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Bradford Election Issue

**2010 BRADFORD TOWN MEETING
ELECTION OF OFFICERS MARCH 09, 2009**

**KEARSARGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT BRADFORD
8:00 A.M. TO 7:00P.M.**

**ADJOURNED SESSION WEDNESDAY MARCH 10, 2010
KEARSARGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT BRADFORD
7:00 P.M.**

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SELECTMAN FOR THREE YEARS (1 opening)

Don Stumph
Barry Wheeler
Harold Wright
Charles F. Meany III

SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST FOR SIX YEARS (1 Opening)

Ruth Marden

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS FOR THREE YEARS (1 opening)

Everett Kittredge

TRUSTEE OF THE BROWN MEM. LIBRARY FOR THREE YEARS (2 openings)

Nola Jordan
Lorraine MacLeod

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS (1 opening)

BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS (2 openings)

George Cilley
Marlene Freyler
Donald A. Jackson

Jane M. Lucas

BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR ONE YEAR (1 opening)

Beth Rodd

PLANNING BOARD FOR THREE YEARS (2 openings)

Marcia O. Keller

ZONING BOARD FOR THREE YEARS (2 openings)

William L. Glennie
Brooks McCandlish

CEMETERY COMMISSION FOR THREE YEARS (1 opening)

Carey Rodd

Positive Initiatives to be Discussed at Bradford Town Meeting

Two very positive initiatives are underway in Bradford and presentations about both will be a part of Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 10th at 7:00PM.

The Town of Bradford is competing for funds under the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Grant program operated by the NH Department of Transportation. Funds would be used to construct sidewalks on East Main Street. Fifty three applications were received in the nine Regional Planning Districts and the first round of reviews has been completed. **Bradford received the highest grade in its district and this puts Bradford in Tier One of the final round of review!** The town will present its project and answer questions at the DOT on March 15, 2010. This project is also pursuing funds under the Safe Routes to School Program. While not directly connected with the TE Grant, it will help in planning future phases of the program. Safe Routes to School can provide up to \$200,000 of grant money (with no required town match) for future phases. Central NH Planning Consultants, Nicholas Coates and Rodriego Marin have been extremely helpful in this project and others.

As for the second positive initiative in Bradford, the town is working on a project with New England College students through Central NH Planning and hopes to leverage grant money and private
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Letter from the Editor

Once again, the year has rolled around and it is time for Town Meeting. There are many decisions to be made from school district votes, zoning amendments to consider, leaders to be chosen for the coming year, the operating budget, and warrant articles to consider, many of which have substantial price tags attached.

Bradford is a pleasant place to live, but like so many other communi-
ties, it has faced difficult times in recent years. Many businesses have
closed and some residents have found it hard to maintain their previous
homes and lifestyles. The front page article highlighting two initiatives
addressing Main Street issues offers some very positive ideas on how to
move forward. In addition, the anticipated sale of the R. L Dodge (Mas-
ter's store) property will be a major first step in transforming Bradford's
Main Street.

Approval of Warrant Article 6 to set aside matching funds for a grant to
begin sidewalk reconstruction would be another positive step. A change
in attitude from discouragement to "we can do it" will help to move us
even further ahead as the year progresses.

Some in the community have considered that the Bridge has taken a
negative approach to the problems. Rather, we think that before you can
solve a problem, it must be acknowledged as such. Main Street, despite
the businesses that do take pride in their properties, has looked quite sad
for the past few years.

Be part of Bradford's bright future. Let your voice be heard at the
polls, at Town Meeting, and by participating in one or more of the many
groups, committees, or boards that help to keep our town functioning.
Take part in the contest to choose a slogan for Bradford as we move
ahead at this time of recovery.

Marcia Keller March editor

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ANNOUNCEMENT

It's that time of year again. All ballot clerks please set aside the day
before election to come into the Town Clerk's Office for election train-
ing. If you have worked the election before, this will be a refresher
course. If you are new to the election process this is considered **man-
datory** training. Two sessions will be offered on March 8, 2010. The
first at 10:00 a.m. and the second at 7:00 p.m. All election workers are
welcome.

Susan Pehrson, Town Clerk

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development to the town's best advantage. The project is the focus of Associate Professor of Environmental Studies Robert Seaman's 14-week class entitled "Planning Sustainable Communities", a class made up of upper level students majoring in Environmental Science or Environmental Studies. Previous towns selected by the program include Hillsboro, Middleton, Deering and Dunbarton.

The goal of the class is to expose students to the real world challenges facing many New Hampshire small towns that are struggling with economic viability and "community values" issues. Students are focusing on East and West Main Streets, the access points of Routes 114 and 103 and the area around the elementary school. They are looking at reintroducing the concept of "walkable villages" that once dominated these small towns' centers and exploring ways to connect the community and offer recreational opportunities such as walkways and nature trails. Students will examine how the town looked in years past and will consider how attracting businesses and relocating existing structures such as the post office could lead to a more pedestrian-friendly downtown. What a perfect tie-in with the TE Grant! Of particular focus is asking what can be done to entice travelers to stop and visit rather than pass through on the way to somewhere else. Ideas include enhanced signage, a nicely landscaped roadside and kiosks to name a few. Efforts are underway to come up with a town slogan as well so that residents and visitors alike can see all that Bradford has to offer.

Vote Smart Vote For Bradford Tuesday, March 9, 2010



Rodd Cilley Jackson

Budget Committee for
Three Years (Vote for Two)

- George Cilley**.....
- Marlene Freyler.....
- Donald A. Jackson**.....
- Jane M. Lucas.....

Budget Committee for One
Year (Vote for One)

- Beth Rodd**.....



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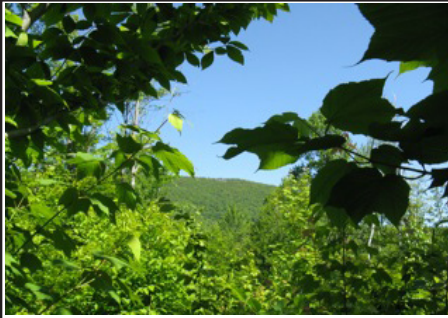
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CANDIDATES FOR BRADFORD TOWN OFFICES

Each person who filed for an elective office at the 2010 Town Meeting was sent the following questions and asked to submit a brief response to introduce her/himself to the voters. Responses are in the order the names appear on the ballot

1. What office are you running for?
2. Why are you running for office and what are your qualifications to carry out the duties of the office?
3. In your opinion, what is the most important issue facing Bradford today?
4. How would the office you would like to hold address this issue?

SELECTMAN

Don Stumph

1. Selectman stewardship is attitude of service as Pres. Washington suggested for his office. Our community of "family" is ill served by a "big brother" government.
 2. Experience
 - * Bradford Resident – 20 yrs
 - * Political Service US Congress Staff – 12 yrs
 - * Business Management – 20 years
 - * Building & Property Management - 15 yrs / \$3 Million annul Budgets
 - * BSA – 35 yrs Eagle Scout
 - * Infrastructure Development – 10 yrs
 - * Community Service: Masonic Lodge - 30 yrs / Youth Program / Environmental
 3. The "attitude of service" to the community.
 4. A) Increase Community Interest – emphasis volunteering / care for your neighbor. With Correct principals our neighbors govern ourselves / our peers – Not "Big Brother". Staying "close" to the individual of the community – less distance / lost of contact
 - B) Reduce tax – family financial burden / youth employment / youth leadership – volunteer. Reduce Bus Cost - \$16,000 annually "On Line Students" - \$700,000 Reduction annually <http://www.vlacs.org/>
 - C) Internet Access – Business / Educational Development
 - D) Business stimulation – "A Walking Main Street" / Build it and they will come (Local Blight Concern)
 - E) Residence Emergency Preparedness Increase - Currently Services 2.5 %
 - F) Discretionary Funds – "Town Event Patch" \$2800 Annually
- Email address Stumph4Bradford@mcttelecom.com
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Barry Wheeler

1. I am running for Selectman.
2. There are things I see that can be done to strengthen our town and I believe that I have skills and knowledge to help them happen in these tough times.

I have been in Bradford for almost my entire 49 years. I operate a business here and serve on the planning board. I have a strong understanding of the land and the people who live here.

Doing logging jobs, boundary work and excavation has brought me into contact with many people. I know the roads and property lines. I understand the heavy equipment we own and how it should be maintained. I have planning board experience dealing with the Master Plan to meet the needs of people while trying to maintain the spirit of the plan.

3. I think the most important issue we face looking forward is Build-

Candidates - continued

ing a Better Bradford so that we can attract more businesses and families and manage that balance.

4. I think the selectmen can address this issue by responsibly overseeing and supporting the zoning and planning boards, town committees, and police and fire departments and by trying to bring people on the committees and in the community together.

Harold Wright

1. Selectman
2. I will be of service to the Town of Bradford. I am an Engineer by training and a salesman by profession. The combination requires good listening skills and the ability to bring different groups to a common resolution of a given question.
3. The gap in trust and confidence between the townspeople and the selectmen is unacceptable. This is a short term issue that can be resolved with a new face, a new attitude, and better decisions by the Select Board.

Equally important is the longer term issue of tax relief. Revitalizing the Village is a first step. With revitalization in process, we can solicit and encourage commercial and/or light manufacturing to town. We can do this without ruining our rural character. An additional benefit will be employment opportunities in town for townspeople.

4. To the gap: Listen, pause, ask questions, and then respond to a given issue, in the overall best interest of the town.

To tax relief: Actively support the efforts to improve the Village. Investigate state and industrial organization programs for development. Solicit business creation in Bradford through these institutions using tools such as the Bradford Revolving Loan Fund.

Charles F. Meany III - No Response

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

Ruth Marden - No Response

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Everett Kittredge

1. Trustee of Trust Funds
2. To partially repay investment in my education made by Bradford taxpayers 1939 - 1947. Incumbent in the office since latter part of last century.
3. Increasing expenses and shrinking revenues, especially education. Inequity of the real estate tax as primary source of revenue.
4. Related only in maintaining Bradford's trust funds solvent and receiving the best return on town funds consistent with prudent investment.

TRUSTEE OF BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Nola Jordan

1. Library Trustee
2. As a lifelong reader and library patron as well as a retired public school teacher, I am very aware of how important libraries are to the life of any community. Having benefited throughout my life from the amazing resources libraries have to offer, I would welcome the opportunity to "give back" by serving as a trustee. In the past I have served on the vestry of my church and on the board of directors of a church-related educational institution.
3. Maintaining, and whenever possible improving, our quality of life in a

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difficult economic climate.

4. Bradford is very fortunate to have a library with an excellent facility and a friendly, helpful staff. Its programs and activities reach beyond the expected realms of research and recreational reading to enrich the lives of patrons of all ages. As trustee, I would do everything I could to support the library and its programs.

Lorraine M. MacLeod

1. I am running for the office of Library Trustee for the Brown Memorial Library.
2. I am running for Brown Memorial Library Trustee because I would like to help to support one of the most important assets that Bradford offers: a beautiful library.

I have served on a variety of not-for-profit boards and committees over the years. In that capacity I have been involved in many types of fundraisers. Given that one of the major activities that the library Board of Trustees must take on is to raise (and manage) funds, I believe my past experience with fundraising qualifies me for the position.

3. I am a relatively new resident of Bradford, but have visited this lovely town for more than 20 years. In my opinion the loss of town businesses is the most important issue in Bradford.
4. Brown Memorial Library is not only a beautiful library, but it is evidence that our community values learning and education. Many businesses also value learning and education and may be attracted to a town which might provide them an educated work force.

Also, if Brown Memorial Library is seen as a busy, vibrant place by the community, it can act as a magnet to attract visitors to the center of town. This is the kind of regular "traffic" that some businesses would find attractive.

BUDGET COMMITTEE for three years**George Cilley**

1. Budget Committee Member - 3 Year term.
2. I was appointed to fill out a term and am very interested in being able to follow up. For the past six years, I have been Trustee of the First Baptist Church and worked on coordinating structural long term maintenance items, managed a small concrete company and managed several large dairy farms prior to retirement.
3. The Budget Process and what the town gets for the money spent.
4. The budget process has become a rote process based on the previous years Budget. While this has to be a part of the process, I don't believe it has to be the only criteria for the next year's budget. I believe the surpluses in the departments' budgets should all be entered into the surplus balance fund and not be spent without a vote by taxpayers.

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Area Events**Newbury**

Sunapee-Ragged- Kearsarge Greenway – Saturday Mar 6th
From Haynes Road in Newbury head for Sutton Mills on Poor Farm Rd. Bail out there, or continue up Corporation Hill Rd and loop through the new Johnson Easement to NH Route 114. Brent Scudder, 763-0187. 4-5 mi. (Moderate)

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Candidates - continued

Marlene Freyler - No Response

Donald A. Jackson

1. Budget Committee
2. In my 40+ years in corporate America, I was in managerial or above positions for 35 years, giving me a strong background in budget preparation, analysis and management.
3. This experience aided me as a member of the Bradford Needs Assessment Committee 3 years ago and during that time I became aware of the close mindedness of some members of the Budget Committee. Their minds were made up to reject our proposal before we made our presentation. In my opinion this attitude is not serving the taxpayer. Rejection initially may appear to be saving the taxpayer dollars; however if it postpones a necessary project for the town, i.e. town hall, police facility, then this only adds to the taxpayers' future tax burden.
4. My point is if it is an absolute "need" not just "want", then the budget committee should view the request in that perspective.

Jane M. Lucas

1. Budget Committee – 3 year term
2. Running for re-election- I have served 4 years on Budget Committee and have experience working with EE's, spending and budgets in my work career.
3. Keeping costs down and attracting business to Bradford, not only to Main St, but also to other areas of town. Create jobs and bring \$\$ to Bradford to offset tax rates and support local economy.
4. The Budget Committee reviews the spending throughout the year and knowing the when, whats and whys of the departments spending assists the committee members in making recommendations for the next year's budget.

BUDGET COMMITTEE for one year

Beth Rodd

1. Budget Committee
2. I am running because, although I have served as a State Representative for Bradford for several years, I have never held a town office. Our family, we and our two sons, have a great affection for Bradford. We have lived here for 23 plus years, raised our children here and are

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3. Bradford, having fallen on hard times lately, needs nurturing and a town government with vision and an eye towards the future in assessing our current and future needs.

PLANNING BOARD

Marcia O. Keller

1. Planning Board

2. I would like to help continue the work of the Planning Board in updating the Capital Improvements Program and incorporating Master Plan recommendations into the regulations of the town. I have served several terms on the Board and worked in the NH Office of State Planning (now Energy and Planning) assisting towns to develop local ordinances.

3. The most important issue is the revitalization of our Main Street to recapture Bradford's place as a vibrant community.

4. The Planning Board can help the community recover from recent business closings in a responsible manner by working with positive ideas from members of the community and from local organizations.

ZONING BOARD

William L. Glennie

1. Zoning Board of Adjustment - 3 years

2. It's important that variances from town regulations, as approved by a majority of voters, be fairly considered. I've been an alternate and full member of the ZBA for over 8 years and a full member of the Planning Board for 5 years. Having someone be a member of both boards is important for coordination between them.

3. Planning for the future, not just reacting to changes as they are presented.

4. The ZBA should work with the Planning Board on the creation of new regulations.

Brooks McCandlish

1. I am seeking re-election to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA).

2. I am running because I like Bradford, and I believe that zoning appeals should be decided fairly and justly. I have served on the ZBA for 3 years, including one year as chairman. I have also served on the Planning Board, Conservation Commission and a number of other organizations in town.

3. The most important issues facing Bradford concern how we adapt to the changing world.

4. The ZBA is charged with considering specific appeals to the town zoning ordinance, on a case by case basis, in accordance with the ordinance and state law, so that the spirit of the ordinance is maintained and substantial justice done.

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Carey Rodd

1. Cemetery Commission.

2. I am interested in the early history of Bradford and its inhabitants and the cemeteries reflect that as well as the genealogy of the area. Now that Tom Riley has completed a computerized data base of all of Bradford's cemeteries, I would like to implement putting it online to preserve this history and make it available to anyone for family research..

3. The most important issue facing Bradford is the blighted downtown with its burned out and vacant buildings.

4. By keeping our cemeteries as well maintained as Dickie Moore keeps them, it helps Bradford show that it takes care of itself.

Bradford Fire Department

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*For a demonstration on how the key is secured, please contact the fire department.

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Proposed Zoning Amendments on Ballot

The March 9, 2010 ballot will include two amendments to the Bradford Zoning Ordinance proposed by the Bradford Planning Board.

Sign Ordinance: The purpose of this Article is to provide uniformity in the size and treatment of signs within the Town of Bradford. The town recognizes the need to provide opportunities for businesses in Bradford to advertise and identify themselves, while protecting public safety and welfare, and the rural character of the town.

The proposed amendment replaces the current section in the ordinance and deals with size, height, and lighting of signs throughout the town. Signs exempt from the ordinance include residential, temporary, and warning signs. A permit (no fee involved) is required for all signs that are not exempt from the ordinance to ensure uniform compliance throughout the town.

Over the years, the question of what signs are legal and what are not have frequently been brought before the Planning Board and more recently as appeals to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The proposed amendment was drafted, after several public hearings and input from other boards, to clarify the issues that have been raised.

Workforce Housing: The purpose of this Article is to provide reasonable opportunities for the development of workforce housing within Bradford for both home ownership and rental opportunities. The town recognizes the importance and benefit to the community and its citizens in the establishment of suitable opportunities for workforce

housing. The town recognizes that there are some situations in which normal zoning, site plan review and/or subdivision requirements may be waived without sacrificing public health, safety and welfare so long as proper safeguards are maintained.

Several years ago, the NH Supreme Court handed down a decision regarding “work force” housing applicable to all cities and towns in the state. In response, the State Legislature enacted RSA 674:58 - 61, effective January 1, 2010, that requires every town with land use ordinances to provide reasonable and realistic opportunities for the development of housing for sale or rent to households within specific income limits.

Anyone who applies to the Planning Board for approval of a development that is intended to qualify as workforce housing must file a written statement to that effect as part of the application.

This ordinance will establish the process for reviewing such an application and will give the Planning Board the necessary tools to address the need for this housing while protecting the integrity of the town and its land use regulations.

Copies of the proposed zoning amendments have been posted at the Town Hall, Lake Sunapee Bank, and the Post Office and will be available for review at the polls on March 9, 2010.



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First Baptist Church News

by Lynne Hubley

Bible Studies: There are 4 Bible Studies being led during the month of March on the Beatitudes. All the studies are held in the church office building. They are as follows: Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., Thursday at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Youth Sunday: Our youth group, better known as Focus Factor, will lead the entire worship service on Sunday, March 7 and will be responsible for coffee hour.

Focus Factor: Youth will meet the following Sundays in March (from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.) March 7 (continue their study of the Beatitudes), March 14 (fun night --bring your favorite board game and continue the Beatitudes); March 21 (bring a friend --prize for anyone who brings a friend - conclude Beatitudes); March 28 (Ice Cream Sundae Party - contest - who can repeat all of the Beatitudes in order).

Planned Giving Seminar: A member of the American Baptist Foundation will be conducting a "Planned Giving Seminar" immediately after the Worship Service on Sunday, March 14.

Food Pantry: The food pantry will be open Wednesday, March 17 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Food can also be obtained by calling the church office at 938-5313.

Men's Fellowship: The men will meet at the home of Fred Hubley on Wednesday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m. for devotions, pool, and refreshments.

Spring Pancake Breakfast: On Saturday, March 27, from 7:00 - 9:00 a.m., we will have a pancake breakfast. There will be blueberry, chocolate chip and plain pancakes, real maple syrup, bacon, sausage, fresh fruit, coffee and juice. Cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children ages 12 and under.

Lenten/Easter Craft Event: Children of all ages are invited to come to the church on Saturday, March 27 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. and enjoy making and taking home a variety of crafts. This is a free event.

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Deadline for the next edition of the Bradford Bridge is March 15. Submissions after that may not get published. Submissions can be sent to us by email at contact.us@bradfordbridge.com or through the Bradford Bridge site at <http://bradford-bridge.com>

Obituaries

Marion L. Hopkins, 93, died Jan. 27, 2010, at Concord Hospital. She was born in New York City, July 8, 1916, to Joseph and Jeanette (Baradel) Lang. She graduated from Babylon High School on Long Island and attended St. John's University in Queens. In 1937, she married John LeRoy Hopkins and settled in Bayport, NY. The family moved to New Hampshire in 1964, when Mr. Hopkins purchased Cole's Marine on Sunapee Harbor.

In 1960, Marion established Mallyree Kennels where she raised Irish Water Spaniels. Becoming an international authority on the breed, she judged dog shows in Europe. In 2005, she wrote *Irish Water Spaniel: A Comprehensive Owners Guide*, published by Kennel Club Books.

She was a delegate to the American Kennel Club and as a board member of Dog Owners of the Granite State attended countless legislative hearings. She was appointed by Gov. Steve Merrill as one of the founding members of the Pet Overpopulation Committee, which was responsible for the oversight of the spay/neuter program that has become a hallmark program across the country.

Marion loved to travel, visiting dog breeder friends across the US, Canada and Europe. She attended World Dog Shows, most recently the 2008 show in Stockholm. She visited her grandfather, Victor Baradel's birthplace in eastern France. She enjoyed long walks with her dogs, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, mystery novels and crossword puzzles.

She is survived by her daughter Pamela and husband, Michael Manus, Contoocook; her sons Timothy Hopkins and his wife, Robin, Greensboro, NC and Daniel Hopkins and his wife, Irene, and Kevin Hopkins, Seattle; grandchildren, John Allen, Medford, MA, Jeanne Gearing, Contoocook, Joseph Hopkins, Edmonds, WA, Marcellé Hopkins, Brooklyn, NY, Sarah and Julia

Obituaries

Hopkins, Seattle; step-grandchildren, Debra Love, Chichester, Brenda White, Hopkinton, Stephanie Carter, Jamestown, NC, and James Manus, Culpepper, VA; eight great-grandchildren; cousins, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband in 1995 and her sister, Enid Schwencke, in 1994.

Burial will take place at St. Ann's Cemetery, Sayville, N.Y. A celebration of life will be held in Bradford late Spring or early Summer.

Memorial donations may be made to Dog Owners of the Granite State, P.O. Box 174, New Boston, NH 03070; or blankets and food may be donated to one's local SPCA.

Donald Hale Hamilton

Hemet, Calif. - Donald Hale Hamilton, 87, formerly of Warner, died Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010, at the Hospital in Corona, Calif. He was born April 8, 1922, in Warner, the son of the late William David and Ruth (Flint) Hamilton. He graduated from Simonds Free High School in Warner in 1941. Following graduation, he went to California with his younger brother, Raymond where Donald worked for Boeing. He returned to New Hampshire where he worked for Merrimack Farmer's Exchange in Goffstown. After serving in the Navy in World War II, he worked for Chrysler Corporation for 30 years.

In 1948, he married Grace Lara, settling with his growing family in California. Donald loved to hike and was a member of the High Sierra Mountain Club. He and his wife were assistant managers of the Mobile Home Park in Oakhurst, Calif., and were involved with the people and activities

of Newbury and Holiday, Fla.; and nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brother, Raymond Arthur Hamilton; and a grandchild, David W. Hamilton.

He is survived by his wife, Grace (Lara) Hamilton; two sons, Ronald Charles Hamilton and his wife, Sharon, of Corona, Calif., and Donald C. Hamilton and his wife, Kanani, of Hesperia, Calif.; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; three sisters, Eleanor H. O'Sheske of Norwalk, Conn., Marion H. Hall of Bradford and Emma H. Tillotson and husband, Melvin W., of Concord and Spring Hill, Fla.; a sister-in-law, Allene S. Hamilton

Funeral services were held Feb. 6 at Calvary Baptist Church in Marino Valley, Calif. Burial with military honors was held Feb. 9 at Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, Calif.

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Support Groups

Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice Support Groups are offered at no charge and are open to the community. We ask that you RSVP if you plan to attend a session. It is also recommended that you call ahead to confirm that a particular session has not been changed or canceled.

Parent Child Program
*Every Wednesday, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
 September – May (runs on school year calendar)
 St. Andrew's Church, 52 Gould Road, New London*


Widow to Widow Support Group
*1st Monday of the month • 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice, 107 Newport Road, New London*

Caregiver Support Group
Call for dates and times.

Bereavement Support Groups
*"Handing the Holidays After You've Had a Loss"
 To be scheduled November/December 2010*

"Growing Through Grief"
To be scheduled

Please contact Meg Ames at
603.526.4077 x233 for more information.



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Letters to the Editor

I would like to welcome the new road agent to town. A quick point of interest, FYI: At the end of Center Road, if you go straight, that is County Rd., an alleged town maintained road. I realize it is not NEARLY as important as the sidewalk downtown, but if you could, just make it passable, so we can drive to and from our houses would be nice. I have an idea!! As there are more people walking on this road than use the sidewalk downtown, how about we drop the "road" designation, and call it County Sidewalk! THEN it will get taken care of!!! Perfect!! Oh, and may I suggest, we hire Steve Lucier back, and fire all 3 selectmen?

Steve Boisvert
County Rd., oops, I mean County Sidewalk

To the Editor,

We appreciate the concerns Judy Paris has raised in her letter to the January edition of the Bradford Bridge.

Ms. Paris may not have known that the Bradford Conservation Commission had no involvement with the work done on her neighbor's property. It is our understanding that his project was done following the advice of UNH and Federal employees, and that he may have been able to take

advantage of one or more grants available for wildlife habitat improvement projects from various agencies and foundations. We also understand that he expressed the wish not to have his efforts publicized at this time.

If Ms. Paris has questions about her neighbor's project, we encourage her to contact him directly.

For more information about wildlife habitat and programs to assist landowners, contact the Merrimack County Extension Forester (225-5505) or the NRCS District Conservationist (223-6023).

Bradford Conservation Commission

To the Editor

It is with a great sense of pride that I lend my name in the backing of Harold Wright in the running for Town Selectmen.

Ever since I met him back in 2002, I am always struck by how level headed and patient Harry Wright is.

It is my opinion, that if any person in this town has the ability to talk with and for the people while dealing with all issues and concerns of our town, then Harold Wright is the man. Here is someone who has the people skills, intelligence and background to make for a better future for our small town.

Paul S. Gross

To the Citizens of Bradford
Do you realize 20% of the citizens set the taxes for all of us?

- The selectmen's race last year was a tie. Think your vote would have made a difference?
- Did you attend "Meet the Candidates"? If not, call them to better understand their vision for the town and their motivation to run for office. You need to make good choices!
- Pick up a copy of the town report before the day of the meeting and spend some time reading it.
- Understand, no matter how long you have lived in this town, if you're registered, you're entitled to speak at town meeting. Let your voice be heard.

Cutting line items in the budget does not always get the results we intend. Only a department's total budget can be adjusted. If that happens, the department head and the selectmen determine what goods or services stay or go. It's my understanding they can even transfer funds between departments, offsetting your good intentions. So word amendments carefully.

The warrant articles are another story. Find out why the "unexpended fund balance" exists, how much is in it, and how is it funded. Articles 6, 9, 16, 17, and 25 all contain this phrase. Be advised, nothing is free!

If you have a question about a warrant, stand up and ask it. It's

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Letters to the Editor

your right.

We need to stop being concerned only at the polls and Town meeting. Get involved year round!

Jon Marden

To the Editor

This letter is in support of Barry Wheeler in his quest for selectman. Barry is 49 years old and has lived those 49 years in or near Bradford so this brings insight that will benefit the town. Barry has knowledge of Bradford roads and their problems AND he understands the equipment that keep the roads in decent condition.

Barry's grandfather and father owned businesses in Bradford. Gravel pits, excavating, and logging is what he is best known for today. As a matter of fact he saved the town \$10,000 last year by assuring the selectmem there was gravel on town owned land of which they had no knowledge. They had planned on purchasing it elsewhere. They listened. Since he is in business for himself, he understands budgets.

Each 4th of July, Barry allows the town to use his land for the fireworks without charge. He only asks that volunteers clean up the debris.

Barry has Planning Board experience that will help while making decisions. He knows most of the boundry lines: this could alleviate some town problems that might arise.

I have known and worked with Barry while on the Planning Board. I believe he is honest, straight forward and loyal to Bradford. He will be a selectman who thnks over the situation arriving at a common sense solution. Please vote for Barry Wheeler for selectman

Jane Johnsen



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at Newbury Harbor

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BUBBA HERE:...The vacation week is behind us...the weekday lift lines should be a lot shorter so head over to the mountain for a few runs in the afternoon and then a quick apres ski stop at Bubba's for some seafood chowder and a Bubba's Brew...always a winner!

February's Line up (and most of March):

2/25/10...**THE SHRIMP BUFFET**...another chance to "Eat 'til you drop" ...and this one has all the shrimp you want!

3/4/10...**FISH FRY**...deep fried haddock...smother it in our Cape Cod Tartar sauce...*"wicked good!"*

3/5/10...**KARAOKE with COUNTRY DAN**...Mic opens at 8:30pm. Bubba Gift Certificates to the top two best singers...are you the next "Bubba Idol"?

3/11/10...**THE SHRIMP BUFFET**...\$17.95...for all the shrimp you want...how can you beat it?!

3/17/10...**ST. PATRICK'S DAY**...Corned Beef and Cabbage...traditional.

3/18/10...**FISH FRY**...\$13.95 FOR ALL YOU CAN EAT!!!

3/19/10...**KARAOKE with COUNTRY DAN**...more gift certificates for the brave at heart!

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MARCH CALENDAR

Mon. March 1

8:45 AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness
10:00 AM - Ceramics Class
1-4 PM - Bridge Group
3:30 PM – Watercolor Painting Class
5:30 PM - Girl Scouts #12579

Tues. March 2

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

Wed. March 3

3:00 PM – Brownies
6:00 PM – Friends of BACC

Thurs. March 4

12 Noon Senior Dining

Fri. March 5

8:45 AM – Mountain View Senior Center
Fitness
11:30 AM - 1st Friday Brunch with the North
Country Chordsmen Barbershop Quartet, 50/50
raffle, and door prizes. Call for reservations.
7:00 PM – Book-to-Movie *Heartland*, BML

Sat. March 6

9:00 – Writing Group

Mon. March 8

8:45 AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness
10:00 AM - Ceramics Class
1-4 PM - Bridge Group
7:00 PM - Rural Heritage Connection

Tues. March 9

8:00 AM – 7:00 PM **Polls Open – vote at
KRES - Bradford**
10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
12:00 Noon - Senior Dining with performance
by local singer/songwriter Click Horning

Wed. March 10

6:00 PM – Girl Scouts
7:00 PM – Library Book Group, *Elephanta
Suite* by Paul Theroux, BML
7:00 PM – **Town Meeting – KRES Bradford**

Thurs. March 11

12:00 Noon - Senior Dining
4:30 PM – Parks & Recreation meeting.

Fri. March 12

8:45 AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

Sun. Mar. 14

1:00 – 4:00 PM – Girl Scouts

Mon. March 15

8:45 AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness
10:15 AM – Computer Class – with James
Thompson – sign up at 938-6228
1-4 PM - Bridge Group
5:30 PM - Girl Scouts #12579

Tues. March 16

9:00 AM -12:00 noon -Fuel Assistance – Call
456-2207 for appointment
10:00AM - Stitches From the Heart
12:00 Noon - Senior Dining
6:00 PM - Yoga Class
6:30 PM – Voice Over Program - Register at
938-6228

Wed. Mar.17

3:00 PM - Brownies
5:00 PM - Bradford Area Community Center –
Committee meeting

Thurs. March 18

10:30AM – 12 Noon - Blood Pressure Clinic
at Mt. View Senior Center provided by Lake
Sunapee VNA
12:00 Noon - Senior Dining- presentation by
Wayne Laporte, local diver and
entrepreneur
1:00-3:00 PM Foot Care Clinic at Mt. View
Senior Center by LSVNA
Call for appt. at 526-4077 or
1-800-587-3382
5:30 PM - 4 H

Fri. March 19

8:45 AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness
9:30–11:30 AM - Foot Care Clinic by LSRVNA
at North Ridge Senior Housing. Call for appt.
at 526-4077 or 1-800-587-3382
10:30 AM - Friday at the Movies: *Fever Pitch*
with Drew Barrymore and Jimmy Fallon
7:00 PM – International Movie (Russia), BML

MARCH CALENDAR

Sat. March 20

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Mud Season Book Sale,
BML

9:00 AM - Writing Group

10:00 – Bradford Improvement Association

10:00 – 11:30 AM - 4 H rocketry

11:00 AM – Bradford Barter Group

Mon. March 22

8:45AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

10:00 AM - Computer Help Group

1-4 PM - Bridge Group

Tues. March 23

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart

12 Noon - Senior Dining

6:00 - 7:30 PM - Yoga Class call Fran at 456-3099

Wed. March 24

10:30AM – 12 Noon - Blood Pressure Clinic
provided by LSVNA at Warner Senior Room

6:00 PM - Girl Scouts

Thurs. March 25

12 Noon - Senior Dining

Fri. March 26

8:45 AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

7:00 PM – Smiffenpoofs - Benefit Concert for

Bradford Center Meeting House

Mon. March 29

8:45 AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

1:00 PM – Bridge Group

Tues. March 30

10:00 AM - Stitches From the Heart

12 Noon - Senior Dining

6:00 PM – Yoga class

Wed. March 31

3:00 PM - Brownies

Abbreviation Key

BBC - Bradford Baptist Church
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

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.

Ongoing Events

Bradford Barter - 3rd Saturday at 11 am at BACC

Children's Storytime - Wednesdays at 10:30 am BML

Cemetery Commission - 2nd Thursday at 6 PM. Call 938-5539 for information

Conservation Commission - 3rd Tuesday 7 PM, Town Hall or BML

Fish and Game Club - 1st Monday of each month - 7 PM, Fish and Game Club

First Friday Bunch - 11:30 am MVSC, reservations appreciated, call 938-2104 for information

Historical Society - open most Saturdays, 1:30 - 3 PM, or call 938-5386

Library Trustees Meeting - 1st Wednesday, 6:00 PM - BML

Planning Board - 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7 PM, Town Hall

Rural Heritage Connection - 2nd Monday, 7 PM, BACC

Selectmen's Meeting - 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 PM, Town Hall

Community Cornerstone Main Street Then and Now

This month's Cornerstone has been the subject of much discussion over the past year. The Special Town Meeting in September created a TIF (Tax Increment Financing) District encompassing a portion of Main Street. Word on the application for a grant to rebuild the sidewalks is anticipated soon after Town Meeting.



Looking West on Main Street

From the early 1800's when Bradford's Main Street from Old Warner Road through East and West Main and High Streets was the road to the north, there have been businesses to reflect the times. The blacksmiths, the tin shop, shoe shop, harness shops, dress makers and various other trades people and general stores. Sugar maples lined the street and the homes had their carriage sheds and white picket fences facing the dirt sidewalks.

Evolving with the times were the railroad, grocery stores, telephone office, garages, hotels, restaurants, snack shops, funeral parlor, barber shop, and doctors. Look closely and you can see that the (now vacant) Merrimack Farm Store building was once part of the Bradford Railroad Station complex.

From the corner of Route 114, within memory, (almost), there stood the tin shop, the 1858 Victorian home and barn, which burned in 1977, and the lovely 1834 home of Dr. Ames, now the home of his descendants, the Cilley's. The Central School is now the Bradford Area Community Center.

Across Route 103 is the First Baptist Church, next door is Brown Memorial Library, and across the street, the Town Hall. At the end of Main Street is the imposing Brick Mill, which once furnished electricity for the town.

There are still enough nicely kept typical small town New England homes along Bradford's Main Street "Now" to remind us of the "Then" of Bradford.



*Looking
East on
Main Street*

This is Our Town

Moderator

The moderator is elected by ballot in every even numbered year, but does not assume the office until adjournment of the regular town business meeting. The moderator presides over the town meetings, decides questions of order, and states publicly every vote passed.

The moderator can set the rules of proceeding for the town meeting but these rules "may be altered" or legally overruled by majority vote if the ruling is questioned. Even if voters have previously adopted rules of procedure, they can vote to overrule the moderator on the issue of whether those rules are being followed.

The exception to this is when the moderator is applying the requirements of the state law that controls town meeting procedure. For example, RSA 33:8 mandates a 2/3 majority to authorize issuance of bonds so the voters cannot overrule the moderator on that point.

The moderator presides at all elections held in the town, assuring that the state laws governing them are followed. The moderator may appoint an assistant moderator who has all the duties and powers of the moderator. A vacancy in the office of moderator is filled by appointment made by the supervisors of the checklist.

Bradford's moderator at this time is Jon Steiner, assistant moderator is Millie Kittredge.

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Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

Mark your calendars for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the library on Saturday, April 3 at 11:00am. What a wonderful thought on this cold, gray February afternoon! Also, our annual Mud Season Book Sale will be on Saturday, March 20 from 9am-2pm. Volunteers have been working hard all winter making the book sale area even better!

This month's book-to-movie is on Friday, March 5 at 7:00pm. We will compare *Letters of a Woman Homesteader* by Elinore Pruitt Stewart with the movie *Heartland*. Both book and movie take a realistic look at life on a Wyoming homestead in the early 1900s.

In April, we will compare the book *The Snapper* by Roddy Doyle with the movie of the same name. Copies of the book are available at the library.

The Library Book Group meets on Wednesday, March 10 at 7:00pm for a discussion of *Elephanta Suite* by Paul Theroux. The three loosely connected novellas tell unsettling tales about American travelers in India. Copies of the book are available at the library. In April, the book group will read *A Lost Lady* by Willa Cather.

International Movie Night continues on Friday, March 19 at 7:00pm. This month we will see a movie from Russia that was inspired by the American movie *Twelve Angry Men*. Next month our movie will take us (in our armchairs) to the Israel/Syria border.

New books added to your library in February:

For adults

- Point Omega* by Don DeLillo
- Bloodroot* by Amy Greene
- Shadow Tag* by Louise Erdrich
- Storms of My Grandchildren* by James Hansen
- Committed* by Elizabeth Gilbert
- Noah's Compass* by Anne Tyler

For children and youth

- Tales from Outer Suburbia* by Shaun Tan
- Henry in Love* by Peter McCarty
- Woods Runner* by Gary Paulsen
- Marcelo in the Real World* by Francisco X. Stork



Vital Statistics

Marriages:

Gary Clark and David Holland
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Deaths:

Timothy Donovan Sr 01/25/201
Marion Hopkins 01/27/2010

Births:

Cole Justin Pearce 01/17/2010



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2010 Warrant Articles

Town of Bradford

State of New Hampshire

Town Warrant of Town Meeting March 09, 2010

The Polls will open at 8:00 am to 7:00 pm on March 09, 2010

To the inhabitants of the town of Bradford in the County of Merrimack in said State qualified to vote in town affairs;

You are hereby notified to meet at the Bradford Elementary School on Old Warner Road in said Bradford, NH on Tuesday, the ninth of March next, at eight o'clock in the morning to act on the following articles:

Article One. To choose all necessary Town officials for the ensuing year.

Article Two. Zoning Ordinance - Shall the Town of Bradford adopt a "Sign Ordinance" under the authority of RSA 674.

The ordinance establishes permitting procedures for signs. Included is a list of types of signs that are prohibited, a list of types of signs that are allowed without a permit, and general requirements for signage. If approved, this ordinance will replace section VI Signs, in the Zoning Ordinance.

Article Three. Zoning Ordinance - Shall the Town of Bradford adopt a "Workforce Housing Ordinance" under the authority of RSA 674:21, and is intended as an "Inclusionary Zoning" provision as defined in RSA 674:21(I)(k) and 674:21(IV)(a), as well as RSA 672:1,IIIe. The Ordinance provides incentives for the development of workforce housing including increases in density and permits uses consistent with the encouragement and development of workforce housing as stipulated in the aforementioned RSAs.

Article Four. To adjourn the meeting until Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at 7:00 pm at the Bradford Elementary School on the Old Warner Road. The raising of money and remaining articles in the Warrant will be taken up at the adjourned meeting.

Article Five. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Eight Hundred Sixty One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$1,861,680.00) for

the general municipal operation. This article DOES NOT include amounts appropriated by other warrant articles. (Majority vote required)

1. Executive	\$107,827.00
2. Elections and Vital Records	8,864.00
3. Financial Administration	80,918.00
4. Revaluations	20,072.00
5. Legal	15,000.00
6. Employee Benefits	267,854.00
7. Planning	10,000.00
8. General Government	39,982.00
9. Cemetery	17,085.00
10. Insurances	62,882.00
11. Other General Govt	9,600.00
12. Police Department	289,510.00
13. Fire Department	92,500.00
14. Rescue Squad	83,185.00
15. Building Code Dept	10,950.00
16. Emergency Management	500.00
17. Highway Department	383,063.00
18. Bridge Account	100.00
19. Street Lighting	4,450.00
20. Solid Waste Collection	57,675.00
21. Solid Waste Disposal	70,834.00
22. Inoculations	500.00
23. Welfare Administration	4,012.00
24. Welfare Payments	38,377.00
25. Parks and Recreation	1,725.00
26. Library	62,525.00
27. Patriotic Purposes	14,500.00
28. Community Center	69,409.00
29. Other Conservation	780.00
30. Long Term Notes	35,000.00
31. Interest on Tan Notes	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total	\$1,861,680.00

Article Six. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) for the construction of sidewalks on East Main Street and to authorize the withdrawal of Twenty One Thousand One Hundred Sixty Eight dollars (\$21,168) from the Main Street Improvement Capital Reserve, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2009 and to raise and appropriate the balance of Forty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Two dollars (\$48,832) to be raised by taxation. This will be a non lapsing appropriation and will continue until complete or December 31, 2015. This appropriation is conditional on the receipt of a grant from the NH Department of Transportation Enhancement Grant (TE Grant) in the amount of Four Hundred and Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$480,000) (80% of the project). The grant awards will be announced in the spring of 2010. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously recommends. (This represents approximately \$.21 of the tax rate)

Article Seven: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously recommends. (This represents approximately \$.09 of the tax rate)

Article Eight. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand One Hundred Fifty



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Dollars (\$15,150) to repair the Town Clock. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously recommends. (This represents approximately \$.07 of the tax rate).

Article Nine. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Building Repair Capital Reserve Fund and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of \$5000 from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2009 with no money raised by taxation. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously recommends. (No addition to the tax rate).

Article Ten. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Town Communications Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in this fund and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously recommends. (This represents approximately \$.02 of the tax rate)

Article Eleven. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously recommends. (This represents approximately \$.04 of the tax rate)

Article Twelve. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Fund. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously recommends. (This represents approximately \$.13 of the tax rate)

Article Thirteen. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a five year lease purchase agreement for One Hundred and Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$102,500) for the purchase of a

backhoe and a six year extended warranty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$2,800) for the Bradford Highway department and to raise and appropriate Eighteen Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty Three Dollars (\$18,433) for the first year payment and warranty expense. This lease contains an escape clause. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously recommends. (This represents approximately \$.08 of the tax rate)

Article Fourteen. To see if the Town will vote to establish the Highway Heavy Equipment Repair Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in this Fund. The Selectmen are agents to expend. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously recommends. (This represents approximately \$.09 of the tax rate)

Article Fifteen. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be placed in the Gravestone Repair Expendable Trust. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously recommends. (This represents less than \$.01 of the tax rate)

Article Sixteen. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Town Building Emergency Repair Capital Reserve Fund and to authorize the withdrawal of that amount from unexpended fund balance as of December 31 2009 with no money raised by taxation. Selectmen

unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously recommends. (No addition to the tax rate)

Article Seventeen. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Town Building and Facility Renovation Capital Reserve Fund and to authorize the withdrawal of that amount from unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2009 with no money raised by taxation. Selectmen and Budget Committee unanimously recommends. (No impact on tax rate)

Article Eighteen. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$24,500) to purchase a new police cruiser and transfer the existing equipment. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously recommends. (This represents approximately \$.11 of the tax rate)

Article Nineteen. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Bridge Design and Build Capital Reserve Fund and raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be placed in this fund. Selectmen are agents to expend. Selectmen unanimously recommend. -Budget Committee unanimously recommends. (This represents approximately \$.15 of the tax rate)

Article Twenty. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000) to replace the roof on the Bement Covered Bridge with a corrugated metal roof. This will be non

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lapsing and continue until the project is done or December 31, 2015. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously recommends. (This represents approximately \$.11 of the tax rate)

Article Twenty One. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for asphalt road repairs and shimming. This will be non lapsing and continue until the project is complete or December 31, 2015. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously recommends. (This represents approximately \$.17 of the tax rate)

Article Twenty Two. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Four Thousand Dollars (\$54,000) for road reconstruction of County Road. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously recommends. (This represents approximately \$.23 of the tax rate)

Article Twenty Three. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand dollars (\$110,000) to begin the first phase of a three year project to reconstruction and resurface Sunset Hill Road. This will be a non lapsing appropriation and will not lapse until the project is complete or December 31, 2015. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously recommends. (This represents approximately \$.48 of the tax rate)

Article Twenty Four. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for the 2010 recertification of property assessments as required by the NH Department of Revenue. Twenty five thousand dollars will be withdrawn from the Revaluation Capital Reserve and Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000) will be raised by taxation. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously recommends. (This represents approximately \$.06 of the tax rate)

Article Twenty Five. To see if the Town

will vote to appropriate Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to make an additional principal payment on the Town Highway Garage long term note and to authorize the withdrawal of this amount from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2009 with no additional money to be raised by taxation. Selectmen unanimously recommend. -Budget Committee unanimously recommends. (No tax rate increase.)

Article Twenty Six. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to fund the Boat Launch. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously recommends. (This represents approximately \$.02 of the tax rate)

Article Twenty Seven. Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a,(b) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds for contributions to "qualified organizations" for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property.

Article Twenty Eight. To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 72:66 for a property tax exemption on real property equipped with a wind powered energy system which exemption shall be in the amount of 100% of the assessed value of the wind powered energy system up to \$35,000 until rescinded. **By Petition.**

Article Twenty Nine. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$2,750) to support the Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports. **By Petition.** Selectmen do not recommend (unanimous). Budget Committee does not recommend. (This represents approximately \$.01 of the tax rate)

Article Thirty. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector and the Selectmen's Office will be open to the public 35 hours per week and not to exceed 35 hours. The office hours for both will be conducted Tuesday thru

Friday as follows:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 7:30-12:00pm 1:00 pm -5pm, Thursday 8:00 am-12:00pm 1:00pm-7:00pm. The lunch hour is unpaid.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector will be open to the public the last Saturday of the month from 8:00am-12:00pm of each month except on holidays that fall on Saturday they will open the following Saturday. The office hours for that week will be the same except for morning hours on Thursday and Friday which will be 10:00 am-12:00pm not to exceed 35 hours. Having the offices open for the same hours will give the residents more opportunity to conduct all their business in person at the Town Hall. Office hours will be posted for the entire calendar year on January 1. **By Petition.**

Article Thirty One. The Road Agent is an appointed position and the requirement will include the road Agent must reside in Bradford or one of the abutting Towns. **By Petition**

Article Thirty Two. Petition for making Maple View Drive a Town Road. We the residents of Bradford, New Hampshire request that the privately owned road of Maple View Drive, be converted to a town owned and maintained road. **By Petition** (signatures at the town hall)

Article Thirty Three. By Petition: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President.

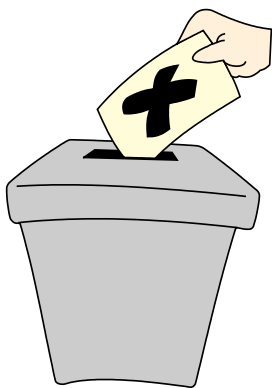
Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines "marriage".

Article Thirty Four. To see if the town will vote to direct the Selectmen to sell the Caterpillar skid steer loader purchased in 2009 without the approval at Town Meeting. **By Petition.**

Article Thirty Five. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars

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(\$8,500.00) for the continuation of the Nature's Circle Summer Camp for youth. This amount is to be used for payroll expenses for camp councilors, transportation and supplies used to conduct a quality day camp for Bradford area children. This amount to be offset by fees and donations collected from/for the camp as has occurred in 2008 and 2009. **By Petition.** Selectmen do not recommend (unanimous). Budget Committee does not recommend (3 no, 1 yes, 1 abstain) This represents approximately \$.04 of the tax rate)



Kearsarge Regional School District News

by Andrew Pinard

This month I cede my space to my colleague Ken Bartholomew who serves on the School Board representing Warner. Be sure to show up and vote at the polls on March 9 and at Town Meeting on March 10.

Kearsarge District Warrant Articles: An Explanation

By Ken Bartholomew

On Tuesday, March 9, the towns of the Kearsarge School District will be voting on the 2010 District Warrant Articles. The Deliberative Session was held at the High School on January 9, where several citizens sought further explanation about the Articles from the School Board and Municipal Budget Committee. For those that could not make the Deliberative Session, I offer the following explanations of the Warrant Articles, from my personal perspective as one of the two School Board members representing Warner. If you have additional questions, I urge you to contact your School Board representative (Andrew Pinard) or Municipal Budget Committee member (Joe Conway).

The Warrant Articles can be found in full text format at http://www.kearsarge.k12.nh.us/kearsarge/lib/kearsarge/2010_Warrant.pdf

An explanatory handout from the School Board can be found at: http://www.kearsarge.k12.nh.us/kearsarge/lib/kearsarge/Annual_Mtg_Handout2010.pdf

Article 1 (Energy Conservation Upgrade): This Article asks the

District to approve the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$2,936,573 to purchase an Energy Conservation Upgrade to improve school building energy use throughout the District. This bond requires 60% approval to pass, and is an important money saving effort by the School Board over the long term. Voting "Yes" on Article 1 means cleaner, healthier, more comfortable, more efficient, better functioning schools that are less expensive to operate. For these reasons, both the School Board and Municipal Budget Committee recommend this Article.

In the fall of 2006, the District entered into an agreement with Honeywell to perform an energy audit of all our district facilities with the goals of reducing operating costs, improving health, safety and learning conditions and making energy conservation recommendations. Honeywell assessed lighting upgrades, control system upgrades, HVAC systems, boilers, heating, air exchange systems and "building envelopes" and proposed an upgrade that would be done in the next two years that would result in significant energy cost savings to the District over many years into the future.

While the project's expenses would be paid for by bonds, it is important to realize that this project covers many repair and maintenance items that will have to be made by the district in the next several years regardless of whether they are funded as part of this Energy Conservation Upgrade. By folding those items into

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this project, however, the District maximizes the potential of getting federal stimulus (ARRA) funds and State building aid to cover a large percentage of the Project costs. In fact, the Warrant Article specifically states that the Project will not proceed if the State enacts a moratorium on building aid or if the federal stimulus grant is not received. Furthermore, Honeywell guarantees an energy cost savings to the District in future years and will pay the District the difference if those projected energy cost savings are not as high as anticipated.

In short, this Article is a *tax savings* measure. The costs of the Project will be financed through issuing bonds, receiving grants and state building aid, energy cost avoidance, utility rebates and operating cost avoidance. Voting “No” on this article would be a waste of our taxpayer dollars.

A “Yes” vote means:

- Avoidance of nearly \$1,900,000 in future energy costs.
- The District would accept up to \$1,600,000 in State School Building Aid (or up to approximately 55% of the Project cost), up to \$400,000 in federal stimulus (ARRA) grant money and up to \$14,000 in utility rebates.
- Upgrades to many deferred maintenance items, of which up to 55% of the cost will be reimbursed with State School Building Aid.
- And all for NO Additional Tax Dollars!

A “No” vote means:

- Continuing to spend 14% more in annual energy costs, estimated at over \$1,900,000 over 15 years.
- Raising taxes to pay for over

\$2,000,000 in deferred maintenance, most of which is unlikely to qualify for 55% State Building Aid.

- The loss of up to \$2,014,000 in outside funding for this Project (State Building Aid, federal stimulus grants and utility rebates).

Article 2 (2010-11 Budget): The School Board budget reflects a general fund increase of approximately 1.8% over last year. The School Board budget of \$36,478,189 is \$88,400 or one-quarter of one per cent (0.25%) higher than the budget recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee (\$36,389,789). This 1.8% increase is driven largely by increases in costs outside the District’s control, such as increases in transportation costs, health insurance costs and state retirement costs passed onto the District. The increase also accounts for the need to add a district data technician, a K-5 Health Educator, a licensed drug and alcohol counselor, a half-time high school art teacher, summer school costs and a 2% wage increase for all non-affiliated employees. Areas of reduced spending in the budget include Out-of-District Special Education costs, utilities, property insurance, bond payments, books, advertising, technology, repairs, equipment, field trips and athletic trips.

The primary difference between the School Board and Municipal Budget Committee’s budgets is the 2% pay raise that the Board proposes for non-contract employees, which consist primarily of custodians, cafeteria workers and administrative staff. As the Budget Committee acknowledges,

because of rising health costs, these workers will suffer an out-of-pocket wage *reduction* without a 2% pay raise. The School Board felt that it was unfair to burden some of the District’s lowest paid workers with a cut in real wages during these difficult economic times when doing so would not result in an appreciable difference in our taxes.

Article 3 (Para Educators PEAK Contract): Article 3, recommended by both the School Board and the Municipal Budget Committee, asks the voters to approve the collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the District and the Para Educators at Kearsarge (PEAK). This 3-year agreement calls for estimated increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels of \$43,171 (2.64%) in 2010-11, \$49,921 (2.97%) in 2011-12 and \$55,065 (3.18%) in 2012-13.

This agreement benefits the District because it represents a 3-year agreement with an important segment of the District’s educators that offers fair wages to that group and offers the District the flexibility it needs to execute its mission in support of the District’s children.

Article 4 (Special Education Expendable Trust Fund): In 2008, the voters established an expendable trust fund for the purposes of providing money for emergency funding of unforeseen Special Education costs. The District is obligated by federal law to provide for the Special Education needs of its students and because

we have no control over when a Special Needs student moves into the District, unanticipated expenses are possible, and have hit the District hard in the past. This Article seeks to add \$25,000 to this fund. This Article is recommended by both the School Board and the Municipal Budget Committee.

Article 5 (School Building Maintenance Fund): The voters established the School Building Maintenance Fund in 2009 for the purpose of providing funds for unanticipated repairs, utility costs, and maintaining school buildings and equipment. This requested appropriation will be made from surplus funds remaining on hand as of June 30, 2010, if available. This Article is recommended by both the School Board and the

Municipal Budget Committee.

Article 6 (Designation of Trustees): This non-monetary article asks for approval to designate the Town of New London as the Trustees of the District's funds. This is a practice that has gone on for a number of years, but needs the authorization of the voters. The Town of New London does not charge the District for this service.

Article 7 (School Resource Officer): Article 7 is a citizens' petition seeking funding in the amount of \$72,600 to contract with the Town of Sutton for a School Resource Officer. This trained police officer would primarily work with high school and middle school students to prevent

and respond to incidents. Having a resource officer within the schools, as opposed to relying on the Town of Sutton Police Department to respond when there is a need will allow for a more timely response by the officer and will lead to an increased level of trust between students and the officer, who will have the opportunity to interact with the student population. Although brought through a citizen's petition, this Article is recommended by both the School Board and the Municipal Budget Committee.

For Bradford Selectman

- **Common Sense**
- **Respect for Citizens**
- **Positive Attitude**



Objectives:

- **Close the gap between Selectmen and Townspeople**
- **Revitalize the Village and stimulate economic development to reduce the tax rate**

Skills:

- **Long experience at high levels in Industrial Management**
- **Excellent sales skills at project management level**

Statement:

I will focus on three major issues of the Town:

- **First, and short term, is to close the gap in confidence and trust between the Townspeople and the Selectmen.**
- **Second is to actively support the efforts now in process to revitalize the Village.**
- **Third, and longer term, is to actively solicit businesses to come to Bradford for both tax relief and employment opportunities.**

Benefit Concert for Bradford Center Meeting House

A concert to benefit the Bradford Center Meeting House will be held on Friday, March 26th at 7pm. The Smiffenpoofs, the oldest female collegiate a cappella group in the nation from Smith College will be performing a free concert at the historic meeting house.

The Smiffenpoofs originated in 1936 after a group of Smith students attended a Yale picnic where the Whiffenpoofs (Yale men's a cappella group) performed. The women were impressed by the Whiff's camaraderie and musicality and decided to form the first women's collegiate a cappella group in the nation, according to their website. Their singing repertoire includes old favorites and contemporary hits alike.

The concert is free and open to the public. Dress warm. Donations for the Meetinghouse will be accepted. Want to get a taste of their music? Visit the Smiffenpoofs website at www.smith.edu/smiffenpoofs or Google You Tube, type in Smiffenpoofs and scroll down and click on the Poofs singing, "Valerie" for a real treat.

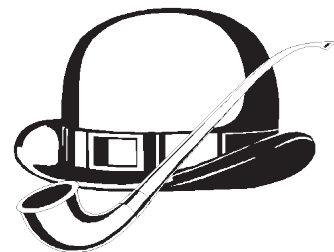
Bradford resident, **Elizabeth Forgiel**, Class of 2012, is the featured soloist in "Valerie" and will be singing at the concert on March 26th. Calling all Smithies ! See you at the Meeting House.



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