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The Question of “Buildable” Acreage

A proposed zoning change coming before voters on March 10 would remove the consideration of “buildable” acreage when creating new lots. This would be a mistake.

In the current zoning ordinance, ‘buildable acres’ do not include wetlands, excessively steep slopes, or 100 year flood-plains. Land with these conditions are subtracted when calculating the minimum acreage of new lots. For instance, under existing rules, in the rural/residential zone with a two acre lot minimum, a four acre tract that contains three and a half acres of flood-plain but only one half acre of land suitable for building, well, and septic cannot be divided into two new lots. The intent is to prevent the creation of lots that cannot or can only marginally support normal well or septic systems, and to prevent negative impacts to water quality or increased flooding in surrounding areas. Only the landscape characteristics are considered in the calculation of ‘buildable’ acreage. Setbacks from streets or abutters are not considered in the calculation.

Removing the word ‘buildable’ from lot size regulations would allow the creation of new lots that are difficult to build on, requiring waivers or variances from town regulations or permits from the state. Bradford already has a number of fractured, difficult to build on lots. Allowing the creation of more would benefit only a few landowners and developers at the overall expense of the community and its natural resources.

The proposed change would do nothing to prevent the subdivision of productive agricultural or forest land which would still be the least costly to develop. Once a ‘lot of record’ is created for whatever reason, it is considered a buildable lot. There are other ways to protect our valuable remaining agricultural and forest land.

Towns surrounding Bradford have similar or stronger wording in place to define buildable acreage and limit impacts to steep and wet environments, regulations that take into account not just simple math of acreage but the ability of the landscape to support development.

The Conservation Commission recommends rejecting the proposed zoning change and retaining the definition of a “buildable” lot until a more encompassing solution is reached.

The Bradford Conservation Commission

10 QUESTIONS:

by Phyllis Wilcox

This is a continuation in a series of Bradford Bridge interviews with people in Bradford. This month, in recognition of Valentine’s Day, we are interviewing a couple who have been married less than two years on what makes for a happy marriage or relationship.

Laura Joslin King and Richard King have both been married before. Laura has a daughter from her first marriage and Richard has a son and daughter and grandchildren. They met about seventeen years ago when they were both working at the Cranmore Sports Center in North Conway. At the time the two couples were friends and socialized. Years passed, the marriages ended but Laura and Richard continued their friendship which ultimately blossomed into romance and a wedding on July 28th, 2007 at the Rosewood Country Inn. They have worked together at the Mountainside Racquet and Fitness Club in New London for eight years. Laura is the manager and Richard is the fitness director.

Q. How important is a sense of humor in a relationship?

Laura: I think it’s extremely important to have a sense of humor. We work together and live together - we need a sense of humor to get through each day.

Richard: a sense of humor is very important. You have to be able to move along and not dwell on the

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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.

From The Editor

Well, we've had our ups and downs in terms of fuel prices, storms and the economy lately but we've made it half way through the coldest part of the year and things could have been worse. We have President Obama in the White House with a young, attractive and energetic family, the first bi-racial person elected to our highest office. It's been a historic election. Fuel prices have calmed and though we are told the economy hasn't hit bottom yet, we are all hanging in. Valentine's Day should be a warm reminder to think about those we love; spouses, family, friends and children and all those who have helped make our lives better. It's the month for sweet and silly rhyming love poems, lots of chocolate hearts and fancy Victorian love cards.

A flock of twenty five + Robins arrived on a neighbor's snow covered lawn to peck at left over apples last week and then on our own lawn just yesterday. It was an unusual and welcome sighting. Brighter days ahead. For all of us.

We have a few more months to get through before spring finally arrives and after experiencing the difficult economic times of recent months, perhaps it's time to consider some community survival options like "bartering" which is described in more detail in this issue. It's a very practical and community-wise idea that can only be good for all of us. Let's give it a try. May February be filled with love!

Beth



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Selectmen meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6 pm

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Bradford Happenings

Valentine Spaghetti Dinner, First Baptist Church of Bradford, 88 West Main, Bradford, Feb. 14, 5:00 & 6:00 PM seatings. Adults, \$8, children under 12, \$5 and children under 3, free. Dinner will be hosted and served by the children of the church.

The Bradford Country Squares will be dancing on Sunday, February 15 at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School, Bradford. The dance will begin at 1:30 pm in the afternoon. Please note that this is a change from their usual dance schedule. Jim Mayo will call Mainstream and Plus tips from 1:30 to 2:30 and Class Level dancing will be from 2:30 - 4:00 pm. Don Scadova will be the cuer throughout the afternoon. Admission for the dance is \$6 per person. Spectators are free and always welcome. More info? Call 863-6394.

Budget Committee Public Hearing

On Tuesday February 17, at 7 PM at the Town Hall the Bradford Budget Committee will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed 2009 Budget to be presented to voters at the Town Meeting in March.

Attendance at this hearing provides the opportunity, prior to Town Meeting, to understand what is to be presented and offer comments. All Bradford residents are urged to attend.

Weight Loss Program

A new weight loss program is being offered at the Bradford Area Community Center beginning February 11, 2009. Exercises are supervised by a Certified Personal Trainer and are designed for strength, flexibility and cardiovascular health. Personal needs are determined partly by measurements. Healthy eating tips and recipes will be shared. Group support and relaxation are part of the program.

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Why will so many of our neighbors die without hospice care?

*Patrick Clary helps us examine some of the beliefs that lead half of us to choose death in nursing facilities, hospitals and other institutions without the support of hospice. Clary has been one of the physician-leaders of the hospice movement in New Hampshire since the 1980s, is the author of **Dying for Beginners**, and was first exposed to mortality as a medic with US infantry units in Vietnam. Donald Hall says "he has condensed his diverse experiences into a book of poetry suitable for mortals, or anyone who loves them."*

Copies of **Dying for Beginners** will be distributed free to the first 40 to arrive at the meeting: one copy per household.

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Letters To The Editor

To the Editor,

I am writing to encourage people to think long and hard about allowing the word "buildable" to come out of the current zoning ordinance. We would not only be putting some of our natural resources at risk but, possibly our homes and those of our neighbors as well.

As some of you may have heard, my property on Forest Street has flooded twice in the last three years and is in danger of doing so again because of drainage issues from the road for the new subdivision across the street. This property is not even considered a steep slope by current regulations. I shudder to think just how much worse the damage would have been if it were a steeper slope.

While I agree that people should be able to do what they want with their land, I believe there is a level of responsibility to protect the wetlands, wildlife and abutters. Taking the word "buildable" out of the current regulations would be a HUGE mistake and, I predict would open the town and developers to increased legal action.

Susie Janicki

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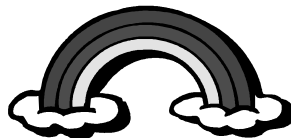


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Area Happenings

Newbury:

The Fells: Tuesday, February 3 Knee-High Nature Series- Track Detectives At The Fells, 10-11:30am. Join Lauren Cole-Johnson in this preschool program designed to increase children’s awareness of, curiosity about and appreciation of the natural world through investigation, creative and interactive play and direct outdoor experiences. Children will use tracks, patterns and traces to discover animal winter habits and activities. Dress appropriately for indoor and outdoor activity. Member child \$2, nonmember child \$5, (caregiver free). To register call 603-863-4789 x3, The Fells Gatehouse, 456 Route 103A, Newbury.

Wednesday, February 4, 4pm **“New Hampshire: Crosscurrents in its Development”**. Historian-author and Colby-Sawyer College Professor Ann Page Stecker traces the colorful political and economic crosscurrents in New Hampshire history and discusses her approach to its study. Free. Meet at Newbury Town Office, 937 Route 103, Newbury, NH. Sponsored by the NH Humanities Council. For more information, go to www.thefells.org.

Trail-walk Series: Cross-Country Skiing at The Fells
 Sunday, February 22, 1-3pm (no snow date: March 1)
 Experience The Fells in a new way this winter. Join trail guides Bruce and Laura Crawford on a cross-country ski tour to the Main House and surrounding trails. Enjoy the beauty and solitude of winter as we seek to observe resident wildlife. For the intermediate skier, bring your own skis. Members free, nonmembers \$6, payable day of program. Meet at The Fells Welcome Kiosk, 456 Route 103A, Newbury

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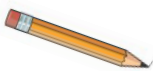
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*by Laura
Hallahan*

Short Sales and Foreclosures

With the state of our economy and the drop in the value of some homes, working with short sales and foreclosures is part of the daily life of today's real estate professional. These properties have appeal for buyers because they can be or are perceived to be a good buy. That may or may not be true, and the phrase "buyer beware" becomes even more important when you are considering the purchase of a distressed property. With a normal home purchase you have the owner to talk to and negotiate with, whereas lenders give you no or little information and often won't negotiate.

Short sales are really pre-foreclosures and they allow potential buyers to bargain with the lender. Lenders undertake short sales when they don't want to keep those mortgages on their books. As a result, they are willing to take a lower price for the home simply to get rid of it. Because the lender does not yet have the title, though, the current owner must become involved in the process. It can be a win-win, as the owner will not have a foreclosed property on their record and the lender gets what they want, as does the buyer. If owners are at risk of losing their home and think they will owe more than they can sell the house for, they should contact the lender about a short sale.

Foreclosures are lender-owned properties. Lenders may decide to give a foreclosed home to a real estate professional to sell as a normal vacant home. The process is the same as any other home purchase and buyers should be pre-qualified by a lender before starting their search. Or, lenders may choose to auction off the property by putting a notice in the paper and holding an auction on site. Buyers often can only see the outside of the property and there may be back taxes or other liens on the property. Buyers are required to have a certified check for the amount of the deposit, must sign a Purchase and Sale Agreement immediately after winning the bid and must purchase the property within 30 days from the sale date. If the bidding does not go high enough, the lender buys back the property, unless it is an absolute auction where the highest bidder wins.

With both short sales and foreclosures a great deal depends on the lender. Some respond quickly, some take weeks. Some are more willing to work with a buyer, some are not. It can be a frustrating process. My biggest pet peeve is that as a licensee I am required by law to disclose any known defect about a property, but lenders are not. They have buyers sign addendums and use the phrase "being sold as is and as seen" to provide a blank disclosure even if they may know about a problem with the property. Buyers can have all of the inspections they are entitled to with a normal house purchase, but they may have to do them more quickly and may have to accept the findings with no further negotiation. Buyers may also have to put down a higher deposit and close within a shorter timeframe.

If you can stomach all of the above, there are programs that can help you purchase and there may even be deals to be had if you do your homework and are patient.

Recent Sales in Bradford

- 51 West Main Street, 1847 New Englander on .29 acres for \$82,000
- 888 West Road, 1957 Ranch on .56 acres for \$124,900
- 51 Blaisdell Lake Road, 1984 Contemporary on 5.7 acres for \$200,000
- 351 West Road, 2004 Cape on 12.68 acres for \$210,000
- 2808 West Shore Drive, 1925 waterfront cottage on .14 acres for \$295,000

There are 20 active and 1 pending residential listings, 19 active and 0 pending land listings, 3 active and 0 pending commercial listings and 2 active and 0 pending multi-family listings in Bradford.

Kearsarge Area Preschool News

by Karen Hambleton



Preschoolers enjoying all the snow!

Since there was so much snow in January, we had lots to talk about as we continued our unit on Winter. We experimented with snow learning how and why it melts and how icicles form. We also made lots of snowmen – both outdoors and indoors with crafts. To mark the 100th day of school, we counted by 10's. At the end of the month, we explored monsters reading stories about them, making them with crafts and pretending to be them.

In February, there is much for preschoolers to explore! At the beginning of the month, we will celebrate Groundhog Day and discuss its tradition. Children will learn about groundhogs and shadows, and make their own shadows. For Valentine's Day, we will talk about love and hearts. We will do a variety of Valentine crafts and make Valentines for our classmates. Toward the middle of the month, we will talk about the dentist and why it is important to take good care of our teeth. We will learn about visiting the dentist, the different ways in which dentists help us keep our teeth healthy and how to brush our teeth. Finally, we will spend time learning about dinosaurs – always a preschool favorite! Children will learn about different kinds of dinosaurs and what makes them different. Discussions will include meat-eaters, plant-eaters, big dinosaurs, small dinosaurs and dinosaur eggs. We will make our own dinosaur with play-dough and do a dinosaur rubbing.

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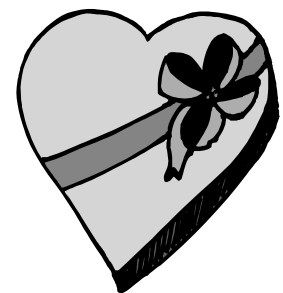
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Selectmen's Highlights

The selectmen have spent the greater part of recent meetings discussing and voting on budget items to be forwarded to the Budget Committee. Complete minutes of these discussions and votes can be found in the minutes on file at the town hall and on bradfordnh.org, the official town web site. The Budget Committee will hold a Public Hearing at 7 PM, Tuesday, February 17th at the town hall to present the proposed 2009 budget for comments from Bradford residents.

Ongoing business:

Community Center: NH Department of Environmental Services did a sanitary survey at the Community Center and met with Director Kate Dubrowski. There were no significant deficiencies, but several minor ones that should be addressed.

Health Officer: A letter from the Department of Health and Human Services led to a discussion of budgeting for a health officer. The selectmen appointed Steve Lucier as temporary health officer.

Land Swap: A quitclaim deed to adjust the boundaries was signed by the Board of Selectmen and Mr. McNab, abutter to the highway property on Cilley Lane.

Solid Waste/Recycling: Selectmen voted to hold a public hearing for the purpose of charging a \$5.00 fee for a dump sticker.

Stimulus Funds: Suggested areas for use of government stimulus funds include Police Department, Town Hall, Sidewalks, and Salt Shed.

Salt Shed: Selectmen discussed contacting an engineer to design an appropriate building for Bradford's needs, use of volunteers to complete the project and consideration of the placement of the building. Possibilities include Jones Road, landfill, or near the town shed.

Volunteers: Andrew Pinard advised he has posted on the Web Site that the Board of Selectmen are actively seeking individuals to serve on a variety of boards and committees including the Recycling Committee, Parks and Recreation Committee, Capital Improvements Program, Bradford Revolving Loan Fund Committee (currently inactive,) and as yet to be formed, an Employee Benefit Review Committee. For more information, please contact the Town Administrator for appointments anticipated in the beginning of April.

Selectman Charles Meany suggested putting an article in the paper after the town report on the needs of the town as far as volunteers are concerned.

Community Cornerstones

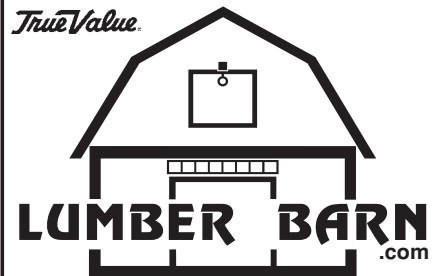
As announced in December's Bridge, it is time to revisit the 21 Community Cornerstones selected by Bradford residents in 1991. This was part of a program developed by the Governor's Commission on New Hampshire in the 21st Century to identify and protect important features of the town as the new century approached. The "21 cornerstones" were tallied and the top choices photographed, documented and displayed. The Bradford Historical Society has the completed display as well as all the documentation on the selections. Thanks to Milly Kittredge for her assistance with this project.

The second Cornerstone is the Bement Bridge, seen on the next page.

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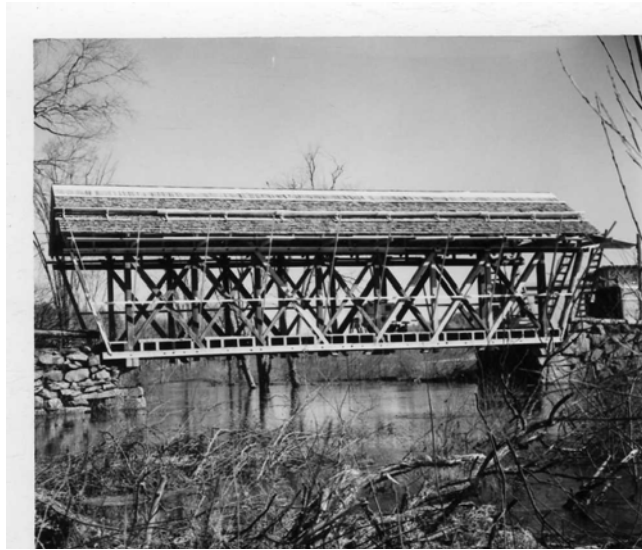
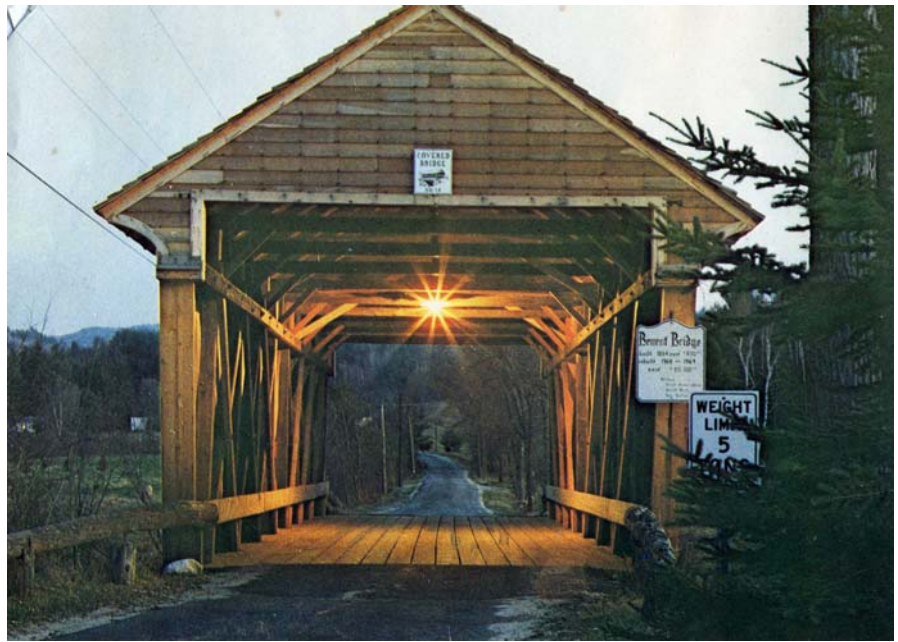
The first bridge on the site was built around 1800, construction costs paid for by a Penny Tax, one penny per acre of land. Citizens worked on it, and the town paid for the rum. A new bridge was built "over the river near Samuel Bements" in 1818. In 1854, it was rebuilt for \$500 with a Long truss design. (Col. Long's design is x's separated by uprights between the x's).

In 1968, the town selectmen noticed the bridge was a bit aslant. On closer inspection, they found the bridge was having trouble supporting its own weight. The thought of the future of passing traffic had them asking the state for an inspection. The bridge had deteriorated and the inspectors suggested a modern steel and concrete structure should be built at a cost of \$85,000. This caused many spirited discussions. The selectmen returned to the state and asked for repair costs to the existing bridge. A town meeting was held and it was voted unanimously to fund the estimated cost of \$21,000 to rebuild. It took several months, but a ribbon cutting ceremony was held and the bridge is still a covered bridge.

In 1971, NH Congressman Cleveland had a well written article by Stephen Whitney read into the US Congressional Record about *Commonsense and the Bement Bridge*. It was a political commentary on whether replacing the old with the new is always the best or most economical action.

Again in 1947, 1987, and 1989 and more recently it has had more repairs, some due to vehicular damage, some to cracked floor boards.

by Milly Kittridge



The bridge under repair.

Ribbon cutting in May 1969 with Betty Cilley, Dana Sanborn, Leo Loftus, Ruth Moore, Laura Sanborn, Jack Reardon, Roy Parsons and Flossie Jones



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small things. You have to be able to laugh.

Q. We talked about a sense of humor as imperative in a relationship. What other things make for a good, working relationship?

Laura: Trust is the basis of everything. You need to believe that person is there for you and will be there no matter what happens. You have to talk and trust.

Richard: I think that security and stability are important in a relationship.

Q. Life has a way of throwing things at you - both good and bad. How do you weather the bad times?

Laura: Trust, humor and communication all help to get me through a bad spell.

Richard: I'm a "three dayer." I need three days to think about a problem and a couple of days to make sure it comes out correctly. Laura is not a "three dayer." She wants to do things instantly."

What is the most important thing you've learned about living with each other?

Laura: Patience, patience and more patience is the answer. It sounds like a bad word but it's valuable.

Richard: You can live with someone for twenty years and still not know them. Everyone holds part of themselves in. Laura's rationale is different than mine. We think differently but we totally mesh.

Q: Is it important to have interests in common in a relationship? Things like level of

activity, sports, food, and musical preferences?

Laura: I think that's what brought us together initially. It's very important. Tennis is the activity that we both enjoy the most. It's an important part of our relationship. We met at a sports center and we both love playing tennis.

Richard: You need to have things in common. It just makes for a better life and sharing a common interest gives us a lot more to talk about.



Q. You live and work in a rural environment. Is this satisfactory and where you want to be? Do you ever think about moving to a city where the amenities abound- concerts, theater, restaurants and bright lights?

Laura: Absolutely not. I'm not a city person. I love it here and am perfectly happy. I lived in Concord for a while but I am much happier in Bradford.

Richard: I prefer where we are. I've lived in cities and I could do that again but it would not be my preference.

Q. Is your marriage the fulfillment of your dreams and what you expected to find in a relationship?

Laura: I waited to get married the first time. I was 29 years old. I had a pretty wedding but the reality of the marriage wasn't what I thought it would be. Richard and I knew each other during our first marriages. We were friends and watched as each of our marriages fell apart. This marriage to Richard is the way it should be. This marriage makes me happy.

Richard: I thought marriage was a fairy tale when I was younger. You don't think about responsibility. I was seventeen when my daughter was born. This marriage to Laura is quite different. We've known each other for a long time. If this marriage had been like the first one, I would not be here. This time, the marriage is real. The first one wasn't. Your eyes are open in a second marriage. If you try to change yourself, you can't do it. You deal realistically with who you are and who your wife is. It's not a fairy tale.

Q. Since this interview is based on the romance of Valentine's Day, can you think about one special thing that your spouse has done for you that enhanced your relationship and convinced you that this is still a romantic relationship?

Laura: Yes, and it just happened recently. Richard really understands me and knows when I'm in a bad mood. A week ago I was feeling really down and he just went out and came back with a dozen roses, two bottles of white wine and a chocolate cake. He saw that I was down and made my day.

Richard: She listens to me when I need to talk to someone. Sometimes you just need to talk

and be understood and listened to. You don't need any help but you must talk it out without the other persons direction.

Q. What is worth fighting about? If and when you do fight, do you fight fair?

Laura: I don't like fighting. Not my thing.

Richard: We have discussions. We argue and communicate but don't fight.

Q Is it more important to share every little thing or to have shared interests but also have a life and interests that are solo?

Laura: We have different activities. I have female friends. We're unique because we live and work together. We share many things but we do have separate things that we do. I think that's healthy.

Richard: I have tennis friends. I like to motorcycle. In my spare time I visit my children and grandchild in Bartlett.



Mountain Valley Senior Center has a new Director



Phil Stockwell getting settled in the kitchen.



Learning the ropes from interim director Gail Beaton and Elaine Warren

Phil Stockwell of Warner has been named the director of the senior center in Bradford replacing Sandi Bandieri who left for a similar position in Keene. Phil has a multifaceted background having been with the US Navy 1966-1970 (Vietnam Veteran), manager of the meat department of Cricenti's Market from 1978-1982, and owner of Fastbreak, a mobile canteen service from 1982-1995.

He has most recently been a fifth grade teacher at the Boscawen Elementary School from 1996-2007 as well as Head Teacher for the Boscawen After School Reading Program from 2002- 2007. He has also served for several years on the Town of Warner as well as the Kearsarge Regional School District Budget Committees.

His interests include American History and Political Affairs, hiking, mountain biking and kayaking. He is married to Susan Bartlett and has a daughter, 26, and son, age 31.

He looks forward to this new challenge and promises that his door is always open to his clientele, the seniors. In turn Bradford and the surrounding towns welcome Phil and wish him all the best in his new endeavor.

February Calendar

Mon. Feb. 2

8:45AM Mountain View Senior Center Fitness
10:30AM Yoga with Fran
1:00- 4:00 PM Bridge Group

Tues. Feb 3

9:00 AM -12:00 noon -Fuel Assistance – Call 456-2207 for appointment
10:00AM Stitches From the Heart
12 Noon Senior Community Dining
6:00 PM - Yoga Class call Fran at 456-3099 for information
6:30 PM – Cub Scouts
7:00 PM Budget Committee Meeting TH

Wed. Feb. 4

3:15 PM - Brownies
6:00 PM - Girl Scouts

Thurs. Feb 5

9:30AM Foot Massage Call 938-2104 for an appointment. Donations are appreciated.
12 Noon Senior Community Dining
3:00 – 8:00 PM – Census 2010

Fri. Feb. 6

8:45AM Mountain View Senior Center Fitness
1:30 First Friday Brunch
7:00 PM – Book-to-Movie, *The Grass Harp*, BML

Sat. Feb. 7

9:00 AM - Writing Group

Mon. Feb. 9

8:45AM Mountain View Senior Center Fitness
10:30AM Yoga with Fran
12 Noon Sudoku and Bag Lunch
1:00 -4:00 PM - Bridge Group
7:00 PM - Rural Heritage Connection

Tues. Feb. 10

10:00AM Stitches From the Heart
12 Noon Senior Community Dining - February birthday celebration with cake and ice cream
6:00 – 7:30 PM - Yoga Class
6:30 PM – Cub Scouts

Wed. Feb. 11

4:30 PM - Bradford Area Community Center – Committee meeting
6:00 PM - Parks & Recreation Dept. –meeting

Thurs. Feb. 12

12 Noon Senior Community Dining

Fri. Feb. 13

8:45AM Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

Sat. Feb. 14

10:30-12 – Valentines Day Craft Program for children, BML. 10AM BIA, BACC

Sun. Feb. 15

1:00 – 4:00 PM – Girl Scouts

Mon. Feb. 16

Brown Memorial Library open 10AM -8PM
1:00 PM - Bridge Group
MVSC Closed for Presidents Day

Tues. Feb. 17

9:00 AM -12:00 noon -Fuel Assistance – Call 456-2207 for appointment
10:00AM Stitches From the Heart
12 Noon Senior Community Dining
6:00 PM - Yoga Class
6:30 PM – Cub Scouts
7:00 Budget Committee PUBLIC HEARING
Town Hall 2009 Budget

Wed. Feb. 18

3:00 PM - Brownies
5:00 – 7:00 PM Bradford, Newbury, Sutton Youth Sports – Baseball sign up
6:00 PM - Girl Scouts

Thurs. Feb. 19

11:00AM – 12:30PM Blood Pressure Clinic provided by Lake Sunapee Region VNA.
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM Foot Care (Make foot care appointment at 1-800-587-3382)
12 Noon Senior Community Dining
3:00 – 8:00 PM – Census 2010

February Calendar

Fri. Feb. 20

8:45AM Mountain View Senior Center Fitness
 10:30 Friday at the Movies
 7:00 PM – International Movie, BML

Sat. Feb. 21

9:00 AM -Writing Group
 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon - Bradford, Newbury,
 Sutton Youth Sports – Baseball sign up
 9:00 – 11:00 AM – Bradford Barter Group

Mon. Feb. 23

8:45AM Mountain View Senior Center Fitness
 10:30AM Yoga with Fran
 1:00 PM - Bridge Group

Tues. Feb. 24

10:00AM Stitches From the Heart
 12 Noon Senior Community Dining
 6:00 PM - Yoga Class

Wed. Feb. 25

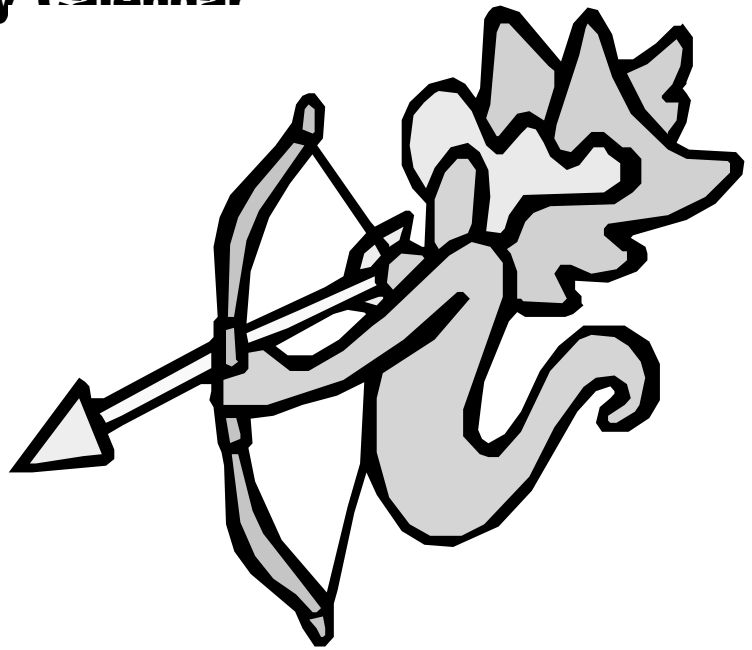
10:30AM-12:00 PM Blood Pressure Clinic
 provided by Lake Sunapee Region VNA at
 North Road Senior Housing in Warner.

Thurs. Feb. 26

12 Noon Senior Community Dining

Fri. Feb. 27

8:45AM Mountain View Senior Center Fitness



All events take place at the Bradford Area Community Center (938-6228) or the Mountain View Senior Center (938-2104) unless otherwise noted.

Please call to confirm dates and times in case there has been a change to the submitted information.

BML- Brown Memorial Library
FGC- Fish & Game Clubhouse -Gillingham Drive
KAP-Kearsarge Area Preschool
KRES-Bradford Elementary School
MVSC -Mountain View Senior Center
TH - Bradford Town Hall
ZBA-Zoning Board of Adjustment

Ongoing Events

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME - WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30 PM. BML
CEMETERY COMMISSION - 2ND THURSDAY AT 6 PM - CALL 938-5539 FOR INFORMATION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 3RD TUESDAY 7:00 PM - TOWN HALL OR BML
FISH & GAME CLUB - 1ST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH - 7 PM FGC
FIRST FRIDAY BRUNCH - 11:30 AM MVSC - RESERVATIONS APPRECIATED, CALL 938-2104
HISTORICAL SOCIETY-OLD P.O BUILDING, OPEN MOST SATS. 1:30-3 PM OR CALL 938-5386
LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING - 1ST MONDAY 7:00 PM - BML
PLANNING BOARD - 2ND & 4TH TUESDAY 7 PM - TOWN HALL
RURAL HERITAGE CONNECTION - 2ND MONDAY 7 PM - BACC
SELECTMEN'S MEETING - 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY 6 PM - TOWN HALL
ZONING BOARD - 1ST TUESDAY 7:30 PM - TOWN HALL



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Planning Board Notes

A Public Hearing was held on the Petitioned Warrant Article submitted in accordance with RSA 675:4. This is a petition for an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance that would repeal the definition of a building lot. The article is to see if the Town of Bradford will vote to amend the lot size requirement to read minimum lot size required is 2 acres and delete the word "buildable".

A letter with comments from Planning Board member Sonny Harris was read into the record. Marlene Freyler read a list of 10 reasons to change "Buildable Acres" to "Two Acres." Comments were offered by those in attendance.

Motion was made by Barry Wheeler to support the Petitioned Warrant Article to amend the minimum lot size to delete the word "buildable". Seconded by Jim Bibbo. Bill Glennie and Phil LaMoreaux voted no. Motion carried 4-2.

The Planning Board discussed the Circuit Rider from CNHRPC, and

the decision at this time was to continue to use them by appointment only as there is not too much happening at this time.

Alternates: The Planning Board joins other boards and committees in town seeking additional volunteers to assist with the work of the Board. NH statutes allow a total of 5 alternates to be appointed by the Board. Currently there are 2 alternates who sit in on meetings, participate in the discussions, and replace members who are absent or who are not able to vote on specific issues.

Anyone interested in serving as a volunteer is encouraged to attend several meeting of the Board – 7 PM on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. This provides an opportunity to observe the workings of the Board prior to volunteering. Training is available at state conferences and from members of the Board.

Complete minutes of all Planning Board Meetings are on file at the Town Hall

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Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

Children of all ages are welcome to join trustee Penny Ulrich from 10:30–12 on Saturday, February 14 for a special Valentine's Day Craft Program. Decorate heart-shaped cookies and make a card for your Valentine!

Beginning this month, we are members of the New Hampshire Downloadable Audiobook Consortium. What does that mean? Use your library card to download audio books to your computer, transfer them to an MP3 player, or burn selected titles onto a CD for listening on the go. Google "New Hampshire Downloadable Audio Books" to become acquainted with the system. To access digital materials at New Hampshire Downloadable Audio Books, you will need:

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The librarians can help you take advantage of this new service. Bear with us as we learn the ins and outs of downloadable audiobooks.

This month we will compare the book *The Grass Harp* by Truman Capote with the movie version on Friday, February 6 at 7pm. Copies of next month's book *Ballet Shoes* by Noel Streatfeild are available at the circulation desk after February 6th. The book and movie are appropriate for all ages. The discussion will be on Friday, March 6.

February's International Movie (Friday, February 20 at 7pm) was filmed in Tunisia and Iran. This mystical movie tells the tale of a grandfather and granddaughter traveling through a stunning landscape in search of a gathering of Dervishes.

Thanks to the Friends of the Library for the new comfortable reading chair by the fireplace! And, thank you to Barns of Bradford for the great deal.

The library will be open on President's Day, Monday February 16. Some of the books added to your library in January:

For Adults:

Beat the Reaper by Josh Bazell

American Lion by Jon Meacham

Plum Spooky by Janet Evanovich

Friends in High Places by Donna Leon

For Children:

Artemis Fowl the Time Paradox by Eoin Colfer

Diary of a Wimpy Kid. The Last Straw by Jeff Kinney

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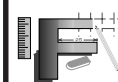
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Obituaries

C. Claire "C.C." Moore

Portsmouth, C. Claire "C.C." Moore, 85, died November 28, 2008, at New Hampshire Veteran's Home in Tilton. She was born July 24, 1923, to Guy E. and Catherine Mary "Dot" Doherty Hazeltine. She grew up in Chelmsford with her parents and siblings. After graduating from Chelmsford High School, she worked for Singer Sewing Company to sew parachutes for troops in World War II. She then joined the U.S Marine Corps in 1944, as a photographer at Cherry Point, N.C. After the war she married Thomas J. Moore of Bradford. She is predeceased by her husband, Thomas J. Moore Jr., and her son, Thomas J. Moore, III. Family members include a brother, Charles Hazelton of Port Richey, Fla.; two sons, Michael J. Moore of Atlanta and Kevin P. Moore, six grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to New Hampshire Veteran's Home, 139 Winter Street, Tilton, NH, 03276.



First Baptist Church News

From Lynn E. Hubley

Baptism Classes: There will be Baptism classes the first 3 Sundays in February (1, 8 & 15) from 11:30 - 12:30 p.m.

Knitting Club: (a/k/a Prayer Shawl Ministry). This group will meet on Monday, February 2 and Monday, February 16 at 6:15 p.m. They make various items from prayer shawls to woolen socks to scarves.

Moms Group: The moms will meet on Thursdays, February 5, 12 and 19 from 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. They continue with the book "The Power of a Praying Parent" by Stormie Omartian.

Leadership Gathering: The Board of Deacons, Trustees and Christian Education will meet together on Saturday, February 7 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fisk House.

Youth Group: Youth who are in grades 5-8 will meet on Friday, February 13 and February 27 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner: Our Spaghetti dinner will be on Saturday, February 14 at 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 3-12. Our children will be the hosts/hostesses and waiters and waitresses.

Food Pantry: Our pantry is open Wednesday, February 18 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Food can always be picked up at another time by calling the church office at 938-5313.

Movie Night: On Friday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m., we will be showing the movie "Fireproof: Never Leave Your Partner Behind". It's an action packed love story about a firefighter and his wife and a marriage that is going up in flames. The movie is open to everyone free of charge.

Winter Wonderland gathering: On Sunday, February 22, we will go to the home of Tom and Judy Marshall at 1:00 p.m. for winter activities such as ice skating and snow shoeing. There will also be indoor games available and lots of refreshments.

Pancake Dinner: On Tuesday, February 24, we will have a pancake supper (with all the toppings) beginning at 5:30 p.m. Free-will offering will be taken.

Ash Wednesday: We will have an Ash Wednesday Worship Service on Wednesday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Men's Fellowship: Our men will meet at the home of Fred Hubley on Thursday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m. They begin with devotions, outreach planning and then enjoy playing pool and refreshments.

Report and Commentary

The Kearsarge Regional School District (KRSD) 2009-10 budget consumed 2 1/2 hours of discussion at the deliberative session held January 10 in the High School auditorium in Sutton. Nearly 200 people from the seven district towns gathered to hear presentations from both the school board and the municipal budget committee on the budgets each group has put together, as well as to review 5 other articles that will appear on the ballot in March.

The difference between the two operating budgets is very close. A difference of approximately \$50,000 was the total reduction the MBC could find in the school board's budget of \$35,950,200, noting that both budgets were very lean in light of state and federal obligations in regard to retirement and special education mandates. However, the notable exception with the MBC's overall budget is that they have asked the school board to ask the teachers to take a lower raise in the third year of their contract. This means that the MBC budget of \$35,375,765 which will appear on the ballot is approximately \$575,000 less than the school board has requested.

Arguments for this action are that the economy is in terrible condition and that the teachers

should share the pain and give back in order to help their communities and fellow taxpayers. However both the union and the school board reported there is no mechanism under state law that allows the teachers to simply forfeit part of a raise without legally reopening the contract that was approved by the voters. And opening the contract now means the new evergreen law kicks in, so that a 4% raise plus step increases would continue past 2010 and in perpetuity until a new contract is signed. So if impasse is reached or there are delays in negotiations, the new law means the teachers would automatically receive 4% plus steps for as long as there is no contract without the issue ever coming before voters. Reopening the contract under these provisions may save \$575,000 this year, but could cost the district millions over the next few years. This seems penny-wise and pound foolish. Further, if the MBC budget passes and the school board wisely does not open negotiations, the school board then needs to find \$575,000, which both the school board and MBC agree will have to come from even further staff cuts and program cuts. These could be sports programs, art and music programs increased class sizes or more.

An amendment from the floor to give voters a third option of a budget held to this year's number received only 34 votes and failed. Other articles appearing on the warrant will include an agreement for the para-educators at \$41,267, adding \$75,000 to the Special Education Trust Fund, moving \$50,000 from surplus to a newly created School Building Maintenance Fund, and authorizing the school board to sell the current SAU building and use the funds to relocate the SAU office should a proposal in the best interests of the School District arise.

The final warrant article is petitioned and asks for a School Resource Officer, which is a police officer in the school who works with kids, to be contracted from the Sutton police department for the sum of \$72,000. Although the MBC and school board expressed support for the idea, both felt that under the current economic situation this was not the right year to approve it. The proposal will now go directly to the voters.

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TAX BILL: the amount you have to borrow to keep a roof over your head for the ensuing year.

ASSESSED VALUATION: the value placed on your house by the Board of Assessors after checking the old betting stubs and bottle caps in the backyard.

APPRAISED VALUATION: the amount the assessors would like to be able to sell your house for if they were in the real estate business and had it on the market.

FRONT FOOT VALUATION: obtained by counting the number of fence pickets, multiplying by 179, and adding a dollar sign.

DEPRECIATION: a purely theoretical condition resulting from old age which is cancelled out by "inflationary trends."

FUNCTIONAL DEPRECIATIONS: a term used on taxpayers who understand the word "depreciation."

REVALUATION: a complicated method whereby a reappraisal of a dwelling indicates it is worth more than the Venezuelan oil fields.

ABATEMENT: an amount of money refunded to taxpayers who carry a loaded revolver on their persons.

ERROR: mistake which can only be made by taxpayers.

ERROR IN GRADING: mistake made by the assessors when computing value of property owned by a city father.

TAX WARRANT: a complete list of all the mistakes made by the Board of Assessors.

TAX RATE: a figure bandied about by the politicians during election campaigns which has nothing to do with tax bills.

TOTAL VALUATION: figure showing that the city is worth more than last year and costs twice as much to keep going.

With thanks to Town Clerk Susan Pehrson who offers this wisdom for our edification.

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A Culinarian's Column

by Caryl Walker

It's February and time to think about Valentine's Day—the 14th, sweet indulgences, chocolate, candy, hearts, pink, red. For my birthday, I got a chocolate heart-shaped cake decorated in shades of pink, coffee ice cream and to-die-for chocolate sauce. I am not really a Valentine's baby, but rather a Friday the 13th baby! Lucky me! The chocolate sauce recipe has followed me to school and has been dubbed "Caryl's Killer Chocolate Sauce". A former voc. director would slip into the kitchen, ladle a cupful, and drink it or let it cool and eat it like pudding!

Chocolate Sauce

3 1-ounce unsweetened chocolate naps
¼ cup flour

1 ¾ cup light cream
1 cup sugar

1 tablespoon unsalted butter
¼ teaspoon salt

1. In a double boiler, melt chocolate, light cream and butter.
2. In a small bowl, mix together flour, sugar, and salt.
3. Add enough chocolate mixture to the flour mixture to make a paste. Pour back into chocolate mixture and cook until smooth and thick
4. Add vanilla. ** If mixture becomes too thick, whisk in a little light cream until it has the correct sauce consistency.

For Valentine's Day, whip up some meringue, add some red food coloring, spoon out nests and use the back of the spoon to flatten out the "nest" or pipe out meringue swans. For swans: place meringue into piping bag with a ½ inch pastry tip. Pipe a 4-inch oval and add an outer rim for each swan body. For the two wings, draw a 3-4-5 inch right triangle and the mirror image on parchment paper. Turn paper over, and pipe scrolls within each triangle. For the head and neck, pipe an up-side- down question mark and push a little extra for the head. (Believe me, there is no right or wrong. Your loved ones will only see beautiful.) To assemble: Create a lake of chocolate sauce on a plate. Place body of swan in "chocolate lake", put scoop of vanilla, coffee, or peppermint stick ice cream in swan body, press wings and head into ice cream. Gorgeous—a dessert made with love.

Happy Friday the 13th Birthday to Me!

Happy Valentine's Day to You!!

Notes:

1. When separating yolks from whites, make sure there is no yolk in the whites. Use 3 bowls. Crack an egg on a flat surface (this prevents the shell from imploding inward). Carefully break egg into the middle bowl. Scoop egg up with one hand and allow albumen to drop back into bowl. Place egg yolk in bowl on right. Check white for no yolk, and if clean, place in bowl on left. (If the yolk broke, start again with clean bowls and use the yolk and white for scrambled eggs or baking.)
2. When mixing meringue, beat whites on medium speed until silver and frothy. Gradually increase speed as whites become white. Add sugar slowly, allowing sugar to dissolve before adding more. Beat to stiff peaks. Do not overbeat or whites will become too fragile to hold shape.
3. Room temperature whites increase in volume best. Put cold whites in small bowl and then in larger bowl with very warm water. Five minutes and they are good to go.

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So how can we pull together to see to it to the best of our ability that we all make it through, should another unfortunate event take place, as well as through the tough times that individuals and families face on a daily basis. Many are out of work, sick, housebound or are simply trying to keep their heads above water. We each have talents and resources to share, so let's try bartering!

This is something that has been tried and proven successful in many communities and corporations. We'd like to see it remain within the community. Local businesses are also welcome to join in. This is not an opportunity to get something for nothing! Everyone who participates is required to provide service to another. Goods may also be traded but the main focus is on service. Remember, though you yourself may not be in need right now, we all have our day and will be happy to know someone is there just waiting to help out.

Bradford Barter is still in its planning stages and we would like the community to be part of the planning process. On Saturday, February 21, 9:00 am, come to the Community Center, introduce yourselves and bring your ideas. We'll bring the coffee and hot chocolate...you bring your neighbors and your ideas.

Bob and Sandy Richard, Bradford Barter Facilitators



Bradford Fish & Game Club
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Any questions call: Paul Gross – 938-5566 or Fritz Von Beren 938-2047