

# THE Bradford Bridge

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## Home Heavily Damaged by Fire

### 10 QUESTIONS

by Phyllis Wilcox



The Bradford Fire and Police Departments responded to a call, placed at 01.01 a.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 and found a structure fire at the Flinkstrom residence on West Meadow Road. The initial responders on scene observed flames coming from

the home and it was quickly elevated to a 2nd alarm fire. Assistance came from New London, Newbury, Sutton, Warner, Henniker, Washington and Capital Area Fire.

The family has three children, two sons and a daughter, Morganne Flinkstrom, 15, who is credited with making the call and alerting her family. All were able to safely leave the house. Unfortunately the house, along with most of the contents, was heavily damaged.

### Neighbors Helping Neighbors

The Bradford Police Department stepped in at once and offered to assist the family in any way possible. Area residents, friends and neighbors quickly rallied to the aid of the family and donations began pouring in. Gift cards to grocery, department and home improvement stores continue to be most helpful and appreciated. Kearsarge Fitness, Valley Fire Equipment, Brown Memorial Library, the First Baptist Church, the Lumber Barn and the Bradford Police Department are all accepting donations for the family. Need more information? Call the Bradford Police Department at 938-2522.



Check on Facebook for current updates: Town of Bradford Police Department; and Town of Bradford NH Parks & Rec.

*This month we interviewed Tracey Quigley. She grew up in a small town in England and has been living in Bradford since 2002. During the interim years she and her husband Jeff raised two children and acclimated to life in another small town. She worked in the hotel business at prestigious hotels like Claridge's, the Ritz, and Berkeley, which are all part of the Savoy Hotel Group in London. She met her husband while working at a summer job at a U.S. Air force base in the Cotswolds in England where she had a summer job. They were engaged within five months and then married five months later In 1986. In 1989 they immigrated to the USA with three month old son Jack.*

**Q. Tracey you seem to have the ability to move and adjust your life and work to different places. What do you think has given you this ability to move and change your life so many times?**

My father was in the Navy until he retired. He found a job in computers. When I left for the United States they remained in England. We moved a fair bit and it was a way of life for me.

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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

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located at BACC

## From the Editor

As this is written, a 'major' snow storm is underway. Schools are closed, State and local governments shut down and we are all asked to stay off the roads. Still uncertain how much snow will fall, but we will accept it, shovel it and enjoy it – out playing or looking out the window. It will be beautiful and a nuisance.

Bradford cares!! A medi-vac helicopter landed in a parking lot on Route 114 to help in the rescue of a local businessman injured in an industrial accident. A funder raiser is scheduled to assist a local teen dealing with leukemia. Assistance is being organized for a family devastated by a house fire in mid-winter.

Businesses and organizations are once again rallying to provide whatever assistance is needed to help the Flinkstrom family stabilize their lives and rebuild their home. Of special note are the actions by 15 year old Morganne Flinkstrom. Spotting the flickering flames, she remained calm as she phoned in the call and then helped her family to leave the house safely.

The Bradford community thanks Matthew Hahn who was awarded the Eagle Scout badge at a Court of Honor held at the First Baptist Church. His project involved restoration of the Bradford Pines Natural Area. He recruited and organized a group of volunteers who cleaned and marked trails and made benches and boardwalks. Through his efforts a treasured piece of our town is more available for everyone's enjoyment.

Bradford does come together under such circumstance to help and to express gratitude, but at the same time we allow rumors to grow and raise questions about who has done what and what is being proposed. Remember the game you played as a child – passing a story in whispers around a circle? Each person heard something different and passed the altered version along. The story at the end bore little relationship to how it started. If you hear a 'story' that doesn't ring true, clarify it by asking someone involved. Try to sort out what is true and what is distorted rather than passing it along. We will all be better for it and Bradford can stop being fragmented by the whispered story.

As Town Meeting approaches, come to meetings, budget and bond hearings, talk to people, find out the facts and then decide how you wish to act and to vote.

Enjoy the winter – spring will come.

*Marcia Keller,*  
Co-Editor

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## Town Hall from Town Meeting 2014 to Town Meeting 2015

Voters at Town Meeting 2014 approved a warrant article for \$95,000: "... to replace the roofing on the Bradford Town Hall and to cover pre-construction costs associated with the renovation of the Bradford Town Hall." As Town Meeting 2015 approaches, voters should know how that sum has been spent to date:

- \$ 5,000.00 - Pre-town meeting construction estimates
- \$17,700.00 - Replace back roof (only portion in need of replacing)
- \$ 22,700.00 - Remove old police station and interior vault
- \$ 900.00 - Stabilize framing with the removal of the vault
- \$ 189.50 - Disconnect electric for demolition
- \$ 1,800.00 - Septic system design & DES filing fee
- \$ 6,225.00 - Asbestos testing and removal
- \$ 1,654.00 - Well upgraded and new cap in place
- \$ 6,528.75 - Clerk of the Works - oversight of projects
- \$ 1,743.75 - Architect - Plans, code review, meetings

This leaves a balance of \$30,556.00 for additional pre-construction work prior to Town Meeting.

The Town Hall Restoration Committee voted unanimously to recommend a warrant article for the 2015 Town Meeting "not to exceed" \$995,000. What will be accomplished for this amount? With voter support, the 18th century building will be upgrade inside to 21st century standards while leaving the historic structure intact.

- \* New basement under the rear third of the building for utilities and storage
- \* New septic system
- \* Energy efficient heating system and insulated envelope completed for first floor
- \* Historic restoration of the windows
- \* Upgraded plumbing and electrical
- \* Cistern and sprinkler system installed - piping in place for second floor

Once again, the Bradford Town Hall will house all official town functions - selectmen, town clerk/tax collector, administration, planning, zoning, budget, conservation commission, checklist supervisors, welfare, and building department. Meeting rooms will relieve the overburden on the Bradford Area Community Center.

An LCHIP grant in the amount of \$105,000 will cover a portion of the historic restoration. Further grants and fund-raising will seek to cover the costs or completing restoration of the second floor, allowing Town Meetings to once again be held there. Other community and cultural events can be planned for that space as was done in the past, making the Bradford Town Hall once again a center of broader community activity.

Town Hall Restoration Committee

Reminder: Town Meeting: Voting Tuesday March 10, 2015.  
Business Session Saturday March 14 10 AM  
\* Voting at KRES \* Business Session at Highway Garage \*

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## Bradford Natural Resources Inventory

Below is a condensation of Chapter 10 of the 2013 Bradford Natural Resource Inventory (NRI). The complete document (including maps and photographs) can be found at the Bradford Conservation Commission webpage: <http://www.bradfordnh.org/meeting-calendar/conservation-commission>

### Chapter 10 - Groundwater

All Bradford residents rely on groundwater or surface water for their drinking water. Bradford has no municipal water supply or septic services. Therefore, protecting groundwater is extremely important for the town and is listed as a priority in Bradford’s Master Plan.

#### 10.1 Aquifers

An aquifer is an underground repository from which significant amounts of groundwater can be extracted. Sand and gravel aquifers are glacial deposits that hold water between their particles, and are the most productive aquifers. Unfortunately, land over these aquifers tends to be favored for development because it is often relatively level and easily excavated. This is also the best location for sand and gravel operations, which can also affect the quality of the aquifers. In general, aquifers that have a greater potential for supplying water - because they transmit water easily - are also the most vulnerable to contamination, for exactly the same reason. The ‘Drinking Water Threats’ map (included in the complete NRI) shows the aquifers in Bradford, and threats to water quality that are known to New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES).

Bradford’s important aquifers occur in the northern part of town. The most accessible source of water for a potential future public water supply stretches from the western side of Lake Todd through to the southern inlet surface waters of Lake Massasecum. It underlies Route 103 and 114 in these areas where there is already significant development.

Aquifers are recharged, or refilled, by rainwater and snowmelt. There are many factors affecting this recharge including the presence and quality of plant cover, how much runs off as surface water to other water bodies, and how much impervious surface covers the aquifer.

#### 10.2 Public Water Supplies

As of February 2012, there are four public water supply sources in town: Bradford Elementary School, Fisherfield Townhouses, NFI School, and the Bradford Area Community Center. The NHDES has assessed the threats to, and vulnerability of, each of the public drinking water sources in Bradford. The resulting report, titled ‘Assessment of Public Water Supply Sources – Bradford’ can be found at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwspp/reports/documents/Bradford>.

In addition, there are a number of ‘transient water systems’, non-residential sources which annually serve 25 or more people for 60 days or more. These include:

- |                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Lake Massasecum Camp Piesale   | Pizza Chef/Dunkin Donuts |
| Bradford Junction (restaurant) | Kearsarge Fitness        |
| Bradford Town Hall             | Bradford Marketplace     |
| Appleseed Restaurant           | Brown Memorial Library   |

#### 10.3 Potential Contamination Sources

- Many types of activities pose potential threats to groundwater aquifers. These include:
- Any vehicle repair, storage, or restoration/painting.
- Inappropriate use of vehicle repair/restoration chemicals, paints; disposal of oils, fuels, etc. by homeowners.
- Locations of automobile reclamation yards or other ‘junk yards’.
- Businesses that handle or sell hazardous substances.
- Storage or use of road salt.
- Run off from highways that is contaminated by exhaust and other materials.
- Town transfer station.
- Agriculture - chemicals and animal manures.
- Homeowner careless use of herbicides, insecticides, fertilizers, etc.



# The First Baptist Church

Your Community Church

### Focus Factor

Youth leaders Vicky and Chuck Schubert are gearing up for a fun 2015. The youth group finished up the fall program spending time at Hal's woodworking shop, assisted living facilities, enjoying bonfires, helping with fundraisers, the food pantry and learning how God impacts our life in all we do.

**Thursday Night Bible study (Luke) 6:30 pm** in the church office building

### New—A Christian Yoga Class

Starting Friday, Jan. 23rd. 6-7 pm in the Friendship Room. Prayer Pose Flow Class with Knicole MacPherson. \$7-\$10 donation; child care provided. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat. Can't make it on Friday? Try Tuesday at 10:45-11:45 am in the church office building. For more details and reservations call (603) 340-8094.

**Evening Praise and Worship Service** February 11@ 7pm. Come and lift your voice at our contemporary and informal praise service.

**New Member Gathering:** get together to explore what the church is all about February 17 @ 6:00 pm.

**Book Discussion** of "Battlefield of the Mind" continuing every Monday evening at 6:30pm.

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#### Concord

The Gallery at The Craft Center and League of NH Craftsmen Headquarters Hosts Fine Craft Exhibition: Blue: The Sky's the Limit Jan 9 – Mar 20, 2015

Among the spectrum of colors, blue is the most popular, symbolizing trust, responsibility, wisdom, and tranquility. The latest League of NH Craftsmen fine craft exhibition celebrates the various hues, moods, and everything associated with the color blue.

The Gallery at The Craft Center and headquarters in the SMILE! building - 49 South Main Street in Concord is open Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, with extended hours on Thursdays until 7:00 pm, and Saturday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

#### Newbury

Winter Events at The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens, 456 Route 103A, Newbury, NH Wednesday, Feb 4, 1-3pm House Plant Hospital . Advance registration required.

Saturday, Feb 21, 1pm-2:30pm Snowshoe Adventure Walk for Families

Saturday, Feb 28, 9am-1pm Outdoor Hike: Winter Mammal Tracking Registration required. Co-sponsored by the Forest Society.

For information on any of these programs contact. The Fells at 603-763-4789 x3, or www.thefells.org.

#### North Sutton

Saturdays 2/14, 2/21, 3/7 and 3/21 from 1- 4pm. Kearsarge Regional Middle School

Do bees need school? No, but it's sure a big help to people who want to be beekeepers. Bee school sponsored by the Kearsarge Beekeepers' Association. 4 classes will teach about the life cycle of the honeybee, how the colony works together, how to manage the hive for honey production and much more. \$50 fee includes book. Call 863-4012 to pre-register.

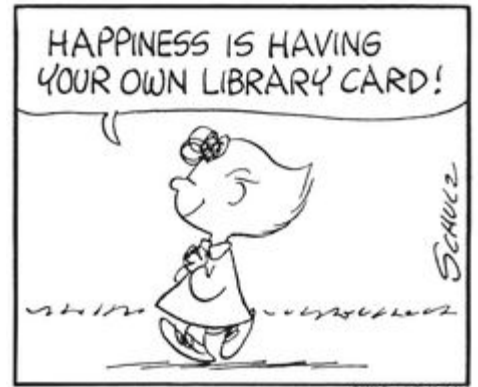
## Elementary



at Brown Memorial Library in Bradford Mondays 3:15 - 4:30 pm February - March 2015

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## Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

It is the time of year that we start thinking about "spring cleaning" and tackling some less-than-fun chores. We have many books missing from our shelves, so we are calling on everyone to check under the couch and behind the bed to see if any library books may be lurking there. We are declaring a month of amnesty (no fines, no finger wagging). The library would like to have our books back on the shelf, available for others to borrow.

Come in to the library to see the new art show organized by the Bradford Art Group. Local businessman Dan Pettiglio's paintings and cartoons make for a colorful and lively display on our "art wall". The show will be up for three months, enjoy!

FREE Elementary After-School Program. Every Monday in February and March from 3:15-4:30pm we will offer stories, games and more! Students may obtain a pass to take bus #12 directly to the library stop on West Main Street. Register at the library or by calling 938-5562.

New Hampshire's Wild History. Program sponsored by the Bradford Conservation Commission, Friday, February 6 at 7pm. Join us for this slide show on changes in New Hampshire's land and wildlife.

PJ Story Time. Wednesday, February 11 at 6:30pm. Wear your pajamas and bring your stuffie to our evening story time with Children's Librarian, Laurie Buchar. Snacks will be served.

Chess at the Library. Monday, February 16 from 6:30 to 8pm.

Library Book Discussion. Wednesday, February 18 at 7pm. This month we read a novel by Penelope Fitzgerald. A biography of the author was published in 2014 and there is a lot of "buzz" about her right now. *The Blue Flower* is hailed as her masterpiece. Discuss! Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk.

Some of the new books added in January:

Adults

*The Wolf in Winter* - John Connolly

*Hope to Die: the Return of Alex Cross* - James Patterson

*The Moor's Account* - Laila Lalami

*Winter at the Door: a novel* - Sarah Graves

*Redeployment* - Phil Klay

*Factory Man: how one furniture maker battled offshoring, stayed local- and helped save an American town* - Beth Macy

*Why Did the Chicken Cross the World?: the epic saga of the bird that powers civilization* - Andrew Lawler

Children & Teens

*The Young Elites* - Marie Lu

*The Book with no Pictures* - B.J. Novak

*Time for Bed, Fred* - Yasmeen Ismail



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**Q. You were born in Malta and at the age of one your you moved to England where you lived in Hampshire and Dorset. You attended "Lord Digby's School for Girls" in Dorset. Tell me about that? Did you continue there until you graduated?**

Digby was a day school. I was there until I was sixteen. It was very strict and very small. You had to pass an exam to get in. It was a state school with about 200 girls in the whole school.

**Q. You deferred going to college and instead decided to intern at the Savoy Hotel Group in London at age seventeen. Are you ever sorry that you made that decision? Did your time at Digby prepare you for a career in hotels and hospitality? You worked at some of the most prestigious hotels in London.**

My college scheme was going to focus on hotel management and I am sorry that I didn't follow that road, however the work at the hotels was fulfilling. I was working at Claridge's when Charles and Diana got married. That was a well kept secret.

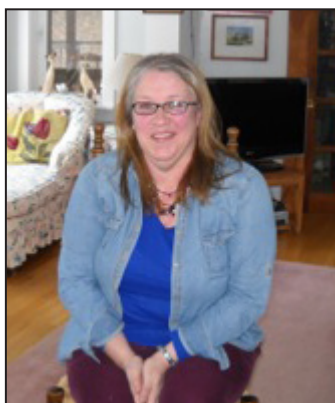
**Q. You met the man who would become your husband while working at a summer job at a U.S. Airbase in the Cotswolds in England. Tell me about that?**

When I met my husband he was an aircraft mechanic stationed

in the Cotswolds. We became engaged five months after we met and five months later we were married.

**Q. In 1989 you emigrated with your three month old son. You lived in Maryland and then New York where your daughter was born in 1993.**

My husband was working on the president's aircraft in Maryland then he transferred to the National Guard. He worked on the huge planes. Then he transferred to the private jets, He did the same type of work in New York.



**Q. Do you miss your life in England? What are some of the differences and similarities to life here and back in the UK? Were there opportunities to remain in England for both of you?**

At first I had trouble adjusting. I wasn't a very good military wife; it took a while to adjust. There were things that I missed and couldn't find here in the U.S. like my favorite tea and marmite. I always make a pot of tea and not a single cup, small things that I have adjusted to over time. There were more opportu-

nities for work in the States for my husband.

**Q. Your two children chose to live in this area. Jack and Molly attended Kearsarge schools.**

Jack followed in his father's footsteps. He is working at Newport airport as a mechanic. Molly recently graduated from Plymouth State. She is working as the athletic trainer at Kearsarge High School. She majored in athletic training at Plymouth State.

**Q. Your husband was offered a job at Manchester Airport. What helped you in your decision to move to Bradford? There are towns much closer to Manchester with less of a commute distance.**

We moved very quickly and had a few weeks to look at houses. Part of the decision was the school system. I came from a small village in England and the small town of Bradford appealed to both of us.

**Q. If you had the opportunity to do it all again would you change things? You filled your life with volunteer work. You are Secretary of the Friends of the Library, Secretary of the Bradford Historical Society and at the present time you fill in part time at the library.**

The answer to changing anything is that I wouldn't do that. I don't think that I would change anything. You make the best of your life.



*Natural Resources Inventory (cont from pg 4)*

Heavy equipment maintenance and repair.  
 Gravel pits - town and private.  
 Graveyards – formaldehyde is a toxic chemical.  
 Private underground oil storage tanks.  
 Faulty septic systems.  
 Snow removal (from parking lots and similar areas of high contaminants.)

The ubiquity of threats to groundwater emphasizes the necessity to conduct all these activities with great care, and with attention to environmental 'best practices'.

**10.4 Impervious Surfaces**

As a watershed is increasingly covered with pavement, buildings, and other surfaces that are impervious to water, significant changes in water quality and quantity result. Rainfall and snowmelt runs off more quickly into surface waters, carrying with it sediment and pollutants; flooding increases in frequency and severity.

The increase in impervious surface area is now the most serious threat to water quality in New Hampshire. Studies show that by converting as little as 10% of a watershed to impervious surfaces, water quality in streams begins to deteriorate noticeably.

**10.5 Recommendations**

In order to insure quality water for all residents and businesses, groundwater protection needs to be implemented now - before more sources of potential contamination are placed on the downtown aquifer. This is especially true if the town wishes to facilitate growth in institutional or commercial activity downtown, or ultimately establish a municipal water supply for the downtown area. The full Natural Resources Inventory document contains 11 specific recommendations to accomplish this, and lists numerous additional resources. (Please see the beginning of this article for accessing the full document.)

**Selectmen's Highlights**

**Fish & Game** At the request of Fritz Von Behren Selectmen waived the current use penalty fee on property purchased by Bradford Fish & Game.

**Town Hall** Selectmen approved preparation of a two-part RFP for selective demolition to be followed by a comprehensive demolition on the first floor.

**TAP Notice** was received from NHDOT that Bradford did not receive funding for sidewalks on West Main Street from this round of grant applications.

**Town Meeting** Selectmen voted to hold the adjourned business session of Town Meeting on Saturday March 14 at 10 AM at the Highway Garage.

*Minutes of all meetings are on file at the Town Office and online at [bradfordnh.org](http://bradfordnh.org).*



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### Mon. Feb. 2nd

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness  
1:00 PM - Bridge Group  
3:30-4:30 PM - Library After-School Program, BML  
4:00 PM - Water Coloring Class  
5:30 PM - Selectmen meet

### Tues. Feb. 3rd

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart  
12:00 Noon - Senior Dining  
1:00 PM - Watercolor Class

### Wed. Feb. 4th

4:00 PM - Special Group 5  
6:00 PM - Yoga  
6:30 PM - Budget Committee  
7:00 PM - BUDGET HEARING  
7:00 PM - Zoning Board

### Thurs. Feb. 5th

12 Noon - Senior Dining  
1:00 PM - Mahjong Group  
5:30 PM - Cub Scouts  
7:00 PM - TH Restoration Building Sub-committee

### Fri. Feb. 6th

8:00- Noon - Planning Board Office  
8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness  
11:30 AM - First Friday Brunch raffle, door prizes, music  
1:00 PM - Mahjong Group  
7:00 PM - NH Wild History program, BML

### Mon. Feb. 9th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness  
1:00 PM - Bridge Group  
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4:00 PM - Water Coloring Class  
5:30 PM - Selectmen meet  
7:00 PM - BOND HEARING  
7:00 PM - Rural Heritage Connection

### Tues. Feb. 10th

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart Quilters  
12 Noon - Senior Dining  
7:00 PM - Planning Board

### Wed. Feb. 11th

6:00 PM - Yoga  
6:30 PM - Budget Committee  
6:30 PM - PJ Story Time, BML  
7:00 PM - Second BUDGET HEARING If necessary

### Thurs. Feb. 12th

12 Noon - Senior Dining  
1:00 PM - Mahjong Group  
4:30 PM - BACC/P&R Committees  
7:00 PM - TH Restoration Building Sub-committee

### Fri. Feb. 13th

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

### Sat. Feb. 14th

**Happy Valentines' Day!!**

### Mon. Feb. 16th

**Presidents' Day Holiday  
Senior Center Closed  
No Meals on Wheels or Bus**  
3:30-4:30 PM - Library After-School Program, BML  
4:00 PM - Water Coloring Class  
5:30 PM - Selectmen meet  
6:30-8:00 PM - Chess, BML

### Tues. Feb. 17th

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart Quilters  
12 Noon - Senior Dining  
1:00 PM - Watercolor Class

### Wed. Feb. 18th

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

### Thurs. Feb. 19th

10:30- Noon - B.P. Clinic - LSVNA  
12 Noon - Senior Dining  
HealthSouth's Jessalyn Lakowicz  
1:00 PM - Mahjong Group  
5:30 PM - Cub Scouts  
7:00 PM - Town Hall Restoration

### Fri. Feb. 20th

8:00- Noon - Planning Board Office  
8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness  
9:30-11:30 AM Foot Care Clinic LSVNA at North Ridge  
Call for appt. at 526-4077  
10:00 AM - Friday at the Movies: *Sleepless in Seattle*  
12 Noon- Senior Dining  
1:00 PM - Mahjong Group

### Sat. Feb. 21st

10:00- Noon - McNeil Baby Shower

### Mon. Feb. 23rd

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness  
1:00 PM - Bridge  
3:30-4:30 PM - Library After-School Program, BML  
4:00 PM - Water Coloring Class  
5:30 PM - Selectmen meet

### Tues. Feb. 24th

9:30-11:30 Foot Care clinic Warner Pharmacy. For appt. call 526-4077  
10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart Quilters

12 Noon - Senior Dining  
1:00 PM - Mahjong Group  
7:00 PM - Planning Board

### Wed. Feb. 25th

10:30 AM - 12 Noon BP Clinic Warner Senior Room - LSVNA  
11:00 AM - Noon - Cartooning Workshop, BML  
6:00 PM - Yoga  
6:30 PM - Budget Committee

### Thurs. Feb 26th

12 Noon - Senior Dining  
1:00 PM - Mahjong Group  
7:00 PM - TH Restoration Building Sub-committee

### Fri. Feb. 27th

8:00- Noon - Planning Board Office  
8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness

### Sat. Feb. 28th

Snowshoe hike - Aiken Town Forest  
Call 938-2637 to register

### Mon. March 2nd

6:00 PM - Fund Raiser  
Spaghetti Dinner, Appleseed

*For the MVSC call Phil at  
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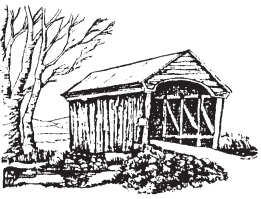
*To schedule rooms at the BACC  
call Jim Valiquet at 938-2522*

All events take place at the Bradford Area Community Center (938-6228) or the Mountain View Senior Center (938-2104) unless otherwise noted. Please call to confirm dates and times in case there has been a change to the submitted information.



### 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



## How Far Do We Go?

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While visiting my daughter Camila and son-in-law Nick Devlin during the holidays, they showed me a feature of your great community publication where people send photos showing how far The Bradford Bridge has travelled. And so here is a photo of your newspaper from Hong Kong taken a few days ago. In the background is Hong Kong's Central District with the landmark Bank of China building (with the big antennas) and a little bit of Victoria Harbor.



I would venture to guess that this is the farthest The Bradford Bridge has ever travelled!!

All the best, Alexander Indorf

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- Children's Storytime - Mondays 10am Pre-school, Wednesdays 10am Toddlers 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, open by appointment  
only during the winter. Please call 938-2078
- 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

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## Annual Meeting

**Thursday, February 26, 2015, 4:00 p.m.**  
**Wilmot Community Center**  
 64 Village Road, Wilmot, NH

- **Meet our new CEO, James Culhane!**
- **2014 In Review**
- **Awards**



### **Dr. Kristi Saunders, Speaker**

*"Choices for Care and Quality of Life As We Age"*

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*RSVP to Cathy Raymond*

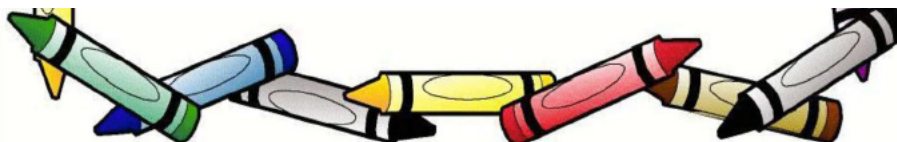
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### **Cartooning Workshop at BML**



Kids of all ages are invited to Brown Memorial Library for a cartooning workshop during February vacation. On Wednesday February 25 from 11am – noon, led by Dan Pettiglio, local former professional wrestler and cartoonist. His artwork is on display at the library.

Call 938-5562 for more information.

### **Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition 2015 Winter Hikes**

The SRK Greenway Coalition winter hikes are free to the public. 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. For SRKGC information go to [www.srkg.com](http://www.srkg.com)

#### FEBRUARY HIKES:

Feb 7 (Sat) North Sutton: If Mother Nature cooperates this will be a XC ski tour of the old King Ridge ski area in Sutton, off SRKG trail #13. Ever look for avalanche terrain on King Hill? (M) Contact: Nathan Richer (763-2127)

Feb 14 (Sat) South Sutton: Cross over the Lane River in South Sutton for an exploration of lowlands forests, river edge, glacial erratics and who knows what. (E) Contact: Henry Howell (938-5706)

Feb 21 (Sat) East Andover: Frank Baker, skilled outdoorsman, will lead us on a snow shoe exploration to special spots. Up to 5 miles of back trails and wanders. (M) Contact: Lee Carvalho (735-5719)

Feb 28 (Sat) Bradford: a snow-shoe hike among hills for views at Aiken Pasture. Depending on snow levels either (E) or (M). Contact: George Beaton (938-2637)

#### MARCH:

Mar 7 (Sat) Newbury and Goshen: Snowshoe to Lucia's Lookout on Sunapee-Pillsbury Ridge from Andrew Brook Trail and Lake Solitude in Newbury. (D) Contact: Gerry Gold (526-2857)

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.

## 2015 Market Update

by Laura Hallahan



The new year brings with it improved opportunities for buyers, especially first-time buyers, to purchase a home this year, something President Obama mentioned in his sixth State of the Union speech on January 20th. He framed his speech around a theme he called “middle class economics,” which is intended to lift up working families across the country. As the economy is seeing sustained job growth, an improved stock market, and lower gas prices, here are some of the positive signs to note:

A cut in the FHA insurance premium took effect at the end of January and reflects a 50 basis point reduction in the annual mortgage insurance premium, from 1.35 percent to 0.85 percent, which would save home owners an average of \$900 a year or \$80 a month in fees.

Mortgage rates continue to remain well below expectations, staying around 4 percent for at least the first two quarters. Mid-January saw a 20-month low with a national average of 3.66 percent for a 30-year fixed-rate and the 15-year rate plunged to 2.98 percent. New home purchase applications are up 3 percent from last year. In addition, Fannie Mae is once again offering mortgages with down payments as little as 3 percent, something that went away when the mortgage crisis hit. Low rates are also driving another wave of refinancing, with mortgage applications for refinancing up 63 percent year to year.

Home prices are expected to rise by 3.5 percent this year along with continued improvement in construction activity.

Small businesses expect to raise employee compensation to the highest level since 2006.

Some economists are skeptical on whether this latest uptick will stick around for the entire year, however, influenced by unexpected weaknesses in the global economy as well as what the Federal Reserve does with mortgage rates in the second half of the year. On balance, though, there are a lot of positive opportunities in the U.S. economy at the start of 2015 and Freddie Mac’s chief economist hopes households and businesses will seize these opportunities while they are available.

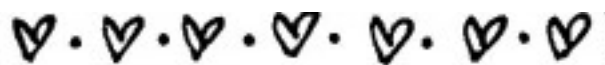
### Recent Sales in Bradford

369 Center Road, 1998 Cape on 2.80 acres for \$225,000 (foreclosure)

211 County Road, 1800 Cape on 43.0 acres for \$237,500

Lot 41 Rowe Mountain Road, 56.10 acres of raw land for \$60,000

There are 21 active and 5 pending residential listings ranging in price from \$69,900 to \$335,700, 24 active and 0 pending land listings ranging in price from \$29,900 to \$390,000, 4 active and 0 commercial listings ranging in price from \$175,000 to \$850,000 and 0 active and 0 pending multi-family listings in Bradford. One pending residential listing is a foreclosure or short sale.



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## Kearsarge Chamber Holds Annual Meeting

A good crowd of business professionals turned out for the annual meeting of the Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce, and enjoyed refreshments and networking with one another. New board members installed for the upcoming year are: President: Patrick Miller of Eastern Propane Oil; President-elect: Cheryl Johnson of The Maples at Warner; Secretary: Barbara Lassonde of Granite Publicity & Promotion; Treasurer: Mike Ayotte; Directors: Lynne Haney of Residential Mortgage Services; Mary Watts and Dan Watts of Dimentech.

goal, with over 10% signed up that night.

Just a few months ago, the Chamber was on the verge of dissolving, but now shows a renewed vitality. The Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce covers the towns of Andover, Bradford, Contoocook, Danbury, Henniker, Salisbury, Sutton, Warner, Webster and Wilmot. Anyone conducting business in those towns is welcome to join. A membership application is available on the Chamber's website: [www.kearsargechamber.org](http://www.kearsargechamber.org).

President Miller shared his vision for the Chamber, which will include monthly Business After Hours programs beginning in February, and a Business Showcase in April. He also encouraged each member to bring in at least one new member to reach a 33% growth rate. The group is well on its way to reaching that

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## New Hampshire's Wild History: 350 years of New Hampshire Wildlife



The Conservation Commission will be hosting a presentation by Bill Dawson for 'Speaking for Wildlife', a program created by UNH Cooperative Extension, NH Coverts Project, and NH Fish and Game. It will be an entertaining slide show that will take you on a virtual journey through New Hampshire's past. Focusing on changes in the land and how wildlife populations have responded over time, it will explain why some species became rarer and why others have become more abundant.

Most of the landscape in the mid 1800s was open agricultural land. After the Civil War, many of the fields grew to pine - how did this affect the wildlife? Long time Bradford resident Tilly Wheeler related that she never saw moose, turkey, bear, beaver or coyote when she was growing up here in the 1920s. She was however, familiar with whip-poorwills, nighthawks, meadowlarks and bobolink, birds that are uncommon today. So much change in one long lifetime.

Free to the public, this talk will be held at 7pm on Friday, February 6 at the Brown Memorial Library. In case of really bad weather, this presentation will happen on Friday, February 20th, same time and place. Funding for 'Speaking for Wildlife' is provided by the NH Charitable Foundation and the Davis Environmental Foundation.

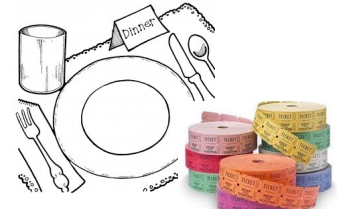
## Snowshoe Hike at Aiken Town Forest Sponsored by Bradford Conservation Commission



From the steep sides of Jericho Hill, to a low forest of hemlock giants, the Aiken Town Forest is a spectacular 136 acre gem hidden in the southern part of Bradford. It is infrequently visited by humans (because it has no road access), but is rich in moose, deer, bear, and other wildlife. It is owned by the Town of Bradford and protected by a conservation easement held by the Ausbon Sargent Land Protection Trust.

On Saturday, February 28th, Conservation Commission member George Beaton will lead a snowshoe trek across the Aiken Town Forest. This hike will be around two miles in length, and is sure to provide plenty of opportunities for wildlife tracking, photographs, and enjoying nature's winter wonders. Please call George at 938-2637 to register for this event, and to learn meeting arrangements.

## Fundraising Dinner and Raffle for Local Teen



A spaghetti and meatball dinner to benefit a local teen struggling with leukemia will be held on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 6:00 pm at The Applesseed Restaurant. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 and under. There will be three seatings for the meal; at 6:00 pm, 6:45 pm and 7:30 pm.

It is recommended that tickets be purchased in advance. However, there will be tickets available at the door. Tickets may be purchased at the Bradford Police Dept, the Bradford Selectman's Office and the Sunapee Police Dept. Dinner will be served by Bradford Police Officers and Parks and Rec Committee members.

A raffle will be held as well. All proceeds from the evening will go directly to the family to assist with medical expenses.

This event is sponsored by The Appleseed Restaurant, the Bradford Police Department and Bradford Parks & Recreation. Call the Bradford Police Dept at 938-2522 for more information.



## Obituaries

### Melanie Lynn Fleming Carpenter,

41 passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, December 30, 2014.

Melanie was born on December 21, 1973 in the state of Washington. She was a graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School class of 1992, in Sutton. Melanie and her husband resided in Concord. Melanie was an avid reader and writer and every once in a while she would use her talents and write a story. She loved her family and friends very much.

Melanie was predeceased by her mother, Jeannine Fleming and is survived by her husband Donald Carpenter of Concord, her father, Henry W. Fleming Sr. of Bradford, sisters Kari Sparrow and her husband of VA, and Marijo Fleming Varney and her husband of Keene, and brothers Henry W Fleming Jr and his wife of FL, and Scott Fleming and his wife of MA. Additional family members include many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews as well as great nieces and nephews living around the country.

Memorial Services were held in Concord in January. In lieu of flowers, it is requested that donations be sent to the ASPCA. Melanie will be buried in the spring in her family's plot in Bradford.

**Joan (Nelson) Peterke,** 85, former long-time resident of Bradford, died early in December at the Rockingham County Nursing Home. Joan, daughter of the late Dewey Nelson and Ruth (Burckes) Nelson spent her early years in Massachusetts (and summers in Bradford) graduating from Wellesley High School, Lasalle Junior College and the Massachusetts School of Art. Joan was a dedicated teacher and humanitarian, teaching in the West Hartford, CT schools for several years, spending summers in Appalachia teaching art to children in poverty, working at Care in Boston and throughout her life, to the extent she could, giving help to others through the Red Cross and various social service organizations. Joan was also devoted to the Montessori teaching method and provided private home schooling to children as well as doing substitute teaching for many years.

She was pre-deceased by a son Erhardt and is survived by other sons, Reiner of Holland, Detmar of California and Hamlin of Michigan and siblings, Barbara McCartney of Bradford, David of Laramie and Robert of Sutton. She is also survived by four

grandchildren and twelve nieces and nephews of whom, Alan McCartney and Janet Bauer are Bradford residents.

Joan was a productive and talented artist, storyteller and poet whose works warmed the hearts of those who knew of them. Joan is remembered by her warm smile, her gentle demeanor, her sense of humor and her kindness toward all.

A memorial service will be held by the family in the summer.

### Lynn D. Sullivan,

93, died January 21, 2014 at Pleasant View Healthcare Center in Concord after a long illness. Lynn served in the Women's Army Corps. She was employed by the State Department in Washington, DC and was sent to Italy.

She was predeceased by her husband, Richard and a son, Donald and is survived by a son, Richard M. Sullivan II of CA, sister Elinor Harris of Warner and nephew Delbert Harris III of Bradford. Lynn was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bradford..

A graveside service will be held in Sunny Plain Cemetery in Bradford in the spring. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, PO Box 404, Bradford, NH 03211.

## Not In Vain

If I can stop one heart from breaking,  
I shall not live in vain;  
If I can ease one life the aching, or cool one pain,  
or help one fainting robin unto his nest again,  
I shall not live in vain.

*Emily Dickinson*



**Valentine 's Day** *unleashes feelings of romance and poetry. We are fortunate to have permission from our neighbor, Ellen Hersh, to reprint a wonderful tribute to her life with Burton Hersh. Happy Valentine's Day.*



### **Blind Date** *Ellen Hersh*

You didn't like me much on our blind date,  
Frowning at your glass and hunching shoulders,  
No idea you'd be my future husband,  
Free floating then, still unattached to me,  
Right then I felt a forceful taking stock:  
Centers of your eyes betrayed your feeling.

Smiling with your eyes you asked my feeling.  
And then you asked me for a second date.  
And I demurring stood up to take stock,  
Turned away and looked beyond your shoulders.  
Though I said no you still went out with me.  
Then I never dreamt you'd be my husband.

Three years later you became my husband.  
Exchanging vows, how we indulged our feelings.  
You promised to protect and cherish me.  
I the lady, you the ex-blind date  
With Army patches on admired shoulders  
My parents had expected more a stock

Or Eastern seaboard bond man to add stock  
To ours and play the bright young husband,  
Carry little children on strong shoulders,  
Contribute to our line support and feeling.  
Preoccupied, oblivious to time and date,  
Free-lancing, you moved far away with me.

We lived a while in Europe, you and me.  
No cares or kids or bonds or stocks,  
Rhine wine and waiting for the discharge date,  
Glad I had accepted you as husband.  
Such intense love was overwhelming. Feel  
My nestled head on your supportive shoulders?

More now seems to rest upon our shoulders.  
It often overwhelms the me  
Whose children rouse predictable strong feeling,  
Continuation of the merger stock,  
Joined randomly my fifty-six year husband,  
First met on that auspiciously blind date.

On that first date, when you talked to me,  
Embracing my shoulder, taking quick stock,  
Did you opt for husband, commitment and feeling?

The book, *Uncapping the Chimney*, is available at Main Street Book Ends in Warner, Gibson's in Concord, and on Amazon. It can also be obtained from the publisher, Finishing Line Press, in Georgetown, Kentucky. Directly from the publisher turns out to be expensive in terms of postage, and very slow.



### **Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hos- pice Selects New CEO**

Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice, founded in 1970 and serving the Lake Sunapee and Upper Valley regions of New

Hampshire, proudly announces the selection of James "Jim" Culhane as the agency's next President and CEO.

Jim, who holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of New Hampshire and a Master of Social Work from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, comes to us with more than 12 years of relevant health and home care experience. He excels at program development, performance improvement and relationship building and brings proven strength in the areas of team leadership, finance, communication and customer service. "During the interview process Jim was well-informed about Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice and had obvious respect for our agency's strong reputation and community support" said Deb Johnson, Search Committee Chair. "We are excited to have someone with his experience and enthusiasm join our team".

A skilled and well-rounded health care professional, Jim has been a case manager, clinical manager, hospice manager and hospital liaison. He has held leadership positions at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital, Concord Regional VNA and, most recently, the Visiting Nurse Association of Manchester and Southern NH where he served as Director of Home Care, Hospice and Personal Services. He also serves on community boards and committees including the Home Care Association of New Hampshire.

"As healthcare continues to change, with a focus on moving services out of the hospital and into the community, Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice is well-positioned to continue to meet the needs of the many towns it serves. I am thrilled to join such a dedicated team and to be part of a well-respected organization that is an integral and valued part of the community." shared Jim.

Jim's official start date is February 2, 2015. An informal "Meet and Greet" open house will be held for the community on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 from 3:00-5:00 pm at Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice, 107 Newport Road, New London. For information please contact Cathy Raymond at 603-526-4077 or [craymond@lakesunapeevna.org](mailto:craymond@lakesunapeevna.org).





## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

To all who might be interested in our new greenhouse – mentioned in the Dec. issue of the Bridge and for anyone having driven past our home on 114 – here is information where you can both apply for the funding and obtain the kit to create the structure. As mentioned in the Bridge article, this is a federal grant program managed by the US Dept. of Agriculture through their local offices. The contact for Merrimack and Hillsborough Counties is:

United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Services  
10 Ferry Street, Suite 211 Concord, NH 03301 Phone: 603-223-6029

Here is the place we ordered the kit with which to build it. They deliver and give great advice: <http://www.ledgewood->

farm.com. The owner's name is Ed and he does the deliveries. There is also a very good PowerPoint presentation on that site instructing owners how to construct the structure.

Just so you know, you have to lay out the funds and once you get the building up, the staff comes out to check to be sure you are in compliance with your contract. No big deal for sure. Once they OK it, they direct deposit the funds into your bank account. Overall size is how they calculate the grant amount. Each year the requirements are a bit different. I believe it's a "grow as you learn" concept on their part which I both agree with and support. If anyone wants to chat about this with us, just give a call: 938-2401.

Thanks,  
Sue McKevitt

### BELIEVE IT OR NOT:

The taxpayers are again being asked to pass warrants for a building worth about \$400,000. This building was a one story moved to Main Street from Rowe Mtn. Rd as school house - not as a town hall.

The town offices would average three people a day Monday through Thursday. Friday only one person. The building would be heated for three people or less with no police.

Taxpayers are asked to raise around \$1 million for: new septic, sprinklers, a basement,

elevator, new architect, etc. Last year they asked for and got \$95,000. to fix the roof and sundries. Ask where, with proof, this money was used. Please vote NO on any warrant pertaining to this building.

Does any of this makes sense? Selectmen have to convince us it is the right way to move forward. Ask who does what. Ask why this project is so important to Bradford. I believe the current committee should be disbanded with a new committee (with the selectmen taking a more prominent role) to find other means of funding the project. Ask the committee how much money has been raised and who is responsible for it. How many accounts. Ask why it important to have town offices there. Give us an accounting.

The tax payers, only 25% of whom pay full taxes, will be responsible for this debt. The other 75% claim Current Use paying less taxes. Think about your tax bill.

Vote with a clear conscience that you're thinking of the town as a whole. This is a grandiose warrant.

Jane Johnsen

**Just a  
reminder...**



### **Budget Hearings**

**Wed. Feb 4th @ 7pm  
Wed Feb 11th @ 7pm**

### **Bond Hearing**

**Mon Feb 9th @ 7pm**

### **Town Meeting**

**Tuesday, Mar 10th Voting  
8am-7pm @KRES  
Saturday, Mar 14th Business  
Session 10am @Highway Garage**

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## New Library Exhibit

A new exhibit, *Cartoons by Dan Pettiglio*, opened in the library in January. Illustrator Pettiglio has worked for many years as a freelance illustrator in comics and advertising. He is a retired professional wrestler who now owns and runs a fitness center in Bradford.

Dan is a graduate of the Killer Kowalski Institute of Professional Wrestling. During his nine year career, he competed against the likes of Hulk Hogan, Tor Kamata, Ken Patera, the Wild Samoans and the Iron Sheik. He held the N.E.W.F Heavyweight title and in Tag Team competition was a co-holder of the I. W. F. World Tag Team Title with Richard Byrne. He also shared the Canadian Tag Team Belts with Mike Shaw.

Dan graduated from the Joe Kubert School of Cartoon and Graphic Art. Free copies of his comic book, *Pro Wrestling's True Facts* that features Gorgeous George among other wrestling legends are available in the library.

Dan's visual storytelling exhibition will continue into April in Brown Memorial Library, 78 West Main Street, Bradford, NH. Library hours are: Mon: 10 - 8; Wed: 10 - 7; Sat: 10 - 3; and Sun: 11 - 3.



## Blitzer Property Protected by Ausbon Sargent Conservation Easement



In December, 2014 The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) closed on four new properties, adding 160 acres spread through four of the twelve towns that they serve. This is an incredible boost to their conservation efforts, but even more exciting is that there are at least three more properties that are very near to closing.

A Bradford property that ASLPT helped to protect is the Blitzer Conservation Easement located on Center Road. In 1999, Dr. John and Amy Blitzer donated a conservation easement on their 148-acre tree farm in Bradford, insuring that it will remain a working forest forever. John passed away in 2004, but Amy maintained her passion for protecting important land. On December 17, 2014, Amy donated a second easement of approximately 41 acres on Center Road in Bradford. This new property has extensive frontage on Center Road, offers a well-managed forest, and is currently used to graze cattle. The property protects valuable forestry and agricultural soils. There is a pond on the property that supports native amphibians and fish and associated wetlands that offer important habitat for many species. The land is near over 325 acres of conserved land including the Battles Farm. This Blitzer property now protects over 1,860 feet of frontage on Bradford's Center Road. The easement insures that the land will remain open for public access to low impact outdoor recreation and it has a trail network in place.

Regarding her decision to donate this new 41-acre property to Ausbon Sargent, Amy says, "Our experience with Ausbon Sargent has been very positive. When I decided to donate [easement] to a land trust, it seemed logical to contact Ausbon Sargent. They are also protecting several other areas in Bradford. With my land there is almost an unbroken corridor for animals." Ausbon Sargent feels very fortunate to have landowners like Amy Blitzer who share their interest in preserving the rural landscape of this area.

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Ausbon Sargent is a non-profit land trust whose mission is to help preserve the rural landscape of the 12 towns it serves in the Mt. Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee region.

## The Importance of Composting



You will be surprised at all of the ingredients that can fill a kitchen composting bucket in a day. Imagine: potato peels, coffee grounds & filters, carrot tops, pieces of bread crusts, orange rinds, apple cores, houseplant prunings, teabags, egg shells, and lots, lots more! Any organic item that residents discard in their garbage disposals (which adds solid waste to septic systems) or in their household trash (which adds weight to the contents of the compactor that the town of Bradford must pay to have hauled away) can be collected for composting at home.

About 10 pounds of organic kitchen waste per week added to compost bins outside will generate about 500 pounds of composted materials in a year. This composted material returns nutrients to the soil, thereby making the soil richer and more productive for the next growing season. The Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center accepts organic kitchen waste for composting, and town residents are welcome to get composted materials for their gardening needs. Composting serves to save tax dollars, as well as enrich our local soils.

Ken and I will be glad to offer information and tips on composting and we can order compost bins for residents.

Lois Kilnapp, Manager

# SAVE THESE DATES

### Public Hearing Dates

Budget Hearing Wednesday February 4th @7 PM Youth Room BACC

Second Hearing (if necessary) Wednesday February 11th @ 7 PM

Bond Hearing Monday February 9th @ 7 PM Youth Room BACC

### Town Meeting Dates

Tuesday March 10th Voting for Town Officers 8 AM – 7 PM – KRES Bradford

Saturday March 14th – Town Meeting – Adjourned Business session 10 AM – Highway Garage  
(Note change of day for this session)