

THE Bradford Bridge

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Candidates' Forum

The Bradford Bridge is sponsoring a Candidates' Forum on Saturday, March 9 in the Community Center from 10am to noon. In preparation for our upcoming elections, we asked the candidates to respond to the following questions:

1. What position are you seeking? Why?
2. What are your qualifications for this office?

Bradford is undergoing a period of change and improvement with recently installed sidewalks and the renovation of many downtown properties, previously derelict or abandoned.

1. What are your thoughts on how the town might attract more business to the town and encourage young people to move here or stay here after graduation?

2. Are you in favor of the Town Hall Restoration Project? Why? Why not?

3. What attracted you to live in Bradford?

4. What is the most important priority for improving our town?

The responses we received from our candidates follow.

SELECTMEN: 3 years, vote for 1

John Pfeifle:

Editor's Note: John Pfeifle has been appointed to finish the selectmen term (one year) vacated by Barry Wheeler. He was unable to remove his name from the ballot. Mr. Pfeifle does not wish to have votes cast for him in this election.

Harry Wright

Candidate for Selectman, - 2nd term, running for two reasons: it is important to have some continuity on the Board. If I do not run, the senior selectman will have been in office for only one year.

More importantly, there are many positive things in the wind for Bradford and I'd like to play an active role in bringing them about.

Qualifications: I have served for three years as a selectman and had training by the Local Government Center (LGC) and Regional Planning Commission

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, March 9,

Community Center Candidates' Forum 10am – noon

Tuesday, March 12,

Town Elections, 8am to 7pm, Elementary School

Wednesday, March 13,

TOWN MEETING, 7pm, Elementary School

Note:

If you need a ride to and from Town Meeting, please contact Beth at 938-2692

Free babysitting at Town Meeting. Call Michele at 938-2199

10 QUESTIONS

by Phyllis Wilcox

This month we interviewed Paula Morse. She will retire March 1, 2013, after twenty five years with the Postal Service. Bradford Post Office and the town will miss her welcoming smile behind the front desk. Although, she has worked in other post offices, a majority of her postal career was in Bradford. Paula was somewhat hesitant about the interview since she is not a great fan of people knowing about her accomplishments but reluctantly, she agreed to talk to me, and this is Paula Morse,

Q Where were you born and where did you spend your early years?

I was born in Claremont and then for five years we lived in the Little Lake Sunapee area. The next move was to Water Street in Bradford where I spent the next years until I was eighteen.

Q. Tell me about your schooling? Did you have a vision of what you would do in the life ahead or was it a question of what will be, will be, and no long range plan?

I'm a New Hampshire girl. I attended the Bradford Grammar School, grades one through eight. The building is now the Bradford Community Center. Then there was a choice of high school in New London or Warner, My choice was New London. This was prior to the forming of the Kearsarge School District. I thought about becoming a teacher but somehow that never worked out.

Q. What are the pluses and minuses of a career in the post office?

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Friday: 7:30 am - noon
Selectmen meet every Monday
from 5:30 pm - 7:30 PM
Special Meetings will be posted
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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

From the Editor:

This election issue is chock full of information about Town Meeting, candidates' views, forums and the important issues that we will be voting on this month. Come to the candidates' forum on Saturday, March 9, 10am to noon at the Community Center. Please vote for candidates for town offices on Tuesday, March 12. **Town Meeting is Wednesday, March 13.** Rides and babysitting are available (see note with important info). In addition to meeting your neighbors who have volunteered to serve our community, you will also have an opportunity to see neighbors who have been buried in snow for the past several months. Acquaint yourself with the issues that are important to our town and its future and vote. The town's future is your future as well.

Welcome to Spring. May we and our town thrive in the year to come.

Beth Rodd
March Editor

Town Clerk Update

Dog licenses are available in our office; please make sure to have updated rabies information. Remember to get your dog licensed by April 30th to avoid additional fees.

Boat decals are in and boats can be registered now.

The Ballot clerk training class for the upcoming election is on March 11th at 10am and 6pm. You need to attend one of these to be a Ballot clerk on March 12th.

The Counter training class is on March 11th at 7pm. You must attend this class if you would like to be a counter. Counting will start on March 12th when the polls close at 7pm. Please contact our office if you would like to be a counter, we truly appreciate all the help we can get.

We will be open on Saturday March 9th and 23rd 9am-Noon.

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

Easter Egg Hunt

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library are sponsoring the Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Story Time at Brown Memorial Library on Saturday, March 30 beginning at 11 am. Story Time in the Children's Room at 11 am will be followed by the Egg Hunt on the lawn. All ages are welcome. Parents are needed to monitor the perimeter of the lawn.

The Friends especially want to thank the KRES fourth graders, Mrs. Sweet, and Friends member Jan Riley for stuffing more than 800 eggs. Children are encouraged to bring their own decorated baskets for collecting eggs. For more information, call: 938-5562.

Town of Bradford Scholarship Committee
by Jill Pinard

The Town of Bradford Scholarship Committee would like to announce its application process for 2013. Originated in 1964, the Town of Bradford Scholarship Fund has provided financial support over the years to Bradford students who are pursuing post-secondary education.

In order for high school students to apply, they should meet the following requirements:

- Live in Bradford.
- Be furthering their education in a university, college, school of nursing or technical institute.
- Submit a typed, written application telling the committee about their academic goals, extracurricular and community activities, and how living in Bradford has helped promote these goals.

Please send your written application to Jill Pinard, 12 Church Street, Bradford, NH 03221 postmarked no later than April 30, 2013. Upon selection, the recipient will be expected to submit a photograph (digital copy) for use in local newspapers and in the Bradford Annual Report.

For those looking for additional resources, the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation (NHHEAF) Network is a great free resource for families considering higher education. For more information go to www.nhheaf.org or call 800.525.2577 x 119. The NHHEAF Network, in conjunction with New Hampshire colleges and universities, is providing a great opportunity for high school juniors and their families to find out about a range of topics related to the college experience including, the college admissions process, financial aid, SATs and what college life is like at the twelfth annual Destination College program. This program on March 16 at Plymouth State University is free and features a keynote speaker, workshops, a scholarship raffle, a college fair, and lunch. To register for Destination College go to http://www.gsmr.org/index.asp?page=events_dc; this free program fills quickly so register today.



**Bradford Fish and Game Club
OPEN HOUSE**

Saturday March 23 from 5:30 to 8:00 PM
at the 89 Gillingham Drive Clubhouse

Since 1927, the Bradford Fish and Game Club has engaged members and area youth in outdoors activities including hunting, fishing and archery. The Club endeavors to involve the young people of our community and carry on the traditions of the past.

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.

**March Madness!
Mountain View Senior
Center**

March is full of events and happenings: St. Patrick's Day, Daylight Savings, First Day of Spring, and this year Easter! And of course, great basketball for sports fans and "Beware the Ides of March" for Shakespeare fans!

March is also National Nutrition Month! This year the national theme is "Eat right, Your Way, Every Day" which encourages personalized healthy eating styles. Many factors such as food preferences, lifestyle, cultural and ethnic traditions, and health should be considered. Healthy nutritional eating is particularly important for seniors as they are more vulnerable to the harmful effects of poor eating. Our Congregate Dining and Meals on Wheels programs are good starts because each meal consists of 1/3 of the USDA daily nutritional requirements.

One more noteworthy March fact -it is also Sleep Awareness Month. According to sleep experts, older adults need 7 to 9 hours of sleep for better health and safety, and optimal performance. An inadequate amount of sleep has been linked to health problems such as obesity and high blood pressure, negative mood and behavior, decreased productivity, and safety issues. Insomnia is more prevalent in older adults, so be sure to discuss insomnia concerns with your physician.

Aside from sleep and nutrition, fun is the name of the game for March! Why not build a "leprechaun trap" with your grandkids, have your picture taken with the Easter bunny, start your annuals from seed? And after turning your clocks ahead...let the sun in!

Area Events

Warner

Native American Heirloom Plants: Growing And Saving

Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum presents a talk by Anne Miller of the VT and NH Seed Savers Organization on Native American heirloom plants - how to grow them in your garden, and how to save their seeds. The talk is Saturday March 9 at 1pm with a snow date of Sunday March 10 at 1pm. Admission to the talk is free. Admission to the museum galleries is only \$5.00.

Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum was founded in 1990 by Charles "Bud" and Nancy Thompson as an educational and cultural center to connect visitors with Native American culture, past and present, and to encourage respect for our environment. The Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum seeks to challenge all of us to improve the quality of our lives and our world. The museum is open daily May 1 - October 31, Monday - Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday noon-5pm and on weekends November through mid-December.

See our website for a complete listing of upcoming events: www.indianmuseum.org

New London

Engaging Landowners Gathering: Are you a landowner of significant acreage, say 25-acres or more? Have you ever wished you could get together with other landowners in your area to discuss topics of common interest like how to handle passing your land on to the next generation, how to share your love of the land with your grandchildren, how to attract wildlife to your property or how to deal with wildlife issues like beavers flooding a woods road? If so, Ausbon Sargent's Woods Forums may be just the thing for you! With help from a Northeast State Foresters Association grant, we will be hosting five Woods Forums for landowners to gather with each other, have a short presentation on a topic of interest and to engage with fellow landowners on topics and questions they choose. You may choose to come to any of our five meetings, so if you miss this opportunity, check out our upcoming Woods Forums scheduled in April and July. Please contact Nancy Smith at our office by calling 526-6555 or e-mailing nsmith@ausbonsargent.org if you plan to join us. **Thursday, March 21, 2013 7-8:30 pm**

BACC Benefit

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Jim Valiquet 938-2522
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Town Office Relocation Committee

A public meeting of the Town Office Relocation Committee will be held on Saturday, March 2nd, 2013 at 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Bradford Area Community Center.

Information will be available on Bradford Corners warrant Articles 7 and 8 to be voted on at our town meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2013. Bradford voters, please attend this meeting and hear the facts about Articles 7 and 8 warrants. Thank you.

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A Culinarian's Column by Caryl Walker

March..."neither beast nor fowl"... neither winter nor spring. That's how I view this month's recipe. Make it with canned salmon, frozen asparagus, and dried dill or celebrate spring with fresh salmon, asparagus, and dill! Either way works and tastes great. Serve it up for St. Patrick's Day instead of the usual CB&C, Surf instead of Turf!

No-Crust Salmon Asparagus Tart

6 Servings

1 pound frozen **OR** fresh asparagus, trimmed and cut into 2-inch pieces
 ¼ cup **each** fresh **or** frozen onion **and** red pepper, diced
 2 tablespoons butter
 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
 ½ cup full-fat mayonnaise
 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 2 eggs, lightly beaten
 ½ cup half & half **or** light cream
 ½ teaspoon salt
 ½ teaspoon dried basil
 ¼ teaspoon black pepper
 1 teaspoon dried dillweed **or** 1 tablespoon fresh dill, minced
 1 can (14 ¾ ounces) salmon, drained, bones and skin removed **OR** 1 pound salmon baked until flaky
 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded Swiss cheese
 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan

1. Steam asparagus over boiling water until crisp-tender. Drain well and set aside.
2. In a skillet, sauté onion and red pepper until tender. Set aside.
3. In a mixing bowl, combine the cream cheese, mayonnaise, flour, eggs, basil, dill, salt, and pepper.
4. Fold in the salmon, onion-red pepper mixture, and Swiss cheese. Pour into a greased 9-inch pie tin.
5. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake at 350°F. for 35 minutes or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean.

Serve with boiled waxy potatoes and carrots, buttered and sprinkle with plenty of that fresh dill or parsley.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



The Bradford Historical Society will be open only by appointment during the winter months.
 Call 938-5372.

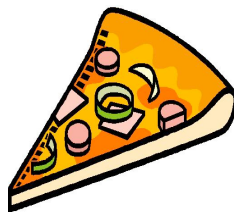
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My priorities are:

Attracting business: Bradford can be a more vibrant and attractive community. The sidewalk project is a good start. Town Hall Restoration, with full use of the auditorium will be major. At the 2/18/13 Selectmen's meeting, we discussed John Pfeifle's suggestion of two new town committees: Main Street Revitalization and Economic Development. Both are excellent ideas to capture and build on the growing momentum.



Town Hall Restoration: I am fully in favor. Beyond the debt that we owe our forebears for constructing, moving, and giving life to this wonderful structure, I can also be selfish. A restored and functional Town Hall will be worth money to the town. It will be a core element to downtown revitalization and, in the end, increase property values for us all.

We originally came to Bradford to attend antique auctions. We liked the town and, when looking for a second home, purchased on Lake Massasecum. Two years later, we moved into the house year 'round.

Most important priority: Continuing the development of community pride through the projects currently under way. Our volunteers have the ball rolling – let's keep pushing.

Jim Bibbo

I am a retired school superintendent with two advanced degrees in public administration. I have managed multi million dollar budgets, have personnel management skills, used to dealing with the public, have the ability to make hard decisions. I have the experience, skills and integrity to do a proficient job in the position of selectman.

I currently serve on Central New Hampshire Regional Planning's committee on bringing business into the area and was part of hiring a consultant to work with the communities. Young people will come or stay here if there are employment opportunities and a tax base that is broad enough so they can afford to live here.

I think it is appropriate to renovate the town hall. I do have concerns over the cost of the project but it is what it is. I have volunteered to help raise outside funds to help pay for the project.

My attraction to Bradford came from my family summering here in the 60s. When I turned 18 I registered to vote here and made Bradford my home. After graduating from New England College my career took me elsewhere and I only vacationed here. I came back to Bradford to retire in 2000. I love the area, the people and the rural way of life.

I think the town would be greatly improve if personnel were properly evaluated and held accountable. Too much sensitive information is becoming public and leaving the town vulnerable to law suit.

Marlene Freyler

As a town, we need to come together and agree to disagree. People need to be able to express themselves or vote without being afraid of consequences or ridicule.

I have been elected to the following boards: Planning Board and Budget Committee. I have served on the Capitol Improvement and Needs Assessment Committees; Co-chair of the Bradford Independence Day Committee, Vice President of the Bradford Business Association.

Change and Improvement Questions:

1. To welcome young families. To make it easier to build



and buy property for housing. To be open to businesses and support new businesses, Without new business, our town dies because we can't afford to live here.

2. This is a political statement. Each person has a right to state his/her own view. This should not be contingent on being a selectmen.

3. When I moved here forty years ago there were 397 residents. It was a friendly, open and live free or die community.

4. I feel before we can become a town united we need to improve our communication skills. Public office is a trust. Right to know must be available to everyone.

Charles Goodale

Let me start by thanking you for the opportunity to be part of this great process. And for the chance to help guide the Town of Bradford forward, and to be part of a team of wonderful people.

I am running for the position of Selectman. I feel I can be an asset to the Town with my experience in Public Safety and the dynamics of the Town.

My qualifications for this position would be a strong team player and a problem solver as a lifelong resident of the Town of Bradford and having my family engrained within the community I believe I have a vested interest in moving the Town forward.

I believe we as a Town need to hold business fairs and open business forums. We also need to bring our infrastructure up to higher standards such as better internet , cell service and a more open and inviting Main Street. To keep people here I believe we need to have work opportunity's and pay scales that would keep younger people here and to bring them here as a choice to live.

I am not in favor of the Town Hall Restoration Project, although the Town Hall is a wonderful building and very much engrained part of our Town I believe efforts should be made to bring the Town roads and

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Questionnaire - continued

other areas that the town is lacking up to speed.

I have lived in town my whole life as well as my family. I cannot think of any other place I would want to raise my family or live. I believe that improving our infrastructure and getting business into the town is the biggest priority.

BUDGET: 3 years, vote for 2**Don Jackson**

Candidate for Budget Committee for 3 yrs.

Currently finishing 3 yr term on same Support Town Hall Restoration Committee

George A. Cilley

I was appointed in 2009 to fill a vacant position. That was a learning experience. I felt the committee was not being as effective as it could be. Since then the committee has become very aware of the process and now examines every item in the budget and Warrant Articles and asks the departments to justify them.

My qualifications are four years on this committee and sixty + years of balancing wants and needs and reaching a decision on how to get them

The town cannot do anything to attract businesses, the people have to be committed to work together to make the town more attractive, for both businesses and to attract and keep young people here. When people splinter to satisfy their own egos, nothing gets done.

I am absolutely in favor of the Town Hall Restoration. The town in my life time has built two highway garages, a new fire station. In a few years a new modern fire station will be needed due to hazards that didn't exist in the 1970's.

The town needs an up to date office facility that will handle the electronics needed in today's business climate. The town hall will not only serve this need but furnish a place for voting and for a function place on the second floor.

My attraction to live in Bradford

started 80+years ago when I was born here. I am the 6th generation living in my home, and I really would like to see Bradford a booming little town once again.

I think a committee should be formed by the Selectmen to explore the possibilities for the former Bowie Market Site, The Sanborn property and the rear 18 acres of the former Marshall properties, not to build non-taxable facilities, but to get them cleaned up and productive.

PLANNING BOARD: 3 years, vote for 1**Marcia O. Keller**

I seek your support to continue service on the Planning Board. My experience in Bradford, coupled with earlier work with the NH Office of Energy and Planning, provides a broad background in the field. Planning for a Master Plan update has begun by including funding for the project in the Capital Improvements Program (CIP). A first step will be a questionnaire to give all residents a voice in guiding the town's future.

Now in its third year, the CIP is demonstrating its value as a planning tool to help stabilize the tax rate from year to year.

The Planning Board continues to assist residents and businesses as the economy improves. In the past year local businesses approved for new or modified site plans included Old Road Antiques and Bed & Breakfast, Dockside Hair Salon, rental space for Wet Basement Solutions at the Merrimack Farm Store complex, a gravel pit permit for Valley Excavation, and a site plan for an Automotive Recycling facility on O. E. Trucking property both on Breezy Hill Road. Approval was given for a wireless communication tower off of Route 114 – a first for Bradford.

To complement the sidewalk improvements on East Main Street, a site plan for retail space (now awaiting a tenant) was approved at the former Dodge's Store. A restored Town Hall will be an added incentive to continue improvements on West Main Street.

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Questionnaire - continued

The most important priority for improving Bradford is to work together.

PLANNING BOARD - 1 year, vote for 1

Mark Keith

I am running for (1 year) Planning Board, I have been an alternate for about a year and a half and was appointed to the board when Bill Glenie left.

I was interested in how the town works and wanted to get involved. I have lived in Bradford all my life and my family goes back 3 generations, so I care about what happens to our town.

My qualifications are common sense and a willingness to learn.

It is important to get more business in town for jobs and a much needed tax base so we can afford to do the projects that we all see as important and want to do. We need to start working on our roads and other things like water and sewer. We are pretty limited on Main Street as to what we can do. We should try to make the permitting process as easy as we can.

I am in the middle on the Town Hall project. Don't get me wrong - I'm for saving town buildings and town history. I just want to make sure we are doing the job all the way. We need to make use of all the space possible and that means putting a full basement under the whole building. If you don't use it you will lose it. I have made comments about this at the beginning of the project. This is a lot of money so if we do this job, lets do it right the first time.

We really need to raise our tax base. The homeowner can't pay it all.

ZONING BOARD - 3 years, vote for 2

Brooks McCandlish

I am seeking re-election to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) because I care about our town. I believe that zoning appeals should be decided fairly and justly.

I have served on the ZBA for six years and I have studied the powers and duties of the ZBA under state law. I have

also served on the planning board, conservation commission, and other boards and organizations in town.

George Cilley

See statement under Budget Committee

LIBRARY TRUSTEE: 3 years, vote for 2

Garry Kalajian

I am running for library trustee because I was asked to run by several current trustees for whom I have great respect and affection, having served on the Board for several years now. My principal qualification is my interest in working with the other Trustees in making policy which will result in a well-run library.

If the town is well run and if residents treat each other with respect and behave honorably, the result will be a town attractive to businesses and people of all ages – not only young people- who wish to live here. I think this would go a long way to improving any town. I am in favor of the Town Hall Restoration project because I believe it is in the town's best long term interest.



Nola Jordan

During my three years on the Board of Trustees I have come to appreciate much more fully the wide range of programs and services our wonderful library has to offer – as well as what is necessary to make those things happen. Brown Memorial Library is truly one of the focal points of the life of our community and I want to continue to do what I can to support the library and its staff.

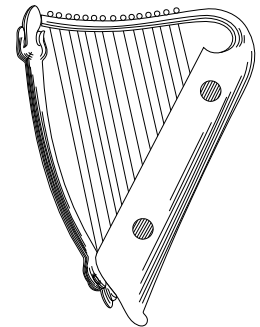
Books and libraries have always been a big part of my life. I remember vividly getting my first library card, and each time I moved to a new com-

munity, signing up at the library was at the top of my "to do" list. After retiring as a high school teacher, I have been working two days a week in a local bookstore. In addition to serving as a Trustee since 2010, I also have experience serving on church related boards.

The first step in attracting new businesses to town is to support the businesses we already have. Thriving businesses attract more businesses... and hopefully more young people. We also need to maintain our quality of life, including institutions such as the library.

(Town Hall Restoration) This is a complex and important issue facing the town, but not one that relates to the position of Library Trustee.

(Attraction to Bradford)... The rural setting, the small town feel, and the chance to be close to nature.



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Kearsarge Area Preschool

Friendship was in the air as the students at Kearsarge Area Preschool celebrated Valentine's Day. The children had a Valentine's Friendship Party where they mixed it up by making heart headbands, necklaces, delivered their Valentines, all while singing their favorite songs of the week, "If You Are Happy and You Know It" and "Five Little Valentines."



The children have been enjoying the snow. They used spray bottles to paint rainbows in the snow; fun times had by all. For the upcoming weeks, the students at KAP will be learning about bears and transportation. This week will end with a Pajama Party and a Teddy Bear Picnic.

Please contact KAP at 938-2442 with any questions or if you are interested in enrolling your child.



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MARCH CALENDAR

Fri. March 1st

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

Sat. March 2nd

10:00 AM – Town Office Relocation
 Committee Presentation

Sun. March 3rd

2:00 PM – Special Group #1

Mon. March 4th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 1:00 -4:00 PM – Bridge
 5:30 PM – Selectmen’s Meeting

Tues. March 5th

9:00 AM – Community Outreach
 10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
 12:00 Noon - Senior Dining
 6:30 PM – Budget Committee

Wed. March 6th

4:00 PM – Special Group #5
 6:00 PM – Yoga
 7:00 PM – Zoning Board

Thurs. March 7th

12 Noon - Senior Dining
 1:00 PM - Mahjong Group

Fri. March 8th

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

Sat. March 9th

10:00 – Noon – Meet the Candidates

Sun. March 10th

8:00 – Noon - Brunch at Applesed
 to support Town Hall Restoration

Mon. March 11th

8:45 AM -Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 10 -11:15 AM – Poll Worker Train-
 ing
 1:00-4:00 PM – Bridge
 5:30 PM – Selectmen’s Meeting
 6 – 8:00 PM - Poll Worker Training

Tues. March 12th

8AM – 7 PM –**TOWN MEETING
 VOTING DAY - KRES**
 10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
 1:00 - Watercolor Lessons
 12 Noon - Senior Dining
 4:30 PM – BACC Governance Board
 7:00 PM – Planning board

Wed. March 13th

6:00 PM - Yoga
 7:00 PM - **TOWN MEETING - KRES**

Thurs. March 14th

12 Noon - St. Patrick’s Day Party
 Two Old Friends- musical entertain-
 ment.
 Lunch reservations required
 1:00 PM - Mahjong Group
 6:00 PM – Bible Study

Fri. March 15th

8:45 M - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 9:30–11:30 AM- Foot Care Clinic
 LSVNA North Ridge Apt’s.
 Call for appt. at 526-4077
 10:00 AM- Friday at the Movies:
Robot and Frank
 12:00 noon - Senior Dining
 7:00 PM - Third Friday Movie, BML

Sun. March 17th

12 – 2:30 – Special Group #2
 2-4:00 PM – Special Group #1

Mon. March 18th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 1-4:00 PM - PM Bridge
 5:30 PM – Selectmen’s Meeting

Tues. March 19th

9:00 – Noon – Community Outreach
 10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
 12 Noon - Senior Dining
 5:30 – 7:30 PM – 4-H

Wed. March 20th

4 – 6:00 PM – Special Group #5
 6 – 7:30 PM – Yoga
 6:30 PM – Budget Committee
 7:00 PM - Library Book Group, BML

Thurs. March 21st

10:30 AM – 12 Noon - Blood Pres-
 sure Clinic Lake Sunapee VNA
 12 Noon - Senior Dining -AARP’s
 John Creagh on Fighting Fraud
 1:00 PM - Mahjong Group
 1:00-3:00 PM - Foot Care Clinic
 LSVNA Call 526-4077 for appt.
 4:30 PM – Friends of BACC
 4:30 PM – Parks & Recreation

Fri. March 22nd

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

Sat. March 23rd

9:00 AM – Writing Group
 2 – 8:00 PM - Parks & Recreation
 2 – 8:00 PM – NHPFE Foundation

Mon. March 25th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 1-4:00 PM – Bridge Group
 5:30 PM – Selectmen’s Meeting

Tues. March 26th

9:30-11:30 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. March 27th

10:30 AM –12 Noon - Blood Pressure
 Clinic
 Warner Senior Room LSVNA
 6 – 7:30 PM - Yoga

Thurs. March 28th

12 Noon - Senior Dining
 1:00 PM - Mahjong Group
 6:00 PM – Bible Study

Fri. March 29th

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

Sat. March 30th

11:00 AM - Egg Hunt, BML

*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

Church News

Men's Prayer Breakfast Saturday March 2 @ 8 am in the Office Building.

A hearty Breakfast and Devotion
"A Man After God's Own Heart"

Dessert Buffet and Game

Night- Friday March 15 at 6:30 pm in the Vestry.

Bring your favorite dessert and board game and enjoy some fun.

Bradford Community Food

Pantry- open to all on March 20, 5:30-6:30 pm.

Food items needed are: Tuna Fish/Juice/Elbow Macaroni/Tooth-paste/Spaghetti Sauce.

Holy Week Celebrate the Last Supper.

Maundy Thursday Service- March 28 at 7 pm.

A re-enactment of events that took place the night before the Crucifixion.

Focus Factor/Youth Group will meet Sundays, March 3, 10, 17 & 24 at the church office from 4-5:30. There will be no Focus Factor on March 31 (Easter)



Men's Fellowship Wed. March 27 @ 6:30 pm at the home of Fred Hubley, devotions, pool and refreshments.

Got Mission! Rise Again Outreach in Loudon, NH. During March we will be collecting high quality used/ new clothing/ towels/ sheets. The Mission will take items to neighborhoods in need.

Women's Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, March 9 @ 8 am in the Office Building. A light Breakfast and Devotion "After God's Heart"

Men's Sunday- March 17 at 10 am.

Executive Minister Dale Edwards will preach and the men will lead the rest of the service.

Good Friday, March 29 12-3 pm The sanctuary will be open for prayer and meditation.

Easter Sunday Service March 31 at 10 am.

Easter Sunrise Service at 6 am at French's Park
All are welcome, no breakfast



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. Call Michele at 938-2199 for info

Residents of 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
Jackye Pehrson

Ongoing Events

Bradford Barter-2nd Saturday at 10AM at First Baptist Church/call 938-2756 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

I started with the Post Office in September, 1987 as a substitute carrier on Route 2 in Antrim. At the same time I also worked at Edmonds in Henniker. I left Edmonds when I took over Rural Route 2 when that carrier left and the larger Route 1 when that job opened up. I've worked in post offices for twenty five years beginning as a rural carrier for sixteen years and then worked in the Bradford Post Office. Although I lived in my childhood home on Water Street for nineteen years, I never worked in Bradford during that period. I continued my postal life in Hillsboro, Henniker, North and South Sutton and became a (PTF) which is a Part time Flexible Clerk. I was never guaranteed more than two hours of work each day but it was always a full day and a six day week which included Saturday. I guess you could say that it was never dull

Q. Would you recommend a post office job to a young person if you were asked?

I would have in the past but things have changed. The benefits were very good but all that has changed with time. I would not recommend postal work now. My life in the post office was interesting since I also served on the Board of Directors for the rural carriers union. During my last year as a carrier I was given the Carrier of the Year Award. It was a very special honor since you are chosen by your peers.

Q. What are the requisites of a position similar to yours in the post office?

In your opinion has the glass ceiling been lifted for women over the years?

You should be good with names and addresses and numbers. It is definitely a job that requires people skills and you should enjoy working with others. You also have to lift as much as seventy pounds. Oh yes, the glass ceiling has lifted. It used to be all men in the postal service. It began to change during

World War 2 when the men were away; a good majority of employees are women now in all aspects except vehicle maintenance.

Q. I know that the post office opens early. What is your start-up time?

The hours have changed. It used to be earlier at 5 a.m. but now it's 7 a.m., except for Mondays when it's 6:30 a.m. The reason for early Mondays is that the processing plants keep working, even on Sundays, and there are always two trucks of mail instead of one on Mondays.



Q. I know that you have one daughter and two grandsons. Do you spend time with them? Is being a grandparent different than being a parent?

I enjoy my grandsons, Louis and Jake. They live about a mile west of me. They are the best. It's a different kind of love when you have grandchildren. You can love them but not feel responsible. I love them equally. They are both athletic and enjoy skiing and iceskating.

Q. The last years have been very difficult for you. You had to cope with your mom's long illness and her passing on in addition to your job and the responsibilities of the rest of your life. What do you think helped you to cope?

My grandchildren helped me to cope. They kept me sane. My mother was ill for seven years. She was diagnosed in Florida but her last two and one half years were here in Concord living at the Birches. I loved my mother and

miss her. I would try to visit every time I could. I was in charge while she was at the Birches.

Q. Would you characterize yourself as an introverted or extroverted person? Your mom was very talented in many ways. Were you close?

I am definitely an introvert. I've known you for many years but today, we talked more than we ever have over the years. I enjoy working with the public but I am a private person. I like my space. My mom could do anything. She was the best cook in the world, a wonderful gardener. In the early days when we bought the house on Water Street she would tear down a wall and then my dad had to finish the job. She was instrumental in starting up the Rescue Squad along with my father.

Q. If you had the choice of living life differently, would you change things or keep the status quo? Do you plan full retirement or is there something else you would like to do?

I think that everyone wishes they had done things in a different way. I hope that I can carry out the rest of my life and do the things I haven't had the time for in the past. I'd like to do creative things. My grandmother taught me a number of things including reverse painting on glass. I am interested in early American decoration; gold leaf embellishing and I would also like to do some writing. I don't plan to work full time again but I have to see how my finances work. I will never be bored. I'm interested in too many things.

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Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

EGG HUNT: Bring your decorated basket to the library at 11am on Saturday, March 30 for the Friends of the Library's annual Egg Hunt. Children will gather in the library for a few seasonal stories, then will go outside for the hunt! We always need volunteers to monitor the edges of the library lawn to keep children safely away from the road. So no matter what your age, join us!

BOOK-TO-MOVIE: This month's selection is *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*. Join us at 7pm on Friday, March 1 for the movie followed by a short discussion. On Friday, April 5 we will compare the graphic novel *Chicken with Plums* by Marjane Satrapi with the movie adaptation. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk.

THIRD FRIDAY MOVIE: Join us on Friday, March 15 at 7pm for this month's selection which was filmed in the Mississippi River delta and stars an amazing young actress. Next month we will show a selection from France.

BOOK GROUP: The book group meets this month on Wednesday, March 20 at 7pm to discuss *The Call* by Yannick Murphy. In April we will read *So Much Pretty* by Cara Hoffman. Copies of the book are available at the desk.

TELESCOPE: Look for an exciting article in next month's Bridge. The library has acquired a telescope thanks to the New Hampshire Astronomical Society. We are writing up a policy and organizing a kick-off event and then will make it available for loan. Stay tuned!

New books added in February

For adults:

The Good House / Ann Leary
Farside / Ben Bova
Deadly Stakes / J.A. Jance
What's a Dog For? / John Homans
The Future / Al Gore
Alex Cross Run / James Patterson

For children and young adults:

Midwinter Blood / Marcus Sedgwick
Navigating Early / Clare Vanderpool
Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs / as retold by Mo Willems
Charley's First Night / Amy Hest
The Bear in the Book / Kate Banks



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Obituaries

Robert Messer

Robert A. Messer, 91, of Bradford, passed away at the VA Hospice House in Manchester, Feb. 3, 2013, after a period of failing health.

He was the widower of the late Vivian Woodman Messer, who died in 1975, and the husband of Marjorie Edwards Messer of Wales, married for 34 years.

Born in Bradford July 25, 1921, the son of the late Roy and Marion (Cameron) Messer, he lived his entire life in New Hampshire.

Robert Messer attended two years of pre-veterinarian schooling at UNH before enlisting in the Air Corps 464th AAF Base Unit from 1942 until December 26, 1945. He was a member of The First Baptist Church of Bradford. Bob was also a member of St. Peters Masonic Lodge for over 60 years. He enjoyed the music of the Big Band Era and played the saxophone and clarinet in high school years with his brother, Ralph, playing the saxophone. Bob was a member of The Woody Roberts Band along with several others. After leaving the military Bob joined his mother, father and family in successfully running the family owned Pleasant View Inn and the Roy A. Messer & Sons cattle

farm until they sold in 1979. In the winter when the inn wasn't running, the Messers logged and ran a maple sugaring operation.

Besides his wife, Bob leaves a son and his wife, Richard and Kathie Messer of Bradford; a daughter and her husband, Carol Messer and Michael Radulski of Mason; a stepson and his wife, Richard and Alecia LaPorte of Newbury; a stepdaughter and her husband, Doreena and James Jillson of Merrimack. Grandchildren include Robert W. Messer and his wife, Kendra of Bradford, Roy J. Messer (Joe) and his wife, April of Newbury; step-grandchildren, Martha LaPorte of Newbury, and Alex Jillson of Merrimack; seven great grandchildren and two nieces.

Bob was predeceased by a daughter, Sandra Messer-Toomey of Rochester; and his brother, Ralph C. Messer.

A memorial service will be held Sat. May 18, at 11 am, at The First Baptist Church of Bradford with The Rev. Lynne Hubley, pastor, officiating.

Donations may be made to The First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 57, Bradford, NH 03221 or the Bradford Historical Society, P.O. Box 551,

New Bradford Citizen



Brian Alan McHugh was born to Abigail and Michael McHugh on December 10, 2012. He was 8lbs 7oz and 21 inches long. He joins his siblings Phoenix (8) and Tyger (5).



Members and consultants of the Town Hall Restoration Committee attend the Town Hall Forum on Saturday, February 23 at the KRES/Bradford. L. to R.: Dave Drasba, AIA Architects, Joe Campbell, North Branch Construction – Construction Manager, Jeff Taylor, Moderator - Jeffrey H. Taylor & Associates, Harry Wright, Bradford Selectman, Eileen Kelly, Chair – Town Hall Restoration Committee

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Three Operating Budgets up for Consideration by KRSD Voters *by Andrew Pinard*

On January 5th, voters debated the budget and ballot articles at the Deliberative Session of the Kearsarge Regional School District. Question 1 on the ballot concerning the Operating Budget deserves a detailed explanation. Under consideration were two different operating budget amounts. The School Board proposed an operating budget totaling \$37,316,069, while the Municipal Budget Committee proposed an alternative budget that totaled \$37,278,065. The difference between the two budgets is \$38,004.

The School Board budget consists of slightly more proposed technology funding and approximately 25% of total trip costs for the 8th grade trip to Washington, DC. This trip is currently funded out of pocket by parents of attending students with fundraising used to cover scholarships for needy families. It is aligned with curriculum on civics, government and an in-depth study of the Holocaust; the trip includes a tour of The Holocaust Museum with professional guides. The MBC budget omits these items.

At the deliberative session, New London resident Richard Anderson proposed a third budget totaling \$37,328,065. This amount was derived from the proposed MBC budget with the addition of \$50,000 for the express purpose of adding funding to hire a School Resource Officer for the District. This proposal was stated to be a reaction to recent violence in schools, most

notably the tragedy in Newtown, CT. After some debate, the third budget passed the body of the deliberative session with only one dissenting vote.

When voters reach the polls on March 12th there will be three options on the ballot for Question 1:

Option A – The School Board’s recommended operating budget of \$37,316,069.

Option B – The Municipal Budget Committee’s recommended operating budget of \$37,278,065.

Option C – The Municipal Budget Committee’s proposed operating budget of \$37,328,065 as amended at the First Deliberative Session, which includes an increase of \$50,000 for the expressed purpose of adding a School Resource Officer.

Only one budget may pass, and voters should be aware that checking more than one budget will invalidate that ballot on the question of the Operating Budget.

Two other questions on the ballot are contract issues and are unanimously recommended by both the School Board and MBC.

Additional information about the budget is available at kearsarge.org. The District encourages all registered voters to participate in the voting process on March 12th.



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Real Estate News

by *Laura Hallahan*

Statistics & Trends for the Spring Market

The market certainly has been steady and strong since my last article appeared in November, as evidenced by the number of closings listed below. Buyers are out looking in every price range and inventory is down. In November, we had 48 active residential listings, this month we have 36. Land is also starting to sell and new houses will be going up, helping out many industries at once. I do always hold my breath at this time of year, however, wondering what town meeting votes will mean for tax rates and the impact of voter decisions on how a town looks, operates & appeals to buyers.

Overall in New Hampshire, unit sales continue an upward trend while prices are down 3 percent. January 2013 saw 800 residential sales compared to 660 in January 2012, while the median price of those sales was \$192,750 in 2013 versus \$198,000 a year earlier. Nine out of ten counties saw unit sales increases with Sullivan County seeing an equal number, and four counties actually saw a median price increase, though Merrimack County was down almost 12% to \$207,705. Conversely, condominium sales are down in Merrimack County almost 30% but prices are up a whopping 41.4%. Although many sellers will put their houses on for the spring market, if inventory does continue to lessen, prices should start to go up as a result.

Regarding trends, the National Association of REALTORS 2012 Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers offers some interesting data that sellers in particular should keep in mind:

- 39% of buyers were first-time buyers;
- 65% of buyers were married couples, the highest since 2001;
- 59% of buyers had no children, 18% had one child, 16% had two and only 7% had three plus children;
- 52% of buyers started their search online;
- 89% of buyers used a real estate agent;
- 83% of buyers purchased a home with 3 bedrooms. A 2 BR or 4+BR home appealed to only 17% of buyers;
- 9% of buyers purchased a home over 3,500 sq. ft. while the median size was 1,900 sq. ft.;
- 8% of sales in the Northeast were homes built prior to 1910, indicating antique homes, even updated ones, are a tough sale and sellers have to prepare to take less. Most buyers want a smaller house with less upkeep;
- 87% of buyers financed their home purchase;
- The typical buyer searched for 12 weeks and viewed 10 homes.

Recent Sales in Bradford

- 2022 Route 114, 1950 Cabin on 74.60 acres for \$120,000
- 106 Blaisdell Lk. Rd., 1999 Log Home on 18.30 acres for \$168,000 (foreclosure)
- 425 Fairgrounds Road, 1781 Cape on 7.40 acres for \$285,000
- 4 West Main Street, Historic Brick Mill on .43 waterfront acres for \$335,000
- 168 Marshall Hill Road, 1795 Antique Farmhouse on 33.26 acres for \$512,500
- Lot 17 South/North Ridge Roads, 2.04 acres of raw land for \$21,500 (foreclosure)
- Lot 14 North Ridge Road, 11.49 acres of raw land for \$30,000 (foreclosure)
- Lot 16 North Ridge Road, 2.32 acres of raw land for \$29,500 (foreclosure)
- Lot 15 North Ridge Road, 7.15 acres of raw land for \$33,500 (foreclosure)
- Lot 10 North Ridge Road, 4.09 acres of raw land for \$33,500 (foreclosure)
- Lot 7 North Ridge Road, 4.31 acres of raw land for \$33,500 (foreclosure)
- Lot 6 North Ridge Road, 3.55 acres of raw land for \$33,900 (foreclosure)
- Lot 21 South Ridge Road, 2.42 acres of raw land for \$31,000
- 101 E. Main St., 1850 Merrimack Farm on 1.0 acres for \$300,000 (foreclosure)

There are 36 active and 4 pending residential listings ranging from \$89,900 to \$638,500, 19 active and 0 pending land listings ranging from \$24,900 to \$2.5 Million, 5 active and 0 pending commercial listings ranging from \$29,900 to \$675,000 and 0 active and 0 pending multi-family listings in Bradford. Of the 36 active and 4 pending residential listings, 2 are foreclosures or short sales. Of the 19 active and 0 pending land listings, 1 is a foreclosure or short sale. Of the 5 active and 0 pending commercial listings, none is a foreclosure or short sale.

TOWN OF BRADFORD
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Town Warrant of Town Meeting March 12, 2013

The Polls will open at 8:00 am to 7:00 pm on March 12, 2013

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 twelfth of March next, at eight o'clock in the morning to act on the following articles:

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

Article Two. 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. (Planning Board made no recommendation) By Petition

Article Three. To adjourn the meeting until Wednesday, March 13th, 2013 at 7:00 pm at Bradford Elementary School on the Old Warner Road. Raising the money and remaining articles in the Warrant will be taken up at the adjourned meeting.

Article Four. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One Million Seven Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$ 1,767,000.00) (gross budget) to renovate the Bradford Town Hall at map 16 lot 92 and to authorize the issuance of not more than One Million Seven Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Dollars (1,767,000.00) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, the term and other details. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.(2/3 ballot vote required) (passage of this article will not impact the tax rate until 2014)

Article Five. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) (gross budget) to repair and rebuild asphalt roads in Bradford and to authorize the issuance of not more than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, the term and other details. The roads to be repaired include Rowe Mountain Road and Sunset Hill Road. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend. (2/3 ballot vote required) (passage of this article will not impact the tax rate until 2014) Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non recommendation of the Budget Committee.

Article Six. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Eight Hundred and Five Thousand, Six Hundred Ninety Seven Dollars and Eighty Seven Cents (\$ 1,805,698.00) for the general municipal operation. This article DOES NOT include amounts appropriated by other warrant articles. (Majority vote required). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

	Selectmen	Budget Comm
1. Executive	127,802.00	121,488.00
2. Elections and Vital Records	4,510.00	4,510.00
3. Financial Administration	87,196.19	87,196.00
4. Revaluations	25,082.00	25,082.00
5. Legal	16,000.00	16,000.00
6. Employee Benefits	262,616.74	262,617.00
7. Planning	8,100.00	8,100.00
8. General Government	38,863.00	38,863.00
9. Cemetery	25,275.00	25,275.00
10. Insurances	69,881.00	78,540.00
11. Other General Gov	8,800.00	8,800.00
12. Police Department	314,251.55	314,252.00
13. Fire Department	61,500.00	61,500.00
14. Rescue Squad	70,860.00	70,860.00
15. Building Code Dept	10,000.00	10,000.00
16. Emergency Management	250.00	250.00
17. Highway Department	384,230.00	384,230.00
18. Bridge Account	500.00	500.00
19. Street Lighting	4,800.00	4,800.00
20. Solid Waste Collection	58,157.00	58,157.00

21. Solid Waste Disposal	40,100.00	40,100.00
22. Inoculations	100.00	100.00
23. Welfare Administration	5,100.00	5,100.00
24. Welfare Payments	32,843.00	32,843.00
25. Parks and Recreation	2,000.00	2,000.00
26. Library	64,610.00	64,610.00
27. Patriotic Purposes	14,500.00	14,500.00
28. Community Center	30,745.00	30,745.00
29. Other Conservation	800.00	800.00
30. Long Term Notes	31,880.00	31,880.00
31. Interest on Tan Notes	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total	\$1,803,353.00	1,805,698.00

Article Seven. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Five Year lease/purchase agreement to acquire Bradford Corners Map3 Lot 103,103-a to be used for town office space for the amount of Six Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000.00). In addition, to vote to raise and appropriate One Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$138,450.00) for the first year payment. This payment would be funded from Thirty One Thousand Dollars (\$31,000.00) in rents with the remaining One Hundred Seven Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$107,450.00) to be raised by taxation. This lease has a non funding clause. (By Petition) Majority vote required. Selectmen do not recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

Article Eight. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000.00) to renovate and move the offices of the Town of Bradford to the Bradford Corners. This will be a non lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2018. This article is contingent upon the passage of Article Seven. (By Petition) Selectmen do not recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

Article Nine. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00) to fund the following Capital Reserve Funds:

	12/31/12 balance	2013 request
1. Fire Department Heavy Equipment	\$110,853.97	\$40,000.00
2. Ambulance	60,262.03	10,000.00
3. Revaluation	10,605.99	10,000.00
4. Highway Heavy Equipment	42,127.77	30,000.00
5. Town Buildings emergency repair	15,601.37	5,000.00
6. Town Facilities	18,392.54	5,000.00
7. Main Street Improvements/sidewalks*	41,778.97	10,000.00

*A portion of the Main St Improvement balance is committed to current sidewalks.

Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (passage represents \$.50 on the tax rate).

Article Ten. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four year lease/purchase agreement on a new Police Cruiser and to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$8,770.00) for the first year payment to purchase and outfit with equipment a new all wheel drive police cruiser. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (passage of this article represents \$.04 on the tax rate)

Article Eleven To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the future funding of police cruisers and to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) to fund this reserve. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend. (passage represents \$.04 on the tax rate)

Article Twelve To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to purchase a solar Highway Safety Sign with proceeds from a Highway Safety grant of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) to offset the cost with Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000.00) to be raised by taxation. This will be a non lapsing per RSA 32:7 VI to continue until December 31, 2018 or until the money is spent. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (passage represent \$.04 on the tax rate)

Article Thirteen. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$37,000.00) for the purchase and installation of a new Generator for the Bradford Fire Station. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until December 31, 2018 or until the money is spent. Grants will be applied for and may reduce this amount by 50%. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (passage represents \$.12 on the tax rate)

Article Fourteen To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000.00) for a Vehicle Exhaust Removal System for the Fire House, This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and continue until the money is used or December 31, 2018. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (passage represents \$.16 on the tax rate).

Article Fifteen. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Fifty Three Thousand Two Hundred and Fifteen Dollars (\$53,215.00) for Bridge design and replacement. This will be a non lapsing appropriation per

RSA 32:7, VI to continue until the money is used or December 31, 2018. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (passage represents \$.24 on the tax rate).

Article Sixteen. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Salt and Fuel Emergency Capital Reserve. Current balance in this reserve is \$5,565.47. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (passage represents \$.02 on the tax rate).

Article Seventeen. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the completion of resurfacing sections of Fairgrounds Rd and asphalt road repairs and shimming. The current available for this purpose is \$34,071.00. This will be non lapsing per RSA 32:7, VI and continue until the project is complete or December 31, 2018. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (passage represents \$.23 on the tax rate).

Article Eighteen. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to oversee the activities at the Boat Launch including certain safety regulations and milfoil inspection. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (passage represents \$.02 on the tax rate)

Article Nineteen. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$2,750.00) to support the Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (passage represents \$.01) on the tax rate.

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

Bradford Board Selectmen

- Harold Wright, Chairman
- Sonny Harris, Selectman
- Barry Wheeler, Selectman resigned
- John Pfeifle, Selectman



Welcome John Pfeifle, (L) selectman appointed to fulfill the one year selectman's position vacated by Barry Wheeler (R) when he was appointed to be the Bradford Town Road Agent. Mr. Pfeifle served as selectman for ten years between 1978 and 1988. We celebrate his return to town office. We wish Barry Wheeler good luck in his new position as Road Agent and thank him for his service as our town selectman for the past two years.



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Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:

Please let it be known that I do not seek the three year term as Bradford's Selectman; I have been appointed to fill out Barry Wheeler's term which will run through Town Meeting 2014. State statutes precluded taking my name off of the official ballot.

I have truly enjoyed re-engaging as a Selectman after some two decades. There are many challenges and opportunities. I look forward to seeing you and hearing your opinions for the direction of our wonderful community @ this year's Town Meeting.

Support one of the other candidates.

John Pfeifle

To the Editor,

There is an offer before the voters of Bradford to purchase "The Bradford Corner", which we believe, is the solution for the police and town offices.

This is a sound investment which can only increase in value. Parking places a plenty. Four plus acres. Post Office at hand. Easy for snow removal. Safe for police to respond to any emergency.

A meeting to be held 2 March at the Community Center, 10AM - 12PM to answer any questions you might have. Let's finally put our offices in a permanent and safe location.

Sincerely,
Don and Jane Johnsen

To the Editor,

One hundred fifty years ago - in 1863 - Bradford's citizens erected a new Town Hall. They used materials from an older building in Bradford Center, choosing economy as well as maintaining a link to the past. They selected a prominent site on Main Street, showing pride in their new building and their community as well as their confidence in Bradford's future.

The people of Bradford built their Town Hall well. It remains structurally sound but is now in disuse because of the failure of some modern conveniences. For a century and a half the building has served the community as town offices, a school, and as a center for meetings, sports and a wide range of cultural and civic activities. Its large theater is a striking and rare feature. Now it passes idly through its one hundred fiftieth year when it could be returned to its previous role.

Bradford's residents at Town Meeting on March 13 will be able to cast their votes in favor of restoring Town Hall. The restoration will retain the building's historic character and provide a superb plan for meeting today's needs. The attention to economy in 1863 is echoed first in preserving Town Hall for use far into the future and second in restoring it to full use at the least possible cost. There is no question that sacrifice by the community is involved in putting Town Hall back into use, but the sacrifice will be no greater than that made by previous residents one hundred fifty years ago during the turmoil of the Civil War. A vote in favor of restoring Town Hall on March 13 will affirm Bradford's links to its past and demonstrate its citizens' pride in their community and confidence in the town's future.

Michele and David Halsted

To the Editor,

Imagine a brightly lit stage with a colorful backdrop. Imagine the "Hiss!" as the villain sneaks up on the heroine, and the rollicking response from the audience as the hero saves the day. A thing of the past? Not necessarily.

The Bradford Town Hall auditorium, once known as the "Opera House," hosted numerous vaudeville performances by both amateurs and professionals a century ago. Since then, a legacy of cultural events flourished in this stunning historic space until modern building issues intervened. The room, which features many paned windows and a hardwood floor, is the oldest and most versatile public meeting place in town. It was built jointly by various groups in 1796, within a decade of our town's incorporation, to be shared as a central gathering place. Later, it was dismantled and moved to Main Street to accommodate the burgeoning railroad trade. It resides there today as the second story of our current Town Hall. It has housed dances, lectures, plays, concerts, meetings, school events, picture shows, art displays, and even served as a basketball court.

Cultural events, such as these, could be revitalized in Bradford this year! Voters will be asked at Town Meeting to consider a bond to restore this impressive Town Hall. Restoration would provide valuable office, public meeting and archival spaces, as well as full access to the auditorium upstairs.

Imagine downtown Bradford alive with anticipation, as families stroll down the new sidewalks to visit this integral monument on Main Street. Imagine yourself, or your child, participating in a vibrant community event. Be part of a future that builds culturally rich opportunities for generations to come in our very own Town Hall. The curtain is rising.

Cheers,

Laurie Buchar

To the Editor,

We were all raised to respect our elders.

The Bradford Town Hall is one of our elders. Now is the time to show our respect to this historic and magnificent building. It is time for the citizens of Bradford to stand side by side and make sure that our town hall gets the restoration that this grand building deserves. A chance to serve all its citizens as it has in the past.

Let's give this building a chance to be there for our children and grandchildren, a chance for our elders to vote, conduct town business, attending meetings...maybe even dance. To make the memories they have of our town hall a reality. And that a year from now all town business will be conducted here and every citizen will be casting their votes, attending meetings, square dancing, seeing a play or a attending wedding or two.

I am challenging all the voters of Bradford to do the respectful thing and vote "YES" at Town Meeting on March 13, 2013, at 7pm at the Bradford Elementary School. Yes, to the future of this town and yes to breathing life back into our most needed Town Hall.

Beth Downs

339 Fairgrounds Rd.

To the Editor:

Correct the Neglect

With town meeting season creeping up on us, I have been thinking about the Bradford Town Hall. Our historic town hall was a building where town business happened, young children were introduced to their first school experiences, friends and families gathered upstairs to celebrate special events. There were dances, plays, music, and artist showcases. Once a year, the community gathered for the annual Town Meeting. This building proudly served many purposes and was there to serve all the residents of our town.

The Bradford Town Hall drew the townspeople together in many diverse ways. Because of this, I believe that the citizens of Bradford had a better understanding of each other, a greater tolerance for differing points of view, and a stronger sense of community! More recently our historic Town Hall has fallen into neglect and disrepair. The time has come for the residents of Bradford to accept responsibility for upgrading and maintaining town-owned buildings.

The proposal put forth by the Bradford Town Hall Restoration Committee is a solid, thoughtful plan that has the unanimous endorsement of Bradford's Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee. Let's correct the neglect--please vote YES on March 13 to restore the Bradford Town Hall so that it can, once again, proudly serve the citizens of Bradford.

Sincerely,
Kathy McKenna
Bradford,

To the Voters:

The town of Bradford is intersected on its most populous northern edge by the state highways Route 103 and Route 114. In addition, this area overlies a large stratified drift aquifer - a potential future municipal water source. West Branch Brook, Hoyt Brook, and Warner River pass through this corridor as well. By State law, an automotive recycling facility can not be closer than 660 feet from a highway, though there are provisions for a variance if a town has a lesser setback in place. Currently, Bradford does not.

Automobile recycling facilities are an absolute necessity in our vehicle-driven economy and culture. There is a pending permit for a new recycling facility on Breezy Hill Road, on the banks of the Warner River. While this facility will participate in the NH Department of Environmental Service's 'Green

Yard' program, it's closeness to the Warner River and the aquifer, and their importance to our entire area, cannot be overlooked.

We would like to remind voters that the ballot question currently under consideration will make a change that has long term impacts. It will apply not only to the facility currently planned, but to any future owners or future recycling facilities in our downtown area.

We urge you to vote 'no' on the petitioned zoning change on Tuesday, March 12.

Bradford Conservation Commission





Bradford's Warrant Article #Four
must pass by a 2/3's majority

Vote "Yes" on Article #Four
for the historic Town Hall's Restoration

Wed. March 13, 2013

7 pm

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Bradford Town Hall Restoration Committee
Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford, Inc.

Rustic Remedies

“Geez, Phil, you look like death warmed over!” This is what Lester Hall had to say when young Dick MacLeod drove his ailing father up for a final visit in 1940. His dad had lost over 50 pounds due to digestive failure and had been sent home from the Veteran's Hospital to die. “Go see Doc Sias up back on Rowe Mountain. He'll fix you up.” Doc Sias tied Phil's feet to the cot, put a strap around his head, and commenced to stretching out his body. Later, he prescribed cold showers and hot meals of steeped fresh-mown hay. In about six weeks he recovered and lived to be 88 years old. Now, all this hay harvesting kicked up Dick's hay fever. Doc's remedy? “Buy a dozen watermelons. When you get thirsty, eat watermelon. When you get hungry, eat watermelon. Then take a spoonful of local honey with a spoonful of apple cider and that'll keep the hay fever down.” It worked!

Doc's success stemmed from common sense, acute observational skills, and an appreciation for herbal lore. A girl named Audrey came up from Peabody, Massachusetts to seek a cure for her leukemia. Doc Sias determined that she needed a catalyst of copper to help her body absorb iron. Since he used copper sulfate to fight the potato bugs, he fed her a steady diet of spuds and she recovered. He was also known to cure severe skin ulcers with a poultice of cabbage leaves. People in town said “he could cure almost anything.”

Illness was a persistent aspect of early life in small towns like Bradford. Many diaries recount grisly tales ranging from smithy tooth extractions to kitchen table surgeries. Early doctors had to mix their own medicines and make do with what was on hand. Our earliest doctor was Dr. William Martin who began his practice here in 1795. Another early physician was Dr. Jason Howard Ames who lived on Main Street and drove a white horse with a gig to serve outlying homesteads. When he fell ill during the small pox epidemic in 1848, a fresh recruit named Dr. Cyrus Fisk rose to the occasion. He acted as both nurse and physician at the “pesthouse” set up on the west end of town to contain contagion. He did this despite the fact he had just been married and often joked about his unusual honeymoon.

Many colorful and dedicated doctors have lived in Bradford over the year. Some locals remember Dr. Anne Wasson who made doctor dolls to teach health skills. Dr. Ira Weston wrote the poem “The Hills of South Bradford.” Dr. Carey “removed a large suspender button from the nose of Master Arthur Peaslee on Feb. 20, 1891. The young man had carried the button in that receptacle since last November.”

Visit the Brown Memorial Library to see an exhibit of medical artifacts, comprised of items loaned by a local collector and the Bradford Historical Society. And, stay well!

“Two Old Friends” To Appear at The Mountain View Senior Center



The Mountain View Senior Center is excited to announce an outstanding musical program, “Two Old Friends”, featuring Emery Hutchins and Jim Prendergast, on Thursday, March 17th at 12:30 PM at the Bradford Area Community Center located at 134 East Main Street in Bradford.

Hutchins and Prendergast will delight their audience with a combination of Irish and American Country folk music. With banjo, guitar, concertina, bodran, octave mandolin and heartwarming vocal harmonies, “Two Old Friends” tell the musical story of how immigrants came to this country from Ireland, Scotland and Great Britain, bringing their endearing melodies and timeless instruments. With plaintive ballads and foot stomping shout tunes, soaring mandolin solos, gospel sing-a-longs, traditional Irish tunes and storytelling, there is truly something for everyone in this wonderful program!

This concert is sponsored through the New Hampshire Humanities Council and is free and open to the public! Call Phil Stockwell at (603) 938-2104 for further information or directions. Our center is handicapped accessible.