

THE Bradford Bridge

COMMUNITY NEWS FOR NEIGHBORS BY NEIGHBORS

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Statements from the Selectmen: Town Hall

The Project:

Harry Wright:

In 2012 the Town Hall Restoration Committee (THRC) began work in earnest. Part of the THRC Mission Statement reads "*The mission of the Town Hall Restoration Committee is to restore the Town Hall to a functional building for municipal services and community use.*" At several public forums leading up to the 2013 Town Meeting, the vote of those present was to do a complete restoration, including the second floor auditorium.

A bond issue for this purpose narrowly missed the 2/3 majority

required at the 2013 Town Meeting. Primary reasons for the failure were the sense that the project did more than the town needed, and was asking the taxpayers to fund unwanted improvements.

This year the bond issue is focusing on "*a functional building for municipal services*". The scope has been reduced to the structural repairs needed: a new basement under the rear half of the building, updated utilities, and a rebuild of the first floor to provide contemporary office space in a clean, safe, well insulated environment.

The rest of the project is not being

ignored, but will be completed in a second phase, funded by contributions, grants, and other fund raising activities – no cost to the taxpayer.

The History:

Sonny Harris:

Bradford's Town Hall, originally constructed at the old center of town in 1797, was dismantled and moved to its present location in 1863 during the Civil War. The main portion of the building is constructed in an architecturally and historically important style known as "King's Truss". Other interesting and important features include a wonderful

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Presentation of Plans

Saturday, March 1 @ 10am-Noon, KRES Bradford

Saturday, March 8, 2014

Community Center Candidates' Forum 10am-noon

Tuesday, March 11

Town Elections, 8am to 7pm, Elementary School-local officials and zoning amendments.

Wednesday, March 12

TOWN MEETING, 7pm, Town Highway Department Garage

Buses will be available for transport from the KRES, Post Office and Pizza Chef Parking Lots. Transportation will be available from 6 pm forward.

Location & Process for Town Meeting 2014

Town Meeting is Wednesday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the HIGHWAY GARAGE, off Cilley Lane, behind the Brown/Shattuck Park off Main Street – across from the Community Center.

There will be no parking at the garage except for handicap & elderly. There will be buses leaving from the Elementary School, the Post Office & the Pizza Chef parking areas to provide transportation to the Highway Garage. In addition, the Mount Sunapee Shuttle bus will be available and will make the rounds around the area to pick-up walkers. There will be illumination lights provided by the fire department and additional lanterns on Main Street for walkers. The parking ban along Main Street has been lifted by the selectmen for the evening.

So – let's embrace this as a "fun" community event while pointing out the irony that a restored Town Hall would accommodate all our citizens in a comfortable & safe venue.

The Bradford Bridge



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Submissions

The Bradford Bridge is written by neighbors, for neighbors. Anyone is welcome to submit articles and/or photographs of interest to the community. We reserve the right to edit submissions.

Selectmen's Office Hours 938-5900

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

Town Clerk/ Tax Collector
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

There are three sure signs that spring is about to arrive. First and foremost is the appearance of Girl Scout cookies for sale; the second is the mounting of sugaring lines and buckets all over town and the third is Town Meeting.

Town Voting will be at the KRES Bradford school as usual, Tuesday, March 11, 8am to 7pm. **Town Meeting, though, will be at the Highway Garage Building behind Brown Shattuck Park beginning at 7pm, Wednesday, March 12.** Town Meeting was moved from the KRES because of space and safety concerns. As voting time nears, watch for notices related to the changed venue. There will be three bus pick up areas; the Post Office, the Pizza Chef/Merrimack Farm parking lot and the KRES. Only handicapped parking will be permitted at the highway garage voting area. All other parking will be at one of the three sites above and **buses will be available to transport people to and from their cars beginning at 6pm from each of the sites.**

One of the more ironic issues concerns the proposed Town Hall Restoration project. When the Town Hall is restored, it will accommodate the space needs for our Town Meetings and other community events so that a makeshift location to safely accommodate large scale meetings will not be required. Supporters of Town Hall Restoration are enthusiastic because of its historic value, its future use for town business and its central location in the heart of our village district. It is a diamond in the ruff of our charming New England town.

Please vote this year, for town candidates on Tuesday, March 11 at KRES, 8am to 7pm and at **Town Meeting at the town Highway Garage on Wednesday, March 12, 7pm.** Help shape the direction of Bradford's future by having your voice heard.

Beth Rodd, March Editor

RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN BRADFORD, NH

Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Saturday March 1, 2014, 11 AM- 11:30 AM. This is for the purpose of making any corrections to the checklist and accepting new registrations or changes.

If you are a new voter in town and wish to register, you must be at least 18 years old. Please bring a picture I.D. and proof of residency.



Supervisors of the Checklist

Judy Marshall
Ruth Marden
Jackye Pehrson

THE BRADFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Town Of Bradford
Scholarship Committee
by Jill Pinard

The Town of Bradford Scholarship Committee would like to announce its application process for 2014. 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, 2014.

Upon selection, the recipient will be expected to submit a photograph (digital copy) for use in local newspapers and in the Bradford Annual Report.



Congratulations to Bradford photographer, Sasha Wolfe, for winning a Blue Ribbon/First Place at the Library Arts Center's Winter Carnival Photo Contest for her photograph, "Contemplative Moment."



Area Events

Newbury

The Fells 456 Route 103A,
Newbury,
Saturday, February 22,
House Plant Hospital, 10am-12pm
\$12.
Snowshoe Adventure Walk for
Families, 1-2:30pm

Outdoor Hike:

Saturday, March 1, Winter Mam-
mal Tracking, Snow date: March 2,
9am-1pm). \$16 for Forest Society
and Fells members/ \$20 for non-
members.

Friday, March 14, Wild Apple Tree
Pruning, 10am-1pm
Free for members of The Fells or
the Forest Society; \$10 for non-
members.

Additional information about these
programs can be found at The Fells
Historic Estate and Gardens, NH.

603-763-4789 x3, www.thefells.org.

The SRK Greenway Coalition

winter hikes are free to the pub-
lic. Please call the volunteer hike
leader to learn starting location and
time. (E) Easy; (M) Moderate; (D)
Difficult, Be prepared for winter
conditions: extra layers, hot drink,
prepared for ice and snow.

MARCH HIKES:

Mar 1 (Sat). Mount Sunapee and
Pillsbury State Parks: Gerry Gold
(526-2857) Snowshoe to Lucia's
Lookout on Sunapee-Pillsbury
Ridge from Andrew Brook Trail and
Lake Solitude in Newbury. (D)

Mar 9 (Sat). In Newbury: Lisa Cor-
rea ([518-281-1494](tel:518-281-1494)) Snowshoe in
Fishersfield Town Park on Old Post
Road (opp. Transfer Station). On
the hilly Perimeter Trail. 2 miles.
(M)

For SRKGC information go to
www.srkgc.com. SRK Greenway
Trail Guides are available at local
book stores. The SRK Greenway
Coalition is an all-volunteer non-
profit organization with members
throughout the Sunapee-Ragged-
Kearsarge region and beyond.



Bradford Historical Society



It's town meeting time again! Years ago, folks couldn't wait for this event. Often, it was the first time all winter that they could get out of their neighborhood and join the whole Bradford community to share ideas. So harness up your horse, or favorite conveyance, and come to the Highway Department Garage on March 12th at 7:00 pm. You can exercise your civil rights by voting and attending other important meetings this month, as well. Be part of this age-old tradition and help make a difference in your town government.

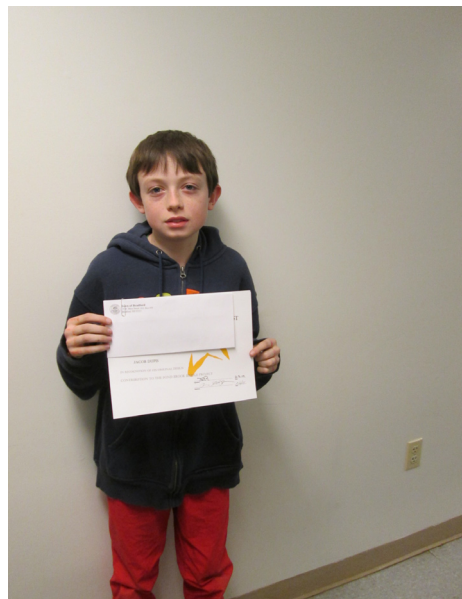
Recipients of Covered Bridge Design Contest Awards

The selectmen announced the winners of the Bridge Design Contest and thanked the donors to the prize money fund. The designs will be forwarded to Perry Teele, John Mock and Sue McKeivitt to be translated into the project with completion anticipated for Memorial Day.

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Elementary School | Benjamin Golubiewski |
| Middle School | Jacob Dupuis |
| Honorable Mention | Sarah Golubiewski |
| High School | |
| Honorable Mention | Sarah Clark |
| Winner - Tie for Best | Owen Dayton & Ben Clark |



Sarah Clark



Jacob Dupuis



Alert to Advertisers

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Your understanding and help in this matter is appreciated.

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To The Bradford Bridge

The Seabees have a short but positive motto, 'Can Do' and with that exposure a long time back, the motto stays with me. Now with the challenge of the Town Hall restoration along with the other items necessary for the town to function, this motto is especially appropriate. How do we get there and retain a tax burden that we can all live with?

The first payment on the town hall bond will not come into play until 2015. At that point the school district bond covering the alterations to the high school will be paid off and the final payment on the Highway Garage bond is due January 12, 2016.

Because of the above and in an attempt to hold down the town's expenditures over time, this is one of the reasons why the Budget Committee voted to not recommend replacement of a tanker truck for the Fire Department in 2014. The warrant article, as proposed, would reduce the Department's Capital Reserve fund with the balance to be paid by a note over three years jumping ahead of the CIP (Capital Improvements Program) recommended date of 2015. The Budget Committee's recommendation is to make another payment into the Capital Reserve Fund this year and purchase the truck outright in 2015 with no residual payments or interest due.

Projecting the town budget for the foreseeable future, with departments working together to balance our needs along the steady increase in revenues from property improvements, we should be able to hold the bottom line. You can see the careful balancing needed in dealing with the tax burden.

We can "Can Do" and with perseverance and voter assistance we will.

Bradford Budget Committee
Dick Keller, Chair

Letters to the Editor

Rural Heritage Connection Supports Bradford's Town Hall

The Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford, Inc. (RHC) is a ten year old non-profit dedicated to the preservation of important natural resources, historic places, and recreational opportunities in Bradford. The RHC supports the warrant article providing for the renovation of the first floor of the town hall as the least expensive and most cost-effective solution to the problem of town office space. Town offices cannot stay at the Community Center without repaying a portion of the grant that created it. In addition, there is not enough space at the Community Center and the Town Hall is still maintained to keep records and files. The Town Hall is structurally sound, can accommodate growth, is centrally located, already owned by the town, and is built to last. The second floor can be completed through private donations, volunteer labor, and grants as available. The Bradford Area Community Center needs to be fully used as the grant intended, and the Town of Bradford needs office space *now!*

The groundwork has been laid by several studies already paid for. The plan as reworked by the Town Hall Restoration Committee and Bruss Construction is better and more efficient than the plan presented last year. The tax impact of the renovation will be moderated by the retirement of two bonds that taxpayers have been carrying for years. Bond rates and costs for materials are going up.

The RHC wants to sincerely thank all the donors and businesses that have contributed to its dedicated Cornerstone Account that has been set up for the town hall. Out of the \$13,000 already contributed, more than \$6000 has been used so far to get the project off the ground. The remainder stands ready to help as needed once the project is approved by voters. Tax deductible pledges and donations can be sent to Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford, Inc. PO Box 296 Bradford, NH 03221.


Success of RFTF at the Transfer Station

Ken and I thank everyone who participates in the R.F.T.F. (Repurposing Food Through Farmers). The program is fun, fulfilling, and successful. The luckiest farm animals in town are the ones that get bread remnants from the Bradford Junction. We believe that a chicken, pig or cow feels truly privileged after consuming a piece of Ed Knight's famous anadama bread.

We have many (and hopefully, more) town residents bringing in and placing their food discards in our designated animal food swap shop. The residents are reaping the benefits of the food swap shop. Residents have a place to bring food items they no longer want or can use and farmers and pet owners pick up several pounds of food discards or one bag or can of perfectly good pet food. The Town of Bradford saves money in tipping fees, too.

The R.F.T.F is a win-win deal all around.

Lois Kilnapp
Manager, Transfer Station



Elect
John Pfeiffle
Selectman
Experience Counts

Susan Reynolds
Write-in Candidate
Budget Committee
Fresh Ideas with Integrity



Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

Signs of Spring...the horse is shedding, forsythia buds are getting fat, sap is running, and your library has many books about horses, gardening, and making maple syrup! As our thoughts turn to gardening, be on the lookout for an evening program this April with a New Hampshire Master Gardener. We will advertise the program with posters, on Facebook, and on our website at brownmemoriallibrary.org.

Children, grab your stuffed animals, put on your jammies and come to the library for a Pajama Story Time on Wednesday, March 19 at 6:30pm. Cocoa and light snacks will be served. Children's librarian Laurie Buchar has chosen some very special stories to read.

Chess continues on the third Monday each month from 6-8pm.

Library Book Discussions start up again on Wednesday, April 9 (second Wednesday) at 7pm. Copies of *The Housekeeper and the Professor* by Yoko Ogawa will be available for pickup at the circulation desk after March 12. The novel is "a breath of fresh air, a beautiful and bittersweet tale by a talented female writer." [Three Percent]. The discussion is open to anyone with an interest in the adventure of reading.

The library will close at 6pm on Wednesday, March 12 so that staff may attend Town Meeting.

A selection of new books added to your library in February:

Adults

Lost Lake / Sarah Addison Allen
The Forever Girl / Alexander McCall Smith
Winter's Tale / Mark Helprin
Saints of the Shadow Bible / Ian Rankin
Hunting Shadows / Charles Todd
Duty: Memoirs of a Secretary At War / Robert M. Gates
An Officer and a Spy / Robert Harris

Children & Teens

The Eye of Minds / James Dashner
The Impossible Knife Of Memory / Laurie Halse Anderson
Grasshopper Jungle / Andrew Smith
A Book of Babies / Il Sung Na



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Ausbon Sargent News Stoney Brook Conservation Project Completed

On January 24, 2014, The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust and New Hampshire Audubon completed a very important conservation project in Newbury. After nearly two years of collaboration and fundraising with the Stoney Brook Conservation Alliance, 143.7 strategic acres on Chalk Pond Road, referred to as the Stoney Brook Conservation Project, now connect two large blocks of previously conserved land. The combined 1200 acres creates a permanent corridor of conserved land running from Lake Sunapee's eastern shore to the Newbury/Sutton town line, including NH Audubon's Stoney Brook Wildlife Sanctuary, the Forest Society's Hay Reservation, the town-owned Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge (SRK) Greenway corridor and the Fells.

Conservation of the Stoney Brook land ensures that the steep slopes on this property will never be developed, adding significant protection to the wetlands and head-water streams that begin on the property and flow through Chalk Pond, Blodgett Brook, Lake Su-

napee, Andrew Brook, Ring Brook and Lake Todd, providing clean water to the residents and many visitors in the Mt. Kearsarge/ Lake Sunapee region for recreation and drinking. Wildlife that use the property, including black bear, white tailed deer, moose, bobcat, porcupine, owls, turkeys, songbirds, and others, will benefit from the linking of lands that will remain undeveloped. This project

also offers additional protection for a one mile long stretch of the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway trail corridor which runs along the western boundary of the Stoney Brook Property and provides the opportunity for a new loop trail to be constructed off of the Greenway that will highlight the wildlife habitats and agricultural history found on the property.

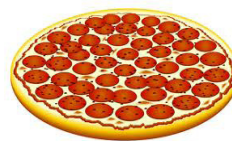
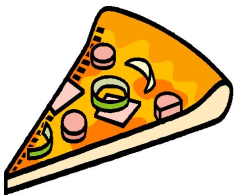


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Mike Bartlett, President of NH Audubon with landowner, Lynne Bell, and Ausbon Sargent Land Protection Specialist, Beth McGuinn at the signing for the Stoney Brook Conservation Easement in Newbury.

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Police Department News

This year to date has been a very busy year for town services. The weather has belted the region with snow and frigid cold. The police department has investigated two domestic disturbances resulting in search warrants. During these incidents a large number of firearms were taken and drugs recovered from prescription morphine to heroin. During the same period of time we were following up on a complaint from someone in California and we uncovered a large theft of equipment locally. As of this writing all three are still active investigations taking up a large amount of time.

Of the three cases mentioned above, two were directly tied to the use of heroin. From the time we respond, investigate, process suspects and log in evidence, to the report writing and appearances in court these matters become time consuming which equates to financial burdens to the community. We have to change how we wage our war on drugs.

On Friday March 14th, there will be a fundraiser basketball game at the Kearsarge Regional Middle School. It will be local police and D.A.R.E officers against the boys and girls Middle School Teams. The Middle School Dance Team will be performing at halftime and the Band will be performing throughout the game. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the game will start at 7 p.m. There will be a snow date of Saturday March 15th in the event school is cancelled on March 14th.

Admission will be \$1 for kids and students and \$3 for adults. The cafeteria will be open and there will be food and drinks for sale such as meatball subs, hot dogs, chili, spe-

cialty foods from Appleseed Restaurant and Country Spirit Restaurant and much, much more. There will also be a Chinese Auction style raffle with prizes from Buffalo Wild Wings, Appleseed Restaurant, Country Spirit Restaurant, Dockside Hair Design, Megs Cut Above, Bradford Junction Restaurant, Newbury Palace Pizza, Rainbow Garage, Auto Advisors, Marzelli's Deli, Bob Skinners Ski and Sport, The Tackle Shack, Bubba's Bar and Grill, The Flying Goose Pub, Enfield Shaker Museum, Jenna's Transportation, Pleasant Street Sweets, Allioops, Lake Sunapee Lodge, Mountain Edge Resort, Capital Well, Heather Hardy Photography, Lake Sunapee Bank, Autographed Sports Memorabilia and Nutritionally Yours. Raffle tickets will be sold at the event and will be 6 for \$5, an arm's length for \$10 and a wingspan for \$20.

Separate raffle tickets will be sold starting on 02/14 for \$5. 3 Winners will be chosen and will have choice in order drawn for (2) Boston Celtics tickets, (4) Manchester Monarchs tickets and (2) Manchester Monarchs Tickets. Proceeds from this event and raffle will go towards running the D.A.R.E program and youth related activities in the Kearsarge school district and alleviate money from coming out of the town budgets. Should you wish to make a donation or donate an item for a raffle prize please contact the Bradford Police Department or Edward Shaughnessy at Edward.Shaughnessy@tds.net.

Area Events: Hopkinton

Hopkinton Town Band is Seeking New Members:

Do you play a wind instrument? Did you ever play a wind instrument? If so the Hopkinton Town Band wants YOU! The Hopkinton Town Band is a volunteer community band comprised of musicians of all ability levels from beginners to experts, ranging in age from teens to 80s. The band learns and performs a wide variety of music under the baton of conductor Jim Wojewoda, including marches, show tunes, big band arrangements, and classics. The emphasis is fun and camaraderie. There are no competitions and no auditions, just lots of music-making and good times. The first rehearsal of the 2014 Hopkinton Town Band season is 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on March 12 at the Maple Street School in Hopkinton, and the band rehearses every Wednesday evening until the concert season begins with Memorial Day festivities and then Wednesday evening summer bandstand concerts. Please dust off your horn and join us! For more information, contact band managers, Lucy Gaskill and Melissa Mandrell, at pertice_c@comcast.net.

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TOWN OF BRADFORD
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Town Warrant of Town Meeting March 11, 2014

The Polls will open at 8:00 am to 7:00 pm on March 11, 2014.

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 Kearsarge Regional Elementary School on the Old Warner Road in said Bradford, N.H. on Tuesday the eleventh day of March next, at eight o'clock in the morning to act on the following articles:

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

Article Two. Zoning Amendment One. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article V. Section C. 1. to read:

1. When any existing non-conforming use of a building or use of land has been discontinued for two years, the building or land shall thereafter be used only in conformity with this ordinance, ~~except by special exception.~~

Article Three. Zoning Amendment Two: To see if the Town will vote to add a definition to Article II. Definitions Feather Sign: Any sign constructed of cloth, canvas, fabric, or other light materials and supported along one or more sides and intended for display for a short period of time.

Article Four. Zoning Amendment Three: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VII Sign Regulation to allow feather signs under the category of "allowed without permit", but set criteria for their use.

1. Feather signs allowed in the Rural Business District with a limit of two per lot, 15' from the highway right-of-way and property boundary, kept in good repair, and displayed for no longer than 60 days in any calendar year.

Article Five. Zoning Amendment Four: To see if the Town will vote to add a new section P. to Article III P. Restriction on Certain Vehicles in the Residential-Business District. The following restrictions apply to all lots in the Residential-Business district, whose primary use is residential:

1. No commercial vehicle, recreational vehicle, trailer (excluding manufactured housing), truck over 15,000 gross vehicle weight rating, bus, or boat shall be parked or stored outdoors within 50' from any street right-of-way or property line.

2. The restrictions set forth in paragraph 1 above shall also apply to any other type of vehicle which remains in the same location, without being operated on the public highways, for a period of 60 days or more, irrespective of whether said vehicle constitutes "junk" under this Ordinance.

3. Notwithstanding Article V of this Ordinance, no existing vehicle, trailer or boat shall be deemed to constitute a nonconforming use, or to be otherwise exempt from the restrictions contained in this section. However, any owner may apply for a variance pursuant to the standards contained in RSA 674:33.

Article Six. To adjourn the meeting until Wednesday March 12, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Bradford Highway Department on Cilley Lane in Bradford. Raising the money and remaining articles in the Warrant will be taken up at the adjourned meeting.

Article Seven. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One Million Four Hundred Sixty Six Thousand Dollars (\$1,466,000.00) (gross budget) to renovate the Bradford Town Hall at map 16 lot 92 and to authorize the issuance of not more than One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000.00) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33.) Further to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon, the term and other details. The balance of One Hundred Sixty Six Thousand Dollars (\$166,000.00) will be raised from donations and grants. with work proceeding as commitments are made. Selectmen recommends. Budget Committee recommends. (2/3 ballot vote required) (passage of this article will not impact the tax rate until 2015)

Note: The Bradford Board of Selectmen expects to complete the entire project in 2015. All additional work; to include the second floor, paving the parking lot, finishing the basement, finishing the southwest office/room on the 1st floor, and incidentals; will be paid for by grants and donations. No additional tax funds will be used.

Article Eight. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Nine Hundred Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Seven Dollars (\$1,915,757.00) for general municipal operations. This article DOES NOT include amounts appropriated by other warrant articles. (Majority vote required). Selectmen recommends \$1,920,351.00. Budget Committee recommends \$1,915,757.00.

	Selectmen	Budget Comm
. 1. Executive	186,220.00	181,226.00
. 2. Elections and Vital Records	9,018.00	9,018.00
. 3. Financial Administration	94,611.00	94,611.00
. 4. Revaluations	25,346.00	25,346.00
. 5. Legal	16,000.00	16,000.00
. 6. Employee Benefits-now posted to each dept		
. 7. Planning	9,053.00	9,453.00
. 8. General Government	56,899.00	56,899.00
. 9. Cemetery	26,125.00	26,125.00
. 10. Insurances	77,566.00	77,566.00
. 11. Other General Gov	8,800.00	8,800.00
. 12. Police Department	445,720.00	445,720.00
. 13. Fire Department	61,500.00	61,500.00
. 14. Rescue Squad	73,997.00	73,997.00
. 15. Building Code Dept	19,793.00	19,793.00
. 16. Emergency Management	2,750.00	2,750.00
. 17. Highway Department	475,517.00	475,517.00
. 18. Bridge Account	100.00	100.00
. 19. Street Lighting	4,800.00	4,800.00
. 20. Solid Waste Collection	74,493.00	74,493.00
. 21. Solid Waste Disposal	40,100.00	40,100.00
. 22. Inoculations	100.00	100.00
. 23. Welfare Administration	6,244.00	6,244.00
. 24. Welfare Payments	32,843.00	32,843.00
. 25. Parks and Recreation	2,000.00	2,000.00
. 26. Library	66,140.00	66,140.00
. 27. Patriotic Purposes	13,500.00	13,500.00
. 28. Community Center	22,600.00	22,600.00
. 29. Other Conservation	800.00	800.00
. 30. Long Term Notes	65,716.00	65,716.00
. 31. Interest on Tan Notes	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total	\$1,920,351.00	\$1,915,757.00

Article Nine. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000) to replace the roofing on the Bradford Town Hall (map 16 lot 92) and to cover preconstruction costs associated with the renovation of the Bradford Town Hall. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7,VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2019. If the bond article (Warrant Article Five) passes this article will be passed over. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Ten. To see if the Town will vote to postpone any major repairs or renovations of the Town Hall for the next three years. By Petition.

Article Eleven. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) to repair and replace steel beams on the Breezy Hill Road Bridge (#161/145). This would be a non lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2019. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twelve. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Six Dollars(\$70,956) to purchase a Ford 550 One Ton Truck for the Highway Department and to withdraw Seventy Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Six Dollars (\$70,956) from the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund. There will be no added tax impact of this purchase. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Thirteen. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000) to work on asphalt roads in Bradford. This is a non lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7,VI and continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2019. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Fourteen. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Fifty Three Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$53,300.00) 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, 2019. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Fifteen. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a lease purchase agreement for the purpose of purchasing a tanker truck for the fire department. (This agreement contains a fiscal funding non appropriation clause) and to raise and appropriate One Hundred and Fifty Two Thousand Dollars (\$152,000) for the down payment and first year's payment under the lease /purchase agreement. The total cost of the tanker truck over four years will be Two Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$238,100). The estimated annual payment for the remaining three years will be Twenty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$28,700) per year.

Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

Article Sixteen. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in 1996. Said funds with accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town’s General Fund. This article is contingent on the passage of (the tanker warrant article #15). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

Article Seventeen. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to repair window casings and improve drainage at the Bradford Area Community Center in line with the Town’s Capital Improvement Plan this will be a non lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7,VI to continue until the money is used or December 31, 2019. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

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

Article Nineteen. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$5,400) to work with the State of NH and treat the milfoil in Lake Massasecum. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI to continue until the money is used or December 31, 2019. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) to engage Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) to assist the Planning Board, Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee in preparing the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for the 2015 – 2020 budget years. This will be non lapsing per RSA 32:7,VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2019. Selectmen recommends. Budget Committee recommend.

Article Twenty One. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$70,200.00) to fund the following Capital Reserve Funds:

	12/31/13 balance	2014 request
1. Fire Department Heavy Equipment	151,241.85	100.00
2. Ambulance	70,472.68	100.00
3. Revaluation	20,646.96	10,000.00
4. Highway Heavy Equipment	72,295.87	40,000.00
5. Town Buildings emergency repair	20,651.49	5,000.00
6. Town Facilities	23,454.14	5,000.00
7. Main Street Improvements/sidewalks	51,951.36	10,000.00

Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty Two. To see if the Town will vote to correct the wording on the 2013 warrant to lease a police cruiser and authorize the Selectmen to continue the current lease for the remaining three years and to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$8,770.00) for the second year payment. This lease has a fiscal funding (escape clause). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

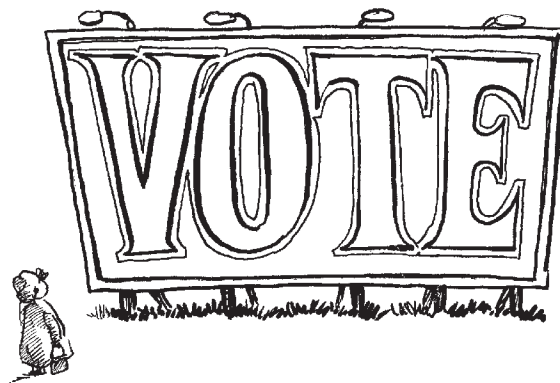
Article Twenty Three. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$2,750.00) to support the Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty Four. To see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61-64 inclusively, which provides for an optional property tax exemption from the property’s assessed value, for the property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems intended for the use of the resident at the immediate non commercial site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the Town’s assessed value for the qualifying solar energy system equipment and installation under these statutes.

Article Twenty Five. 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.

Respectfully Submitted

Bradford Board of Selectmen
 Harry Wright, Chairman
 Delbert (Sonny) Harris, Selectman
 John Pfeifle, Selectman



**OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT
TOWN OF BRADFORD
MARCH 11, 2014**

Place a cross (x) in the square after each candidate for whom you wish to vote.

MODERATOR FOR TWO YEARS

Brackett L. Scheffy
Write-In

**SELECTMEN FOR THREE YEARS
(VOTE FOR 1)**

John Pfeifle
Marlene Freyler
Write-In
Write-In

**TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS
FOR THREE YEARS (VOTE FOR 1)**

Michael C. James
Write-In

**TRUSTEE OF THE BROWN MEM. LIB
FOR THREE YEARS (VOTE FOR 3)**

Erica Gross
Patricia Furness
Connie Scheffy
Write-In
Write-In
Write-In

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
FOR THREE YEARS (VOTE FOR 2)**

Write-In
Write-In

**BUDGET COMMITTEE
FOR THREE YEARS (VOTE FOR 2)**

Jonathan P. Marden
Write-In
Write-In

**PLANNING BOARD
FOR THREE YEARS (VOTE FOR 2)**

Mark Keith
Write-In
Write-In

**ZONING BOARD
FOR THREE YEARS (VOTE FOR 2)**

Erich A. Caron
Mark Fournie
Stephen C. Pierce
Write-In
Write-In

**CEMETERY COMMISSION
FOR THREE YEARS (VOTE FOR 1)**

Carey R. Rodd
Write-In

**OFFICIAL SAMPLE ZONING BALLOT
TOWN OF BRADFORD
MARCH 11, 2014**

Place a cross (x) in the square for which you wish to vote.

1. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article V. Section C. 1. to read:

When any existing non-conforming use of a building or use of land has been discontinued for two years, the building or land shall thereafter be used only in conformity with this ordinance, ~~except by special exception.~~

YES

NO

2. To see if the Town will vote to add a definition to Article II. Definitions

Feather Sign: Any sign constructed of cloth, canvas, fabric, or other light materials and supported along one or more sides and intended for display for a short period of time.

YES

NO

3. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VII Sign Regulation to allow feather signs under the category of "allowed without permit", but set criteria for their use.

Feather signs allowed in the Rural Business District with a limit of two per lot, 15' from the highway right-of-way and property boundary, kept in good repair, and displayed for no longer than 60 days in any calendar year.

YES

NO

4. To see if the Town will vote to add a new section P. to Article III

P. Restriction on Certain Vehicles in the Residential-Business District. The following restrictions apply to all lots in the Residential-Business district, whose primary use is residential:

1. No commercial vehicle, recreational vehicle, trailer (excluding manufactured housing), truck over 15,000 gross vehicle weight rating, bus, or boat shall be parked or stored outdoors within 50' from any street right-of-way or property line.

2. The restrictions set forth in paragraph 1 above shall also apply to any other type of vehicle which remains in the same location, without being operated on the public highways, for a period of 60 days or more, irrespective of whether said vehicle constitutes "junk" under this Ordinance.

3. Notwithstanding Article V of this Ordinance, no existing vehicle, trailer or boat shall be deemed to constitute a nonconforming use, or to be otherwise exempt from the restrictions contained in this section. However, any owner may apply for a variance pursuant to the standards contained in RSA 674:33.

YES

NO

Bradford's Elected Officials Support Town Hall Restoration

Board of Selectmen - Please support this important Bradford effort! It is the right thing to do, and it is the right time to do it.

Budget Committee - Projecting the town budget well into the future, with support from voters and town departments, we anticipate holding the bottom line.

Planning Board - The current proposal carries out the intent of the 2006 Master Plan.

Vote of support/recommendation was unanimous by all boards.

The candidates for town office were asked to complete a short questionnaire about their interest in running for office. They were asked to tell us the office they were running for, list their qualifications, describe the most important issues of the day and describe their hopes for Bradford's future. The following are their responses:

MODERATOR: (2 YEARS)

Brackett L. Scheffy:

1. I am running for reelection as Town Moderator.
2. I suppose my primary qualification for the job is the fact that I have been doing it so long. I started in the mid-70s and, with a few years off, have continued since then. One of my two primary goals has always been to find a balance between fairness to all sides of arguments and the efficiency of the meeting. The other goal has been to balance maintaining the dignity of the work of the annual town meeting with keeping it from being too somber or even angry. I will leave it to others to decide if I have succeeded.
3. There are numerous important issues facing our town but in my role as a "neutral," it is best that I not address them here.
4. I live in Bradford for a variety of reasons. My family has been here since the beginning—my great great great great grandfather was the first moderator of the town in 1787. I spent summers here as a child and have been living here full-time, except for a few years off, since 1973. Ironically, living in a densely packed city results in less of a sense of community and more anonymity than we have in our small town. It is rare to go to the post office, the dump (sorry, Lois, the transfer station) or anywhere else in town without seeing someone I know. I get immense pleasure from that.

Selectman, (3 yrs.) 1 Opening;

Marlene Freyler:

I have been elected to the following boards: Planning Board and Budget Committee, have served on the Capital Improvement and Needs Assessment Committee, Co-Chair of the Bradford Independence Committee, Board of the Bradford Business Association, Bradford revitalization Committee.

I truly believe that as a town we need businesses in town to help with our tax base. I have lived in Bradford for about 40 years and I also have two businesses here, my children and their families also live here. It is a nice town to bring up your family here. I would like to see the town prosper and to have the people running the town who care about what the town as a whole needs not what a few want. The town needs to run by the rules that are put forth not their rules.

John Pfeifle:

Last year I was asked to fulfill Barry Wheeler's term as selectman. I was a selectman for ten (10) years in the late 70's & 80's. Add it all up and I have served eleven years on the Bradford Board.

I like to work with operational people and have a knack for balancing their needs with budget issues. I have enjoyed this last year serving with the town's Budget Committee, helping strengthen and support the Road Crew, install and watch our new Building Inspector oversee fair programs, work with the Town Administrator on financial issues, watch the Police Chief continue to strengthen his team in difficult times, work with the Fire Chief to meet tomorrow's fire protection needs as well as support our wonderful Recycling team and Transfer Station. I get along well with both Harry Wright and Sonny Harris; we respect each other and enjoy moving things along.

Financial issues will dictate any NH town's future. I am proud of Bradford and will be even more so as we continue to support town functions while lowering costs and improving services.

We moved here in 1971 and raised three wonderful sons through the school system, multi sports organizations and the woods ... all fun! We now enjoy watching our eight grandchildren visit and love the beauty of the area as we have for 4 plus decades.

We must do more to improve the town's tax base while supporting today's important employers. We would like to attract small, clean manufacturing jobs, develop town owned land to meet small manufacturing needs. Finally, we are in our mid 60's; many of our friends in different parts of the country are starting to discuss "where to go" (for retirement). There are a lot of us and not enough options. The town owns the former Naughton property. What a great location for a big time "assisted living" project; a beautiful town, hunting, fishing, water sports on Massasecum or Sunapee, skiing ... it goes on and on. Such an independent facility would attract more business and jobs to Main Street. And, again, more value to our tax base! Not easy, but fun and what a great vision for our town's future. I'm ready;

Trustee of the Trust Funds (3 years) - 1 Opening

Michael C. James

TRUSTEE OF THE BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY (3 YEARS)- 3 Openings:

Erica Gross

Patricia Furness

Connie Scheffy:

1. I am running for re-election to the three year position as trustee of the Brown Memorial Library.
2. I have served as trustee of the library for the past three years. During this time I have become more familiar and comfortable with the workings of the library and with the oversight behind the scenes that is necessary to keep it as a vital and dynamic force in the community. My background is as a speech-language pathologist in the public school system. That experience has increased my appreciation of the importance of literacy and the positive impact an active and welcoming public library can have on fostering it. It is important, of course, that the library "keep up with the times" but it must also maintain the traditional comforting and nurturing atmosphere that characterizes public libraries. We are lucky indeed to be building on the success of many years. I have a lifelong love of public libraries and want very much to continue supporting and enhancing ours here in Bradford.
3. Although there are many important issues facing our town, I would like to focus on keeping the library a successful and important part of our town.
4. Beside the fact that my husband lives here, I enjoy the small town atmosphere and the virtual guarantee that if you need something, there will be a neighbor to help you.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (3 YEARS) – 2 Openings:

BUDGET COMMITTEE (3 YEARS) – 2 Openings:

Jon Marden:

I have just celebrated my 30th year as owner of a small company. I deal with budget issues, capital equipment planning, and employees every day. During the hardest part of the recent recession, I made many tough decisions and experienced firsthand the effects of a bad economy and the concessions necessary to get through it both as a company owner and individual. Prior to running for my 1st term on the BC, I attended nearly all Budget Committee meetings for 2 years. This was a valuable learning experience, as I observed the interaction between our citizens, the Selectmen, and the Budget Committee. I also served on the needs assessment committee for 1 year and the CIP committee for 3 years. While serving as a BC member I have attended all day workshops provided by the LGC to learn BC law and interact with BC members from other towns. I feel it is useful to understand how others approach line item budgets, capital expenses and long term financing.

During the past several years we have, out of necessity, delayed or underfunded many worthwhile projects and services. As the area crawls out of the effects of the recession, we need to understand this cannot be all corrected at once. In order to accomplish the necessary and provide the desired, either our tax base needs to increase or costs need to be better managed through regionalization of services.

After living 20 years in Londonderry, I moved to Bradford in 2000 to begin a new life with Ruth who had lived here for many years.

- It would be great if the town's largest private employer had more employees than our grade school
- Continuing on the path of our town government working as a team and fully setting aside the "me" or "you" mentality of the past.
That we develop into a vibrant and dynamic community without sacrificing our rural nature. We can do this by developing our downtown area, full utilization of our commercial and industrial zones, while still maintaining those peaceful and remote areas many love.

Susan Reynolds: (write-in)

My qualifications for this position include 32 years in the military and 28 years of Federal service during which I held various leadership and managerial positions. I have developed and administered budgets as well as negotiating

contracts for equipment. I also worked as a Labor Relations Specialist for 7 years and developed the skill set needed to resolve conflicts and communication issues.

I feel the most important issues facing Bradford are lack of economic and business growth, tax rates, and beautification. Our town needs to encourage business growth and entice small businesses to come to Bradford by keeping taxes down while creating a welcoming appearance in town.

My husband and I moved here 15 years ago because we wanted a small town atmosphere to raise our children in. I would like to see Bradford become a destination by increasing the business base while retaining that small New England town charm. Our town has so much potential waiting to be capitalized upon. It is up to us as citizens to come together and make wonderful things happen!

Don Jackson (write-in) is currently finishing a 3 year term for the Budget Committee and wishes to seek re-election for another 3 year term; supports the Town Hall Restoration Project.

PLANNING BOARD (3 YEARS) – 2 Openings:

Mark Keith
Claire James (write-in)

Zoning Board (3 Years) -2 Openings

Erich Caron:

After being appointed to a vacant spot on the board, I decided it was best to run for the position. The most important issues facing Bradford are that younger people don't seem to be involved with the town processes, which can impact their lives. It is all on how much someone cares about this community, and the effort they are willing to put forward.

Mark Fournier:

I have served as an alternate on the Planning Board and also as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeal. I have also attended a Planning and Zoning Seminar in Manchester in 2013.

Important issues for Bradford: creating local businesses, improving infrastructure, controlling taxes and keeping the rural character of Bradford balanced with needs of the residents.

My wife Michelle and I purchased land in Bradford in 1999 because of the mountainous landscape, the affordability of land and the location of Bradford. My hope for the town is for more residents to become involved in supporting and shaping it's future. Thank you for your support!

Steve Pierce:

I have been a resident of Bradford since 1999 with 2 ½ years of prior service to Bradford on the Zoning Board as an alternate, then elected representative serving under chairman Everett Kittridge – learned from the best. I am a neutral and impartial evaluator with a balanced analysis of facts.

Moderate growth will be driven by factors affecting our town from exit 9 west on Rte 103 and Henniker north on Rte 114; near term (10 years) concern that village area (downtown) of Bradford will require municipal water and sewer system. A significant up front cost will result. It is an appropriate endeavor but must be factored into our town's ability to finance and implement; State of NH recommends that 25% of each town's acreage be reserved as open space. This green space will help to preserve a rural environment into the future; balance the distinct needs of (1) Lakes Todd and Massasecum (shoreline and density issues); (2) Village Center (downtown) where more diverse development is anticipated; and (3) the larger portion of Bradford away from Rte 103/114. Each of these regions of town has different pressures with development. Finally, follow the master plan as this document guides where our town wants to develop going forward.

I appreciate Bradford as a community with moderate town taxes. We are lower than Warner, Henniker, and Hopkinton. Real Estate values are more favorable than Newbury, Sunapee, and New London. The school system has strong support. We have a long history in the region as our family has lake property in Antrim. This region has been a vacation destination for almost 50 years.

I do remember what the "Appleseed" was before the Fenton's arrived. But, I won't revisit that ancient history.

Brooks McCandlish (write-in):

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.

Cemetery Commission:

Carey Rodd:

Has been a resident of Bradford for more than 30 years and served multiple terms on the Cemetery Commission. With an interest in genealogy and history, particularly in the history of the people of Bradford, the Cemetery Commission provides an informative historical perspective that is educational and interesting. In the past few years all of the grave sites in town have been put on the website *FindaGrave.com*. This has allowed descendants of Bradford residents from across the country to research their Bradford families.

School Board Representative:

Andrew Pinard:

Miriam D'Angona: (write-in)

(Wishes) to represent the Town of Bradford, parents, teachers and students as the Kearsarge School Board town representative. I have twenty years of teaching experience at the elementary and middle school levels, having taught both in the United States, and abroad in public and private schools. I am well aware of the educational needs of children and the rising costs to town taxpayers. I want to make use of my expertise in education, knowledge of the workings of school districts, and my experience on school committees to serve the Town of Bradford. If town residents have questions, I can be reached at 938-2840.



Miriam D'Angona

Bradford Bridge Advertising Rates

Basic rate is \$8.00 /column inch
One column inch (2 3/8" wide)

x 1" high	\$8.00
x 2"	\$16.00
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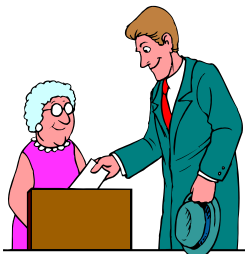
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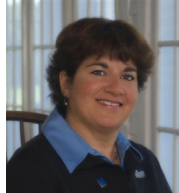
Other ad sizes as designed will be pro-rated

Notes: 10% discount allowed for local non-profits, paid-in-advance and 12 month ads.

Political ads must be pre-paid
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contact.us@bradfordbridge.com



Real Estate News



by Laura Hallahan

Market Review & Spring Preview

I am always pleased to know that people read my articles and any and all comments are welcome. While I agree that overall New Hampshire offers a very positive tax picture and that certainly is one of the many reasons people have moved to our state, I remain extremely concerned about the ever growing property tax rates and how this impacts our communities. I personally know of many families on the brink of having to leave the area solely because of property taxes. I also personally know of several individuals who are not living the life they wish to live because adding additional buildings to their property, either for farming or a home business, puts them out of business when you add in the additional property tax burden. To me, this is not the New Hampshire way.

The final data for home sales in 2013 is out from the New Hampshire Association of REALTORS® and the expectation for 2014 is for more of the same. The strongest selling season will begin April 1st and continue until Thanksgiving, so for those in the market of selling or buying, the trends from last year should bode well for what is to come. If 2012 was considered the year of cautious optimism, 2013 proved to be the year of that optimism coming to fruition in terms of a national housing recovery, and New Hampshire was no exception to the trend, seeing the most home sales since 2005 and a 10 percent increase from the previous year. Home sales and prices were broadly higher across the nation, while foreclosure loads, the number of homes for sale and the number of days it took to sell a home were all much lower. Multiple-offer situations became commonplace again and prices in many areas rallied to multi-year highs. Overall, the glass was half full in most locations and segments. In our state, new listings were up 6.4 percent for single family homes but decreased 13.9 percent for condo properties. Pending sales increased 1.8 percent for single family homes and 14.1 percent for condo properties. The Median Sales Price was up 9.5 percent to \$208,000 for single family homes and 8.8 percent to \$160,000 for condo properties. Months Supply of Inventory decreased 23.2 percent for single family units and 33.3 percent for condo units. Merrimack County statistics show double digit increases in Closed Sales, Sales Volume and Pending Sales with a Median Sales Price of \$190,000 and Days on Market decreasing from four months to just over three months.

Because housing is fortified by confident consumers and good jobs, 2013 was marked by a slowly improving labor market though somewhat stunted by political gridlock. Interest rates remain low but may see an uptick as the overall economy improves and prices, though on the increase, will rise slowly so buyers should still be able to find affordable properties to purchase if they don't wait too long. The number of building permits is up in some of the larger cities, so hopefully land sales and new construction will show an uptick in our area as well. Bring on Spring!

Recent Sales in Bradford

- 103 Johnson Hill Road, 1988 Cape on 2.30 acres for \$224,500
- Off West Road, 60.01 acres of raw land, rural residential for \$50,000
- Routes 114 & 103, 36 acres of raw land, business/residential for \$39,000

There are 27 active and 1 pending residential listings ranging from \$68,200 to \$1.25 Million, 24 active and 0 pending land listings ranging from \$29,900 to \$2.5 Million, 3 active and 0 pending commercial listings ranging from \$199,900 to \$650,000 and 0 active and 0 pending multi-family listings in Bradford. One of the active residential listings is a foreclosure and one is a short sale.

Presentation of Plans for Restoring Bradford's Town Hall



Saturday, March 1, 2014

10:00 a.m. to Noon

**Kearsarge Regional
Elementary School
at Bradford**

View the Plans

Have Your Questions Answered

Presented by

Bradford Select-board

and

Bradford Town Hall Restoration Committee



Church Happenings

PLEASE
JOIN US!

Church Members at Work and Play



(above) The Youth Group getting ready to take to the trails at the Copper's home in Sutton.



(right) Volunteers Judy Brown, Perley Strout help Dianne, the manager, sort donated goods to the Rise Again Outreach Ministry in Concord.

MARCH CALENDAR

Sat. March 1st

8:30 AM – 5:30 PM Girl Scouts
10:00 – Noon @ KRES
Presentation of Town Hall
Restoration Plans

Mon. March 3rd

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

Tues. March 4th

9:00 AM – Noon – Community Outreach
10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
12:00 Noon - Senior Dining
7:00 PM – Bradford Revitalization

Wed. March 5th

4:00 PM – Special Group #5
6:00 PM – Yoga
7:00 PM – ZBA
5:00 – 9:00 PM – Fundraising dinner
Appleseed Restaurant

Thurs. March 6th

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

Fri. March 7th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
11:30 AM- First Friday Brunch
raffle, door prizes, music

Sat. March 8th

9:00 AM – Writing Group
10:00 – Noon – Candidate’s Forum

Sun. March 9th

12 – 3:00 PM – Birthday Party

Mon. March 10th

8:45 AM -Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
1-4 PM - Bridge
4:00 PM – Watercolor Class
5:30 PM – Selectmen’s Meeting
7:00 PM – Rural Heritage Connection

Tues. March 11th

8:00 AM – 7 PM – Voting for
Local Officials, School, Zoning –
KRES - Bradford
10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
12 Noon - Senior Dining
1:00 PM - Watercolor Class
7:00 PM – Planning Board

Wed. March 12th

Library Closes at 6:00 PM
6:00 PM – Yoga
7:00 PM – Business Session
2014 Town Meeting
Highway Garage – Cilley Lane

Thurs. March 13th

12 Noon - St. Patrick’s Day Party
musical of Two Old Friends!
Lunch reservations required
1:00 PM - Mahjong Group
4:30 PM – BACC/P & R Boards
6:00 PM – Bible Study

Fri. March 14th

8:45 AM -Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
1:00 PM - Mahjong Group

Sat. March 15th

2:00 PM – Mary Todd Lincoln
Tin Shop

Mon. March 17th

8:45AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
1-4:00 PM - Bridge
4:00 – 6:00 PM Health Ins. Market-
place

5:30 PM – Selectmen’s Meeting

6:00-8:00PM - Play Chess, BML

6:00 – 8:00 PM Health Ins. Market
place

Tues. March 18th

9:00 AM – Noon – Community Out-
reach

10:00 AM- Stitches from the Heart

12 Noon - Senior Dining – program
Emergency Preparedness

1:30 PM - Mahjong

Wed. March 19th

4:00 PM – Special Group #5

6:00 PM – Yoga

6:30PM - Pajama Story Time, BML

Thurs. March 20th

10:30 AM – 12 Noon Blood Pres-
sure Clinic

Lake Sunapee VNA

12 Noon - Senior Dining - Program

Tai Chi instructor

1:00 PM - Mahjong Group

4:30 PM – Friends of BACC

7:00 PM – Town Hall Restoration

Fri. March 21st

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

9:30–11:30 AM - Foot Care Clinic

North Ridge Apt’s. Call 526-4077

10:00AM - Friday at the Movies:
The Book Thief

12:00 noon - Senior Dining

Sat. March 8th

9:00 AM – Writing Group

Mon. March 24th

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

1-4:00 PM - Bridge

4:00 PM – Watercolor Class

5:30 PM – Selectmen’s Meeting

Tues. March 25th

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

Wed. March 26th

10:30 –12 Noon - Blood Pressure
Clinic

Warner Senior Room by LSVNA

6:00 PM – Yoga

Thurs. March 27th

12 Noon - Senior Dining

1:00PM - Mahjong

6:00 PM – Bible Study

Fri. March 29th

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

Mon. March 31st

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

1-4:00 PM - Bridge

4:00 PM – Watercolor Class

5:30 PM – Selectmen’s Meeting

*For the MVSC call Phil at
938-2104 with your ideas
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*To schedule rooms at the BACC
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All events take place at the Brad-
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Senior Center (938-2104) unless
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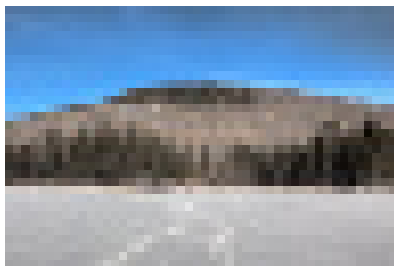


Abbreviation Key

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



Ayer's Pond on the Bradford-Goshen town line near Pillsbury State Park was the sunny if cold destination for 15 snowshoers on February 8th. Brooks McCandlish led the hike, jointly sponsored by the SRK Greenway and the Bradford Conservation Commission.



That is Durrell Mountain, also known as Moon Mountain on the east shore of Ayer's Pond. At 2096 feet, it is the highest point in Bradford with dense spruce and steep slopes facing the pond.

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- Children's Storytime - Mondays at 10 am and Wednesdays at 10:30 am at BML
- Cemetery Commission - 2nd Thursday at 6PM/Call 938-2119 for info
- Conservation Commission - 3rd Tuesday at 7PM, BML
- Fish and Game Club - 1st Tuesday 7PM at Fish and Game Club
- First Friday Bunch - 11:30AM at MVSC, reservations appreciated/
call 938-2104 for info
- Historical Society - Tin Shop, East Main Street, Wednesdays 10-Noon
- 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

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Obituaries

Richard H. Hinman

Richard H. (Dick) Hinman passed away peacefully on Feb. 2, 2014 at his home in New London, NH with his loving family by his side.

Mr. Hinman was born on May 14, 1923 to John H. and Jennie (Drew) Hinman. He attended the Colonial School, Pelham, NY; Westmount High School, Montreal, Quebec and Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, NH.

He proudly served his country during World War II as a member of the U.S. Air Corps. After completing Cadet Pilot Training, he became 2nd Lieutenant, Pilot and an instructor on B-25s and crew training on B-24s and B-29s.

After the service, Mr. Hinman returned to Hanover, NH and graduated from Dartmouth College in 1945 and the Thayer School of Engineering in 1946. He was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity and the Sphinx Society. Devoted to the "Big Green", his cheers from the stands will be dearly missed.

While in Hanover, he met Barbara (Dent) Hinman, daughter of Thomas J. and Ellen (Carter) Dent and on June 21, 1948 married the coach's daughter. It was then that Dick and Barb launched a devoted and loving partnership for over 65 years.

He had a distinguished career in the paper industry beginning in 1947 at International Paper Company. In 1957 he became Manager of their Bleached Board Sales, New York office and in 1960 Manager of Sales, Chicago office. In 1976 he joined Boise Cascade, New York office and worked for them until his retirement in 1993.

"Bull", as he was known to those lucky enough to make his acquaint-

tance, was a true outdoorsman. His passion and expertise for hunting, skiing and fly-fishing were handed down to him from his parents and he was adamant in sharing these gifts with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Nothing made Bull happier than a sun-filled run down Sugarloaf Mountain, casting on a Salmon River with his wife or a dog on point in the woods of Maine. And these could only be made sweeter when shared with the family who treasured him so.

He was predeceased by his parents and his brothers Howard D., Edward B., and Crawford H. Hinman. He is survived by his devoted wife, Barbara, a sister-in-law, Doris F. Hinman and five children: Mary Ellen (Mel) and John Pfeifle of Bradford, NH, Patricia (Tia) and Paul Pullen of North Hampton, NH, Thomas Hinman and Susan Britt of North Yarmouth, ME, Drew and Laura Hinman of Holderness, NH and Rand and Julie Hinman of Bradford, NH. He is also survived by his nine loving grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

Services will take place on Saturday, May 31st at 11:00am at Saint Andrews Episcopal Church, 52 Gould Road, New London, NH. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Cardigan Mountain School, 62 Alumni Drive, Canaan, NH 03741.

Maxine Kumin

In tribute to our distinguished neighbor:

Maxine W. Kumin, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet, novelist, essayist, and tireless advocate for literature, and for many another writers, particularly women, as well as for animal rights and human and political justice, died Feb. 6, 2014, at her home in Warner, following a period of increasing frailty. She was 88.

Former U.S. Poet Laureate, New Hampshire Poet Laureate (1989-94), and author of more than three dozen books of poetry, fiction, non-fiction, and children's literature, Kumin's volume "Up Country" won the Pulitzer Prize for poetry for 1973. Her work was recognized with numerous other awards including the Ruth Lilly Prize (1999), the Harvard Medal, the Levinson Prize, the Los Angeles Times Poetry Award (2011), as well as honorary degrees from numerous schools. Kumin was also a prominent teacher of writing, occupying graduate or undergraduate visiting chairs or fellowships at many universities, most recently at New England College in Henniker, where she helped establish a new poetry MFA program. Writing to the end, her final volume of poems, "And Short the Season," will appear later this year.

Born June 6, 1925, in Germantown (Philadelphia), PA to Peter and Doll (Simon) Winokur, Kumin was raised there and attended Cheltenham High School matriculating to Radcliffe College of [Harvard University](#). On a blind date in 1944 she met Victor Kumin, then on leave from Army service in Los Alamos, NM, with whom in 1946 she would undertake "The Long Marriage," the title of one of Kumin's best-known poems, and volumes; it would endure 67 years. The Kumins first settled in Newton, MA moving permanently to the hillside Warner farm familiar to her readers in 1973. Kumin's work and life were linked to those of another noted poet, Anne Sexton, with whom she "workshopped," in person or by phone, every day for 20 years, ending



only with the latter's suicide in 1974. The two also collaborated on several children's books.

In New Hampshire Kumin continued producing the work that would ultimately span six decades, informed by a love and deep observation of nature, both external and human, and an unwavering commitment to the craft of writing. There she also shared her life with four generations of horses and numerous rescue dogs. Besides her work and her animals, Kumin's abiding passion was her organic vegetable garden, which each season enjoyed a degree of planning, execution and care that few could rival.

As our neighbor, Maxine Kumin was generous to Bradford's Brown Memorial Library, waiving a professional fee to participate in an Inter-generational Poetry Workshop several years ago. The library currently has assembled a display of her children's books, novel, poetry and essays from its collection.

Maxine W. Kumin is survived by her husband, Victor; daughters Jane, of San Francisco, and Judith, of Hopkinton; son, Daniel and spouse, Elizabeth Hodges, of Concord; and grandsons, Yann and Noah; and by long-time personal assistant, devoted friend, and enthusiastic co-gardener Suzannah Colt of Warner. The family is inexpressibly grateful to caregiver Cari Young for her unflagging attention through Kumin's final year.

The family suggests donations may be made to the Concord Merrimack SPCA, 130 Washington St., Penacook, N.H. 03303 or to the Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice, 107 Newport Road, PO Box 2209, New London, N.H. 03257.

A celebration of Maxine Kumin's life and work will be held in the spring. The Bennett Funeral Home of Concord is in charge of the arrangements. Messages of condolences may be offered at bennettfuneral.com.

Girl Scout Cookies Ring In Spring!


Girl Scout Junior Troop # 12467 (which is comprised of girls from Bradford, Sutton, Newbury, New London, Springfield and Wilmot) will be selling girl scout cookies at the following booth sales:

2/8 TDS parking lot - 242 Main Street New London 12-2 p.m.
2/22 Sutton Transfer station 10-1
3/1 & 3/8 Newbury Quick Stop
958 Route 103 Newbury 3-5 p.m.

This year's cookie sale: 6 varieties @ \$4.00 each
Thin mints, Tagalongs (peanut butter patties) Samoas (coconut & chocolate),
Do-si-dos (peanut butter sandwich), Trefoils, Savannah smiles (lemon cookies)

The girls also accept cookies orders for gifts of caring. These cookies will go to local food pantries and fire & rescue volunteers. The girls are raising money for a camping trip.

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Proposed Zoning Amendments

The Planning Board, following a Public Hearing, approved four amendments to be placed on the ballot for voter action on March 11. Explanations follow each proposed amendment. Contact Marcia Keller 938-2877 with any questions.

Zoning Amendment one.

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article V. Section C. 1. to read:

When any existing non-conforming use of a building or use of land has been discontinued for two years, the building or land shall thereafter be used only in conformity with this ordinance, ~~except by special exception.~~

Explanation: The reference to a special exception would be deleted since there are no specific criteria for approving a special exception when a non-conforming use has been discontinued. Property owner can file an appeal to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a variance.

Zoning Amendment Two:

To see if the Town will vote to add a definition to Article II. Definitions Feather Sign: Any sign constructed of cloth, canvas, fabric, or other light materials and supported along one or more sides and intended for display for a short period of time.

Zoning Amendment Three:

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VII Sign Regulation to allow feather signs under the category of "allowed without permit", but set criteria for their use.

Feather signs allowed in the Rural Business District with a limit of two per lot, 15' from the highway right-of-way and property boundary, kept in good repair, and displayed for no longer than 60 days in any calendar year.

Explanation: Feather signs are increasingly being used by businesses. This amendment will allow them, but limit the number both for appearance and safety.

Zoning Amendment Four:

To see if the Town will vote to add a new section P. to Article III

P. Restriction on Certain Vehicles in the Residential-Business District. The following restrictions apply to all lots in the Residential-Business district, whose primary use is residential:

1. No commercial vehicle, recreational vehicle, trailer (excluding manufactured housing), truck over 15,000 gross vehicle weight rating, bus, or boat shall be parked or stored outdoors within 50' from any street right-of-way or property line.
2. The restrictions set forth in paragraph 1 above shall also apply to any other type of vehicle which remains in the same location, without being operated on the public highways, for a period of 60 days or more, irrespective of whether said vehicle constitutes "junk" under this Ordinance.
3. Notwithstanding Article V of this Ordinance, no existing vehicle, trailer or boat shall be deemed to constitute a nonconforming use, or to be otherwise exempt from the restrictions contained in this section. However, any owner may apply for a variance pursuant to the standards contained in RSA 674:33.

Explanation: The amendment is designed to enhance the appearance of the downtown business area of Bradford.

In all cases, an appeal can be brought to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for relief.

Bradford Business Association

Our Business After Hours having really taken off and we enjoy when the public comes to learn about our local businesses, too. This is a chance for business owners, artisans and other members to meet and network and discuss town and area issues as well. At the end of January we had a wonderful tour of Valley Transportation by Mark Goldberg and Preston Starr. It is amazing what they put out right here in little old Bradford! The February after hours was a joint hosting by Tall Pines Realty and Sasha Wolfe who displayed some of her artwork and discussed her new book. The next Business After Hours will be at Lumber Barn, 2460 Route 114, on Wednesday, March 26th from 5:30 to 7:30PM. All are welcome. The 2014 member guide is being finalized so look for at the town offices, Lake Sunapee Bank and other local business sites. If you wish to join the BBA and be in our next guide, please contact Laura Hallahan at 938-2366.

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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.



(L to R) Jane Anderson, Maya Corbyn, Grace Bonemma, Hannah Marcum, Andrew Blagden, and Olivia Taylor were among the children who attended a historical workshop one how to make Victorian Valentines at the Tin Shop last month. Look for more events for both children and adults in the upcoming months, sponsored by the Bradford Historical Society.

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Town Clerk Update

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Boat decals are in and boats can be registered now.

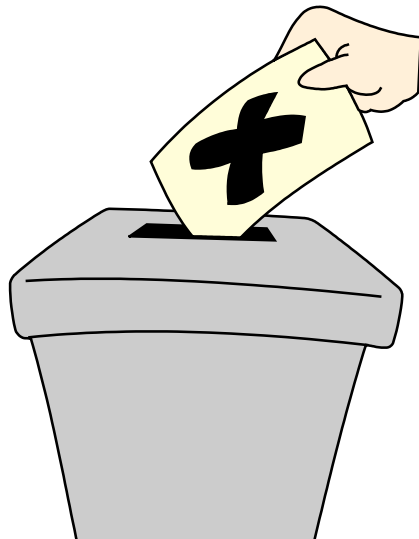
Absentee Ballots are available in our office.

The Ballot clerk training class for the upcoming election is on March 3rd at 10am and 6pm. We are having them a week early this year, to steer clear of three long days in a row. You need to attend one of these to be a Ballot clerk on March 11th.

The Counter training class is on March 3rd at 7pm. You must attend this class if you would like to be a counter. Counting will start on March 11th 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 8th and 22nd 9am-Noon.

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The Day After the Storm by George Beaton

The lined paper is still on the table from yesterday's homework assignments that the grandkids had to do from their Blizzard Bags, daring me to scratch out something meaningful. There's even a nifty mechanical pencil that Jacob left behind mixed in with my regular pencil collection that I use for the daily puzzles in the newspaper. I could write about my hour and a half spent shoveling and roof raking the 8" of fluff this morning, but everyone does that to some degree. Might as well tell you about my favorite winter pastime for the last 35 years, which is cross country skiing out the back door of my house on Howlett Road up to Rowe Mountain.

This used to be a multi-day affair after a big storm as the route was not well defined or used very often until about 10 years ago when the Lake Sunapee Snowmobile Club started improving and maintaining what is now part of Rte 380. So after this morning's snow removal I stepped into my trusty Fisher skis and headed up Smith Road past the familiar cellar holes to the end of Rowe Mountain Road. The LSSC groomer had come through during the night and I now had the pristine trail all to myself, which is fairly common mid-week. Prior to

this becoming Rte. 380 I probably would have headed home sooner, but the groomer makes skiing easy and creates a beautiful trail only rivaled by professionally maintained ski areas up north, which require commuting and a twenty dollar trail fee.

A few weeks ago, Kim and I were at this same spot at the end of Rowe Mountain Road and we continued east over to Massasecum Ave. where you have the option of going straight to Liberty Hill in Henniker, right up Carter Hill to Hillsboro or left down to Lake Massasecum which is what we did. We crossed Rte 114 and skied back across the lake to Howlett Rd. and then up the hill back home.

Today I had the energy to keep climbing so I headed up the Knights Hill hiking trail behind Ann & Bill's. I was in luck as Miranda and her dogs had already hiked up and broken the trail most of the way. Instead of heading up Knights Hill, which has some very steep sections, I followed the broken trail along the logging road which keeps climbing southeast and peters out in the thick red spruce close to the summit of Rowe Mountain. This was far enough for me today so after downing an apple I zipped up my vest and sped down the hills through the powder enjoying the 700' elevation drop along with views of the lake

and hills that Rowe Mountain offers to those who seek it out.

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Thoughts From the Principal's Desk

by Jim Spadero

A principal has many roles as the school's leader. I think one of the most important roles is developing and sharing a school-wide vision. He or she must clearly share that vision and work towards staff buy-in. The vision must be a match for the community and support the School Board's goals. I like to think of the principal's vision as setting the course (aye aye captain) with everyone paddling in the same direction while in a whitewater raft, where there is always the possibility of hitting massive waves. Imagine someone deciding to paddle in a completely different direction from everyone else, not good at all. It is critical that everyone is on board, supporting the course set by the principal. I don't think there should be a lot of debate on the core essentials, but there needs to be ongoing and open discussion of how to attain the essentials.

I call my vision, Spadaro's Core Essentials. It contains the seven components that I believe any school should be working towards with a focused and united effort by all staff. I will address in future newsletters each component in more detail. Here are my seven essential components.

- Safety- Everyone needs to be and feel safe, not just physically safe but emotionally, socially and mentally safe as well, every day.
- 100% Rule- Our school must be about "doing what's best for the students" 100% of the time. Students' needs must come before that of adults, every time, not just when it is convenient.
- Empowerment- Everyone's voice will be heard and valued, ensuring opportunities to belong, while celebrating each other's gifts.
- Work- All students have the legal and moral right to be given meaningful work at their ability level. They should receive timely, helpful feedback on their work. High expectations for everyone are the norm. All students and staff should believe that with effort, they will be successful.
- Fun- Life, if nothing else, needs to be fun-work hard, play hard. Schools must make time to have fun, together. :-)
- Collaboration- Working together, building seamless partnerships while embracing different points of view, needs to be a major goal. Practicing letting others hear their own voices so that you can hear yours, is a skill that needs to be taught and valued. TEAMING starts with trust.
- Exceptional Adults- Surrounding our students with adults who model honesty, decency, fairness and who are positive, consistent, talented and committed to each student's success is the best way to create a school of which we can all be proud.

VNA News

Did you know...

Not all VNA's are the same, and we're NOT all part of the same agency!

It's true, many people think that there's "One Big VNA" and that we're all part of that larger agency, like "The United Way" or "The Community Action Programs". In reality, there are several "VNA's" in our region, each one unique and independently operated. Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice as well as many other VNA's are Medicare Certified and not-for-profit. Their approval to operate and their funding are tied to Federal dollars. Not-for-profit VNA's are required to offer and report annually on the Community Benefit that they provide, that would include both low cost and free services.

Consumers, in turn, have a choice of what agency they choose for their home care or hospice services. If you're in a hospital and it is recommended that you go home with home care or hospice services, you have the right to choose who will provide this care. If you don't have a preference for a particular agency then the professional helping with your discharge plan should offer a "choice list" of agencies that provide services to your town of residence.

It's your choice! If you have a preference, make that clear. If you don't have a preference, ask questions about your options to be sure that your needs will be met once you're home and healing. Discharge planners and Social Workers are a great source of knowledge about community resources and can usually guide you well if you're in need of care at home.

For more information about services and programs offered by Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice and by other VNA and Hospice programs, give our office a call. We'd be happy to speak with you.

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Town Hall - continued from p. 1
tin ceiling, pavilion cornice returns, a bull's-eye window flanked by four keystones, a beautiful entryway of six-paneled doors flanked by pilasters and a pediment enclosing the entablature

Today, we have the privilege of enjoying this truly wonderful treasure of architecture because of those who came before us, who had the wisdom, courage, integrity, perseverance and foresight to preserve and perpetuate its use and care in recognition of its utilitarian benefits and economic and social values. Likewise, we too have an obligation to future generations as stewards of such a rare jewel, for the very same reasons, so that this cherished symbol of our heritage may never be lost to posterity.

We exist in a time of great concern regarding our environmental "footprint", job opportunities and our social connectivity. Renovation of an existing building creates local jobs and reduces impact to our ecosystem by using existing materials while enhancing our community spirit. We should not miss this small window of opportunity as many other towns have done, with great regret.

We must rely on our good conscience, follow our heart, embrace the spirit of our ancestors and give this grand historical building the attention she deserves, which defines us as a people, by voting "Yes" to Article Seven.

The Funding:

John Pfeifle

Everyone voting on this important issue should understand that Bradford taxpayers will be responsible for \$1,300,000.00 of 30 Year Bonds; no more. This equates to just under \$60,000.00 per year; negotiations re terms and rates are ongoing. This number is far below last year's figures; which, coupled with approximately \$300,000.00 more improvements and an 8% materials increase, is a significant saving to each individual taxpayer!

The project will now encompass two years; the Attorney General's Office confirmed this is the best way to meet our construction improvement goals while insuring taxpayer protection and level of participation. Again, we will not ask for more than the \$1.3MM Bond.

The first phase will take care of

100% of the hazardous waste removal, heating and cooling, electrical work, septic needs and fire protection for the entire building.

We will enlarge and reconfigure the basement. The first floor will be completed to handle the Town Offices, Tax Collector's, Town Clerk's and Treasurer's needs in a safe environment. SAFE is an important word! Additionally, the Selectmen will have a separate meeting room. A new office over the Southwest basement addition will not be finished in 2014. The new bathrooms will be moved to the front of the building. The roof will be secured and shingled; the building will be painted. We will have a workable Town building by December 2014!

The second phase will be accomplished and 100% paid for by grants, donations and fund raising. We have found a number of major grant providers reluctant to support any project until local support has been demonstrated and the project has been initiated. Town support also has been tied to local donors observing taxpayer participation. Our intention is to obtain or have pledges to 100% support Phase 2 for completion in 2015. We would see the second floor completed including handicap access, the office on the first floor finished and any incidentals handled properly.

After our work in 2015 we will have a structure that will handle the Town's functional needs, expand cultural activities as well as be able to re-locate our Annual Town Meeting to this historic building.

Please understand the Board's commitment; we will not proceed with phase two until we are assured the money will be available without asking our taxpayers for more financial support. The \$1.3MM request is it ... period.

One final commitment; should more money be available than the project requires our commitment is to reduce the \$1.3MM Bond. This has been an important negotiation issue with the banks, no pre-payment penalties will be accepted as part of the bond.

Please support this important Bradford effort!

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