

THE Bradford Bridge

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Town of Bradford, State of New Hampshire

Town Warrant

The Polls will open from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 8, 2011.

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 eighth of March next, at eight o'clock in the morning to act on Articles 1-6. You are further notified to meet on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Bradford Elementary School on the Old Warner Road to discuss, debate and act upon the remaining Articles.

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town officials for the ensuing year.

Article 2. The Planning Board's Amendment No. 1 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the Bradford Zoning Ordinance as follows: to add a Workforce Housing section to the Zoning Ordinance as required by RSA 674:58-61? The proposed ordinance would allow workforce housing in all zoning districts except the Conservation District and would allow the Planning Board to approve one or more incentives: smaller lot sizes, reduced setbacks and/ or reduced road frontage if the applicant demonstrates that the current regulations would make the cost of a project prohibitive for sale or rent to families who meet the guidelines. An assurance of continued affordability would be required for any approved project.

Article 3. The Planning Board's Amendment No. 2 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the Bradford Zoning Ordinance as follows: to change the definition of Buildable Acre to read: Buildable Land: For the purposes of calculating the minimum lot size: each lot shall contain a minimum of 1 contiguous acre of land, exclusive of wetlands, steep slopes, and floodplains (as defined in the ordinance).

Article 4. The Planning Board's Amendment No. 3 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the Bradford Zoning Ordinance as follows: to add a definition of Enlarge - to increase in any dimension - length, width, height, overall area or occupied floor area.

Article 5. The Planning Board's Amendment No. 4 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the planning board for the Bradford Zoning Ordinance that would allow building permits to be issued for specific lots that have no road frontage (those lots served only by the East Shore Footpath and the three islands on Lake Massasectum) and to require an acknowledgement of the limits of municipal liability to be recorded in the registry of deeds prior to the issuance of a building permit.

Article 6. The Planning Board's Amendment No. 5 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the planning board for the Bradford Zoning Ordinance as follows: allow wireless telecom-

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10 QUESTIONS

by Phyllis Wilcox

The March Bridge interview is with Ann Eldridge. Most of you recognize Ann as the nature writer of the bi-monthly column "Outside." The month of March brings thoughts of Spring and the awakening of the earth which Ann so brilliantly describes in her columns. Ann was born in Maine, grew up in central Massachusetts and has lived in New Hampshire for the past 30 years. She is a well-known print-maker, author and illustrator. Her talent is amazing and her life is equally amazing and filled with a love of the outdoors and creativity.

Q. You said, "My prints and drawings are all true stories and usually it is the title that inspires the image." Would you elaborate on that statement please?

I think that I am more of an illustrator. I'll think of the story line first and the image follows it. Maybe it's analogous to a musician who might write the lyrics first and then the music. The subject matter interests me more than the composition.

Q. You've had an interesting education which includes: print making, courses in botany and horticulture and workshops in environmental service but your main thrust seems to be print-making. Is it confusing to have such a variety of talents at your disposal?

I've had gardens since I was ten years old. I have a diary since then of my annual bicycle trips to town to buy seeds. I wrote a book about those experiences titled "Cabbages and Cauliflowers" in 1984. It's a guide for growing vegetables.

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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.

Letter from the Editor

March might be the best winter month. Skiing on the slopes in early spring sunshine is possible. There may be a hint of daffodils (or a major snowstorm) on the horizon, always an exciting toss-up. It's time for baseball signups (applications for BNSYS are on the bulletin board at the post office) and we'll be getting some warmer weather just in time to avoid the fuel increases that are expected to soar as a result of the current mid-east political crises. I am conjuring up a political cartoon where all the dictators being deposed are sitting on hard plastic chairs in the unemployment office (instead of us). Spring is a time for rich fantasies St. Patrick's Day is around the corner and the Women's Club is holding a special spring event at the Appleseed. And, after a long, hard winter, it's always nice to see our friends and neighbors again.

The most important privilege and duty we have is to vote. Town elections are being held on Tuesday, March 8, 8:00am to 7:00pm at the elementary school. The following evening, we will come together as a community to vote on our town budget, also held at the elementary school (7:00pm). Please let your voice be heard. There are many budget proposals that need your consideration and warrant articles that require town participation. If you don't attend, you will not be heard. We are emerging from a global economic recession but many still suffer. Look at the proposals and decide if you believe they are good for Bradford's economic recovery and will improve the tax base or if certain articles can be delayed for a year or two. Think strategically and keep the "big picture" in mind. We've heard some folks complain that their vote doesn't count and that's true, especially if they don't vote. We are a small town, a small state and every vote is important.

Thanks for your continuing support for the Bridge. Keep in touch with us for any suggestions, news or areas of interest you'd like to see us pursue. Happy Spring.

Beth Rodd, March Editor



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Monday: noon-7:00 pm
Tuesday: 7:00 am-11:30 am
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Area Events

Newbury:

The Fells: Out and About Preschool Program: Animal Tree House
Tuesday, March 8, 10-11am

Out and About is a monthly preschooler program offering ecology-themed art projects, stories and outside exploration. Dress for indoor and outdoor activities. Members free, nonmembers \$5 per child. Private classes for preschools/groups available for scheduling. Classes fill fast. Advance reservations required, call 603-763-4789 x5.

Backyard Wildlife

Thursday, March 24, 4-5pm

This presentation highlights a dozen wildlife species commonly seen in the Upper Valley. Participants learn cool animal facts and how the diverse mix of habitats in our region supports species such as American woodcock, painted turtle, pileated woodpecker, wood frogs, little brown bats and other captivating creatures. Free. For more information visit www.thefells.org <<http://www.thefells.org>> or call 603-763-4789 x3.

Sutton:

Department of Natural Resources and the Environment.

The Greenway's annual meeting begins at 5 p.m. with a pot luck supper, coordinated by Sutton SRKG director Jean LaChance, who organizes site preparation and monitors food donations (927-4345).

The SRKGC is a non-profit volunteer organization that maintains a 75-mile trail system, incorporating 14 separate hikes through 10 towns. For a description of the S-R-K Greenway and the 75 miles of free hiking it offers on marked trails in the region, please visit www.srkg.com.

Warner:

The movie: DIRT, the movie and Panel Discussion When: Friday, February 18th, 7 PM, Where: Frank Maria Room, Pillsbury Free Library, 18 E. Main Street, Warner. Donations appreciated What else? Bring a dessert to share, if you wish.

Join us after the movie for an informal discussion with local panelists George Pellettieri of Pellettieri Associates of Warner, an award winning designer and builder of high quality landscapes for homes, business, and institutions, and Sam Bower of Kearsarge Gore Farm, a Certified Organic farm in Warner! Everyone is welcome!

Dirt takes center stage in this entertaining yet poignant documentary from Bill Benenson and Gene Rosow, which unearths our cosmic connection to soil and explores how diverse groups of people are uniting to save the natural resource. Drawing inspiration from William Bryant Logan's book *Dirt: The Ecstatic Skin of the Earth*, the filmmakers combine lively animations with personal accounts from farmers, scientists, activists and more. Sponsored by: Kearsarge Area Eat Local (KAEL), Pillsbury Free Library, Warner Farmer's Market, Warner Energy Committee, MainStreet Bookends, Warner Connects, Warner Time bank. Info? contact the Pillsbury Free Library 456-2289

New London:

Researcher Patrick Tate of the NH Fish & Game Department will present an illustrated talk about one of the forest's most elusive furbearers, the bobcat, The hiker conservationists of the Greenway will gather March 27 in Our Lady of Fatima Church Hall on Main Street. A brief business session will precede Tate's presentation, to begin about 6:30 p.m.

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As a description of the new study on the UNH web site says, "In the past 10-15 years, increased sightings and captures suggest that bobcats are becoming more abundant in New Hampshire. The extent of this population increase is not known, but it does seem likely that bobcats have responded to 20 years of protection."

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16th Annual ChocolateFest in New London Saturday, March 5, 12-3pm

The Lake Sunapee Region will be host to some of the area's most celebrated creators of chocolate treats on Saturday, March 5 at the 16th annual ChocolateFest Chocolate Challenge. Co-sponsored by the Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce and Colby-Sawyer College, the ChocolateFest offers visitors an opportunity to sample all the delicious chocolates and vote for their favorite. This year's event will be hosted at the quintessential New England college campus of Colby-Sawyer College in Wheeler Hall, Ware Campus Center from 12:00 - 3:00 pm. Tickets \$10 each, kids 5 and under free. Call 603-526-6575 or visit <http://www.lakesunapeenh.org> for more details.

Muster Field Farm Museum—Thursday's Child Dinner at the New London Inn, Thursday, March 24 Eat well and support Muster Field Farm Museum by making a reservation for our Thursday's Child Dinner on March 24 at Rockwell's Restaurant in the New London Inn. Half the profits of the dinner go to the farm, compliments of Rockwell's. Check out the menu online at www.rockwellsattheinn.com, and call (603) 526-2791 to make a reservation. For members and non-members alike, there's no more enjoyable way to financially support Muster Field Farm!

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Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor,

Are you concerned about your real estate tax? With only 9 voters turning out for the Budget hearing, maybe the selectmen and budget committee are right and the 9+ percent in the operating budget is of no concern.

Or is it?.....If it is, and the effect of such an increase in taxes does concern you, Town Meeting is your last chance to have your voice heard and where your concern can be expressed with your vote.

Bradford's town meeting is March 9th at 7 PM at the Elementary School. That is Wednesday night on the 9th. If it is a concern, be there. Bradford is your Town too.

Dick Keller, Bradford

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The Conservation Commission urges you to vote 'no' on zoning amendment #2 which would change the current two acres of 'buildable' area required to one acre for new subdivisions.

The current ordinance does need revision however. It needs to be rewritten to be more flexible to allow greater density where it is efficient for town services and where the land can support it and somewhat more restrictive in areas where the landscape is more sensitive to disturbance and may have negative impacts to the surrounding area.

The Commission will be working with the Planning Board this year on improvements to some of the town's ordinances, using new data obtained through the updated Natural Resource Inventory and the experiences of other similar towns.

We urge anyone who has constructive fresh ideas to contact the Planning Board or the Conservation Commission.

Ann Eldridge for the Committee

Letter to the Editor,

"A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead
That was the community mantra in 1997 when a group of Bradford professionals came together to assist selectman in planning and increasing funding sources. We held many community forums where 60-70 citizens attended. A priority was a downtown area for citizens to connect and "build a sense of community". The town hall's handicap access issues, inadequate police facilities and no room for growth were ongoing concerns. The town voted down a bond to renovate the old school for that purpose in mid '90's. I was one of many who joined to strategically envision and prioritize plans for our social-economic-community development. Professional community members volunteered their skills producing an organizational structure that supported a private-public partnership.

The people voted at town meeting to accept funding to renovate the old school building. As per the signed agreement in grants and the fundraising appeals, the fiscal responsibility of the building's maintenance would stay within the town's operating budget for a 20 year period with the nonprofit having oversight and governance of programs and services. The non-profit can raise any additional funds for facility programs/services and community growth. This is unrelated to any staff cutting. I know this because I was responsible for developing and writing all the grants and funding appeals. You can reaffirm the commitment for the community center to be governed by the community not by the selectmen's staff.

Carol Conforti-Adams
Bradford

To The Editor:

Bradford town residents have been separating steel & aluminum cans, mixed paper, cardboard, and plastics # 1 and # 2 out of their discards and then placing them in the designated areas at the transfer station . it has not only brought revenue to the town but is making a difference in the environment for our future generations. We have netted \$20,665.66 in recycling proceeds and saved \$7,194.00 in tipping fees(incinerator fees)

Thank you residents and we are looking forward to your ongoing support .

Manager Ken Anderson

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Obituaries

John R. Robie

John Randolph Robie, 88, of Hampstead, NH died peacefully on January 29, 2011 at the Merrimack Valley Hospice House surrounded by his wife Elinor and loving family. He was born in O'Hara Township, Allegheny County, PA on May 10, 1922, one of six children of the late George R. and Blanche (Hilliard) Robie. He was a resident of Hampstead for 6 years, formerly living in Bradford, NH for 18 years. Prior to that, he resided in Wilton, CT for 34 years.

John graduated from Aspinwall High School, PA. He received his Bachelor's degree in Architecture from the University of Oklahoma in 1949. He served in the US Marine Corps during World War II in the Pacific, assigned to a mapping division that took him to Saipan and Nagasaki.

He married Elinor (Yepsen) Robie on September 8, 1951. John spent his career in architecture, which spanned a variety of projects including elementary and high schools, office buildings, laboratories and libraries. Some examples are a dormitory and dining facility at Princeton University; the Robert Goddard Library at Clark University; the Windows on the World, a complex of venues at the top floors of the World Trade Center's North Tower; and the Haworth Water Treatment Plant in Haworth, New Jersey. He worked for a number of firms and architects including Sherwood, Mills & Smith; Warren Platner Associates Architects; John M. Johansen; Schofield Colgan (now Colgan Perry Lawler Aurell Architects); Irving and Jacob Architects; Richard Bergmann Architects; and Eliot Noyes and Associates.

John enjoyed small boat sailing, windsurfing, rock gardening, playing the piano, listening to music, skiing, astronomy, hiking, chess,

bird watching trips, tree identification, photography, vacationing at his wife Elinor's family camp in the Adirondacks and spending time with his family.

He was a member emeritus of the American Institute of Architecture (AIA); and member of the National Audubon Society; NH Audubon Society (Concord); North American Rock Garden Society; Bradford (NH) Conservation Committee; Hampstead Congregational Church and NH Kearsarge Unitarian Universalists Fellowship. He also taught chess to high school and middle school children in the Kearsarge, NH school district. He and Elinor loved to travel to identify different species of birds and especially enjoyed the U.S. National Parks.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Elinor (Yepsen) Robie, of Hampstead; two sons, David R. and his wife Penny Anderson of Falls Church, VA, and Bradford H. and his wife Carol of Sandown, NH; a sister, Peggy Claire of Palmyra, NY; six grandchildren, Travis Robie, engaged to Tasha Clemmer; Lila Boland and her husband Michael; Katherine H. Robie, Jennifer C. Robie and Dana E. Robie; two great grandchildren, Hazel and Corbin Boland; and 31 nieces and nephews.

Contributions may be made in John's memory to the Hampstead Congregational Church, P.O. Box 158, Hampstead, NH 0384; New Hampshire Audubon Society (www.nhaudubon.org); or Veterans for Peace (www.veteransforpeace.org).

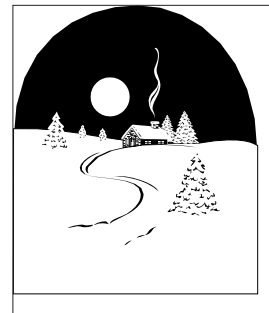


Battles Farm Snow Shoe Hike



Photo by Bill Duffy

Just over twenty people attended the Battles Farm snowshoe hike on a blustery Saturday, February 19. Members of the Bradford Conservation Commission and the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust explained the conservation values of the property, the agricultural and forest soils, the view that will be protected, and the important floodplain. The hike meandered in a loop over Jewett Hill and back to the Hoyt Brook. Refreshments were served with the owners, Ed and Nita Erickson, providing brochures and cheeses to go with hot cider and cocoa. When fundraising is completed and the easement is finalized, formal hiking trails for the public will be laid out on the non-agricultural forestland.



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Selectmen's Highlights

Non-Public Sessions : In recent non-public sessions, the Board of Selectmen took the following actions: Under RSA 91-A:3, II (a), there was a discussion of a progressive disciplinary action of suspension without pay of one employee. The Board will prepare a letter implementing a two day suspension without pay time to be determined by the supervisor. Additional personnel issues were discussed for two departments and possible actions to take concerning unauthorized purchases in one department and unauthorized personnel in the workplace for another. No decision was made at this time to pursue action on either issue.

Under RSA 91-A:3, II (c), Selectmen met with Road Agent Jeff Remillard and Brian Houghton, member of the Highway Department crew. Minutes of this meeting were sealed.

Under RSA 91-A:3, II (d), a contract discussion was held with Jessica Selby in attendance.

Warrant Articles: Selectmen removed the article to establish a Public Works Department based on issues about the wording raised by the town attorney. Further investigation is needed and a warrant will be suggested at a future time.

Bond for weatherization of the town hall was withdrawn and replaced by a warrant article.

Petition article from Kearsarge Health Coalition requesting funds for a drug education program for teenagers in the school district was received too late to research the request. The Board voted not to recommend the request.

Bement Bridge: Budget Committee members Don Jackson and George Cilley presented the selectmen with a proposal from WeatherCheck, LLC for the cost to replace the roof on the bridge. Concern was expressed about the snow load on the roof and the structural damage that could result if the replacement is further delayed. Selectmen stated they will support and endorse the proposal for a metal roof when it is recommended at Town Meeting.

BACC: The Selectmen announced that three groups had applied to use the pre-school room at the Community Center. Jessica Selby was approved for "Children Center for Creative Learning". This will become effective on July 1, 2011.

Rates for use of the Community Center were set at \$25.00 for a 2 hour time frame, over two hours charged as the next two hours. Charge for the Senior Room is \$35.00 for two hours with an additional \$15.00 if the kitchen is used. It was stated that the kitchen should be left clean. This will be revisited in six months.

DES: Naughton Landfill, East Main Street: DES informed the Town that Bradford has been selected to receive a grant of technical services through their Brownfields Program. The town will be notified when funding becomes available.

The decision was made to wait until next year to apply for a program under Plan NH, which would cost \$5,000.00. It was also decided not to apply for the Moose Plate Grant for the Bement Bridge roofing.

Minutes of all selectmen's meetings are on file at the Town Hall and online at bradfordnh.org



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Q. Your vegetable and flower gardens are a miracle. I've seen what you can produce in your gardens and even when many people were struggling with the growing weather last year, your results were phenomenal.

I think that anyone can have a "green thumb" if they are observing carefully. The needs of a plant are light, water and dirt and paying attention, Observation is the necessity of having a "green thumb."

Q. Tell me about your travels to Swaziland and Costa Rica in the mid 80's?

Those were pleasure trips. A botanist friend said that I should see the rain forest before they disappear. I stayed about a month in each place. I went to Swaziland because my cousin was an accountant on a citrus plantation, They were amazing trips.

Q. Your articles in the Bradford Bridge are enjoyed by so many readers. How many years have you been doing this column?

I think that I began in 98 or 99. Fred Winch was writing a gardening column and decided to stop doing it. Lyn Betz had just taken over from the original founder, Nancy Scribner. Lynn asked me to write whatever I wanted to and I began with a few paragraphs. I'd get questions from people about animals, birds and insects and pretty soon it became a column. It was named "Outside" from the start.

Q. You live and work in an old barn and appear to thrive on a life devoid of society, neighbors, and noise because of its isolated location. Tell me about it?

It is both choice and necessity, It is difficult to find a rental when you have an etching press, a dog, and a salamander. I've lived in two barns. The first one was in Wilmot. I've been here

since 1994. I have not lived in a finished space since the early 70's.



Q. Intaglio and the many stages involved need explanation since this is your primary method. Would you elaborate on the process?

The process has remained largely unchanged since the 1400's. The traditional process of intaglio (etching) processes involve many stages. The blacks are slowly built along the fine lines drawn through a thin wax varnish that are then etched into the copper plate. Ink is rubbed into the indented lines and wiped off the surface of the plate. A sheet of damp paper is placed on the inked plate and the roller of the hand operated press is cranked over it, transferring the image to the paper. It is slow work. Rembrandt was doing this process except there were no light bulbs so he used candle.

Q. If an aspiring artist asked about your work and was interested in it, would you recommend pursuing it?

My interest is in nature. I'm interested in growing food and it becomes my subject matter. I need to be outdoors but printmaking keeps me inside. But if that was what someone really wanted to do, I would say "go for it."

Q. Were there other career goals that might have suited you better? I remember asking you this question a while ago and your answer was "not exactly." Was that just a bad day?

I guess there is no definitive answer. There are some caveats with that. We've gone from a culture where everything was made by hand and this is just hanging on. People making hand-made things are high end now. Those who create their own tools, clothes and food are living this life style but their products are expensive and not for the common man. It's become a small specialty and expensive part of civilization.

Q. My final question is what is art? Is there a right response?

There is no right response. However you get your end result is what matters? Is making a loaf of bread art? This question is perhaps too difficult.

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munications facilities in forested areas to project 20 feet above the average tree canopy height in a one hundred and fifty (150) foot radius of the mount; exempt antennas that are free standing and 35 feet or less in height from the zoning ordinance; and allow new tower construction and co-location of wireless telecommunication in all districts by special exception subject to all applicable local, state and federal regulations and Site Plan Review approval by the Planning Board.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Forty two Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars (\$2,042,799.00) for the general municipal operation. This article DOES NOT include amounts appropriated by other warrant articles. (Majority vote required)

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c. Financial Administration	90,262.00	89,179.00
d. Revaluations	25,555.00	25,555.00
e. Legal	22,000.00	22,000.00
f. Employee Benefits-	297,492.00	297,442.00
g. Planning and Zoning	8,100.00	8,100.00
h. General Government Bldgs	50,400.00	50,400.00
i. Cemetery	18,065.00	18,065.00
j. Insurance	76,700.00	76,700.00
k. Other General Government	10,100.00	8,800.00
l. Police Department	315,163.00	315,163.00
m. Fire Department	59,250.00	59,250.00
n. Rescue Services	176,940.00	176,940.00
o. Building Code Department	10,325.00	9,325.00
p. Emergency Management	500.00	500.00
q. Highway Department	446,964.00	446,964.00
r. Bridge Maintenance	25.00	25.00
s. Street Lighting	4,500.00	4,500.00
t. Solid Waste Collection	47,850.00	47,850.00
u. Solid Waste Disposal	52,000.00	52,000.00
v. Inoculations	250.00	250.00
w. Welfare Administration	3,914.00	3,914.00
x. Welfare Vendor Payments	31,386.00	31,386.00
y. Parks and Recreation	1,725.00	1,725.00
z. Library	62,525.00	62,525.00
aa. Patriotic Purposes	14,500.00	14,500.00
bb. Community Center	52,050.00	52,050.00
cc. Other Conservation	740.00	740.00
dd. Long Term Notes	35,000.00	35,000.00
ee. Interest on T.A.N.	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total	2,046,232.00	2,042,799.00

Article 8: Shall the town adopt the Disabled Exemption under the provisions of RSA 72:37-b as follows: The exemption from assessed value for qualified taxpayers shall be \$10,000. To qualify, the person must meet the criteria under Title II or Title XVI of the federal social security act, must occupy the property as their principle place of abode, must own the property individually or jointly, must have been a resident for at least five years or if owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least five consecutive years; in the calendar year preceding April 1 must not have had a net income from all sources, of more

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than \$25,000 if single or \$35,000 if married; and must not own net assets not in excess of (\$50,000) excluding the value of the person's residence. Majority Vote required.

Article 9. Shall the town of Bradford modify the elderly exemptions from property tax, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age (effective April 1st of each year), through 74 years of age \$25,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years \$40,000; for a person over 80 years of age or older \$50,000.00. To qualify, the person must have been a resident of New Hampshire for at least three (3) consecutive years, own real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least five (5) consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$25,000 or if married a combined net income of not more than \$35,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$50,000 (excluding the value of the person's residence). Majority Vote required.

Article 10. Shall the town adopt the Blind exemption of \$15,000 from the assessed value of a person's residential real estate for the qualified taxpayers. To qualify, the person must have been determined to be legally blind by the blind services program, bureau of vocational rehabilitation, department of education. Majority Vote required.

Article 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) for the design of Bridge #161/145 on Breezy Hill Road. This will be a non lapsing appropriation until the money is spent or December 31, 2016 whichever occurs first. Majority Vote required. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously recommends.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a seven year lease/purchase agreement for Three Hundred and Sixty Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Nine dollars (\$364,739.000) for a grader and backhoe loader for the Highway Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand and Eighty Five dollars (\$60,085.00) for the first year's payment. This agreement contains a fiscal funding clause (escape clause). Passage of this article will cause Article 13,14,15,16 to be withdrawn and Article 20 to be reduced to Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) Majority Vote required. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend. (3 Yes - 4 No votes).

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a seven year lease/purchase agreement for Ninety Two Thousand Thirty Four dollars (\$92,034.00) for a backhoe loader for the Highway Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred dollars (\$16,200.00) for the first year's payment. This agreement contains a fiscal funding clause (escape clause). Majority Vote required. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (3Yes Votes-1 abstained).

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a seven year lease/purchase agreement for Two Hundred Seventy Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Five dollars (\$272,705.00) for a grader for the Highway Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Five dollars (\$43,885.00) for the first year's payment. This agreement contains a fiscal funding clause (escape clause). If this article passes article 16 will be withdrawn. Majority Vote required. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee Does Not Recommend. (1Yes vote 2 No Votes – 1 abstained).

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate Ninety Two Thousand Thirty Four dollars) (\$92,034.00) for the purchase of a backhoe loader for the Highway Department; and to further withdraw Eighty Three Thousand dollars (\$83,000.00) from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve with the remaining Nine Thousand and Thirty Four dollars (\$9,034.00) to be raised by taxation. Majority Vote required. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee recommends unani-

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Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate Thirty Six Thousand dollars (\$36,000.00) for the repair of the Town grader. This will be a non lapsing appropriation and will continue until December 2016 or until the money is expended whichever occurs first. If Article 12 or Article 14 passes this article will be withdrawn. Majority Vote required. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee unanimously recommends.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand dollars (\$11,000.00) for dust control. This will be a non lapsing appropriation and will continue until December 2016 or until the money is expended whichever occurs first. Majority Vote required. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee recommends (3Yes - 1 No Vote)

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Four Thousand dollars (\$24,000) to slip line a culvert on Davis Road. Selectmen recommend unanimously. Budget Committee recommends unanimously.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Eight Thousand dollars (\$48,000.00) to chip seal East Washington Road. This will be a non lapsing appropriation and will continue until December 2016 or until the money is expended whichever occurs first. Majority Vote required. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee recommends unanimously.

Article 20: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to fund the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve. If Article 15 is passed this article will be reduced to Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000) Majority Vote required. Selectmen recommend unanimously. Budget Committee recommends unanimously.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00) to purchase a new police cruiser. Majority Vote required. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee recommends unanimously.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Winter Salt and Fuel emergency capital reserve. Majority Vote required. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee recommends unanimously.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for Asphalt Road repair and shiming. This is a non lapsing appropriation and will continue until December 31, 2016 or until used whichever occurs first. Majority Vote required. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee recommends unanimously.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the Bridge Emergency Repair Capital Reserve. Majority Vote required. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee recommends unanimously.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the Ambulance Capital Reserve. Majority Vote required. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee recommends unanimously.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the Town Facilities Capital Reserve. Majority Vote required. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee recommends unanimously.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for the Emergency Repair of Town Buildings Capital Reserve. Majority Vote required. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee recommends unanimously.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand dollars (\$20,000) to insulate and perform other maintenance repairs on the town hall. This will be a non lapsing appropriation and will continue until December 31, 2016 or until the money is spent whichever occurs first. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee recommends unanimously.

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Article 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for the Fire Dept Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve. Majority Vote required. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee recommend unanimously.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the Communications Capital Reserve Fund. Majority Vote required. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee recommend unanimously.

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to fund the revaluation capital reserve. Majority Vote required. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee recommend unanimously.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for the Fire Dept Building Repair Capital Reserve. Majority Vote required. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee recommend unanimously.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Five thousand dollars (\$45,000) to complete the Transportation Enhancement grant for sidewalks received in 2010. Thirty six thousand dollars (\$36,000) will be from NH DOT Transportation Enhancement funds (80%) and the remaining Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000.00) (20%) will come from Fund Balance. No money will be raised by taxation. Majority Vote required. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee recommend unanimously.

Article 34. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be deposited in the Main Street Sidewalk Improvements Capital Reserve. Majority Vote required. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee. recommend unanimously.

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the Gravestone Repair Expendable Trust. Majority Vote required. Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee recommend unanimously.

Article 36. To see if the municipality will vote to discontinue the New Highway Garage Capital Reserve created in 2002. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority Vote required). Selectmen unanimously recommend. Budget Committee recommends (6 Yes - 1No vote)

Article 37. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$2,750.00). for the Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports. Majority Vote required. Selectmen recommend – two yes votes and one abstain. Budget Committee recommend unanimously.

Article 38. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) for the Milfoil project at the Town Boat launch. Majority Vote required. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends unanimously.

Article 39. Town hall restoration resolution – To see if the town will vote to support continued renovation and restoration of the two hundred plus year old Bradford Town Hall for future generations of town residents. Through grants, matching funds and capital reserves the town will systematically phase improvements to maintain the historic nature of this structure while improving the functionality of the space.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to reinstate the BACC Director position to full time, as had been previously voted by the Town, inclusive of Parks and Recreation activities, and increase the budget by \$31,845 to cover nine months of additional wages and employee benefits for the reinstated position. This article will be designated a special warrant article for this warrant. BY PETITION Board of Selectmen unanimously does not recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend (3 Yes - 4 No Votes))

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Article 41. To see if the Town of Bradford will vote to maintain the status, mission and operation of the Bradford Area Community Center as a taxpayer maintained building steered by a Governance board comprised of citizens, that building to provide space and social, recreation and educational programs for not-for-profit organizations, community groups, children, youth, families and older adults in the greater Bradford area. That the usage and development of the Bradford Area Community Center continue to be designated as an intergenerational community center that provides needed educational, social, medical, and human services to ALL individuals and their families in the greater Bradford Area and more specifically, that the Bradford Area Community Center available space not be permanently occupied, used or leased to for profit agencies, businesses or others that do not fit into said mission of the Bradford Area Community Center. BY PETITION

Article 42. To see if the town will vote to accept the reports of the Town Officers. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Bradford Board of Selectmen
Peter Fenton, Chairman
Jack Meaney
Harold Wright

Candidates' Responses To Bridge Questionnaire

Candidates for Town office were asked to respond to four brief questions regarding the positions they were seeking. These were:

- 1) For what position are you running?
- 2) What are your qualifications for this office?
- 3) What are the most serious issues facing Bradford?
- 4) How would you address these issues in the position you are seeking?

Moderator School Board (1 opening)

Brackett Scheffy - Write - in

Moderator for TWO YEARS (1 opening)

Brackett Scheffy

Thanks to the Bridge for the opportunity to say a few words about my candidacy for Town Moderator. I have already been appointed by the Selectmen to take care of the meeting this March and will be on the ballot for a two year term beginning then. This will not be my first time as moderator. I served in that capacity for a number of years, beginning in the 1970's and ending in 1998. During most of that time, I was also the moderator of the Kearsarge Regional School District. Beyond that, I have some genetic qualifications since my great-great-great-grandfather was the first moderator of Bradford in the 1780's.

Being the moderator gives me a chance to contribute to the Town and I would like to think that I run the meetings fairly for everyone. I am a strong advocate for the town meeting form that we still use after more than two centuries. I feel strongly that our meetings are very "instructive" to the town government as to how the townspeople think about the issues. As the moderator, I do my best to let everyone speak his or her mind but at the same time remember that meetings that last too long are hard for everyone.

We usually have excellent attendance at our meetings and, in addition to taking care of the Town's

business, we get to see neighbors and friends. I would appreciate having your vote on March 8th.

Sarah Dimitriadis:

I am well qualified to serve as Bradford Town Moderator because of the responsibilities I currently hold as Assistant Legal Counsel for Hillsborough County. I have become very familiar with both Bradford Town Meeting procedure and Robert's Rules of Order through my work for Hillsborough County. My primary goal as Town Moderator is to provide Bradford residents with a more efficient and responsive local government. Bradford is a very special place to me and, as a Bradford native, I would be honored to serve my hometown as Bradford Town Moderator.

Thank you for your consideration and I ask for your support and your vote at the Bradford Town Elections on March 8, 2011.

Selectman for THREE YEARS (1 opening)

Barry Wheeler – no response

Peter Fenton (incumbent)

I am running for the position of Selectmen, Town of Bradford. I have served on the Town Budget Committee and am presently serving as a Selectman. I've also owned and operated a business in Bradford for over 30 years. I feel Bradford is right on the edge of becoming an even better place to live. We have obtained a grant to begin reconstruction of our sidewalks on Main Street which could be the start we need to bring new

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MARCH CALENDAR

Tues. March 1st

9:00 AM – 12:00 noon -
Fuel Assistance – Call 456-2207
for appointment

10:00 AM - Stitches from the
Heart

12 Noon - Senior Dining

1:00- 3:30 –PM – Watercolor
Class

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

Wed. Mar. 2

3:30 PM – Kids Yoga

Thurs. March 3rd

12 Noon - Senior Dining

Fri. March 4th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fit-
ness

11:30 AM - First Friday Brunch
-raffle, music, door prizes. Call
for reservations please.

7:00 PM – Book-to-Movie *It's
Kind of a Funny Story*, BML

Sat., March 5 TH 10:30AM Can
didates Forum.

Mon. March 7th

8:45 AM -Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fit-
ness

10:00AM -Ceramics Class

3:30 PM – Watercolor Painting
Class

Tues. March 8th

**8:00 AM – 7:00 PM TOWN
ELECTIONS KRES Bradford –
Old Warner Road**

10:00 AM - Stitches from the
Heart

12:00 Noon - Senior Dining
-presentation on Advanced
Directives

1:00 PM - Watercolor Class

5:00 PM - BACC– Committee
meeting

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

Wed. Mar. 9

3:30 PM – Kids Yoga

7:00 PM – TOWN MEETING

**KRES Bradford – Old Warner
Road**

7:00 PM – Library Book Group
Native Speaker by Chang-Rae
Lee, BML

Thurs. March 10th

12 Noon - Senior Dining

Fri. March 11th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr.

Fitness

12 noon - Café Bienvenue

Sat. Mar 12

9:00 AM – Writing Group

10:00 AM – Bradford Barter

Mon. March 14th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr.

Fitness

10:00AM - Ceramics Class

3:30 PM – Watercolor Painting
Class

7:00 PM – Rural Heritage

Tues. March 15th

10:00 AM - Stitches from the
Heart

12 Noon - Senior Dining

1:00 PM - Watercolor Class

9:00 AM -12:00 noon -Fuel
Assistance Call 456-2207 for
appointment

6:00 PM - Yoga Class

Wed. Mar. 16

6:00 PM – Special Party

7:00 PM - Book Group

Thurs. March 17th

10:30 AM – 12 Noon - Blood
Pressure Clinic by Lake Su-
napee VNA

12 Noon - Saint Patrick's Day
Celebration & Senior Dining-
music, 50/50, prizes. Bring
your lucky charm! Call to
reserve.

1:00-3:00 PM - Foot Care
Clinic LSVNA Call 526-4077
for appt.

Fri. March 18th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr.
Fitness

9:30–11:30 AM - Foot Care

Clinic by LSVNA at North
Ridge Apartments Call 526-
4077.

10:00 AM - Friday at the Mov-
ies: *Andre Rieu in Wonderland*

12:30 PM -Café Bienvenue

7:00 PM – International Movie
(France)

Sat. Mar. 19

10:00 AM – Bradford Improve-
ment Assn.

Mon. March 21st

8:45 AM -Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fit-
ness

10:00 AM - Ceramics Class

3:30 PM - Watercolor Painting
Class

5:30 PM – 4 - H

Tues. March 22nd

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart

12 Noon - Senior Dining

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

Wed. March 23rd

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

Thurs. March 24th

9:30-11:30 AM - LSVNA Foot Care at
Warner Pharmacy

12 Noon - Senior Dining

Fri. March 25th

12 noon - Café Bienvenue

Sat. Mar. 26

9:00 AM – Writing Group

Mon. March 28th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness

10:00 AM - Ceramics Class

3:30 PM - Watercolor Painting Class

Tues. March 29th

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart

12 Noon - Senior Dining –“Under-
standing Your Rehabilitation Op-
tions.”

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

All events take place at the
Bradford Area Community Cen-
ter (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 infor-
mation.



Abbreviation Key

BBC-Bradford Baptist Church
BML-Brown Memorial Library
FGC-Fish & Game Clubhouse
Gillingham Drive
KAP-Kearsarge Area Preschool
KRES-Bradford Elemen. School
MVSC-Mountain View Senior Ctr
TH-Bradford Town Hall
ZBA-Zoning Board of Adjust.

New Library Exhibit

The Bradford Art Group presents, "Watercolors: Becky Darling & Her Students," in Brown Memorial Library thru April 30, 2011. The exhibit highlights watercolors by professional watercolor painter, Becky Darling and adults who attend Darling's watercolor classes at the Bradford Area Community Center (BACC). Becky said, "It is not always easy presenting your work to the public, especially as students. I am proud of them. We hope you enjoy and appreciate the show."

Becky received a BA in Art and Art Education from Salem College, Winston-Salem, NC. She taught art in the public schools in NH for five years and then decided to devote herself full-time to her artwork. She continued studying with W. Robert Paine, Kay Kandra, Carlton Plummer, and Don Andrews.

Much of her subject matter is drawn from the landscapes of the Warner area and the New England coast. She is inspired by the differences in color and mood that the changing seasons and light bring to the places she paints.

In 1982 Becky was juried into the New Hampshire Art Association. Her paintings have been shown in regional and national juried exhibits. She is a roster artist for VSAarts NH, an organization that promotes people with disabilities to participate in the arts. She offers Watercolor Landscape Workshops at the Kimball Jenkins School of Art in Concord. She is represented by McGowan Fine Art and through the NH Art Association at the League of NH Craftsmen's Mt. Sunapee Fair.

The weekly watercolor classes began 3 years ago. Most students were beginners. The group includes KRES/Bradford teachers and specialists and Bradford Area community members. Exhibiting work are: Nikki Finger, Kathy McKenna, Jane Melanson, Peggy Nelson, Beth Rodd, Colleen Sullivan, Audrey V. Sylvester, Phyllis Wilcox and Jen Wilson. For information about joining a class, contact Becky Darling at 456-3523.

The handicapped accessible Brown Memorial Library located at 78 West Main St., is open: M. 10 – 8; Wed. 10 – 7; Sat. 10 – 3; and Sun. 11 – 3.

Ongoing Events

Bradford Barter-2nd Saturday at 10AM at BACC/call 938-2777 for info

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

Cemetery Commission - 2nd Thursday at 6PM/Call 938-5539 for info

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

Fish and Game Club -1st Monday 7PM at Fish and Game Club

First Friday Bunch -11:30AM at MVSC, reservations appreciated/
call 938-2104 for info

Historical Society - open by appointment, call 938-5372

Library Trustees -1st Wednesday at 6:00PM @ BML

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

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

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

Zoning Board - 1st Tuesday, 7:30PM, Town Hall

ZUMBA!

Get in Shape for Spring & Summer with Zumba! Classes are now held upstairs at beautiful Town Hall, Thursday at 5:00pm and every other Saturday starting March 5th at 9:30am. All are welcome. Fun, energizing and healthy.



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**Bradford-Newbury-Sutton
Women's Club
Vintage Fashion Show Fund-
raiser**

Don't miss out on this event! It will be held Monday, March 14, from 11:30 to 2:00 p.m. at the Appleseed Restaurant, Bradford. Luncheon includes a salad bar, assorted homemade soups and chowder, hot rolls, tea, coffee and for dessert Profiteroles.

Colonial clothing worn in New England around the 1750's will be featured. Fashions and program presented by Priscilla Parmenter. A 50/50 raffle will be held with the proceeds benefiting the Mountain View Senior Center. The cost per person is \$18 and includes a drawing for door prizes. Advanced tickets are recommended. Tickets can be purchased at the Appleseed Restaurant or by contacting Susan Bedard at 763-9596 or Susan Wick at 938-5286. This event is sponsored by the Bradford-Newbury-Sutton Women's Club.



First Baptist Church News

by Lynne Hubley

Focus Factor: Youth who are in grades 6-12 are welcome to come to our youth gatherings. The schedule for March is as follows: Sunday, March 6, 4:00 - 5:30 -- "Monthly Kick-off". "Do Hard Things" is still the theme. Sunday, March 13, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. -- game night; March 18-20 -- retreat --details to be announced. Sunday, March 27, 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. -- Ice Cream Sundae Party.

Ash Wednesday Service: On Wednesday, March 9 at 6:00 p.m., we will have our annual Ash Wednesday Service (about a half hour service). The service will include music, prayers and scripture.

Leader's Gathering: Our leaders will meet on Saturday, March 12 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. for leadership development and envisioning.

Food Pantry: Our food pantry will be open Wednesday, March 16 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 on Wednesday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Fred Hubley, for devotions, refreshments and pool.

Family Night: On Saturday, March 26 at 6:00 p.m., we will have a chocolate potluck dessert and then enjoy a game of Bible Jeopardy. Children and adults of all ages are welcome to come.

Women's Sunday: On Sunday, March 27, the women in our church will lead the Worship Service. The theme will be "Does Faith Make a Difference?" All worship services begin at 10:00 a.m.

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Something Wonderful is Happening in Warner

A Culinarian's Column

by Caryl Walker

March...corned beef and cabbage for St. Patty's Day... and potatoes...Colcannon! Every Irish family has its own version, traditionally served on Halloween. I'm not Irish, but this is my winter comfort food version.

Colcannon 6-8 servings
2 lbs. (4 large) starchy potatoes, peeled and quartered
½ t. salt
¼ c. heavy cream, ½ and ½, or milk
4 T. unsalted butter
1lb. (6 c.) shredded green cabbage
3 T. unsalted butter
½ c. chopped scallions, white and green parts
Salt and Pepper, to taste

In a saucepan, cover potatoes by 1 inch with cold water. Bring to boil. Add salt. Reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer 12-15 minutes until tender. Drain and mash with cream and 4 T. butter.

Meanwhile, in a large skillet, melt 3 T. butter. Add cabbage. Saute lightly. Reduce heat and cover. Simmer until soft, about 10 minutes. Add scallions and cook 2 minutes.

Combine the cabbage mixture with the potatoes. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Notes:

Feel free to add and change. Use garlic, yellow onions, kale. Add carrots, parsnips. Add bacon, sausages (bangers). Mix with leftover corned beef.

Happy St. Patrick's Day and Hoping for Spring...Soon!

HOME CARE MATTERS

Did you know...???



March is National Professional Social Work Month.

Home Care Social Work Professionals do many things, not limited to:

Assessment of long term needs

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at Newbury Harbor



BUBBA Here: Time to start thinking about "Mud Season"...the biggest plus is the disappearing act the pot holes start to make...the drive over becomes a lot more pleasant! The days are definitely getting longer...if you plan it right you can almost get home before dark! If you're looking for "take out" just call ahead and well have it ready for you!...763.3290...anything on the menu!!!

March's Line up!

3/3 Annie Law on the Mic...PLUS....The Shrimp Buffet!

3/10 The Smooth Duo....featuring Italian Night ...a la Carte selections

3/17 Pete Merrigan and The Lucky Leprechauns....St Patrick's Day (Rich's B'Day)...The Shrimp Buffet

3/24 The 2nd Wind....and Mexican Night!!

MENU SUGGESTION

Let's talk Dessert!

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life to downtown Bradford. The other issue is the cost of running Bradford and how it affects our taxes. Unfortunately taxes will always be with us. The Selectmen must constantly look for ways to cut costs while providing the best services possible. One way to do this is to look for any grants that might be available or any aid from the Federal or State. Another would be to help town departments work more efficiently. With the awarding of the TE (sidewalk) grant we are in a good position to apply for a second phase or grant. I would like to help with that effort.

Supervisor of the Checklist for THREE YEARS (1 opening)

Jacqueline Welsh

I am running for Supervisor of the Checklist. I was appointed last June to complete one of the terms that had been vacated. Managing the checklist requires work in the statewide database. In my previous employment I oversaw and managed a constituent database which enabled me to “jump right in” to the responsibilities of Supervisor of the Checklist. In addition, I am new to Bradford and not aligned with a political party which is an advantage working in the election process. I have no comment on issues facing Bradford as I am new to the area and do not feel that my role would or should impact what takes place in town.

Trustee of the Trustfunds

Thomas Riley (incumbent) – (see response in Cemetery Commission)

Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library for ONE YEAR (1 opening)

Garry Kalajian – no response

Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library for THREE YEARS (3 openings)

Connie Scheffy

Thank you to the Bradford Bridge for the opportunity to introduce myself. It is my wish to serve as a trustee of the Brown memorial Library in the three year position. Libraries have played an important part in my life since my grandmother helped to start one in her small town in New York. When I visited her I was enchanted by the availability of so many books and spent many happy hours immersed in the atmosphere. The love of reading and the importance of libraries born at the time continue to enrich my life today.

As a speech-language pathologist in the public school, I am very aware of the importance of literacy and the positive effect an active and welcoming public library can have on fostering it. It is essential that a thriving library embrace increasing technology while continuing to maintain the comforting, nurturing atmosphere that allows for dreams to grow and potential to bloom.

In my two and half years as a Bradford resident and library patron, I like what I have seen at the library. I want to support the town and contribute to the community that I have come to call home. As a financially responsible person with a love for libraries and an understanding of their importance, I believe I can serve the town well. I would appreciate your vote on March 8

Roderick Jones – no response

Patricia Furness requests a write-in

Scholarship Committee for THREE YEARS) (1 opening) no candidates.

Budget Committee for ONE YEAR (1 opening)

Richard (Dick) Keller

I am a candidate for the one year

term on the budget committee completing Bob Stewart's term. I've had long ties to Bradford, including serving as chairman of the Kearsarge School Board when funding between the towns was shared more evenly.

Important issues are watching changes in the growth and funding in Bradford over the years. I would like to see a more reasonable balance between the two. True, things are more complicated as time goes on, but the response has limits, and the economy requires those limits. The time may very well be now for regionalization of some of our services, but so far there has been nothing but resistance to this approach. A vote for me will provide support as I push Bradford in this direction.

Budget Committee for THREE YEARS (2 openings)

Elizabeth (Beth) Rodd

I am running for a three year term for the Budget Committee. I served a one year (vacated) term last year and found it to be a very educational experience. In the next few years, the Budget Committee members should be looking at neighboring towns to assess best practices in all areas related to budgetary matters. We need to maintain our infrastructure, preserve our cultural heritage and attract business to revitalize our town and lower the property tax rate. As the current legislature cuts jobs and revenue sharing with towns, property taxes and unemployment rates will increase. Maintaining tight reins on the budget while balancing the needs of our town and people is an essential budget commission responsibility. These are hard economic times as the great recession claims jobs and financial security. We need to be responsive to the economic realities of our times. This need not be

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a “slash and burn” approach but rather a prudent assessment of our financial needs and our financial resources

.John Marden-write in candidate

Planning Board for ONE YEAR (1 opening)

Philip Lamoreaux (incumbent) – no response

Planning Board for THREE YEARS (2 openings)

John Greenwood

As a current Planning Board alternate, I am seeking a three year term as a formal board member. For 17 years I was a construction manager for one of New Hampshire’s largest residential construction companies. I managed all construction operations, cost controls, site plan reviews, and road construction. I ensured compliance to municipality rules & regulations in numerous communities. Currently I am a realtor and the General Manager of Belknap County office for our firm. Priorities are a short and long-term balanced budget. Simple and effective revisions to Zoning & Subdivision Regulations. I will apply my skills and experience and working actively and collaboratively across all boards and committees to address planning issues facing the community. As a board member, I would invite and encourage community participation, particularly with critical zoning and planning decisions. It is very important for residents to think of the Planning Board as their resource for clarity with questions on land use and property improvements.

William Glennie (incumbent)

I have been a member for past six years and was an alternate prior to that. My background in Architecture and Civil Engineering allows me to understand and interpret

proposals for site plans and subdivisions. The most important issue for the Planning Board is getting ready for growth that will be coming in the future. Bradford needs zoning regulations that will protect the town’s unique assets while allowing for new development in the most appropriate areas. With the eventual widening of I-93 up to Concord, there will be new pressure on our town for housing. I will continue to participate in the drafting of new and revised regulations.

Zoning Board for ONE YEAR (1 opening)

Andrew Pinard

I have served in the past on the Select Board, Planning Board, Road & Budget Committees (as rep.), for the last year on the ZBA and also for the last two years as Bradford’s representative on the KRSD School Board. I am actively involved in our community and look forward to serving. The economy is the biggest challenge at all levels: local, school district, county, state and federal. We must invest responsibly in our communities and focus efforts on thoughtful planning and strategic implementation of a successful plan to improve Bradford’s future through cooperation with our surrounding communities. Hasty decisions based on too little knowledge will put our community further at risk. There are several financial proposals coming up at Town Meeting that are penny-wise and pound-foolish. As a community we need to have a respectful dialogue and put our support behind decisions that are based on fact and not fear.

I will serve our community by continuing to enhance communication between our towns, school district, county and state level. I intend to continue to keep Bradford’s interests in front of decision makers and continue to work towards increased transparency, fiscal responsibility and practical

solutions that will enhance our quality of life and provide for our future.

Cemetery Commission for Three Years (1 opening)

Thomas Riley (incumbent)

This will be my fifth term. on the Cemetery Commission and I have been a member of the Commission since 1999 I have also worked with several cemeteries from 1961-1967. We are hoping to complete the work of updating the cemetery records on the computer to make it easier to answer inquiries and serve the public. The most important issue facing Bradford is the need for everyone to work together to make us a more welcoming town and a place that people would be eager to be part of. We need to aid and encourage those who are trying to solve these problems and support those who have spent so much time seeking to accomplish these goals.

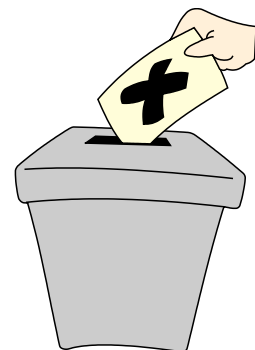
Write-In Requests

The Following candidates have requested to be written in:

Brackett L. Scheffy for School District Moderator on the school ballot.

John Marden for Budget Committee for three years.

Patricia Furness for Library Trustee for three years





Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

Brown Memorial Library has won a CLiF Grant (Children's Literacy Foundation). We will receive \$2,000 worth of new children's books. There will be a major celebration this spring at the elementary school. Stay tuned for details. Another exciting facet to the grant includes the Kearsarge Area Pre-School in the fun. CLiF will make a story-telling presentation at the pre-school and each child will receive a new book. Yay!

Story Time continues every Wednesday at 10:30 with new verve thanks to our volunteer readers Laurie Buchar and Lorraine MacLeod. Join us, it's a blast.

The Library Book Group discusses *Native Speaker* by Chang-Rae Lee on Wednesday, March 16 at 7pm. Next month's book is *Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri, winner of the Pulitzer Prize.

The Book-to-Movie discussion series continues with *It's Kind of a Funny Story* by Ned Vizzini on Friday, March 4 at 7pm. Next month we read and watch *In the Heat of the Night* by John Ball.

The International Movie for March is (Friday the 18th at 7pm) from France and stars comic genius Jacques Tati. In April we watch a classic heist movie from Italy. New books added to your library in February include:

For Adults

Tick Tock by James Patterson

Left Neglected by Lisa Genova

Three Seconds by Anders Roslund and Börge Hellström

Dead or Alive by Tom Clancy

Townie : a memoir by Andre Dubus III

Fatal Error by J.A. Jance



For children:

Ivy + Bean What's the Big Idea? by Annie Barrows

Elsie's Bird by Jane Yolen & David Small

King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table by Roger Lancelyn Green

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The Suburb Beyond the Stars by M.T. Anderson

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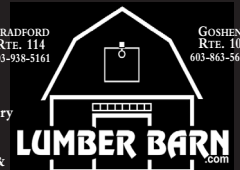
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Kearsarge Regional School District News

By Andrew Pinard

Just when it appeared that warmer weather was approaching we dropped back into a deep freeze! I am currently finishing up my first term representing Bradford on the School Board and I look forward to the opportunity to continue this important work in the future.

KRSD's innovative Blizzard Bag series has gotten attention nationwide having been discussed on CNN and at the state level by no less than Governor John Lynch in his inaugural speech. The curriculum-based work has been collected and response has been very high which has resulted in the three days being approved by the Department of Education. This means that KRSD students (unlike most of the schools in the state) should be out of school before the last full week in June (currently the last day of school looks to be June 15th, but don't rule out ol' man winter yet).

New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) scores are out and the School Board is expecting a presentation in March on how well our students did. Just looking at the fifth grade scores, the district is currently performing above the state average almost across the board. More information will be forthcoming as the scores are analyzed.

Winter Activities have concluded to great acclaim by participants, staff and community. Thanks again to everyone who has volunteered to provide these wonderful opportunities to our students.

Voting is almost upon us. On March 8th, voters will be asked to step into the polls and select new leaders and to tie a financial number that fall in line with our community values. The budget (local, county, state and federal) has been a major topic of conversation lately. Governor Lynch recently

released his recommended state biennial budget for consideration by the legislators in Concord and it has a number of items which, if passed, will have a significant impact on local residents and students in the schools. Items that will have specific impact include: reducing the state's contribution to the New Hampshire Retirement System from 35% (mandated) to 0%; in 2012, the state would only pay 40% of owed current project building aid to school districts; a reduction in catastrophic aid (estimated around \$400,000) and elimination of driver's education funding.

A significant difficulty surrounding the budget process is that, every other year, school districts and towns have to develop local budgets before the state has adopted their biennial budget. One of the items affected, the state retirement contribution, is a specific case in point. The contribution was "temporarily" reduced by the legislators from the mandated 35% to 25% to cover a budget shortfall. In budget talks at the district level, discussion centered on whether to reduce the budget anticipating an increase back to the 35% level or hold firm to a number that reflected a possibility of continued reduced funding. At no point in time was there ever an indication that this "mandated" contribution would be taken away entirely. If these recommendations pass, KRSD would be expected to make up the shortfall and contribute 100% of the required retirement contributions. This amount combined with the other recommendations could be as high as \$1,800,000. Neither the MBC nor the School Board could have anticipated the reductions proposed by the governor. If these reductions are passed, it would have a significant financial impact on the district with the likely result of staff reductions and elimina-

tion of programs. The difference between the MBC and School Board budgets is under \$310,000. The MBC budget represents essentially a "flat" budget allowing for increases in those areas outside of District control. The School Board advocates minimal increases in targeted areas (such as technology) which have seen reduced funding in the last couple of budget cycles.

What can be done? Voters need to consider the broader impact of the proposed state budget when deciding which school budget to support, keeping in mind that a "bare-bones" budget has little to no room for further cuts. It is also hoped that citizens will become involved. Attend budget hearings both locally and at the state level. Be in regular contact with your local representatives and let them know how you feel about downshifting state financial responsibilities to the local level.

With all the discouraging information we are hearing on the news, it can be hard to remember that spring is coming. According to economists, we are seeing signs of recovery. The high rate of unemployment is slowly receding and consumer confidence appears to be returning. It is important to reinforce the positive and to invest in the coming seasons.

As the snow begins to melt and the ground starts to soften, try not to get stuck in the mud!

The District website (<http://www.kearsarge.org>) contains a calendar of meetings and all budgetary documents as well as a brochure detailing the process and updates of district/school information.

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Retired and present KRES Bradford Staff members and friends celebrate Betty Erickson's birthday in Ellsworth, Maine. Back row: Judy Magee, Dawn Rich, Birthday gal, Betty Erickson, Kris Sweet, Judy Blood, Jan Riley. Front row: Grace Nelson and Betty Lalla. Friends will always continue to gather for special events of their buddies....

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Outside

by J. Ann Eldridge

Several feet of old hard snow still press the fields and woods in a form-fitting white corset. Like the insulating long underwear we are still wearing, this layer slows the steady release of the earth's internal heat. The subnival zone maintains a skim of frost-free air beneath the duff, safe-harboring the spring peepers and wood frogs, insects, salamanders and snails.

I'm thinking of snails and slugs lately. Though we're walking far above the ground on snow in February, evidence remains. Their summer tongues have left tracks in the thin algal covering of the 'Road Not Maintained' sign and on the smooth bark of the beech. Snails are the earlier form. Slugs are the newer model – they carry their vestigial shells within their bodies and can creep into smaller spaces.

Both snails and slugs have 'radula', wood rasp tongues with rows of thousands of tiny renewable teeth. Both are 'gastropods', meaning 'stomach/foot', though they are much more than this. Related to mollusks and octopus, snails are cousins to clams with one spiraling shell instead of two. With a degree of memory, they have the sense and inclination to band together to coordinate an escape – say, in forming a living ladder to escape the confines of an escargot farm.

I like to think of snails under snow. With their multipurpose stomach/feet, they have fashioned burrows in the leaf litter, pulled their stalked eyes into their hollow, retractable upper tentacles, and built air-permeable storm doors called 'epiphragms'.

They do this in hot, dry weather also – more frugal with calories than we are, rushing about so far above them.

When the snow abates, snails consume their doors. They will send forth their double pair of watchtower tentacles tentatively (aquatic snails have only one pair) like searchlights. Light is all they can see though and they can't hear at all. They have advanced skills that Helen Keller lacked. They possess a stereoscopic sense of smell and acute observation of temperature, moisture, wind, vibration, electrical charge and of course, pollution. They are chemists that can alter their pervasive mucus secretions for defense, healing (rebuilding their broken shells), courting (bizarre, to us, methods which I won't relate), egg protection, and most obviously, for locomotion. Emerging from their dark napping they will extend their single enormous foot.

They glide on minute cilia or by altering the consistency of their protective slime. Alternating between fluid and sticky secretions, friction is disrupted allowing them to ripple forward, slithering unharmed over a razor blade's edge. Reportedly, some can rear back on their heel and 'speed glide', or even jump. Reusing their slime trails, they sally forth at night or on cloudy days, headed downwind in search of food and following their delicate tentacle noses upwind back home, a distance of no more than a few square yards.

Lorenz Oken, a distinguished German naturalist of the early 1800s, wrote: "Surely a snail is an exalted symbol of mind slumbering deeply within itself." I don't know if he wistfully wrote this in winter.

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Local Student Named to Castleton Dean's List

Nathaniel Hansen of Bradford was named to the Castleton (Vt) State College Dean's list for the Fall 2010 semester. To qualify for this academic honor, the student must maintain full time status and a semester grade point average of 3.5. Congratulations, Nathaniel!

Kearsarge Area Preschool News

by Karen Lynn Hambleton

It may have been cold outside, however, inside the preschool it was a warm and friendly jungle. In January, the children learned about the kinds of animals that live in the jungle – how they get food, where they live and how they keep themselves safe. The class built a small jungle with paper trees and plastic animals. In writing workshop, children described what kind of jungle animal they would like to be and why. The class also explored the concept of kindness. They discussed the different ways we are kind to one another and wrote thank you notes to Santa. Children learned Spanish “feeling” words to describe their emotions. Preschoolers also learned about Martin Luther King and why he is an important figure in our history. The class read “Freedom Summer” and discussed how they would feel if they were left out of a game that others were allowed to play. After reading different versions of “The Little Red Hen,” the class discussed how different characters were helpful or not. Through puppet play, children acted out their own versions of the story. Preschoolers explored sound by listening to music, making instruments and moving their bodies to music. At the very end of the month, the class was visited by a Bradford police officer who shared with them ways they can be safe.



Drew and Corbin working with pattern blocks.

In February, the class learned about letters M and N, Valentine’s Day and President’s Day. Magic and Mystery were themes as the

preschoolers explored “M” words. The class read “Sylvester and the Magic Stone” and then made their own magic stone. They investigated the concept of mystery by creating and acting out mystery stories. “N” was for numbers. Preschoolers worked extra hard on their numbers last month. They practiced writing their numbers, counting in both English and Spanish and sang counting songs such as “Monkeys on a Bed.” For Valentine’s Day, the children did a variety of Valentines crafts and celebrated with a party. Children learned how to give and receive compliments. Presidents and leadership were topics of discussion for President’s Day. The class explored what makes a good leader and how to be a good leader through games such as “Follow the Leader.” Preschoolers discussed what it means to be president and the responsibilities the president has. They learned why George Washington and Abraham Lincoln are two of our most important presidents.



Princess Jada in her Valentine’s Day crown.

Continuing their journey through the alphabet, the children will learn about letters O, P, Q and R in March. Oceans will be the first topic. The class will study shells and learn about the different animals in the ocean. Pre-

schoolers will discuss how animals have developed and use unique skills to survive in their environment. Through movement, they will explore how ocean animals move through the water to find food. “P” is for penguin. Children will learn all about penguins, including where they live and how they keep warm in the cold. The class will read “Tacky the Penguin” and engage in their own wacky dancing. Children will make and set leprechaun traps for Saint Patrick’s Day just in case those tricksters happen to visit the Preschool. Gaelic music will be one of the ways the class learns about Ireland. Quilts will be our “Q” topic as the children discover patterns. Preschoolers will integrate their own special pattern into paper quilts they create. They will also explore shape names in Spanish. And as spring draws near, the class will discuss rainbows. They will learn about the colors of the rainbow and how rainbows are formed. The children also will learn “De Colores,” a Spanish song about colors.

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