andersons. The abutters list should have shown the current owners and the Planning Board needs certificate of ownership at this time. Bob Foor, Chair will follow up on this. All of the check list requirements have been met. Motion was made to accept the site plan application as complete by Bill Glennie and seconded by Susan Janicki with the understanding that all criteria be reviewed by CNHRPC. Motion carried unanimously. Bob Foor,

Chair opened the meeting to the public. Everett Kittridge questioned a boundary abutting his property where an iron gate has been installed fairly recently without his knowledge, and where an iron pin will be set at that same location which is the only bound he is unable to find. His question is what kind of a bound will it be, and when will it be set? Bob Foor, Chair, stated he would like to have this in the major subdivision that Mapview will be doing as it is not a part of this lot. Everett Kittridge wants it to be in the records. Mel Pfeifle questioned the wetlands, how the water flows and the impact on their land, but that will also be more applicable on the major subdivision. She does not feel it is pertinent to this application. Continuance of the Mapview Subdivision will be on May 10, 2005. Mark D. questioned if acceptance and approval can be accomplished in the same meeting to which Bob Foor, Chair, responded that if that were a request than an application for modification should state that. Had the Planning Board received the review from CNHRPC and there were no issues with this, there would have been no problem tonight to accomplish this.

CONCEPTUAL DISCUSSION: Bob Foor, Chair talked with Mr. Pelletier regarding conceptual options for a 3 or 4 piece subdivision of property on Day Pond Road. I advised them that it is a class VI road and cannot be subdivided with the current subdivision regulations. An option would be to go to the town at Town Meeting to vote to get the town to accept the road as a class V road.

CONCEPTUAL DISCUSSION: BILL & RITA MORSE, Tax Map 8, Lots 23 & 24 & 25, approximately 94 acres on East Washington Road. Discussed having a 3 or 4 car garage with an apartment over it, and separate home on one 32 acre lot with 400' road frontage. On the same parcel would like to subdivide a building lot for a relative. Would separate it into 3 lots. Also considering family cluster subdivision. This would require a road built to subdivision regulation standards, even tho a private road. Bob Foor, Chair, suggested they talk with the Fire Chief to get his input. Bob Foor advised if putting in a garage with apartment above, you would need to go to the Zoning Board of Adjustment to get a special exception for a second dwell-

ing unit on a single lot.

SPECIFIC COMMUNICATION:

CHESTNUT HOLLOW, Map Tax Map 11, Lot 9 Forest Street Bob Foor e-mailed Chestnut Hollow advising them the Planning Board is out of money in the escrow account and needs some to continue reviews from Provan & Lorber, and that further issues will be stopped 'til more money has been received. They did forward a check for \$1500. Road verification is needed. Mitchell & Bates, PA letter of March 8, 2005 (letter on file) regarding the proposed Easement Deed. Letter dated April 15, 2005 (on file) from Mitchell & Bates, PA covering legal documents relating to this subdivision.

Siarto Lawsuit: Letters dated Feb. 17, 2005 and Feb. 17, 2005 on file

Letter from Robert & Margaret McLennard, 7 Davis Road, regarding variance of setbacks. Zoning Board of Adjustment concerns. ZBA grants variance for Maple View Development with conditions, an upcoming concern.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS: Memo from Office of Energy and Planning dated 2/11/05 regarding personal wireless service facility. Info updated March 4, 2005 indicating there is none in Bradford was taken care of by Bob Foor, Chair.

Memo received dated 3/16/05 from CNHRPC on Draft Transportation Improvement Program.

Margaret Ainslie, Tax Map 21, Lot 7 & 8 Oakdale Road Voluntary merger of two lots into one. Notice of Voluntary Merger of Lots form signed and dated April 19, 2005. Motion to merge two lots, 7 & 8 into one made by Bill Glennie and seconded by Susan Janicki. Motion carried unanimously.

Dave Pickman, Selectman advised that the Planning Board should advise all subdivision owners that they are required to put up on all new private roads. Street signs with "Private Road" and "Street name" on them. This is necessary for 911 and Fire Dept. information.

Dave Pickman advised a builder on Deer Valley Road has applied for and received approval for 2 septic systems, but is coming into the Planning Board with a request for one building. Will need to subdivide or request special exception. Needs to go through proper channels.

Meeting Adjourned 9:45 PM

*—Respectfully submitted, Marjorie R. Cilley,
unapproved minutes*

Selectmen's Notes – March & April 05

Spring has returned to Bradford yet despite heavy rains and flooding only minor damage was recorded to town roads. Town roads are currently posted to prohibit heavy trucking. Permission to pass with vehicles exceeding the posted limits must be obtained from the Road Agent and is granted on a day by day basis. We recommend contacting the Highway department at 7 a.m. for more info.

Bradford experienced two serious structure fires during March – Bowies Market and Bruce Caswell's Auto Repair business. The Selectmen wish to thank the police and fire department for their prompt response. In addition, the Board would like to congratulate the Townspeople, and those from surrounding towns, for the community spirit in coming together to offer our local businesses and friends assistance during these tragedies. Fund raisers for both the Bowies' Market and Bruce Caswell were very successful and both remind us of the best parts of living in a small community. The outpouring of help both in money and labor was truly remarkable. Such heartwarming actions remind us of the meaning of neighbors helping neighbors.

The Board of Selectmen worked diligently to insure the fire damage on Main Street was cleared in a timely fashion. The amount of red tape necessary to insure safe cleanup of fire debris was remarkable.

The Road Committee met on April 13th to discuss the Jones Road Bridge project as well as the drainage issues on Center Road. The work on Center Road will be bid shortly with hopes to complete the work during the late summer.

Town meeting authorized the establishment of an insurance committee to study the issues around health benefits and elected officials. Selectmen Fenton has met with the Committee consisting of Tandy Hartford, Joe Conway, Bruce Bowie, Perry Teele and Gary Wall. Many useful suggestions have been offered by the group and as a result the Board is reviewing the personnel manual and all policies. Where there were grey areas or questions regarding policy eligibility, the Selectmen have revisited the matter, contacted town counsel and voted all necessary corrections to the policy. The insurance committee will continue their study and report back to the

town at some later date.

The Town has received the risk management reports from our insurance carrier with property safety recommendations. The Town Hall, Fire House, Community Center and Highway Garage were all inspected. Many costly safety issues were raised at the Town Hall including the need for fire sprinklers, security separators for the office workers, panic alarms tied to dispatch and an electrical evaluation conducted by an electrical engineer to alleviate the overuse of extension cords to service technical equipment in the current office areas. The Police Department corrections included the need for a separation of adults and juveniles, a burglar alarm system for evidence, separate evidence storage areas, taped video surveillance installed to view interior and exterior areas and separate bathrooms installed inside the police area for arrestees. The Highway Department also is in need of some changes to the building including furnace compressor room separation, burglar alarms, improved ventilation systems as well as storage issues. The Fire Department needs facilities for washing and drying fire gear as well as a vehicle central exhaust system installed in the station.

This information will be used in the implementation of the facility needs assessment approved at town meeting. The town must respond to the Property Liability Trust with its plan for correction of these safety issues. The Trust realizes the more costly of these issues will require budgeting into future periods. The next step is to establish whether the current buildings are meeting the space requirements of each department. The Board of Selectmen requests that citizens interested in participating in a Facility Committee contact the office.

From your Police Department...

We welcome two new part-time officers to our ranks.

Officer Sheri Swinerton has completed the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Academy and Field Training with the Bradford Police Department. Officer Swinerton is a long time resident of the area and graduated from Kearsarge Regional High School.


Officer Anthony Shepherd is a graduate of the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training full-time academy. "Tony" is also an Assistant County Attorney with the Cheshire County Attorney's Office.

The department has also hired a full-time candidate. Officer Ed Shaughnessy is currently attending the full-time academy with New Hampshire Police Standards and Training.

Officers drew 488 calls for service (see below) during the month of:


MARCH 2005	
Business Checks	190
Traffic Offense - Citation	38
Traffic Offense - Warnings	205
Traffic Offense - Arrest	5
Traffic Accident- Not reportable ...	2
Road Hazard/Obstruction	2
Domestic Dispute	2
Abandoned Vehicle	2
Police Assists	14
Other	28
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TOTAL	488

Officer Stephen Valiquet has been registered for the Instructors Program for DARE and is currently scheduled to attend this fall.



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Food for Thought:

The Cost of Winning

by Mike Quinn

When I was seven, I played Little League baseball. We went 0-for-June-and-July and struggled to a 1-13 finish.

At the end of that long season, the coach told us that he appreciated our effort and team spirit. He told us that while we hadn't won a trophy, we still got to play baseball.

I learned a lot that summer: keep your eye on the ball when you are fielding a sharp grounder or it will hit you in the mouth; keep your eye on the opposing base runner so he doesn't bowl you over in the baseline.

Most importantly, I learned the difference between winning and losing. Losing wasn't nearly as pleasant as winning, and it convinced me to try that much harder the next season. Every kid in the division wanted a trophy, but only 13 got one.

Today, many youth leagues and parents subscribe to the principle that kids should be sheltered from the sting of losing at any cost. They hand out medals and trophies to everyone at the end of the year; 5-year-olds participate in T-ball All-Star Tournaments; parents vehemently argue

calls in leagues that are supposed to be instructional.

I wonder how these kids will ever understand and appreciate the concept of winning if they don't know what it means to lose? If we ply them with medals and certificates and batting gloves and individual bat bags, how will they ever learn how to appreciate the game simply for the game? And how will they feel the day that they rise to a level where scores and standings are kept, and they realize not everyone is going to get a trophy?

My brother was an outfielder on a 14-0 team a few summers later; he and his teammates won their age division. The trophy held a place of honor in my parents' home, then was tucked away, a part of family lore to this day. My career spanned another six years; every team finished at or below .500. I never won a trophy, but loved every minute. I got to play baseball.

Mike Quinn is a writer living in Bradford. Comments or column ideas? E-mail Mike at michaelquinn@tds.net.

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Obituary

DONALD R. DOUGLASS



Donald R. Douglass, 85, of Fairgrounds Road, Bradford, died in Concord on March 3, 2005.

He was born in Concord on September 26, 1919, the son of Harmon T. "Jack" and Hattie A (Hall) Douglass. He lived almost his whole life in Bradford, moving here when he was a young boy. He served in the US Army Air Corps from 1939 to 1945.

Mr. Douglass was a track foreman and worked on large sites for B&M Railroad from 1946 to 1966. From 1966 until he retired in 1989, he was Supervisor of Maintenance at the New London Hospital. He was a former member of the Bradford Volunteer Fire Department and a former Forest Fire Warden. He was a huge NASCAR and Red Sox fan. A loving husband, Mr. Douglass enjoyed fishing and working outdoors.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Harriet (Harris) Douglass of Bradford; a daughter, Leslie Davidson of Kennan, Wisconsin; four grandchildren, two great grandchildren; sister and brother-in-law, Arlene and Kenneth Bouchard of Concord; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

A funeral service was held March 6, 2005. Burial will be in Sunny Plain Cemetery, Bradford, in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Bradford Rescue Squad, POB 381, Bradford, NH 03221



Letters



Dear Editor,

Anyone who has lived in this area for the past few months has seen the outpouring of support for our local businesses who were devastated by fire. I have noticed that people who have been here for several years take this kind of caring as commonplace - "It's just what we do." Having recently come from a Massachusetts small town, I want to tell you that in other areas it is not commonplace.

My husband and I retired to Bradford in 2002. We have had a summer house since 1980 and spent several summers here but being here full time was different. From the first few months after we arrived, I began to have a feeling that this was a "special" place to live. The open arms policy that we found gave us a feeling of comfort and welcome. Although we found a few wonderful Bradford natives, we also found most people were transplants, like us, from another state. This transplant existence and blend of native hospitality has raised this acceptance of newcomers as a common bond.

This common bond has fostered a closeness that brings about the ham and bean supper, breakfast and corned beef and cabbage dinner that we all attended last month. It has given us newcomers the feeling that even if we have a tragedy, the people of the area would come together to help. I have always had friends and family that I know would support us but never in my life have I experienced the comfort of knowing that all the people in town would become my friends and family in a time of need.

—Jackye Pebrson

Dear Editor,

When my family moved to Bradford almost a decade ago, it wasn't long before we became involved in the transition of the *Bradford Bridge* as its founders were preparing to leave town. In the course of that work, we were introduced to Marion and Vernon Hall who, at the time, volunteered as a delivery team.

The Halls were some of the first people in town who made us feel welcomed even though we had arrived from another state just south of New Hampshire. Their commitment to the town and its people is an example of what makes Bradford a special place to call home.

The recent loss of Vernon Hall leaves a void that can't be measured. He brightened our streets and showed us all what being a gentleman and good citizen means.

—Mark Fairbank

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-Gail Bostic



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First Baptist Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

BIBLE STUDY: Our Bible Study has moved to Thursday Nights. The group meets in the "Family Room" in the Fisk House from 6:30 - 8 p.m. They are studying the Minor Prophets.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN GUILD: Ladies will meet at the church on Friday, May 6, at 11:15 a.m. and carpool to the Presbyterian Church in New London for Church Women United's celebration of World Friendship Day. There will be a lunch and program.

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES: ABWM will host its annual "Celebration of God's Daughters Banquet" on Wednesday, May 11 at 6 p.m. Dinner and program will be provided.

GOD'S SQUAD (a/k/a Youth Group grades 5-8): Youth will meet at the church on Sunday, May 15 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Youth should bring a bag lunch. Dessert and beverage will be provided. We will then do some yard work for someone who is unable to do their own yard work this year. Sunday, May 29 (11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.) We will have pizza at the Pizza Chef and then return to the church for games and a discussion about loved ones who have died and how they affected our lives.

FOOD PANTRY: The May distribution date is Wednesday, May 18 from 6 -7 p.m. Food can also be obtained at other times by calling the church office at 938-5313.

PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICE: Our monthly Praise and Worship Service will be held Wednesday, May 18 at 7 p.m. This is an evening of singing praise songs, traditional songs, prayer, sharing and fellowship.

CHILDREN'S DAY: On Sunday, May 22 at 10 a.m., our children will lead the worship service. Their curriculum this year has been the "Jerusalem Marketplace" and they will display 3 marketplace stations for the church to look at. They will be displaying banners they have made, sing some special Jewish songs and share their learnings, i.e. What is the Hawdolah candle used for and what is the SpiceBox used for?"

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Men in the church will meet at the home of Fred and Lynne Hubley on Wednesday, May 25 at 7 p.m. for an evening of pool, refreshments and fellowship.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: Olan Mills will be at our church on Thursday, May 26 and Friday, May 27 from 3 - 9:30 p.m. to take pictures of church families. Each family will receive a free 8x10 photo and church directory.



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Outside

by J. Ann Eldridge

Timberdoodle = cock of the woods = bog sucker = wood snipe = woodcock.

One morning thirty something years ago, my family discovered a lifeless woodcock in the driveway. A high school classmate of my sister had an interest in taxidermy and took temporary possession of the beautiful feathered body. I don't know what happened to the amateur animal stuffer, but I do know something of what happened to the stuffed woodcock. The woodcock and I relocated many times until, dusty and tattered, its remains were released to the suburban wilds of central Massachusetts. The original forested wetland habitat of the bird's and my origin has long since been filled in and covered with lawns and houses.

Woodcock returned from their wintering grounds in the southern states a month or so ago. They are among the earliest arrivals, waiting only for the bogs, spring holes and roadside ditches to thaw enough for the earthworms to rise to the warming surface. Snow may still cover the hill-sides. Woodcock "borings" are distinctive, closely spaced holes drilled in the mud, resembling the pattern of sapsucker's work on trees.

Woodcock bills and powerful jaw muscles are similar to those of curlew, snipe, dowitcher and godwit – all birds that forage beneath the earth's surface. They probe with bills equipped with extra nerve endings. An unusual design involves the movement of the bones in the front of the skull that then push that long bone running the length of the upper mandible forward. This causes the flexible tip of the bill to curve upwards on a slight hinge. These birds can thus capture a meal without forcing the entire length of bill open against the full resistance of sand or mud.

At this season, woodcock presence is detected aurally more often than visually. At dusk and dawn, from courtship through incubation, their peculiar call comes from clearings by the brushy edges of wetlands. A soft "gulp" is followed by a loud nasal "bleat". This would seem a rude noise to the ears of our beloved, but it works for them. A series of these "peenting" sounds, sometimes accompanied by strutting, tail-fanning, bowing, and contortions of the head and bill, is executed at dusk, triggered by a certain level of light. The male is then inspired to leap into the air and fly in a high ascending spiral of perhaps 300 feet before dropping back to where he started. His wing feathers make a rapid twittering noise, and this sound rises to a high-pitched vocal chirping before a brief silence signals the headlong descent.

The male continues to entertain the female for hours on end while she loosely constructs an inconspicuous nest-

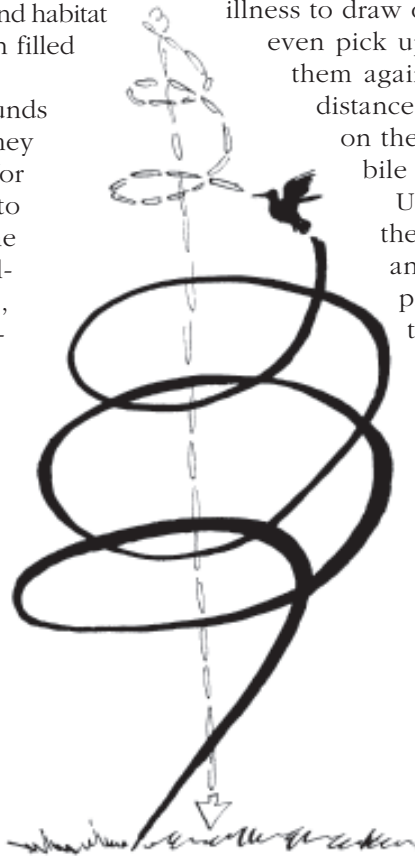
ing depression on the ground. She lays three to five eggs and does most of the incubating. Their camouflage is so good that woodcock can remain motionless until very nearly trod upon. In an interesting departure from the conventional method, woodcock chicks have both an upper and a lower temporary "egg tooth" on their stumpy little bills, and crack their shells longitudinally rather than latitudinally. Somewhat precocious at hatching, the chicks are able to be up and running within hours. They can feed themselves and follow the protective mother, who will feign illness to draw off predators or bird watchers. She may even pick up the young chicks with her feet, hold them against her body, and fly with them some distance. The young can flutter to some degree on their own at two weeks and are fully mobile in less than a month.

Unfortunately, the adults can not train their offspring to be aware of power lines and cell towers on the migration route, protect them from the ubiquitous domestic cat, teach them to lobby for buffer zones around wetlands, or educate them about gunners. It is likely that the woodcock population rose at the beginning of the colonial period with the clearing of the forests. In 1894, for instance, over 1,000 woodcock were shot on a single November day over Framingham, Massachusetts. By 1900, only six years later, there were no longer migratory flights of more than a half dozen birds at a time. Weather and hunting pressures fluctuate, and despite the gloomy prediction of the early bird journals, the woodcock has hung on. If you have a wooded wetland area on your property, you could consider opening a small field a hundred feet or so upland

and see what happens. More information can be found through the Coverts project of the UNH system or the Department of Fish and Game.

In Bradford, woodcock are not an uncommon sight or sound, especially during their spring season of courtship. Later in the year they can be found at dusk or dawn rummaging in the undergrowth, beating the ground in likely places with their wings and feet, causing annoyed and puzzled earthworms to rise within reach. It is not known exactly why this strategy works. It is also not fully understood why some people would wish to stuff the bodies of dead wildlife, or even write short articles about them, yet they sometimes do.

—Reprinted from the Bradford Bridge—May, 2002



Bradford Area Community Center

MAY 2005 Calendar

MONDAY, MAY 2

Mosaic Art Class, 9:30–11 a.m. with Carol Demers. Call 938–6228 to register
Bridge Group, 1–4 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 3

Yoga Class, 6–7:30 p.m. Call Fran at 456–3099 for information

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

Yoga Class, 10–11:30 a.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 5

Mosaic Art Class, 7–8:30 p.m. with Carol Demers

MONDAY, MAY 9

Cutting Art Glass, 9:30–11 a.m. with Carol Demers. Call 938–6228 to register
Bridge Group, 1–4 p.m.
Junior Girl Scouts, 6–7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 10

Brownies, 3–5 p.m.
Yoga Class, 6–7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

Yoga Class, 10–11:30 a.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 12

Health Clinic, 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
Bradford Area Community Center Board Meeting, 5–6:30 p.m.
Cutting Art Glass, 7–8:30 p.m. with Carol Demers

SATURDAY, MAY 14

Writing Group, 11a.m.–1 p.m.
Senior Council, 1–3 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 16

Garden Stepping Stones Class, 9:30–11 a.m. with Carol Demers
Bridge Group, 1–4 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 17

Yoga Class, 6–7:30 p.m.
Kearsarge Area Preschool Parent's Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

Yoga Class, 10–11:30 a.m.

THURSDAY MAY 19

Blood Pressure and Foot Clinic with Personal Touch Home Health Care. This free clinic is open to everyone in the community.
11a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Garden Stepping Stones, 7–8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

Painting Class, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Call 938–6228 for information

SUNDAY, MAY 22

Painting Class, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Call 938–6228

MONDAY, MAY 23

Mosaic Art Class, 9:30–11 a.m. with Carol Demers
Bridge Group, 1–4 p.m.
Junior Girl Scouts, 6–7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 24

Brownies, 3–5 p.m.
Yoga Class, 6–7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

Yoga Class, 10–11:30 a.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 26

Mosaic Art Class, 7–8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 28

Writing Group, 11a.m.–1 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 30

Bridge Group, 1–4 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 31

Yoga Class 6–7:30 p.m.

BACC PROGRAM INFORMATION

For general information or to schedule an activity, call Director Jarna Perkins at 938–6228. There is available time and space to accommodate all age groups, organizations, or activities at the BACC.

For details or questions regarding Meals on Wheels, CAP Transportation, or Senior Programs call Senior Center Program Director, Sandi Bandieri at 938–2104.

For Kearsarge Area Preschool information, contact Fred Hubley at 938–5521.

For general info, call the Administration Office at 938–6228.



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MAY ACTIVITIES & Dining

Bradford Area Senior Center

MONDAY, MAY 2

- 8:45 a.m. Strong Living Exercises
 10 a.m. Ceramics with Doris. Bus departs 9:45 a.m.
 12 p.m. Lunch: Salisbury Steak, Mushroom Gravy, Whipped Potato, Capri Blend Vegetables and Pudding for dessert
 2 p.m. "Journey With Me" Writing Workshop

TUESDAY, MAY 3

- 10 a.m. Bradford Quilting Bees
 12 p.m. Lunch: Baked Ham with Raisin Sauce, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Rye Bread and Cookie for dessert

THURSDAY, MAY 5

- 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. Foot Massage with Betty Perron. Appointments must be made. Call 938–2104 for your own personal foot massage. Donations are appreciated.
 12 p.m. Lunch: Make your own Taco Salad, Sangria, Nachos and Fresh Fruit Salad
 12 p.m. We pay tribute to Mothers! We'll share mother stories, show and tell pictures of family, and each mother will receive a carnation. Reservations are recommended. Please call 938–2104.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

- 8:45 a.m. Strong Living Exercises
 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m. "Continental Breakfast Café". Fresh fruit, pastry, cereal, juice and coffee every Friday

MONDAY, MAY 9

- 8:45 a.m. Strong Living Exercises
 10 a.m. Ceramics w/Doris. Bus departs 9:45 a.m.
 Noon- Lunch: Teriyaki Chicken, Seasoned Brown Rice, Oriental Veggie, Pineapple Tidbits and Fortune Cookie.
 2 p.m. "Journey With Me" Writing Workshop

TUESDAY, MAY 10

- Noon- Lunch: Spaghetti and Meatballs, Sauce, Cheese, Italian Green Beans, Italian Bread and Tapioca Pudding for dessert

THURSDAY, MAY 12

- 10:30 a.m. Senior Center Open House celebrating National Senior Center Week. Everyone in the community is invited to the Bradford Area Senior Center's open house for a foot massage with Betty Perron (donations are appreciated), see displays of senior center activities, watch a Strong Living exercise demonstration at 11 a.m., and talk to local services such as Lake Sunapee VNA. See our new quilt to be raffled and win a door prize! Caroline Verity and Mary Bailey from our writing workshop will read short stories. Come see what your Senior Center is all about. View activities or maybe join in with the young at heart. Stay for a delicious luncheon. Reservations must be made in advance. Please call 938–2104 to reserve space.
 Noon- Lunch: Sliced Turkey with Gravy, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Sweet Potatoes, Winter Blend Veggie and Brownie for dessert

FRIDAY, MAY 13

- 8:45 a.m. Strong Living Exercises
 10 a.m.–Noon- "Continental Breakfast Café". Fresh fruit, pastry, cereal, juice and coffee

MONDAY, MAY 16

- 8:45 a.m. Strong Living Exercises
 10 a.m. Stitching Club. Bus departs 9:45 a.m.
 Noon- Lunch: Creamed Chipped Beef, Biscuit, Broccoli and Pudding for dessert
 2 p.m. "Journey With Me" Writing Workshop

TUESDAY, MAY 17

- 10 a.m. Bradford Quilting Bees
 Noon- Lunch: Shepherd's Pie, Corn, Roll, Fruit Cup and Fudge Stick for dessert

THURSDAY, MAY 19

- Noon- Lunch: Pork Fritter with Gravy, Applesauce, Mashed Potatoes, Veggie, Pumpnickel Bread and Jello for dessert

FRIDAY, MAY 20

- 8:45 a.m. Strong Living Exercises
 10 a.m.–Noon- "Continental Breakfast Café". Fresh fruit, pastry, cereal, juice and coffee

MONDAY, MAY 23

- 8:45 a.m. Strong Living Exercises
 10 a.m. Ceramics with Doris. Bus departs 9:45 a.m.
 Noon- Lunch: Hot Dog and Roll, Baked Beans, Sauerkraut and Pears for dessert
 2 p.m. "Journey With Me" Writing Workshop

TUESDAY, MAY 24

- 12 p.m. Lunch: Stuffed Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes, Diced Carrots, Bread and Cake for dessert

THURSDAY, MAY 26

- 12 p.m. Lunch: Turkey and Rice Casserole, Sliced Carrots and dessert

FRIDAY, MAY 27

- 8:45 a.m. Strong Living Exercises
 10 a.m.–Noon- "Continental Breakfast Café". Fresh fruit, pastry, cereal, juice and coffee

MONDAY, MAY 30

- The Bradford Area Senior Center is closed in observance of Memorial Day

TUESDAY, MAY 31

- Noon- Lunch: Chicken Monterrey over Ziti, Peas and Onions and Cookie for dessert

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May Calendar

MONDAY, MAY 9

Library Trustees, BML, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 3

Selectmen's Meeting, Town Hall, 5 p.m.
Kearsarge Area Preschool Board Meeting,
BACC, 6:30 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustment,
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 5

Cemetery Commission,
27 Fairgrounds Rd., 6 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 9

Rural Heritage Connection, BACC, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 10

Bradford Women's Club Board Meeting,
BACC, 9:30-11 a.m.
Planning Board, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

Parks & Recreation, BACC, 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY MAY 14TH

The Senior Council (Saturday Seniors) of
Bradford Area Community Center cordially
invite all seniors in the five town area to
attend our meeting to be held 1-3 pm.
Bring your ideas for future programs with you
and be prepared for a lot of fun playing Bingo
and enjoying refreshments.

TUESDAY, MAY 17

Kearsarge Area Preschool Parent's
Meeting, BACC, 6:30 p.m.
Selectmen, Town Hall, 5 p.m.
Conservation Commission,
Town Hall, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

Friends of Brown Memorial Library
Annual Meeting, 7 p.m. For members,
non-members, & artists.

TUESDAY, MAY 25

Planning Board, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

ONGOING

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME, Wednesdays at
Brown Memorial Library, 10:30 a.m.

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To list events for the June
Calendar, please call Beth Rodd
at 938-2692
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before May 15th.

Due to printing deadlines, the
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the 15th of the month.
Articles and notices received after
the 20th will be included only if
space allows.

Bradford Bridge June 2005 Deadlines

Display ads	May 15th
Classified ads	May 15th
Regular Features	May 15th
Articles	May 20th



Entertainment and Arts For Little Hearts, presented by the Kearsarge Area Pre-
school hosted "Creating Garden Stepping Stones", A Wonderful Mother's Day
gift. This event was held April 23rd at the BACC and was presented by Holly
Kimball of Beech Hill Farms in Hopkinton. Holly demonstrated how to make
beautiful and unique garden stepping stones. Pictured are Matthew and Taryn
Hubley with their stepping stone creations.