

THE Bradford Bridge

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February 2013

Bond Hearings

The Board of Selectmen has scheduled a public hearing on bond issues for Town Meeting 2013 for Monday, February 18 at 7 P.M. Youth Room, Bradford Community Center

Cause of MV Kearsarge Sinking Determined



MV Kearsarge afloat

Around 7:30pm Thursday, January 10, the MV Kearsarge restaurant ship, owned and operated by the Fenton family of Bradford, sank at her winter berth in Sunapee Harbor, 3.5 hours after a regular daily check where all appeared well and no high water alarm was heard.

After a superb effort by Black Dog Divers, Clean Harbors, Dive Winnepesaukee, Fred and Donna Nashawatay, National Wrecker Service, New

Hampshire DES, S. G. Reed Towing, Richard Osborne, Tow Boat US, Town of Sunapee including Fire, Police, Highway and Water Departments, and Wrightway Landscaping, the MV Kearsarge was refloated on Saturday, January 12. The vessel is now floating without any external aids.

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Presentation of Plans for Restoring Bradford's Town Hall

Bradford Town Hall Restoration Committee

**KRES BRADFORD
10 AM – NOON**

**Saturday February 23, 2013
(Snow Date Saturday, March 2, 2013)**

Be Part of Bradford's Future!

10 QUESTIONS

by Phyllis Wilcox

This month we interviewed Jim Lalla who has been racing sled dogs since 1974. He started with one purebred husky and over the years he became completely enamored by the sport. Two years later he had twelve dogs. He began with sprint racing (usually about 6-8 mile) and quickly moved to mid-distance racing (30—100 miles). What began as a hobby turned into a way of life for Jim. Over the years he went from purebred dogs to husky crossbred dogs. At the present time he has seven dogs and four of these are rescue dogs.

Q. You were born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Were you always a dog lover or did that begin with your introduction to sled dogs?

I went to grade school and high school in Milwaukee. I met my wife Betty there. We had a pet dog when I was growing up. I always liked animals and the outdoors.

Q. You attended the University of Wisconsin. What was your area of study and did this become your later career?

I majored in Business Administration. My college studies were followed by a career in electronics sales and my next move took me to Framingham, MA. Betty and I were married and spent the first years there and then moved to Derry, New Hampshire in 1972. We bought our first dog in Derry. Our next move was to Bradford.

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Mon - Thurs: 7:30 am - 5:00 pm
Friday: 7:30 am - noon
Selectmen meet every Monday
from 5:30 pm - 7:30 PM
Special Meetings will be posted
24 hours in advance

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Office Hours
938-2288

Monday: noon-7:00 pm
Tuesday: 7:00 am-11:30 am
12:30 pm-5:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 am-11:30 am and
12:30 pm-5:00 PM
Saturday: (2nd & 4th) 9-Noon

Planning Board Circuit Rider
Wednesday
call 938-2253 for appointment

Town offices are temporarily
located at BACC

Letter from Editor

The problem with a monthly newspaper is trying to keep current as events move along rapidly. The February Bridge goes to press just as the filing period for local offices begins. By the time the paper is delivered, the filing period will have closed. The March Bridge will list the candidates and carry their answers to specific questions.

There will, however, be many opportunities to gather information over the next few weeks. The Budget Committee has scheduled one budget hearing with a second one if needed. The Selectmen will hold one or more hearings on bond issues to be presented to the voters. Plans for the renovations to Town Hall will be displayed at a meeting where concerns and questions can be addressed. Candidates will be invited to meet the voters to talk about their goals for the next few years. Check the calendar for the dates of all of these scheduled events and watch for the posted public notices.

Plan to attend one or all of these meetings so that whatever information you use to make your decisions – at the polls or at Town Meeting – comes from those directly involved, not 'from the street' or from social media.

Summer – it's not the heat, it's the humidity. Winter – it's not the cold, it's the wind chill factor. This year we have had the wind along with low temperatures, causing at least one ski resort to close for a few days. Whether this year is typical, unusual, too cold, not enough snow – it is New Hampshire and we will deal with it as we always do. One thing we can all do is check on our neighbors to be sure there is no need left unmet.

Stay warm, stay safe, and enjoy whatever is your preference this time of year from curling up with a good book in front of the fire to being out on the lake ice fishing.

Marcia Keller
Co-editor



*Happy
Valentine's Day*

Adopt-A-Hydrant Program

In our town, we have many “dry” hydrants. A dry hydrant is a hydrant that relies on the use of a fire engine to pump the water out of natural occurring water ways. These include ponds, streams, lakes, and other water sources that we feel will aid the Fire Department in the event of a fire. Living in a rural area with no pressurized hydrants, this is how we obtain water in a quick and sufficient manner.

The Bradford Fire Department is asking for your partnership in our Adopt-A-Hydrant Program. This program is designed to benefit you and the Bradford Fire Department.

In the event of a fire, it is imperative that the Fire Department gain access to a water supply as quickly as possible so the fire can be extinguished and prevent loss of life and/or property. You can help the Bradford Fire Department in this quest by adopting a hydrant and making sure that it is easily accessible throughout the year.

When you adopt a hydrant, we ask that you shovel/plow/snow blow the area around your adopted fire hydrant after each snow fall by clearing a path approximately three feet around the hydrant, as well as, a path from the street or roadway up to the fire hydrant so that it is visible and accessible. During the summer months it is also important to make sure the same three foot path around your adopted hydrant is free of weeds, shrubbery, flowerbeds, etc.

Please consider clearing snow from the fire hydrant for your neighbors who may have medical conditions, disabilities, or those who are elderly and may be unable to do this themselves. This act of kindness will benefit the entire neighborhood. Your participation in this program and maintenance of the area around your adopted hydrant saves time in the Fire Department’s incident response--and time is very valuable.

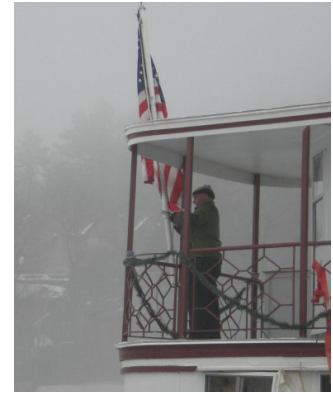
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Bradford Fire Department
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Raising the Flag

Investigation into the cause has revealed an eraser size hole in the coupling from a sea valve to the port engine as the likely trigger of what resulted in the sinking. There are bilge bumps onboard. The vessel sustained additional damage to the rudders as a result of contact with the lake bottom, and may eventually have to come out of the water for further repairs beyond the drying out and clean-up process.

It is anticipated that the vessel will be shipshape and operational again in time for the 2013 sailing season on Lake Sunapee, and the Fentons look forward to welcoming back both old and new customers this summer.

“We would like to sincerely thank the community for all the good thoughts and support that you have sent our way these past few days. We are so lucky to live in such a great, thoughtful and caring community. We are very thankful that no one was injured when the boat sank or during the recovery operations. Thank you again for your thoughts and support; this is why we love this area.” said Mary Beth Fenton.

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Area Events

New London

Every Thursday, from October through May, The Coach House at the New London Inn hosts a special event, called *Thursday's Child*, to benefit local community and non-profit organizations. Fifty percent of the net proceeds from that evening's dinner are donated to the featured organization to benefit their programs. According to New London Inn General Manager Julie Dimakis, the restaurant donated \$26,000 to local organizations last year. "We are thrilled to give back to the community and this program enables visitors to 'donate while they dine,'" said Dimakis.

For a complete list of Thursday's Child dinners, which run from 5:30 pm to 9 pm, visit the Events section of the New London Inn website. Visitors can make reservations online at www.thenewlondoninn.com or call 603.526.2791.

Concord

January 11 - April 13, 2013
The Gallery at The Craft Center and League of NH Craftsmen Headquarters Hosts a Fine Craft Exhibition: *A Child at Heart*

The League of NH Craftsmen is hosting a creative exhibition, *A Child at Heart*, at its Gallery at The Craft Center and headquarters in the SMILE! building on 49 South Main Street in Con-

cord. This multi-media exhibition features work made by juried members of the League of NH Craftsmen that expresses the wonder and innocence of childhood, real or imagined and runs through April 13.

The Gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, and Saturdays, during the exhibition, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Newbury

Events at the Fells

Saturday February 9, 11am-noon Out and About for Preschoolers: A Look at Where We've Been Explore the placement of eyes on various animals and insects, and then take a walk Backwards! Create a painting of this new way of viewing the natural world. Member child and care givers free, nonmembers \$5. Advance registration requested.

Saturday, February 16, 1-2:30pm Family Snowshoeing and the Art of Tracking Imprints in the snow record the movements of even the smallest creatures. On this walk we'll read tracks and signs that tell stories about the movements and activities of those who passed unseen, but left a fascinating winter tale. Fells Members free, nonmembers \$5 per family.

The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens on Lake Sunapee, 456 Route 103A, Newbury, NH. For more information call 603-763-4789 x 3 or visit www.thefells.org .



February 2013 SRK Greenway hikes:

Feb 2 (Sat) Dave Anderson (763-5958) danderson@forestsociety.org. Dave's Winter Wildlife Tracking snow shoe hike will take place on the lower slopes of Sunset Hill in Newbury. 2 miles. (E-M)

Feb 9 (Sat) Brian Faughnan (526-7838) Snowshoe over winter trails in Wilmot's Patterson Road area. Refreshments afterward at the Faughnans. 3 miles. (M)

Feb 16 (Sat) Peg Bastien (456-2347) Snowshoe in Warner's Chandler Reservation up to the old fire tower. Some trails are rather steep. (M)

Feb 24, 25 or 26 David Cook (456-4570) Fifth Annual Moonlight Madness! Full moon snowshoe in New London to ridge-top skyline vista. Sponsored by SRKGC, ASLPT and New London Conservation Commission. Date selected for best moonlight conditions. 2 miles; two hours. (M) Not for novice snowshoers.

Warner

"A Fellowship After God's Own Heart" Ministry has expanded its services to Saturday at 6PM. Located in the downstairs community room of the Telephone Museum, you may find more information by contacting Pastor Andy at agoh@tds.net or call 456-2723.

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Men's Prayer Breakfast

February 2 - 8:00 a.m.

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Ash Wednesday Service

February 13 - 7:00 p.m.

Service will include communion

Mom's Support/Study Group

Tuesday mornings 10-11:00 a.m.

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The Power of a Praying Parent
by Stormie O'Martian

Church News



Community Food Pantry

Open February 20 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Women's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, February 9 - 8:00 a.m.

After God's Own Heart

Focus Factor aka Youth Group

Grades 6-12 Awesome Games/out-reach/devotion/refreshments. Every Sunday in February 4-5:30 p.m.

Men's Fellowship

Pool/refreshments/devotions
Wednesday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Bible Studies

Thursdays at 10 a.m. 2 Corinthians
Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Revelation

Leader's Gathering

Monday, February 18 at 6:00 p.m.

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Everyone 938-5313*



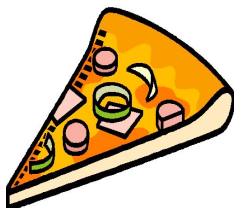
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Town Board & Committee Reports

Planning Board

Public Hearing was held on a zoning amendment submitted by petition "To see if the town will vote to modify article III section G of the Bradford Zoning Ordinance by altering the minimum setbacks of junk yards from state highways, so that the last sentence of that section reads as follows: "Motor vehicle junk yards must conform to state regulation RSA Chapter 236, 1981, sections 111-129, except that the applicable setback from the right-of-way lines of a non-interstate Class I, Class II, or Class III-A highway shall be 450 feet."

The amendment will be on the Ballot on the first day of Town Meeting and will carry a notation of approval or disapproval by the Planning Board.

Board of Selectmen

Approval of Hazardous Material Testing on Town Hall.

To minimize the contingency fees in the Guaranteed Maximum price for the Town Hall Restoration Project, the Construction Manager requested that a hazardous material inspection be done. North Branch received a price range between \$1850.00 and \$3750.00. For accurate record keeping, it would be paid for from the maintenance budget, charged to the town hall project, and reimbursed by the Rural Heritage Connection from its Cornerstone Account. Selectmen unanimously approved the request.

New Building Permit Selectman Harry Wright is working on a revised application for building permits in order to clarify some of the information requested. It will be forwarded to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment for their comments.

Police Stats for December

There were 204 calls for service in December. The list, broken down by category, is available in the Selectmen's office.

Dog Ordinance Amendment

This has not, as yet, been posted. Suggestions were made to place it in the Ordinance Book and post it online.

Naughton Property Matt Ordway requested permission to use the town owned Naughton property to land trees while working on the Hall property. He advised he will clean it up, and when the job is complete be back to let the Selectmen know.

Consensus of the Selectmen was in the affirmative.

Road Agent Selectmen held a non-public meeting on January 7, then reconvened in public session to announce their decision to immediately post a job opening notice for a road agent for Bradford. Deadline for submitting applications was set as 12 noon on January 18, 2013.

At that time, applications were received from Gary Remillard and Barry Wheeler.

Town Hall Restoration Committee

Construction Manager Representatives from North Branch Construction Company, Ken Holmes, President and Joseph Campbell, Project Manager, met with the Committee to outline their responsibilities as Construction Manager for the Town Hall Restoration project. They are developing an estimate for the scope of work and will prepare a detailed cost estimate to be presented at Town Meeting for voter approval of the actual construction. Following an affirmative vote, a complete set of drawings would be prepared with ground break-

ing to take place about three months later.

The full proposal for Construction Management Services required to meet the design and construction goals for the Bradford Town Hall are online at bradfordnh.org under the minutes of the TRHC for January 10, 2013.

Sub-Committees Three sub-committees - Outreach, Financing, and Fundraising are at work to publicize the project, gather information on bonding approaches, and develop ways to raise funds and seek grants to offset the total burden on taxpayers.

In late February, a door-to-door campaign will be held to provide detailed information and to answer any questions.

So far, three very successful dinners have been held at local restaurants. Thanks go from the Committee to Double Diamond, Bubba's and Appleseed for hosting these dinners, contributing to the project, providing good food and entertainment, and helping to spread the good news about the project.

Watch for the details of a pre-Town Meeting brunch to be held at the Appleseed Inn on Sunday, March 10.

Floor Plans Poster boards showing the layout of both first and second floors, prepared by Architect Richard Monahan, are on view at Brown Memorial Library.

Partners The Bradford Historical Society, the Historic District Commission, and the Union Congregational Society have signed on as partners in the Town Hall Restoration project. The Committee welcomes this support.

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Town Reports (cont.)

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

Monday, February 4 – Presentation of to Selectmen 5:30 PM
 Wednesday, February 5 - Presentation to Budget Committee 6:30 PM
 Saturday, February 23rd – Presentation of Plans to the public KRES – 10 AM – NOON (Snow Date: Saturday, March 02)

Watch for notice of Bond Hearing to be set and held by the Board of Selectmen

Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Board approved and amended Application for Special Exception and are developing an amended application for a variance in response to recent changes in the statutes and court decisions.

Complete minutes of all board meetings are on file at the Town Office and online at bradfordnh.org.



No home should be without one this winter. (photo by Audrey V. Sylvester)



Kearsarge Fitness held a New Year, New You Open House on January 1st at their facility at 2600 Route 103, with free workouts, prizes and discounts for visitors. At left is member Kevin Marshall with owner Dan Pettiglio. Healthy snacks were provided as well.



Kid's Ice Fishing Derby

The Bradford Fish and Game Club hosts its annual Kid's Ice Fishing Derby on Sunday February 24, 2013 on Lake Todd. Children under 15 years of age are invited to compete but we invite the entire family to come out to the lake for a great day of fun on the ice. Free registration begins at 7:00 AM at the clubhouse at 89 Gillingham Drive, across the road from the lake. Kids can start fishing anytime after registration but all fish must be back to the clubhouse by 1:00 PM for measurement.

An awards ceremony shortly thereafter. Breakfast and lunch are provided free of charge. Assistance to bore holes in the ice is available. Please see our website, bfandg.com for more information and see pictures from previous derbies. We hope to see you there!

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

We require from buildings, as from men, two kinds of goodness; first, doing their practical duty well; then that they be graceful and pleasing in doing it.

~John Ruskin,

1851

Town Hall Rationale

It has long been noted that it is "the people behind who make the people ahead."

In Bradford the people behind, those who experience the town's governance first hand, have long endured marginal working conditions. Spaces have been tight, the air close, the heat erratic. Moreover, their current location in the basement of the Community Center, though more up to date in some ways, violates the expectations and understandings of those who wrote the grants and ultimately funded the Center, undermining both the spirit of the enterprise and its abilities to function.

At this juncture, circumstances favor improvements. Town Hall restoration efforts have resulted in architectural plans to convert the building into spaces worthy of the men and women immersed in the Town's governance issues. Even better, the plans afoot promise a permanent solution, since the building, already over a century old, will surely endure into the foreseeable future. Not only will office, meeting, and storage spaces improve, but, should the upstairs also be renovated, the Town will enjoy an assembly space alternative to the school gymnasium.

As always, the issue now is money. On the other hand, the issue can also be said to be one of perspective. Town Hall restoration is an expensive solution, one requiring a measure of sacrifice from every citizen. But Town Hall is also a long term solution, one of which future generations can be proud, and from that perspective a solution reflective of the town's confidence, maturity, and sense of future--to say nothing of its benevolence towards those who toil on her behalf.

Tim Rodd



To the Editors of The Bradford Bridge:

Who's Looking Out for Us?

After driving down Main Street, I am shocked at the way our sidewalks were completed! No other town I've ever seen has those 3" ledges they put in at the bank - and they were damaged after the very first storm's plowing. In my opinion, this is just plain bad engineering. Under RSA 321:75, the town is responsible for any repair/replacement that will be necessary, not the engineer. So, now the job will need to be done twice, and in this economy that's the LAST thing Bradford needs.

Unfortunately, East Main Street has its winners and its losers. Now the big question is: Why aren't our Selectmen looking out for us?

John Belanger, Bradford
Resident for 20 years

To whom it may concern:

I would like to thank the volunteers who give their time to create this wonderful publication.

I lived in Keene for over 45 years and I find it special that within a year Bradford has become my home and I never want to leave. My husband and I are lovingly restoring our home at 145 East Main St.

The Bradford community has something that is so special and rare and I am deeply touched by this. George and Marge Cilley our across the street neighbor have gone out of their way to make Jim and I feel welcome. How could we not feel at home when Mrs. Cilley came over with fresh baked cookies when we first bought our home.

All the folk we have met have been welcoming and gracious to us. Right before Christmas I started to get a little homesick missing my family and friends. What made me feel better and at peace is when the folks from the church came caroling at my door.

It was such a special part of the holiday for me this year.

I can't wait until Jim and I have some time to enjoy some of the activities that the community has to offer.

Thanks to All!
Respectfully,
Patty & Jim Robbins



Letter to The Bridge:

St. Peters Lodge #31 Free and Accepted Masons was established in Bradford, New Hampshire in 1818 and its first Master was Ebenezer Cressey. The lodge currently occupies the old Butman House which was a hotel and boarding stable accommodating

travelers using the railroad station across the street where current Pizza Chief and Dunkin Donuts are now. Travelers would arrive by horse and carriage, spend the night and leave on the morning train. While away the Butman House would take care of the horses in their stables and upon returning the traveler would again spend the night and leave for their home in the morning needing daylight to travel.

St. Peters Masonic Lodge is a non-profit organization who works to raise funds to help support local charities and services such as; local food pantries, fire department, ambulance squad, D.A.R.E program, and public library. The fund raising is accomplished by working as ticket takers at the Hopkinton State Fair, St. Peters annual 4th of July breakfast, yard sales and special dinners throughout the year.

Every year the funds raised by St. Peters Lodge are matched by the New Hampshire Masonic Charitable Foundation and allows us to not only contribute to our towns but also to the Thanksgiving and Christmas Basket programs at the First Baptist Church of Bradford.

In recent years, the lodge recognizes a member of the community for their contribution to the Bradford community; the award that is presented is known as the "Community Builders Award" and the lodge will also make a contribution to their favorite charity on their behalf. St. Peters Lodge has a scholarship fund that has just recently been created and will be offering a small scholarship amount to a local student heading off to college.

St. Peters Lodge currently has 55 members of which we are fortunate to have a nice mix of both young and old. Freemasonry is a great addition to your life; our door is always open to those who would like to join the Fraternity of Freemasonry.

Paul S. Gross
Presiding Master
603-938-5003

Kearsarge Area Preschool



The Kearsarge Area Preschool is happy to announce that Mrs. Carrie Guerrette will be joining the KAP teaching team as one of our assistant teachers. Mrs. Guerrette has been on the KAP Board and her children have attended our preschool program. We are also very please to announce that Ms. Crystal Davidson will continue working at KAP while she completes her student teaching. The children have been very busy studying zoo animals, dinosaurs, pets and fairy tales. Children have signed up to bring in their pet from home to share with their class.

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Fri. Feb. 1st

8:45 AM -Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
11:30 First Friday Brunch
raffle, door prizes, music of harpist
DeLuna
7:00 PM - Book-to-Movie, BML

Mon. Feb. 4th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
1-4 PM – Bridge Group
5:30 pm – Selectmen’s Meeting

Tues. Feb. 5th

9:00 AM – Community Outreach
10:00 AM - Stitches from the
Heart
12:00 Noon - Senior Dining

Wed. Feb. 6th

4:00 PM – Special Group #5
6:00 PM – Yoga
6:30 PM – Budget Committee
7:00 PM - ZBA

Thurs. Feb. 7th

12 Noon - Senior Dining
1:00 PM - Mahjong Group
7:00 PM – THRC/RHC

Fri. Feb. 8th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
7:00 PM – Budget Hearing

Sat. Feb. 9th

9:00 AM – Writing Group

Mon. Feb. 11th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
1:00 PM – Bridge Group
5:30 PM – Selectmen’s Meeting

Tues. Feb. 12th

10:00 AM - Stitches from the
Heart
12 Noon - Senior Dining
1:00 PM - Watercolor Class
4:30 PM – BACC Governance
Board
7:00 PM – Planning Board

Wed. Feb. 13th

6:00 PM – Yoga
6:30 PM – Budget Committee
7:00 PM - Library Book Group,
BML

Thurs. Feb. 14th

10:30 AM – Noon - Blood Pres-
sure Clinic
LSVNA and Hospice
12 Noon - Senior Dining
Valentines Day Celebration!
With Surprise Entertainment!
1:00-3:00 PM- Foot Care Clinic
LSVNA Call 526-4077 for appt.
6:00 PM – Bible Study

Fri. Feb. 15th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr.
Fitness
9:30–11:30 AM Foot Care Clinic
LSVNA at North Ridge - appt. at
526-4077
10:00 AM - Friday at the Movies:
Kate and Leopold
12 Noon - Senior Dining
7:00 PM - Third Friday Movie,
BML
7:00 PM – 2nd Budget Hearing, if
required

Mon. Feb. 18th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr.
Fitness
Senior Center Closed for
Presidents Day
No Meals on Wheels
5:30 PM – Selectmen’s Meeting
7:00 PM - Bond Hearing

Tues. Feb. 19th

9:00 AM – Community Outreach
10:00 AM - Stitches from the
Heart
12 Noon - Senior Dining
Medicare Expert Anita Oelfke
1:00 PM - Watercolor Class
5:30 PM – 4-H

Wed. Feb. 20th

4:00 PM – Special Group #5
6:00 PM - Yoga
6:30 PM – Budget Committee

Thurs. Feb. 21st

12 Noon - Senior Dining
7:00 PM – THRC/RHC

Fri. Feb. 22th

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

Sat. Feb. 23rd

9:00 AM – Writing Group
10 AM – noon
Presentation – Town Hall Plans
KRES

Sun. Feb 24th

7:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Kid’s Ice Fishing Derby
Lake Todd

Mon. Feb. 25th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr.
Fitness
10:00 AM - Ceramics Class
1:00 PM – Bridge
5:30 PM – Selectmen’s Meeting

Tues. Feb. 26th

9:30-11:30 AM - Foot Care clinic
Warner Pharmacy. Call for appt.
at 526-4077
10:00 AM - Stitches from the
Heart
12 Noon - Senior Dining
1:00 PM – Watercolor Class
7:00 PM – Planning Board

Wed. Feb. 27th

10:30 AM – 12 Noon - Blood
Pressure Clinic
Warner Senior Room LSVNA
6:00 PM - Yoga
6:30 PM – Budget Committee

Thurs. Feb 28th

12 Noon - Senior Dining
6:00 PM – Bible Study

*For scheduling activities at
the BACC, please call 938-
6228 or 938-5900*

All events take place at the Brad-
ford 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.



Abbreviation Key

BACC-Bradford Area Community
Center
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

From the Town Clerk's Office

Town Clerk Office will be open Saturday, February 9th and 23rd - 9AM-Noon. We will be closed on Monday, February 18th for Presidents Day.

The dog tags for 2013 are in. Please make sure we have the updated rabies information when you register your dog.

Boat decals are in for 2013 and we can register your boat now.

The Town Election is coming up on March 12, 2013. We will be holding Ballot Clerk Training on March 11, 2013 at 10am and 6pm. If you would like to be a Ballot Clerk you must attend one of the two trainings. There will be Counters Training on March 11, 2013 at 7pm. If you would like to be a Counter you must attend the 7pm training. We welcome anyone who is interested in being a Counter; please call our office (938-2288) if you are interested. All training is held at the Community Center.

Erica Gross Town Clerk/Tax Collector,
Melissa Cloutier, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Free Baby Sitting at Town Meeting

Selectmen agreed to include babysitting services under the town liability insurance as a free, non-partisan effort to enable more parents to attend Town Meeting. Thanks to generous donors, there will be no cost to taxpayers. Parents will be asked to make reservations to ensure adequate staffing. See the March Bridge for further details.

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until further notice.



Ongoing Events

Bradford Barter-2nd Saturday at 10AM at First Baptist Church/call 938-2777 for info

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

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

Conservation Commission - 3rd Tuesday at 7PM, 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 - Saturdays, 10 am-noon, or by appointment, call 938-5372

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

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

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

Selectmen's Meeting - Every Monday 5:30PM, BACC

Zoning Board - 1st Wednesday, 7:00PM, BACC

*10 Questions from pg 1***Q. What prompted you to move to Derry and then to Bradford?**

Derry was becoming too crowded. We found a home on Old Sutton road in Bradford and we moved there in 1977. It was Lillian Frey's home and her husband had just passed away in 1977. We had looked at a number of different towns and places but this home with fifteen acres of land suited us.

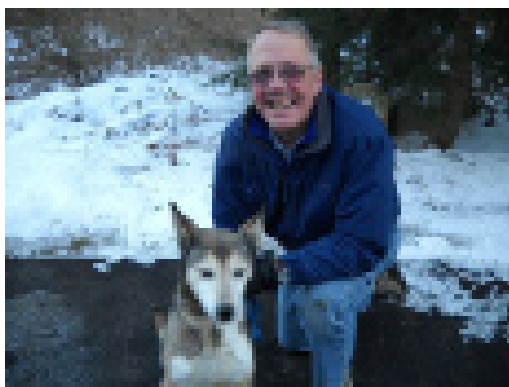
Q. Your first sled dog was bought in 1974. It was a Siberian purebred Husky. Is that the premier breed for sled dog racing? Did you immediately begin training this dog and was it a lengthy process?

It probably took two or three years to get enough dogs. For the "Iditarod" in the early 80's the dog of choice became the cross bred husky. The pure bred was more likely to take off and run so the switch to cross breeds began to take hold. They were also a little bit faster and easier to train than the purebreds. They have been crossed with Pointers and are also a hardier species. Some folks went to Alaska and bought crossbreds up there. The blood lines worked their way into the racing community.

Q. Your interest in sled dog racing began with one dog and two years later you had twelve dogs. Does the sled dog trainer and racer have to be a great athlete and runner? Do these dogs just love to race or do they have to be taught to perform in races?

The dogs themselves love to run and training usually involves teaching them manners in a team atmosphere. Then it becomes a conditioning process. Climate change has altered the start of training. We used to start training whenever the temperature was below fifty

degrees and that was usually in September. Now, it's more like October or November due to the warming of the climate. I used to do cross country and track running so you have to be in good condition for this sport. You have to help push the sleds up the hills so it is just not a question of standing on the sled. When we are training we don't run the same way that we do in the actual racing situation. We do most of our training using an ATV (All Terrain Vehicle) in the fall in Webster at the Black-Water River. There are nice hills there. We start slowly and gradually increase the distance.

**Q. What happens during the summer months for your dogs? Do the dogs enjoy swimming? Are there dietary requirements? Is patience a requisite for the dog sled trainer and racer?**

The dogs get the summer off. It is too difficult with seven or eight dogs to take to the beach. We feed them a high protein and high fat diet. Patience is an important part of the process. Male or female dogs are equally good for this sport. In the last years I have started getting my dogs from animal shelters. They have worked out very well and it is a rescue mission for the dogs.

Q. Is your family involved in your passion for sled dog racing? Do they attend all the meets and help with the transportation?

They are not really involved. My wife likes dogs but it is not her passion. My three kids were more involved in skiing.

Q. You did say that your dog teams have won competitions. Does this include the cross breeds as well as the pure-breds? Does this breed want to compete?

Pure breeds can be more stubborn and they can cost as much as \$800 for a dog. The rescue dogs and cross breeds are usually just the adoption fees. I am a small kennel owner. There are kennels that can have from forty to one hundred dogs. That's a strong commitment. We have won competitions over the years.

Q. You did say that, at this point in your life, you and the dogs do less racing and more recreational running.

We are getting older together and most of the sled racing has become recreational. My dogs are 14 and 16 years old and although they still love to run, it is not the same. It is a great sport and I have helped many people get started. In the last years it has been more females than males interested in the sport.

Q. Do you see a time when dogs will no longer be a part of your life?

A couple of years ago I received two trophies. The first one was for winning the race and the second for being the oldest driver. It is a young persons sport. I don't go as fast as I used to but I still enjoy it.

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Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

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BOOK-TO-MOVIE: On Friday, February 1 at 7pm we will compare Agatha Christie's *After the Funeral* with the film version. In the book, the detective is Hercule Poirot, but in this movie adaptation, Miss Marple solves the mystery. Next month on Friday, March 1 at 7pm we will compare the young adult novel *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky with the 2012 movie. Copies of the book are available at the library.

LIBRARY BOOK GROUP: Join us on Wednesday, February 13 at 7pm for a discussion of *The Lifeboat* by Charlotte Rogan. Next month we will read *The Call* by Yannick Murphy. The meeting date for March will be on Wednesday, March 20 to avoid conflict with Bradford's town meeting. Copies of the book are available at the library.

THIRD FRIDAY MOVIE: This month's pick (Friday, February 15 at 7pm) is a 2012 musical comedy about an all-girl college *cappella* group. Next month we will show a movie starring the youngest "Best Actress" Oscar nominee ever.

The library will be open on Presidents Day.

Some of the new books added in January:

For adults:

- Alif the Unseen* - G. Willow Wilson
- The World Until Yesterday* - Jared Diamond
- Suspect* - Robert Crais
- A Death in the Small Hours* - Charles Finch
- The Signal and the Noise* - Nate Silver

For children:

- Shadow and Bone* - Leigh Bardugo
- Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs* - as retold by Mo Willems
- The Bear in the Book* - Kate Banks
- Charley's First Night* - Amy Hest



Brown Memorial Library hours:

Monday, 10 – 8; Wednesday, 10 – 7; Saturday 10 – 3; Sunday, 11 – 3
 Story times every Monday at 10am; Wednesday at 10:30am

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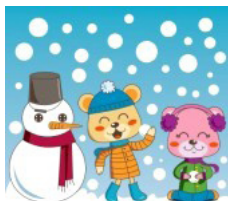
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You only need to take ONE first step toward better health to dramatically lower your risk of heart failure, researchers say.

A new study says heart failure risk for women who did that dropped 47%, and men who made one change lowered their risk 32%. Every additional healthy habit cut risk even more, researchers found.

Heart failure affects about 5.7 million Americans. At age 40, a person's lifetime risk of developing heart failure is one in five.

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~ Two-and-a-half hours of moderate intensity physical activity per week can lower the overall risk of heart disease by 14 percent!

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Obituaries



Rick and Duffy Monahon, Peterborough, NH

Two married couples from New Hampshire died in the head-on crash Sunday night on Route 202/9, Richard "Rick" Monahon, 69, and his wife Mary "Duffy" Monahon, 71, both of Peterborough, and Donald Robb, 68, of Concord, and his wife Brenda Mary Robb, 62, died in the crash that occurred just after 5 p.m. Mr. Monahon was driving a 2013 Subaru Forester west on Route 202/9, while Mr. Robb was driving a 2005 Toyota east on the road when the cars collided head-on. The Monahons and Mr. Robb were pronounced dead at the scene. Mrs. Robb was critically injured and transported by Henniker Ambulance to Concord Hospital. She was then airlifted to a hospital in Boston where she later died of her injuries.

As many Bradford residents know, Rick was an integral part of our Town Hall project. We came to know him well over the past year as he provided us with his architectural services. He was full of life – very enthusiastic about our historic building, but also about the beautiful projects he and his wife have worked on over the years. Many of these can be seen on their website. (<http://www.monahonarchitects.com/>)

Rick was a caring man who had a beautiful vision of the world. He was smart, creative, a positive force and a very thoughtful person. He gave of himself to our committee and our Town Hall much more than monetary enumeration. Duffy attended our forum in January and was enthusiastic about our project. We will miss Rick greatly – more than can be conveyed and on many levels.

Our hearts go out to their family, of whom they were very proud and to the Robb family. With grace and goodness to their memory, we will remember them and be grateful for their brief presence in our lives.



Selectmen Adopt Indemnification

Selectmen adopted the provisions of RSA 31:105 that provides indemnity "for loss or damage" for "any person employed by it and any member or officer of its governing board, administrative staff or agencies including but not limited to selectmen, school board members, . . . regional planning commissioners, town and city health officers, overseers of public welfare, . . . from personal financial loss and expense including reasonable legal fees and costs, if any, arising out of any claim, demand, suit, or judgment by reason of negligence or other act resulting in accidental injury to a person or accidental damage to or destruction of property if the indemnified person at the time of the accident resulting in the injury, damage, or destruction was acting in the scope of employment or office."



Hike at Battle's Farm

On a frigid moonlit night, twenty hardy hikers trekked two miles on the new Battle's Farm trail. The event was co-sponsored by the Bradford Conservation Commission and the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust to raise awareness regarding land management and responsible recreation in our natural landscape. The public is invited to explore this loop trail. Look for the trail-head near historic Hoyt's Brook at the back of Battle's fields.

Outside

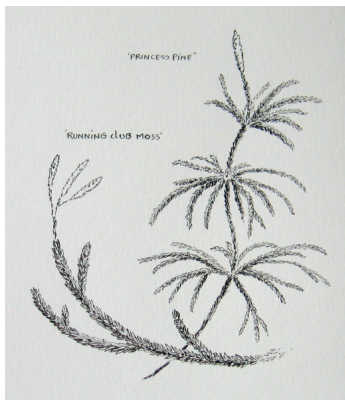
by J. Ann Eldridge

A single sentence proclaiming that the oily spores of club moss were used as flash powder in the early days of photography inspired several attempts last year at pyrotechnics but with only mediocre success.

There is some irony in igniting the spores of a group of plants whose 300+ million year old remains sparked and then fueled the industrial revolution. Club mosses are diminutive relic species of some of the oldest forms of plants. The remains of those ancient jungles – inundated by floods, buried and compressed – became the desperately sought coal deposits of today.

The ‘true’ mosses at our feet are living examples of even earlier plants. Moss has simplified root structures called rhizoids that serve only to anchor them in position and they don’t have a vascular system. Mosses absorb water and nutrients entirely through their leaves which are usually only one cell thick. They pass nutrients and water cell to cell like a microscopic bucket brigade. Many club mosses look like robust true mosses at a glance and others resemble spruce seedlings. Their ability to gain a sun-hogging stature over the mosses is due to a system of indoor plumbing developed in the club mosses. This was the beginnings of botanical

veins and arteries - and they had roots firmly attached to the ground. Silica strengthens their stems. These club mosses and then ferns grew into trees of massive proportions – hundreds of feet tall. This created (along with the mosses, horsetails, quillworts, fungi, insects, and a few early amphibians), the extensive wetlands that became coal.



The not-moss club mosses acquired their common but inaccurate name because of the spore cases that most of them raise over their heads like fattened, stalked antennae or clubs. A gust of wind or the passage of an excited chipmunk sends clouds of reportedly flammable spores blindly billowing. Much finer than talc and equally non-wettable, spores were collected for curing nose bleeds and to encase medicinal pills.

Back in the forest, each of these microscopic spores is hoping to land in a suitable location to grow into a tiny, rooted leaflet. These will produce both sperm and eggs that will on some rainy day join and start another plant that will rise above the leaf litter. Because this two-step method has its risks, club mosses also propagate vegetatively by runners. It works. These families of ancient plants that dominated the landscape before the appearance of flower and seed producing plants survived two major extinction events and have living representatives here today. Come spring, whatever snow there is will melt away revealing the evergreen ferns, mosses, and club mosses – ready to catch the sun before the trees overhead leaf out.

And in the jungle that is the internet I have found that some club mosses are on lists of European plants in danger of eradication by habitat loss. However, in China they are happy to sell you club moss spores as something called ‘lycopodium powder’ to cure age-related memory problems. And I have now found the correct method for creating an explosion with club moss pollen. If I purchase the lycopodium powder, I may remember how to do this when next summer’s crop is ready.

Residents of the Town Bradford NH

Supervisors of the checklist will hold session for correction of the checklist and accept registrations on Saturday March 2, 2013 from 11:00 to 11:30. This will be in preparation for Town Election Day, March 12, 2013.

If you are registering please bring picture ID and proof of residence.

Checklist Supervisors,
Judith Marshall
Ruth Marden

Call for Poetry Submissions



The Center for the Arts seeks works from New Hampshire poets (adult and young poets) interpreting the theme: *All Things Wild and Wonderful*, a program celebrating New Hampshire's Natural Heritage in Words, Music and Art. The judge for this contest will be Patricia Fagnoli, former Poet Laureate of New Hampshire. There is no fee for submission.

A spring celebration announcing the winners will be held in April, 2013.

There are four categories: Adult (4 winners); High School Student (2 winners); Middle School Student (2 winners); and Grade School Student: (2 winners).

Deadline for submission: Postmarked February 15, 2013; mailed to: Dianalee Velie, PO Box 290, Newbury, NH 03255. For submission details contact: dianaleevelie@aol.com; or call 763-8863.




Dockside Hair Design is MOVING!

This new year brings so many changes to Dockside Hair Design! As some of you have heard, Dockside Hair Design is moving to its new location in March! I will be moving the salon to 17 Old Sutton Road in Bradford...which is also known as Crazy Eight Road. The grand re-opening will be Tuesday, March 5th. The phone number (938-0090) will remain the same.

Meghan Raymond will open her own salon in Newbury Harbor on the same date.

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Central New Hampshire Special Operations Unit

Bradford Police Department members met with the current Budget Committee on January 03, 2013. One item that came up in discussion was the department's participation in the Central New Hampshire Special Operations Unit. The Unit was explained in detail to the committee and was later on unanimously voted on and approved as part of the department's budget. We, the police department, upon request by the committee would like to take this time to educate all other residents on this unit and its benefits.


The Central New Hampshire Special Operations Unit, hereafter referred to as CNHSOU, is a regional S.W.A.T team made up of over two dozen Police and Fire/Rescue Departments located in Central New Hampshire. The team is run by a Commander and Assistant Commander, appointed by the Executive Board, which make up the command staff. The team below them is comprised of Team Leaders and then Operators (Perimeter and Entry Personnel), a sniper team, a Crisis Negotiation Team and Medical personnel. The unit is listed with the State of New Hampshire as a 501(c)(3), a non-profit

Members of the team receive specialized training in dealing with situations outside the realm of everyday police work. Some of those situations include, but are not limited to, dealing with Suicidal and Emotionally Disturbed Persons, Hostage Negotiations, Barricaded Suspects, Barricaded Suspects with Hostages, High Risk Warrant Service, Under Cover Surveillance and Search and Rescue for missing persons. The team follows the policies and protocols set forth by the NTOA (National Tactical Officers Association) and the NHTOA (New Hampshire Tactical Officers Association) in regards to training. The team trains as a whole one day a month, which meets the minimum standards.

The team averages about 10-12 callouts a year. When the team is activated it operates under the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of the requesting agency who sees the incident thru to its completion/resolution. Along with the activation of the team come 25-30 highly trained police officers at no expense to the town or city requesting assistance, outside of the annual fee. Usage of the team acts as a force multiplier for smaller departments who normally wouldn't have the manpower to handle such situations. The requesting agency head retains control of incident command and the CNHSOU provides assistance with manning the other required facets of the Incident Command System.

The CNHSOU has one armored vehicle, a 1983 Peacekeeper. That vehicle rolls on every call in case the need for it comes about. The vehicle can be used to evacuate residents, transport wounded personnel or transport team members safely to a position of advantage. The vehicle is currently being stored here in the Town of Bradford with permission of the selectman. The CNHSOU is solely responsible for the gas and maintenance of this vehicle and it creates no financial burden to the town. The Town agreed to store the vehicle since it brought along a great value. The value seen was a juvenile detention facility and elementary school in town as well as a middle school and high school in a neighboring town. Bradford is also the approximate half way mark up the 89 corridor between Concord and Hanover, two member agencies among others along that corridor which allows for a quicker response should the need arise. The vehicle supports no weaponry and is dominantly a protective measure when dealing with armed subjects.

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The Club is *seeking new members* and fresh ideas to continue and expand. Please join us for snacks and soft drinks at our Open House. Bring the family by to see what we are about.


New Girl in Town



Molly and Luke Small of Bradford, welcomed Madalyn Lee Small on Jan. 1st 2013 at Concord Hospital. Madalyn weighed in at 7lbs 12oz and was 20 inches long. Madalyn is the granddaughter of James Hopkins of Lake Wales, FL. and Bridget Hopkins of North Haven, ME and Dale and Charlotte Small of Kittery Point ME Bradford happily welcomes it youngest resident.


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Lois Kilnapp, Transfer Station Manager
Ken Anderson, Deputy

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BUDGET COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING

The Bradford Budget Committee will hold a Public Hearing on the 2013 Budget on February 8, 2013, at 7:00pm at the Bradford Community Center.

If the 2013 budget is not finalized on February 8, a second hearing is hereby scheduled for Feb. 15, 2013, time to be announced.

Budget Committee meetings are generally held on Wednesday as posted and are open to the public.

The Bradford Historical Society

This handsome, yet dour-faced, couple was photographed at the Bradford-Newbury Fair. According to family accounts, she was a vindictive cook and he died on the kitchen table while undergoing stomach surgery.



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