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Master Plan Adopted; Residents Share Ideas at Public Hearing

by Beth Rodd and Phyllis Wilcox

On Saturday, April 22, the Bradford Planning Board and over thirty townspeople met for a potluck dinner at KRES Bradford to discuss the town's recently completed Master Plan.

Planning Board chair Bob Foor led the meeting, explaining to the audience that the Master Plan is a policy guide and a compilation of the



facts, goals and recommendations, a tool of the planning board to use data supplied by the town.

Foor explained that the previous Master Plan goals were not moved and implemented. Since that plan was prepared, there are State guidelines which specify implementation of a town master plan. The previous public hearing was held on November 12 when Foor gave a brief overview of this plan that the board had been working on over the past year. At that meeting separate groups reviewed the draft goals and objectives from the individual chapters of the plan.

The Master Plan includes sections on Population and Economic Development, Transportation, Housing, Natural Features, Community Facilities, Historic and Cultural Features, and Future Land Use and the establishment of a separate "lake zone" to provide for protection and development on Lakes Todd and Massasecum.

The Master Plan was unanimously adopted by the Planning Board; the next step is the integration and implementation stage, which requires input and organization from Bradford town boards;

volunteer activity from citizens; and a gathering and sharing of resources, creativity and talent to move towards collective goals established

over the past several years.

Planning Board Chair Bob Foor vowed that the board would accept the mandate to coordinate people and ideas so that the town can move towards accomplishing the objectives of the plan. The Planning Board will initiate zoning guidelines; ordinances and regulations to ensure that the tenets of the Master Plan are protected and supported. For example, a used car lot on Main Street would not be aligned with the Master Plan goal of creating a cozy New England downtown that boasted charm and hospitality. However, in a commercially-designated area, it would be appropriate.

A number of studies have been completed over time, each concerned with an aspect of the future of Bradford. The planning board, Foor said, is charged with pulling all the studies together. "We have to take a plateful and break it down

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Bradford Woman Named School Nurse of The Year

by Beth Rodd

Bradford is proud to claim longtime resident, Lisa MacLean, as NH School Nurse of the Year. MacLean, who has been a school nurse in the Kearsarge Regional High School for the past thirteen years, is beloved by colleagues, friends and students. With a background in psychiatric nursing and two children of her own, Ryan and Meg; Lisa, who lives with her husband Scott, has a special gift for understanding the physical and psychological make-up of teenagers.



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The Bradford Bridge is written by neighbors, for neighbors. Anyone is welcome to submit articles and/or photographs of interest to the community. We reserve the right to edit submissions for length or content.

Bradford Rescue Squad Open House

You may have seen them responding to a call or marching in the Independence Day parade. Now is your opportunity to get to know the Bradford Rescue Squad a little better.

The Bradford Rescue Squad will hold its Open House on Sunday, May 7 from 11 am to 1 pm (rain or shine). Visitors will be able to tour the new ambulance, meet the members, and check their blood pressure. There will be games and fun for the kids and refreshments.

The Open House is an excellent opportunity to take a look behind the scenes, learn what the Rescue Squad does, enjoy some goodies, and find out how you can help. Be sure to stop by the fire station and say hello.

Soccer Camp Signups



Registration for Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports (BNSYS) Major League Soccer Camp, which will be held from July 31 through August 4, is underway. Camp will take place at Warren Brook Park on Old Warner Road. Programs are available for children from age 3 up to those entering the 8th grade. Registration deadline is July 1; forms are available at www.bynys.org. Contact Jennifer Dow at 938-2939 or dow@iamnow.com for more information.

News from the Bradford Women's Club

Many thanks go out to Marlene Freyler, who hosted our last meeting. There is so much to know about flora and she was very informative. The next general meeting will be our Annual Dinner (we have switched the luncheon to a dinner to make it easier for attendees) at the St. Peter's Mason Lodge on Tuesday, May 23 at 6:00 pm. The invitations have already been sent and all attendees should respond by May 10 to ensure a proper head count. The Fentons from the Applesed are catering this affair for us and anyone able to help with setup and/or cleanup should contact me at 938-5566. Please try to join us. Remember, we will be holding a town-wide yard sale on June 10. This year's event will be held on the lot next to the Bradford Junction. Anyone interested in buying a table, please contact Jackye Pehrson at 938-5951 for more info. The yard sale is open to all Bradford townspeople and will be broadly advertised, so it is 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



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Keep the Main in Main Street Committee Moves Forward

The Keep the Main in Main Street Committee met on April 14th at 7 pm in Town Hall. Now that the town has decided not to pursue the purchase of Valley Transportation, the work of planning for Bradford Town Offices, Police Department, and Transfer Station are all topics that need to be addressed.

Jane Johnsen attended the Needs Assessment Committee meeting which took place last week and was able to fill in the members on recent events. She reported that the committee members spent some time critiquing themselves. Ev Kittredge resigned as committee chairman and a new chairman was not appointed.

According to Johnsen, the Needs Assessment Committee (NAC) expressed a desire to expand their group and work with Keep the Main in Main Street Committee and any other interested groups or residents of Bradford who are interested and want to become involved.

The NAC would like to work on one thing at a time while keeping in mind the total picture of all three town facilities: Town Hall, Police Department, and Transfer Station. They also wondered why the Valley Transportation Plan was defeated by the voters at Town Meeting. According to Johnsen, the NAC plans to keep the public informed.

Andrew Pinard told the Keep the Main in Main Street Committee that there was some money left from the NAC planning money of last year in the amount of \$8,279.50. This money can be used for future planning.

Gary Wall reported that he had toured the new Sutton Police Station which was brought in at a total price of \$235,000 and

came in under budget. He suggested that interested committees tour the facility. Wall also talked about the town purchasing the property behind Town Hall that is currently up for sale. In addition, Wall spoke of other properties for sale including: Bowie's Market, and the possibility of moving the U.S. Post Office to a Main Street location which would be in line with the aims of the Keep the Main in Main Street group.

Other suggestions were to attend a meeting of Friends of First Growth, a similar group in Warner to the Main Street group, and find out how they are operating.

Andrew Pinard announced that he would have to step back from leading the Main Street group because he is now a selectman, but he would continue to attend meetings and work with the group as time permitted.

Pinard suggested that the group contact the Orton Family Foundation in Vermont, a group that helps committees to establish and maintain communication with other organizations with similar goals.

Pinard spoke about incentives for renovating properties on Main Street, getting more townspeople involved in the process, and the importance of establishing goals and working together.

The Keep the Main in Main Street committee will meet again on Saturday, May 13 at 9 am at the home of Beth and Carey Rodd. Anyone interested in this planning process is invited to attend.

by Phyllis Wilcox

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Contra and Square Dancing

The Bradford Country Squares and the Bradford Area Community Center are sponsoring an afternoon of family fun at the Kearsarge Elementary School in Bradford. The event will take place on Sunday, May 21st from 2:00-4:30 pm. The cost will be \$5 per person or \$15 for families of three or more. Children 5 and under are free. Refreshments will be available.

Dudley and Jacqueline Laufman, better know as "Two Fiddles," will be providing music and instruction for contra dancing while Don Bachelder will be calling the square dancing. Whether you are an experienced dancer, or never contra or square danced, this is a great opportunity to try both. For more information, please call Jarna at 938-6228.

Stepping Stone Walkway for the BACC

On the morning of May 25th, members of the Kearsarge Area Preschool and the Mountain View Senior Center will be making stepping stones to complete the walkway at the Bradford Area Community Center. The walkway will start at the gate of the preschool playground and connect to the paved walkway of the BACC. Community members are encouraged to participate. There will be no charge; only your completed stepping stone to add to the walkway. The BACC will furnish the supplies; you only need to bring your artistic abilities! Pre registration is required by May 17th by calling 938-6228.

Friends of the Brown Memorial Library

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 10 at 5 pm in the handicapped accessible library at 78 West Main Street, Bradford. The agenda includes: the Summer Reading Program; future of the Friends; program ideas; and art exhibition schedule. Refreshments will be served. Old friends, wanting-to-be-friends and artists welcome. 2006 Membership forms are now available at the library. Dues support library programs such as the annual Easter Egg Hunt and the Summer Reading Program. Please call 938-5948 for more information.

by Audrey V. Sylvester

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Bradford's Historical Society-PART 1

by Ruth-Ann M. Harris

Do you ever wonder as you drive up to the transfer station what goes on in that small building on your left? The sign tells you that it is the Bradford Historical Society. What you may not know is that the building used to house the Bradford Post Office and was originally located on Main Street near the railroad station, now the Merrimack Farms store.

Town records show that Bradford originally decided to record its history at Town Meeting in 1879. But it would be 84 years later --1963 -- that Town Meeting appropriated \$200. to begin collecting materials for a town history. Again, more pressing matters must have intervened because it wasn't until 1970 that the selectmen took action, formalizing a committee to begin a history of the town; Maggie Ainslie, our retired town librarian, is the remaining member of that committee. After six years and more than 300 weekly meetings *Two Hundred Plus* emerged in the Centennial Year of 1976.

Two Hundred Plus is the story of a not quite typical New England town. Bradford's story is one of a farm and sheep raising town transformed in the 1850s by the advent of the railroad. Imports brought here by the railroad made Bradford a distribution center for a wide area, introducing new products from elsewhere and exporting produce such as apples as far west as Chicago. By the late nineteenth century Bradford had become a town of summer boarders. This is attested to by the large number of postcards with Bradford scenes carrying messages such as "Sadie, we're staying here in this wonderful place for two

weeks, etc." The descendants of some of these summer boarders built summer cottage colonies around Lake Massasecum and Lake Todd. By the 1960s some of the summer people became permanent residents. Now Bradford is expanding again, becoming a residence for commuters to Concord, the Hanover area, and beyond.

Milly Kittredge became the History Society's archivist for several years, collecting, preserving, and archiving the records of people and events which form the ongoing history of Bradford.

What and why should you know about your town's Historical Society?

Your society can answer a number of questions that might arise if you are a newcomer to the community:

What does it mean that there is a cellar hole on your property, and what kind?

How did the west branch of the Warner River which runs under the end of Main Street West support so many mills? There were once five mills between Bradford and Warner, not counting those in the town of Bradford.

Why are there so many houses on roads far from town?

How can you learn more about the stone walls on your property?

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Why was our town hall originally in Bradford Center?

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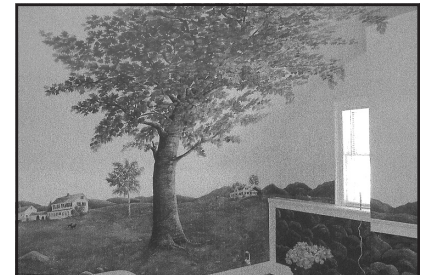


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Library Lantern by Meg Fearnley

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Our book-to-movie discussion series continues on Friday, May 5 at 7 p.m. with *Tristan and Isolde*.

Refreshments will be served. The library is considering a "Lord of the Rings" trilogy movie marathon some weekend evening this summer. Let us know if you like this idea.

The next book sale will be on Saturday, May 27 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Many, many new donations have arrived and our volunteers are busily sorting.

New books added to your library in April:

FOR ADULTS:

Blue Shoes and Happiness by Alexander McCall Smith

Intuition by Allegra Goodman
Overtthrow by Stephen Kinzer

A Fine Place to Daydream by Bill Barich

Dark Assassin by Anne Perry

The Omnivore's Dilemma by Michael Pollan

FOR CHILDREN:

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Town Clerk /Tax Collector's Report

Benjamin Smith and Anastasia Carlyle were married in Bradford on April 5, 2006; Riley Ann Parenteau was born in Concord to Lindsey Aliengena and Ronald Parenteau on March 26, 2006; Baby Boy Greenwood was born in Concord to Martha and John Greenwood on April 6, 2006.

TAX COLLECTOR: Tax bills will be going out sometime in May. This will be the first billing for the 2006 taxes due in July. Your tax amount should be half of the total tax bill for 2005. The office of the Town Clerk and Tax Collector will be closed on May 29, 2006 for the holiday.

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into mouthfuls."

Residents who would like to participate in shaping the town's future by meeting and working with neighbors should contact the Planning Board or the selectmen's office. The current Plan, a glimpse at Bradford's future taking shape, can be viewed at www.bradfordnh.com.

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"When helping hands were needed in the PTA, soccer, baseball, carpooling, or whatever, Lisa was always there to help out," remarked longtime friend Claire Pozniak. "Her laughter is contagious and she always finds the good in a situation or person. Her positive outlook on life is well worth copying, as she is always supportive and offers unconditional friendship." Another friend, Jean Murphy, commented that "she's just the best; we are very proud of her many accomplishments and love her dearly." MacLean will be honored at an awards ceremony, the 'EDIES' on June 10 and will accept a bell in recognition of her services to the children at KRHS.



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Selectmen's Activity Report—April, 2006

April 4, 2006:

Renumbering. Cheryl Behr presented the update on the mapping and renumbering project for the town; the first review has been completed and the map sent back to the cartographer. The second review is underway and the maps should be ready in a week.

Land for Fire Department expansion. Correspondence with the State was entered and will take time, but is not expected to be a problem. Expansion would be in the area of the Tall Pines in the back of the fire station.

Underground gas tanks. The underground gas tanks at the Ploettner property (the late Bowie's Market area) need removal or closure.

Fireworks. The Atlas Fireworks contract for \$10,000 is signed. Cancellation will cause a 30% deposit forfeiture; a rain

date will be set, and the detonation site is Barry Wheeler's field.

Insurance. Informational session for eligible part-time and fire department volunteers was held on April 13.

Correspondence. B/N/S Youth Sports plans a new field and fundraising; request for berms, not sandbags, in area near Lake Todd. (Selectman Bruce Edwards requested management plan with Department of Environmental Services involved.)

Nonfunctioning streetlights. Report them to the Selectmen's office with pole number.

Other business: March police stats submitted; intent to excavate on Pleasant Valley Road signed; elderly exemption signed; old police cruiser to state auction May 20; \$97,803 in outstanding taxes

says Tax Collector.

April 18, 2006:

People. Dan Coolidge and Amy Blitzer were appointed Conservation Commission alternates. Phil Lamoreaux is a full member.

Transfer Station. Ken Anderson and Lois Kilnap were appointed Solid Waste representatives. After a 6 pm public hearing for Transfer Station fees, the current fee schedule with modifications was accepted by the selectmen.

Town Roads. Road Agent Steve Lucier reported roads are drying well. Selectman Bruce Edwards requested some of the sandbagging by the Todd Pond dam (done by the town emergency services during the high water) be removed. Selectman Andrew Pinard is looking into

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Planning Board Notes by Edythe Craig

The first April meeting of the Planning Board was ably conducted by Vice Chairman Philip Lamoreaux in the absence of Chairman Bob Foor. Andrew Pinard was welcomed as the new selectmen's representative on the Board, as was Susie Janicki (new member) and Barbara Vanatta (returning member). Having been continued from the March meeting, The Barry Wheeler minor subdivision was acted upon. The zoning board granted the needed exception for this project since there was already a building on the lot that would have been considered "unbuildable". The subdivision was approved with the condition that no more than two dwelling units will be built on the larger lot, and no more development on the smaller lot. Mr. Wheeler's permit for a gravel pit was presented. Concern was raised about rock crushing on the site. This had been denied as a condition of the use of the gravel pit. The Board was advised that this was an agreement with the road agent and the town which saves the town a considerable amount of money during the year. This matter will be referred to the selectmen but will probably require a new permit process with a public hearing.

Debra Dimond presented the Board with

her plans to use the auxiliary building next to her store as a residence since it is equipped with the necessary facilities. Since the use of the building has been varied and it is not to be used commercially, it was determined that Ms Dimond should provide the planning board with a sketch of the property and present location of buildings for the files.

Jane Lucas came to the Board to see what had to be done to subdivide the family lot that already has three dwellings on it but is on a Class VI road. Colleen Lynch, our consultant from Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission, informed the Board that they had the authority to modify regulations if the modification is in line with the Master Plan. Ms Lucas was advised to prepare her plans for consideration

and should realize there would be conditions for approval.

The proposal for a minor subdivision on East Washington Road was presented but the sketch indicated less than required frontage. Because this was just a conceptual stage it was a good time for the applicant to make the required adjustments. Ms. Lynch is at the Town Hall on Wednesdays for 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to answer questions pertaining to subdivisions, boundary line adjustments, voluntary mergers, site plans and other Planning Board matters.

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 BML-Brown Memorial Library
 BNSYS-B/N/S Youth Sports
 BWC-Bradford Womens' Club
 KAP-Kearsarge Area Preschool
 KRES-Bradford Elementary School
 MLI-Mountain Lake Inn
 S. Ctr. -Senior Center at the BACC
 TH-Bradford Town Hall
 ZBA-Zoning Board of Adjustments

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- Kearsarge Area Pre-School; for info, contact Fred Hubley at 938-5521

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3 9 pm, Baton Twirling Class, BACC S Program "A Deaf-White Mtns, 1860s, Color, Free, BACC	4 9 am, Mountain View Striders, Meet at S. Ctr. 6 pm, Cemetery Commission, Call 938-5539	5 8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, S. Ctr 10 am, Card Sharks, S. Ctr 7 pm, Book-to-Movie Discussion, BML	6 11am, Senior Council Meet to Carpool, BACC
10 9 pm, Baton Twirling Class, BACC Parks & Recreation Committee Mtg., BACC Heritage Connection Bradford, BML	11 9 am, Mountain View Striders, Meet at S. Ctr. 5-7 pm, BACC Governance Board Mtg., BACC	12 8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, S. Ctr 10 am, Card Sharks, S. Ctr	13 11am-1pm, Writing Group, BACC
17 9 pm, Baton Twirling Class, BACC	18 9 am, Mountain View Striders, Meet at S. Ctr. 10:30 am, Senior Center Day, Activities & Display, S. Ctr. 11 am-12:30 pm, Blood Pressure & Foot clinic, Free, BACC	19 8:45 am, Strong Living Exercises, S. Ctr 10 am-12 pm, Card Sharks, S. Ctr	20 1-4 pm, Model Rocket Launch, Mike Bellino, 938-5129, Warner
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School District Report

There are some great things happening in the Kearsarge Regional School District: The Middle School Destination Imagination Team won the state final in Portsmouth. They placed first in the state for their challenge and competition level. Next stop? The Global Destination Imagination Finals in Knoxville, Tennessee on May 27 through May 30. Great work!



The Board has approved the district calendar for the 2006/2007 school year. School will begin on August 30. The last day of school before Christmas break is December 22 with school resuming on January 2. The big changes are the February and April vacations. There had been much input from the community requesting a shift away from the weeks that are traditionally the Massachusetts' school vacation weeks to a schedule that is more aligned with other New Hampshire schools. In 2007, February vacation begins on February 26 and ends on March 2. April vacation will be April 22 through April 26.

The Middle School project continues with the SAU staff working to expedite the final permitting process necessary before we break ground. If all goes well, we should see site activity before school gets out. It's taken along time to get the school approved and we want to make sure we build it right for the long-term, so the Board's philosophy is to balance quality control with speed of construction.

Meanwhile the Board has received preliminary plans and options from the Turner Group regarding future uses for the current middle school. Housing the cramped and outdated SAU office in part of the space, as well as rehabilitating other pieces for the current elementary school to use are just some of the ideas being considered.

Lastly, with the weather warming up I am seeing more activity in the mornings at the bus stops; kids are out throwing balls, riding bikes and running around. Please be careful.

by Jon Steiner, KRSB Board Member

Bradford Recycling: Positive Impact

According to the Northeast Resource Recovery Association, Bradford's 2005 recycling program was impressive not only in terms of pounds collected, but also for the energy and raw material savings over manufacturing an equivalent amount of new products.

NRRA reports that the 8,466 pounds of aluminum cans recycled saved enough energy to run a television set for 861,500 hours; the 128 tons of paper collected saved 2,176 trees; 87 tons of scrap metal recycled saved 87,000 pounds of coal; and 21,500 pounds of recycled steel conserved enough energy to run a 60-watt light bulb for 559,000 hours.

Editor's note: The electricity savings equate to about 98 years of television and nearly 64 years of keeping that light bulb on. Now all we need is enough quality programming.

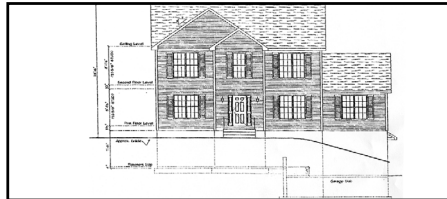
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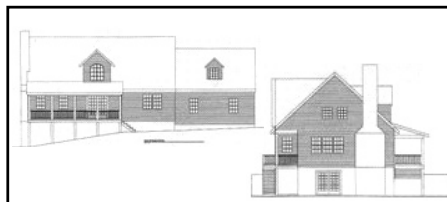
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Bradford Police Department Notes

Times have changed. There was a time when we asked for volunteers for youth sports, scouting, and school activities never worrying about the backgrounds of those stepping forward to volunteer. Now, with the high mobility and constant moving of people from community to community and state to state we have to concern ourselves with the potential of past criminal behavior.

Law enforcement can run criminal record checks under a number of circumstances. For example, when there is an active criminal investigation, pistol permit applications and employment for law enforcement positions. We cannot just run criminal checks for volunteers either in the schools or for youth sports. This is not a restriction as to our ability to conduct these checks but rather because of the administrative fee requirement.

The Friends of the Bradford Area Community Center, as part of their commitment to the area youth sports program, have agreed to pay the administrative fees for the criminal checks. The Friends feel strongly about the safety of our children and the development of youth activities in the area. The Bradford Police Department, working with the Bradford/Newbury/Sutton Youth Sports program, will be securing criminal record checks through the Criminal Records Bureau of the New Hampshire State Police.

While this is a positive step in the protection our children, it does not replace our participation as parents. Watch your children, listen to them closely, and if you feel there is something not quite right bring it to someone's attention.

by Jim Valiquet, Chief of Police



Real Estate Hints: Selling in a Shifting Market

As we approach the busy selling season for real estate, take heart that the market in the Lake Sunapee Region remains balanced, though the signs are pointing to a tip favor of buyers. It is important for sellers to understand any change, because buyers are gaining more leverage as a result. They have more to choose from, take longer to make a decision (thus time on market is greater) and prices have to reflect this new market. Here are some tips for sellers to prepare for a shifting market:

Prepare yourself mentally for what you're about to go through. Accept that it is the market that will set the sale terms and you should not take it personally if you don't get your price. Prices are not appreciating as they have in the last few years, so you have to be flexible. Be flexible, too, on terms such as closing date or leaving window treatments, etc.

Be ready for picky buyers. They can afford to be, so be sure your house is up to snuff or make the changes that will attract buyers to your house over another. Curb appeal is very important, as is the overall condition of the house. Are your carpets dated or stained or both? Do you have old appliances or light fixtures? We all watch those shows on television where you get a higher price for even modest changes. Also, if you can provide a home warranty, it may set your house apart.

Educate yourself about the real estate market in your area. Visit the many real estate web sites and do drive-bys on

listed properties to see how your house stacks up against the competition. See what houses have sold for - list price to sale price. If you are thinking about listing, do your homework and know the pros and cons of selling on your own or through a realtor. Then decide if a limited or full service company would suit you better. Don't make a decision solely on price or commission.

Hire an inspector. I can't overstate the importance of this step to sellers as a pre-listing tool. By knowing the issues you have with your property, you can make repairs and show the buyer that your house is in move-in condition. There won't be any surprises that could kill a deal after all the other terms have been agreed upon. The buyer can still have his own inspection as well, but you are less likely to be surprised.

Consider creative financing. Often a seller will reduce the price after a month or so on the market in the hope of generating new activity. This in itself may not work. Our company offers a preferred financing program to buy down points and/or contribute to closing costs (big for first-time homebuyers) but a seller can implement a similar plan to set their house apart. Money back for repairs may be another alternative that will result in a sale.

The bottom line is this—sellers need to realize that this shifting market requires them to be a more active partner in the selling process and more realistic about the outcome. Happy selling season!



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Obituary

ELEANOR A. BULLOCK

Eleanor (Wright) Allen Bullock, 84, died Friday, April 14, 2006, at the Merrimack County Nursing Home in Boscawen, where she had resided for the past seven years.

She was born in Sutton on July 18, 1921, the daughter of Henry and Hazel (Bailey) Wright. She spent most of her life in Bradford. Mrs. Bullock attended Simonds Free High School in Warner.

She worked for the Rumford Press in the bindery department in Concord for many years. Mrs. Bullock also worked for New England College in Charter Hall in the kitchen. Many will remember her as a clerk at the concession stand for Champ Wright's Auction Service and Store.

She was a member of The First Baptist Church of Bradford. Mrs. Bullock was a former member of the Bradford Fish and Game Club and helped start the Concord Fish and Game Club.

She enjoyed crafts, horses, and dogs. Mrs. Bullock loved having company, parties and cooking. Her C.B. Radio friends will remember her as "Champagne Lady."

She was predeceased by her husband of 23 years, Leonard Harold Bullock, in 1995; a grand-daughter, Debra Kelley Coulter; and two brothers, Richard W. "Champ" Wright and Cecil Wright.

Her surviving family includes a son, Russell B. Allen of Concord; two daughters, Roberta C. Kelley of Concord and Jarna Perkins of Bradford; four grandchildren, Paula Dow, William Kelley Jr., Benjamin Saxby and Jamie Perkins; four great-grandchildren, Sonja, Justin, Shayne and Lindsay; a sister, A. Charleen Smeltzer of Concord; and nieces and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to the Bradford Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 381, or to the Bradford Fire Dept., P.O. Box 206, both Bradford 03221.



First Baptist Church News

from Lynne E. Hubley

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN GUILD: Ladies of the Guild will meet at the church at 11:00 am on Friday, May 5 and carpool to the Congregational Church in Wilmot Flat for a luncheon and Church Women United World Friendship Day. Special recognition will be given to one of the women from our church.

ANNUAL CROP WALK (to sponsor Church World Service): Once again, we are teaming up with the United Church of Warner and the First Free Will Baptist Church in N. Sutton for our annual crop walk around Keysar Lake. It will be held on Sunday, May 7 at 2:00 pm. The walk is approximately 3 miles long.

FOURTH OF JULY FAIR MEETING: We will have a fair meeting immediately following the church service on Sunday, May 7.

ALL GOD'S DAUGHTERS BANQUET: Our annual banquet, sponsored by ABWM, will be held Wednesday, May 10 at 6:00 p.m. All women and girls are welcome to come. The menu will be pot roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, rolls, and home-made desserts. The cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children under 12. Children under 3 eat for free. Reservations must be made.

FOOD PANTRY: The food pantry will be open Wednesday, May 17 from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm. Food can also be obtained at other times by calling the church office at 938-5313.

CHILDREN'S DAY: Our worship service will be lead by our children on Sunday, May 21. The theme this year is "Fruits of the Spirit."

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: The men will meet at the home of Fred Hubley on Wednesday, May 24 at 7:00 pm for an evening of pool, fellowship and refreshments.



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New Listing

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RECENT SALES IN BRADFORD: 2 Old Warner Road, Antique Greek Revival on 1.42 acres for \$280,000; East Washington Road, 3 abutting lots totaling 131 acres for \$235,000. There are 42 residential listings and 16 land listings in Bradford currently.

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Land Preservation Monitoring Workshop

The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) will be holding its annual Monitoring Workshop on Monday June 12, 2006 from 2 to 6 pm. People who enjoy hiking in the woods and reading maps are welcome to attend and learn how to be a monitor for one of ASLPT's easement properties.

ASLPT performs its land protection by helping private landowners or towns design legal contracts that protect their land from future development. For every property the ASLPT protects, it takes on the monitoring obligation forever.

Each of ASLPT's conservation easement properties must be monitored once a year. Monitors are responsible for contacting the landowner to discuss any changes that might have taken place on their property in the last year, walking the property bounds, and taking photos. Most properties take about a half-day to monitor. There is a short form to complete, and the monitor writes a short narrative of the visit. Monitors are encouraged to walk the properties in the fall before hunting season begins. Most monitors continue to do the same property year after year and become very comfortable with the boundaries. Attendees will learn how to use a compass, read a survey map, pace off a distance and fill out the form. Part of the workshop will take place inside, then move outdoors to visit an actual easement property.

To sign up for the workshop, call the ASLPT office at 526-6555. Participants are asked to wear hiking boots, bring a compass (if you have one) and be prepared for bugs.

Selectmen's Report

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Town use of rock crusher; Lucier reports that half of crushed rock this year will be used for Center Road improvements.

Ordinance enforcement. Selectmen plan to review a job description related to enforcement obligations of town ordinances and regulations. There are violations ranging from building permits and repairs to water discharging into a lake, road damage, gravel permits and paperwork. The Town doesn't have the personnel to follow through with the actual enforcement.

Town lines. The perambulation of the Warner town line will be done by Sonny

Harris and Gary Young; Conservation Commission will do the Hillsborough line.

Media. The Administrator requested the selectmen's minutes in the *Bradford Bridge* not be attributed to her if they are to be edited and altered. Pinard suggested removing submission names on altered articles.

The Selectmen's Report is compiled from minutes submitted to the Bradford Bridge. Official minutes are available at the Town Hall.

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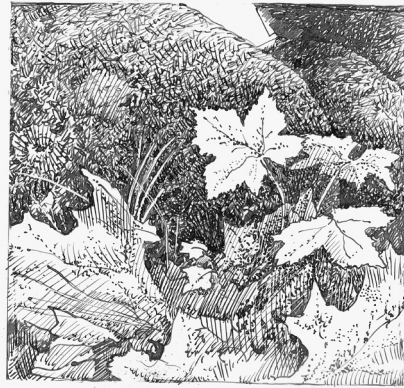


Outside

by J. Ann Eldridge

Until April, the woods retain tones of gray and brown, brown-orange of dead leaves, dull green of conifers – the same palate used in late autumn. Conversation in grocery stores and newspaper is all about anticipation of the first really fresh green of spring. It happens every year. But early in April, up in the hills, a bright green HAS broken out. George told me about it last year. We took a walk up Goodwin Hill to try to put a name and a story to a plant he'd been watching year after year. It sprawled up against a wall in diminutive untouched Day-Glo splendor. No flowers yet, the usual key to identification. My attempts at calling mushrooms by name taught me to use that most pathetic of human appendages, the nose. In a crushed leaf, this plant packs a scent that even our atrophied olfactory senses can clearly detect and retreat from. The winter-weary and notoriously unfussy deer are unlikely to browse here. Armed with this information and Newcomb's Guide to Wild Flowers, the identification of *Ribes glandulosum*, or 'skunk currant', was secured out of eight related possibilities in our area. This particular skunk currant colony lives along a stonewall in a mixed woods heavy with pine and oak. The currant may make valid claims for longer residency on this hillside. The white pine has also been in the neighborhood for 10,000 years, but its stature and location has shifted. A few hundred years ago, the white pine in New England was in all dimensions the most impressive tree around. Growing its best in sheltered river valleys, it reached a height in excess of 200 feet with a diameter of eight. The British admiralty, who had been cobbling together ship masts of lesser stock, were so astounded by their straight gigantism and also by the rate at which they were coming down, that as early as 1691 the King claimed ownership of all white pine 24" and over. Special ships were built to carry them, curveless roads (mast roads) were created to haul them to port, and they were supposedly marked with the sign of a 'broad arrow' to safe guard them from the unruly colonials. Still the trees fell. Bradford, in its tiny state park and police resting area on route 103, hosts a remnant few examples of tall pines. At 150 feet, these holdouts are just reaching a piney adulthood. With the western migration of the sheep industry in the mid-1800s, pine quickly took advantage of an ecosystem brand new to the continent—abandoned pastureland. By the 1900s, the logging of the fast growing and versatile pine became a major industry. This is why people got rather agitated at the turn of the century when a fungus introduced from Asia via Europe made itself known as a pathogen of the five-needled

pinus. In this same time frame, Dutch elm disease and chestnut blight were accidentally introduced with much more disastrous results from the species perspective, but the pine was of greater economic importance. Photographs of white pine blister rust are as gruesome as those in any medical journal. Words like 'canker', 'pustules', and 'blisters' appear frequently. Beyond a certain sympathetic revulsion, one has to admire the complexity of a pathogen that constantly convolutes itself to carry on an existence of optimistic perpetuity. *Cronartium ribicola*, pine blister rust, alternates between the five-needled species of pine and all species of *Ribes*—the gooseberries and currants. The vernal form of the minute fungal spores can travel hundreds of miles from infected pine to ribes. There they cause a symptomatic discoloration of the leaves. As the summertime fungal factory gets underway, a different form of spore travels to infect or re-infect any other ribes nearby. In the autumn, nearly microscopic telial columns form on the undersides of



the ribes leaves and produces the spores that will travel to prospective pine needles where the cycle continues. Pine trees can eventually die from all this. Reading the literature and the leaflets of the 30s and 40s, the war on blister rust approached a national security issue. Currants and gooseberries became enemy combatants. The Civilian Conservation Corps and dozens of other work parties and landowners scoured the countryside destroying ribes. Millions of the unaffected red pine were planted in neat rows that can still be found today. This campaign was interrupted twice by world wars, which were less successful at creating a lasting peace. The rust wars cost the temporary loss of millions of ribes plants, but in actuality, the currants, fungus, and pines have worked out a level that they, and we, can all live with. The sale of gooseberries and currants is still restricted, however, and we pay premium prices to import these fruits from countries far more blasé. And what about the stonewall habitat of many ribes species? During the height of the adjustment to the presence of blister rust, someone in New Hampshire got the notion that foresters combing the forests south of the Whites for what had become an endemic low-level disease could map the thousands of miles of stonewalls at the same time. 'Stone maps' trace their routes in the hunting of skunk currants among the pines.

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Easter Egg Hunting

Mary Margaret Pickman and Alanna O'Keefe pause to count their eggs at the Friends of the Brown Memorial Library's annual Easter Egg Hunt, which was held at the library on April 16th.

Bradford Parks & Recreation

Bradford Parks and Recreation is planning several events and activities for this year. A brochure detailing the schedule of events should be available mid-May. If you have any suggestions or questions, please call the Director, Jarna Perkins, at 938-6228. The Bradford Parks and Recreation department meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Bradford Area Community Center.

BATON TWIRLING CLASSES PLANNED FOR MAY AND JUNE

The Bradford Batonettes will start classes on Wednesday, May 3 with Donna Acker. Class and registration will begin at 3:15 pm at the Bradford Area Community Center with classes continuing on Wednesdays during the months of May and June. Classes are for children 4 years old and up. The cost for the two month session is \$45 for the first child and half price for the second child.

FRENCH'S PARK CLEAN UP DAY

The annual clean up of French's Park is scheduled for Saturday, May 20. Please participate in a morning of sprucing up the park and be sure to bring rakes and clippers! Lunch and drinks will be provided.

NH FISHER CATS GAME

On Saturday, June 10, plan to attend a New Hampshire Fisher Cats Game against the Altoona Curve. The bus will leave the BACC at 3:30 pm for a 5:05 pm game. Cost: \$18 per person, pre registration and payment are due no later than May 12.

BEEF ROAST AND STREET DANCE

The Bradford Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a beef roast barbeque and street dance on Friday, June 30 from 5 to 7 pm at the Bradford Area Community Center. The street dance will start at 7 pm.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

A Red Cross blood drive will be held on Saturday, July 1 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Bradford Area Community Center.

LAKE SUNAPEE WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

This program, sponsored by the Lake Sunapee Protective Association, is for students entering grades 6-8. Students will take a boat trip on Lake Sunapee to collect and analyze water samples. Limited to eight participants; call early to reserve your space at 938-6228.

RED CROSS SWIM LESSONS

Bradford Parks and Recreation, in conjunction with the Bradford Women's Club, will be sponsoring swimming lessons at French's Park on Lake Massasecum. Lessons will start on July 17 and continue through July 28. Application will be available in June at the BACC, Bradford Town Hall, Brown Memorial Library, and the post office.

—Jarna Perkins



Girl Scouts Welcome New Members

Recruitment is now going on for Girl Scouts to begin meeting in September 2006.

Local troops welcome girls in grades kindergarten through fifth grade. Existing troops will serve girls in grades two through five in the fall, but new troops will be formed for younger girls if people volunteer to be new leaders.

In order to offer two new troops, we need volunteer leaders. Training is required and free, and will be offered several times over the summer and early fall.

For more information on registration or to volunteer as leader, please contact Liz Tentarelli at 603-763-9296 or e-mail liz.ten@earthlink.net

Classifieds

FOUND: Lens cap, Penn, 3" diameter; found after Katy's wedding, August, 2005. Looks like it belongs to a good camera. If you have been missing a lens cap, call 938-5980.

To place a FREE classified ad of 40 words or less: please contact Carey Rodd at 938-2692 or send an e-mail to bradfordbridge@mcttelecom.com.

Bradford Bridge June 2006 Deadlines

Display ads, Classified ads, regular features and articles are all due by May 15th.

To list events for the June Calendar—e-mail bradfordbridge@mcttelecom.com by or before May 15th.

Anything received after the deadline will be included only if time and space allows. If you are reporting on an event happening after the deadline, please call to reserve space

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