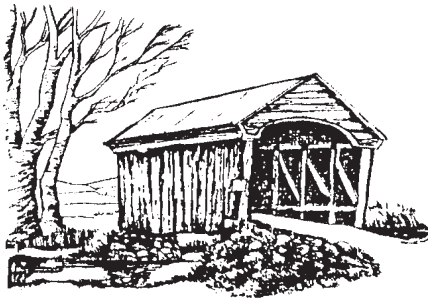


THE Bradford Bridge

COMMUNITY NEWS FOR NEIGHBORS BY NEIGHBORS

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Town Meeting Dates

10 QUESTIONS

by Phyllis Wilcox

Saturday March 7 10 AM – NOON Bradford Area Community Center
Coffee with the Candidates – Meet them and ask your questions

Tuesday March 10 8AM – 7 PM KRES-Bradford
First Session of Town Meeting
Polls open to vote for Town Officers

Saturday March 14 10 AM – Highway Garage
Adjourned Business Session of Town Meeting

There will be no parking at the garage except for handicapped and elderly. Beginning at 9 AM buses will pick up voters at the elementary school, the post office and the parking area at the intersection of East Main Street and Route 103 (Pizza Chef). Buses will make the rounds to pick up walkers. The parking ban on Main Street has been lifted by the Selectmen for the duration of the meeting.

This month we met with Camila Devlin who arrived in Bradford with her family in 2013. She brings an interesting and varied background to our small town. She grew up primarily in Massachusetts and was raised by a single father. Her father was born in Venezuela. They spent time in South America and the Caribbean. She looks back on her early life as very happy and interesting. She has three half siblings. Her path to Bradford has not been dull or boring. Her dad was a student when she was born and went on to become an environmental engineer. Camila and her husband met in Boston where they were both involved playing in small bands and actually lived on the same block. They still have music in their lives. They spent four years in Savannah, Georgia where Nick was enlisted in Army Special Operations. After several years of living in large cities they decided to leave the city life and settle back in New England to raise their family. Camila looks back on her early years as a happy and interesting time, but they both wanted a different environment for their family and found Bradford as their destination.

Winter of 2015 -- So Far



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Selectmen's Office Hours 938-5900

Mon - Thurs: 7:30 am - 5:00 pm
Friday: 7:30 am - noon
Selectmen meet every Monday
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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
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Town offices are temporarily
located at BACC

From the Editor

Several years after we moved back to New Hampshire (forty years ago). I overheard a discussion of the then current winter. The comment was made, "Well, every year is different." That has been true and no more so than this year. The continual snow storms don't appear willing to give up and even the most dedicated winter lovers must be running out of places to put their snow. As long as it stays cold, the snow stays light and easier to move.

Surprisingly even with the severe cold, birds have begun to sing spring songs. Do they respond more to the longer daylight than to the temperature? They do manage to empty the bird feeder every day.

If you are suffering from cabin fever, check The Bridge calendar for some indoors activity away from home. Try the Matroyshka Nested Doll Painting workshop, sponsored by the Historical Society at the Tin Shop, the Seed Swap or Feasting from Literature, both at Brown Memorial Library or the St. Patrick's Day Party or the Friday movie at the Community Center.

Join your neighbors to meet the candidates for Town offices. Then really get involved with your Town by voting followed by attending the business session of Town Meeting at the spacious Highway Garage. Enjoy sandwiches, cookies and other treats provided by Marge Cilley, Sandy Paul and many of Bradford's finest cooks that will be sold as part of the fund-raising for Town Hall restoration.

At Town Meeting, consider carefully your vote on the bond to pay for a major portion of the Town Hall restoration. This year the bond requested is lower than in the past, work is being done by local contractors, the project is being directed by Town residents, and interest rates are as low as they will be for a long time to come. This is the year and your vote is important.

Think Spring.

Marcia Keller,
Co-Editor

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Official Ballot – Kearsarge Regional School District Annual School District Election, March 10, 2015

Question 1 To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the Municipal Budget Committee’s recommended amount of \$39,927,378 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the District. The School Board recommends \$39,927,378. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. This warrant article asks the voters to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, the salaries of School District Officials and Agents, and for the statutory obligations of said District, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State sources, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the Selectmen of each of the Towns of Bradford, New London, Newbury, Springfield, Sutton, Warner, and Wilmot, the amount to be raised by taxation by said towns. (School Board Recommends 8-0) (Municipal Budget Committee Recommends 7-1) Vote {X} for only one: A or B

- A. \$39,927,378 for the proposed Operating Budget recommended by the School Board
- B. \$39,927,378 for the proposed Operating Budget recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee

Question 2 To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost item included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Kearsarge Regional School Board and the Para Educators Association of Kearsarge which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
2015-16	\$143,300
2016-17	\$147,739

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$143,300 for the 2015-16 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. (School Board Recommends 8-0) (Municipal Budget Committee Recommends 8-0)

Question 3 To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) to be placed in the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund, established in 2008 within the provisions of RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of emergency funding of unforeseen Special Education costs incurred by the District, with such amount to be funded from surplus funds remaining on hand as of June 30, 2015. (School Board Recommends 8-0) (Municipal Budget Committee Recommends 8-0)

Question 4 To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to one hundred thousand (\$100,000) to be placed in the School Buildings Maintenance Fund for the purpose of repair, unanticipated utility costs, and maintaining the school buildings and equipment, with such amount to be funded from surplus funds remaining on hand as of June 30, 2015. (School Board Recommends 8-0) (Municipal Budget Committee Recommends 8-0)

For Moderator for 1 Year: (Vote for One)
Brackett L. Scheffy.....
(WRITE IN)

Note from Andrew Pinard, Bradford’s School Board Rep. There are elections (one position each) to the School Board in the following towns: Newbury, Springfield, and Warner. Dan Wolf is not running again and chaired his final school board meeting. The district has been fortunate to have his leadership for eleven years.

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Local Students Working to Name State's Fossil

New Hampshire has never had an official state fossil, but that may change thanks to the fourth graders from our Bradford Elementary School. On Tuesday, February 17th, four student representatives and three college professors spoke in support of HB 113 – the legislative service request that asks that the American Mastodon be designated as our state's official state fossil. Thanks to the support of State Representatives David Borden, Tom Sherman and State Senator Nancy Stiles, this request was brought before Executive Departments and Administration committee. The committee vote is scheduled for March 3rd. HB113 designates the mastodon as the official state fossil.

How did this legislature come into existence? In October of 2013 third graders from the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School at Bradford were learning about fossils. They discovered that New Hampshire does not have an official state fossil and wanted to change that. The students wrote a letter to UNH Professor Will Clyde and Dartmouth Professor Gary Johnson asking for their advice. The professors gave the class three potential options: brachiopods, mammoths or mastodons. The American mastodon was voted for unanimously by the students after they did some research on each type of fossil.

Why not the brachiopod or the mammoth? The students felt that the brachiopods, being smaller and much older fossil, were not as interesting. The mammoth, although an intriguing option, was the official state fossil of four other states at the time of their vote, and the mastodon was the state fossil of only one other state – Michigan. Also, a mastodon tooth and part of a jawbone was recently found in excellent condition off the coast of Rye, NH by some fishermen.

After writing a letter seeking assistance from state legislators, Representatives Borden and Sherman responded immediately with a strong desire to help. Rep. Borden has since visited the students three times to encourage and educate the current fourth graders of the process of state legislation. Professors Clyde and Johnson have been in consistent contact with the class, and more recently UNH Professor Wally Bothner has been advocating for the students' request as well.



*Student Sabian Griffin
addressing the Committee*



Above: Front Row L to R - Professor Gary Johnson from Dartmouth, 3rd Grade Teacher Thom Smith (me), 4th grade students Maya Corbyn, Davis West, Lily Cicoria and Sabian Griffin; Back Row L to R: UNH Professor Wally Bothner, UNH Professor Will Clyde, Bradford Elementary School Principal Jim Spadaro

The students' quest for an official state fossil has also created a wave of publicity in the local media. Newspapers such as the Portsmouth Herald, Concord Monitor, Nashua Telegraph and the Union Leader have reported on the students' endeavor. New Hampshire Public Radio did a broadcast on the quest for an official state fossil.

No matter the outcome, the students of Bradford Elementary School have shown tremendous grit and enthusiasm in making sure their voices are heard. From my perspective as their teacher and as a participant in this process, I strongly believe the American mastodon has a very good chance of being named our state's official fossil. The professors and students have put forth an extremely convincing case in favor of the mastodon. Time will tell!

Thom Smith
Third Grade Teacher
Bradford Elementary School

Selectmen Highlights

Feasting From Literature

Think about all the times you have been engrossed in the pages of a novel. You join the characters and become a part of the scene, the setting and all that is taking place. You can be lost in your novel for hours when the author inserts a snack, a meal, or a culinary description that starts your mouth watering. Wouldn't you love to know what the characters are tasting?

Join The Creative Feast's Liz Barbour for a delicious exploration of her favorite recipes discovered hidden in novels she has read. Following Liz's discussion will be a cooking demonstration and sampling of two delicious recipes for all to taste. Add in Liz's easy cooking technique tips and you are on your way to creating great meals you can prepare at home.

Join us at Brown Memorial for this fun program on Thursday, March 26 at 6:30pm Free and open to all, but seating is limited. For information call 938-5562.

Appointment: Sandra Paul as Supervisor of the Checklist

Bradford Revolving Loan Fund: Chris Way presented update of the revitalized board, which is looking to define utility- currently functioning only in a marketing capacity and would like to contribute beyond that.

2015 Independence Day Committee: expressed concern over fireworks cost increase of \$2000 from last year. Questions of fundraising alternatives and potential advertising conflicts were discussed. Fireworks contract was signed with Atlas Fireworks at \$10,000/year for 3 years.

Fire/Rescue: Fire Chief expressed his gratitude to the Road Crew for great road upkeep after the Fire Dept. responded to a chimney fire on County Rd.

Cheryl Behr: reported that the Rescue Fast Squad vehicle is fully operational.

Town Hall: Selectmen approved a contract, as recommended by the THRC, to continue the task of analyzing the structural condition of the building. Fire Chief Mark Goldberg volunteered to meet with an electrician to discuss the effects of shutting off electricity and possible options.

Selectmen: encouraged the RHC to assist the Town in getting out the vote for the Town Hall and voted that any anonymous donations should be sent to the Rural Heritage Connection.

Minutes of all meetings are on file at the Town Office and online at bradfordnh.org.



Right: Madalyn Small and Emily Bruss share some fun reading at Brown Memorial Library on Pajama Story Night. Cocoa and cookies were provided by the Friends of the Library.



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On Friday, March 13, 2015 you are invited to what is sure to be a really fun community event. Come watch as the KRMS Boys and Girls basketball teams take on the local D.A.R.E./Police Officer's in a fundraiser game. The game will be played at Kearsarge Regional Middle School. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the game will start at 7:00 p.m.

In addition to what is sure to be a very eventful game with some surprise guests, the KRMS dance team is going to perform at half-time!!

There will be a small admission fee at the door of \$1 for kids and \$3 for adults and the concession stand will also be open selling food, drinks and snacks. All proceeds will go towards supporting the D.A.R.E. Programs that benefit many students in our district.

Please join us!



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Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: Our after school program continues on Mondays in March from 3:15 until 4:30pm. Join Children's Librarian Laurie Buchar for stories, games and more. Students may take bus # 12 to the library for this free program. Ask your school for a pass. Registration is required. Please call us at 938-5562.

TOWN MEETING DAY: The library is open on Saturday, March 14 from 10am until 3pm.

CHESS NIGHT: Challenge yourself to a game of chess every third Monday evening from 6:30 until 8pm

BOOK DISCUSSION: This month we read *Where'd You Go*, Bernadette by Maria Semple. Join us for this discussion on Wednesday, March 18 at 7pm. All are welcome.

ANNUAL SEED SWAP: This is the time of year to plan your garden. Come to the library on Saturday, March 21 at noon for our 2nd annual seed swap. Bring your gardening questions for our local "ace" gardeners, exchange ideas, and become inspired!

FEASTING FROM LITERATURE: The library Trustees present this special program by Liz Barbour of The Creative Feast. I know that librarians rarely recommend food with books, but we make an exception on Thursday, March 26 at 6:30pm as we explore recipes hidden in your favorite books. We will sample literary treats that Liz prepares during the program. The program is free, but seating is limited. Call 938-5562 for more information.

Here's a list of some of the books added to your library in February.

For adults:

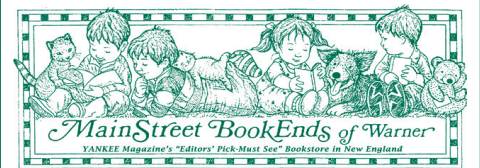
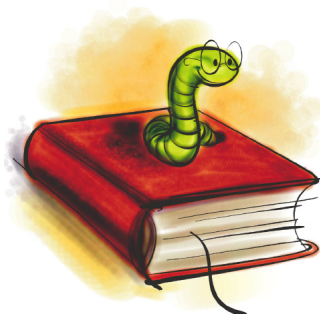
A Spool of Blue Thread / Anne Tyler
The Jaguar's Children / John Vaillant
The Girl on the Train / Paula Hawkins
Crash & Burn / Lisa Gardner
As Chimney Sweepers Come to Dust / Alan Bradley
Lentil Underground: Renegade Farmers and the Future of Food in America / Liz Carlisle

For children & teens:

A Bear Called Paddington: Audiobook / Michael Bond
Stella by Starlight / Sharon M. Draper
We Are Pirates / David Handler
The Honest Truth / Dan Gemeinhart

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 Wednesday, 10-7
 Saturday, 10-3
 Sunday, 11-3



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Q. Camila tell me about your childhood.

I was born in Worcester, Massachusetts and raised by a single father. We moved around a lot, it was never dull. My dad was a student when I was young and then he became an environmental engineer.

Q. You told me that you met your husband and that you actually lived on the same block in Boston and were both musicians in local bands. What instruments do you and your husband play?

I think that it was meant to be. I was raised in a musical family. I played violin at age five, then flute, the baritone horn and guitar. Nicholas grew up playing violin, saxophone and bass guitar. We do still have music in our lives.

Q. You have lived in Boston and Savannah. Were there other places that you lived prior to coming to Bradford in 2013?

I lived in Los Angeles for some time, but spent most of my time in Boston. I worked for a recruiting agency. I very much enjoyed the technical phase of my job. My work involved meeting people and finding them jobs.

Q. What attracted you to move to Bradford? Were there many other options? How did you find the town?

We were living in Savannah and we both realized that we wanted to move back to New England where we both grew up and spent time. My husband Nick found a job at Sturm Ruger as a Firearms Engineer. The job helped us to our destination. We began to search the area and

looked for homes within the Kearsarge area for the schooling for our children. We had our son Noah and I was about to deliver another child. It was a win-win situation. We fell in love with Bradford. We found a gem here. It's a beautiful place.

Q. You arrived here in 2013 and quickly you were working and volunteering in town organizations. You are secretary for the Planning Board and take minutes at Selectmen's meetings. In addition you volunteered to work on the July 4th preparations. Was this a new phase in your life or have you volunteered in other places that you lived?

This is the first time that I am so involved with the place that I live. I never volunteered prior to moving to Bradford because I always lived in cities.



Q. You mentioned that you have two children. Tell me about them? Your third child is due to arrive in the next months. Will you be able to continue all your outside activities when the family of two becomes three?

My son Noah is three years old and my daughter Gemma is one and one half years old. My third child is due on July 4th. Gemma was born here in

Bradford three weeks after we moved in. It was a pretty hectic time for us. I was one day past my due date and Nick asked if he should stay home from work. I said no, but things changed after he left the house. A pipe burst in the house and I phoned Nick and said he should come home. In addition he had a flat tire and was on the way back. We found "Live Wire Day Care" and that is a great place for our children. When the new arrival is here that is where he will go when it's appropriate. I will adjust my work schedule and manage to continue with the work that I am doing now.

Q. Your husband was in Army Special Operations for four years. You went to live in Savannah. What was army life like for you as a wife?

Life as an army wife was challenging. I learned about my husband and his life. He was deployed to Afghanistan three times during the four year period that he served. It was a nerve wracking experience for me. I was working for the recruiting agency in Savannah. When he finished his tour of duty we realized that we did not want to stay in the south and headed back to New England where we both grew up. We wanted that same sort of life for our children.

Q. We are experiencing an unusually cold and snowy winter. How do you cope with it? It must be difficult to find ways for your two children to play outside when the weather is so cold and snowy?

It is very cold but wearing sweat shirts helps. I cope with it by thinking about spring. I keep that in mind all winter long. Somehow my husband was able to build a maze in the snow

where there is a safe place for the children to be outside and play. It isn't a connected maze but it certainly is helpful.

Q. What type of activities do you and your husband enjoy? Your children are probably too young to partake in winter sports. Do you see yourselves as a family enjoying skiing or ice skating as they grow older?

I love to ski and Nick enjoys snow boarding. New Year's Day we took the children skiing for the first time. My three year old son enjoyed it but Gemma isn't ready for the skiing yet. I grew up horse riding and I love that. We do a lot of easy hiking with the children. As a family we do enjoy sledding; I do think that we will enjoy winter activities as the children get older.

Q. Do you ever miss city life and cultural activities? Looking back would you change anything?

I'm extremely satisfied with small town life and where we are living. I do miss the variety of restaurants available in cities. However in the city we didn't have access to fresh produce. We have a vegetable garden which is growing bigger each year. I was never a frequent movie lover so, no, it is fine here. It would be nice to have shorter winters but that may not happen.

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Vernal Pools

Vernal pools are temporary bodies of water that usually retain water long enough to support the breeding cycles of some of our most common amphibians and invertebrates. In fact, these species absolutely require these unique situations because, due to their ephemeral existence, these pools do not support the fish that would consume them. Because of their generally small size, vernal pools are the most vulnerable and fastest disappearing of wetland types. In neighboring states vernal pools are protected and some NH towns have enacted their own protections.

Vernal pools are often isolated from other water bodies but may be important wildlife corridors between wetlands. All of these specialized creatures must have intact upland habitat to support them in their summer feeding areas and wintering sites.

The following is a list of the most common vernal pool species in our area:

Wood frog
Fairy shrimp
Blue-spotted salamander

Spotted salamander
Jefferson salamander
(and hybrids)
Fingernail clam



Yellow Spotted Salamander Eggs
(photo by B. Duffy)

Through education, we hope landowners will learn to protect vernal pools from unnecessary destruction or disturbance from logging, excessive landscaping projects, or culvert placement. For more information about vernal pools see 'Identification and Documentation of Vernal Pools in New Hampshire' [http:// www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Wildlife/Nongame/RAARP/Vernal_pool_manual.pdf](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Wildlife/Nongame/RAARP/Vernal_pool_manual.pdf).

A condensation of Chapter 9 of the 2013 Bradford Natural Resource Inventory (NRI). Comments and revisions are welcomed. The complete document (including maps and photographs) can be found at the Bradford Conservation Commission webpage: <http://www.bradfordnh.org/meeting-calendar/conservation-commission>.

MARCH CALENDAR**Mon. March 2nd**

8:45 AM Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 1:00 PM Bridge
 3:15-4:30 PM - Library After-School Program, BML
 4:00 PM Water coloring
 5:30 PM Selectmen's meeting

Tues. March 3rd

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

Wed. March 4th

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

Thurs. March 5th

12 Noon Senior Dining
 1:00 PM Mahjong Group
 5:30 PM Cub Scouts
 7:00 PM Town Hall Restoration

Fri. March 6th

8AM – Noon Planning Board Office
 8:45 Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 11:30 First Friday Brunch with 50/50 raffle, door prizes, and the vocals of Michelle Gosnell's young student singers!

Sat. March 7th

10:00 – Noon Meet the Candidates
 1-4PM - Matroyshka Nesting Doll Painting @ Tin Shop

Mon. March 9th

8:45 AM Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 1:00 PM Bridge
 3:15-4:30 PM - Library After-School Program, BML
 4:00 PM Water coloring
 5:30 PM Selectmen's meeting
 7:00 PM Rural Heritage

Tues. March 10th

8:00 AM – 7 PM VOTE KRES
 10:00 AM Stitches from the Heart
 12 Noon Senior Dining
 7:00 PM Planning Board

Wed. March 11th

6:00 PM Yoga

Thurs. March 12th

12 Noon Senior Dining
 1:00 PM Mahjong Group
 4:30 PM BACC/P&R Committees
 7:00 PM Town Hall Restoration

Fri. March 13th

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

Sat. March 14th

10 AM TOWN MEETING
 Highway Garage

Mon. March 16th

8:45 Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 1-4 PM Bridge
 3:15-4:30 PM - Library After-School Program, BML
 4:00 PM Water coloring
 6:30-8:00 PM - Chess, BML
 5:30 PM Selectmen's meeting

Tues. March 17th

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

Wed., March 18th

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

Thurs. March 19th

10:30 AM – 12 Noon Blood Pressure Clinic at Mt. View Senior Center by Lake Sunapee VNA
 12 Noon - St. Patrick's Day Party with the extraordinary musical entertainment of Two Old Friends, great Irish and American Folk Music!
 Lunch reservations required
 1:30 PM Mahjong Group
 5:00 PM Friends of BACC
 5:30 PM Cub Scouts

Fri. March 20th

8AM – Noon Planning Board Office
 8:45AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 9:30–11:30 AM Foot Care Clinic by LSVNA at North Ridge Apartments
 Call for appt. at 526-4077
 10:00 Friday at the Movies:
 The 100 Foot Journey w/ Helen Mirren and Om Puri PG 122 min.
 12:00 noon Senior Dining

Sat., March 21st

Noon - Seed Swap, BML

Mon. March 23rd

8:45AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 1PM Bridge

3:15-4:30 PM - Library After-School Program, BML
 4:00 PM Water coloring
 5:30 PM Selectmen's meeting

Tues. March 24th

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

Wed. March 25th

10:30 AM –12 Noon Blood Pressure Clinic at Warner Senior Room by LSVNA
 6:00 PM Yoga

Thurs. March 26th

12 Noon Senior Dining
 1PM Mahjong
 6:30 PM - Feasting from Literature Program, BML

Fri. March 27th

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

Sun March 29th

2–4:00 PM Cub Scouts

Mon. March 30th

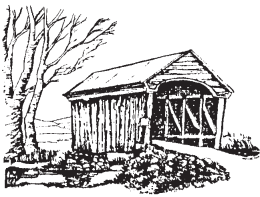
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For the MVSC call Phil at 938-2104 with your ideas or questions

To schedule rooms at the BACC call Jim Valiquet at 938-2522

**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



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All the way to Australia!

Last October I visited my daughter in Daylesford, 50 miles north of Melbourne, Australia. I took the Bridge to show her, she has visited Bradford. The photo was taken at an Emu sanctuary near where they live.



All the best,
Keith Mackellow

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- 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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**TOWN OF BRADFORD
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Town Warrant of Town Meeting March 10, 2015

The Polls will open at 8:00 am to 7:00 pm on March 10, 2015.

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 tenth 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. To adjourn the meeting until Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 10:00 am at the Bradford Highway Garage on Cilley Lane in Bradford. Raising the money and remaining articles in the Warrant will be taken up at the adjourned meeting.

Article Three. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Nine Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Dollars (\$955,000.00) (gross budget) to renovate the Bradford Town Hall at map 16 lot 92 including a full workable foundation and to authorize the issuance of not more than Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000.00) 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 Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000.00) will be raised from donations and grants (currently awarded \$105,000 from LCHIP), with work proceeding as commitments are made. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (2/3 ballot vote required) (passage of this article will not impact the tax rate until 2016)

Article Four. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Nine Hundred Seventy (eight) Thousand Five Hundred Ten Dollars (\$1,978,510.00) for other warrant articles. (Majority vote required). Selectmen recommend \$1,983,562.00. Budget Committee recommends \$1,978,510.00.

	<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>
1. Executive	182,000.00	182,000.00
2. Elections and Vital Records	4,000.00	4,000.00
3. Financial Administration	94,275.00	94,275.00
4. Revaluations	18,152.00	18,152.00
5. Legal	20,000.00	20,000.00
6. Planning	10,299.00	10,299.00
7. General Government	56,842.00	56,842.00
8. Cemetery	26,125.00	26,125.00
9. Insurances	79,003.00	79,003.00
10. Other General Gov	8,800.00	8,800.00
11. Police Department	475,052.00	470,000.00
12. Fire Department	60,450.00	60,450.00
13. Rescue Services	90,177.00	90,177.00
14. Building Code Dept	14,790.00	14,790.00
15. Emergency Management	2,750.00	2,750.00
16. Highway Department	505,000.00	505,000.00

	<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>
15. Bridge Account	100.00	100.00
16. Street Lighting	4,944.00	4,944.00
17. Solid Waste Collection	76,958.00	76,958.00
18. Solid Waste Disposal	35,100.00	35,100.00
19. Inoculations	2,500.00	2,500.00
20. Welfare Administration	6,502.00	6,502.00
21. Welfare Payments	34,688.00	34,688.00
22. Parks and Recreation	2,000.00	2,000.00
23. Library	67,400.00	67,400.00
24. Patriotic Purposes	14,000.00	14,000.00
25. Community Center	23,107.00	23,107.00
26. Other Conservation	832.00	832.00
27. Long Term Notes	65,716.00	65,716.00
28. Interest on Tan Notes	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total	1,983,562.00	1,978,510.00

Article Five. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Six Dollars (\$30,646.00) for the purpose of a statistical revaluation of the Town and to withdraw Thirty Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Six Dollars (\$30,646.00) from the existing Revaluation Capital Reserve account. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2020. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (majority vote required).

Article Six. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) to begin on the Master Plan update. This will be non lapsing per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2020. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (majority vote required).

Article Seven. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$5,400.00) 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, 2020. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (majority vote required).

Article Eight. 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 and to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$8,770.00) for the third year payment. This lease has a fiscal funding (escape clause). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (majority vote required).

Article Nine. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a tanker truck for the Fire Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Forty Three Thousand Four Hundred and Twelve Dollars (\$243,412.00) gross budget. Funding for this purchase will be withdrawn from the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve in the amount of Two Hundred Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Forty Dollars (\$211,340.00) with the remaining to be raised by taxation. The remaining Thirty Two Thousand Seventy Two Dollars (\$32,072.00) to be raised by taxation. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (majority vote required).

Article Ten. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Ambulance Capital Reserve created in 1993. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's general fund. (majority vote required)

Article Eleven. To see if the Town will vote to return the non lapsing funds raised by the town at the March 2012 meeting for per diem rescue services to the general fund. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's general fund. (majority vote required).

Article Twelve. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,200,000.00 for the purpose of completing the replacement bridge on Breezy Hill Road (#161/145 – Wheeler Bridge at the Rte 103 end) with said funding to come from the NH Bridge Aid program which represents 80% of the total project. The town's 20% share has been raised in prior years, special non-lapsing warrant articles and no new town money will be used to offset this appropriation. (majority vote required).

Article Thirteen. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to shim and 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, 2020. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (majority vote required).

Article Fourteen. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to continue the repair of the Pond Bridge (Breezy Hill Road). This would be a non lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2020 Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (majority vote required).

Article Fifteen. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) 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, 2020. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (majority vote required).

Article Sixteen. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease purchase arrangement to acquire an International Six Wheel Dump Truck and plow for the Highway Department. (This agreement contains a fiscal funding non appropriation clause). This is a five year lease with the total cost of the truck and plow One Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000.00). The first payment of Thirty Two Thousand Dollars (\$32,000.00) will be due in July of 2015. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (majority vote required).

Article Seventeen. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000.00) to purchase a road sander and to withdraw Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve for this purpose with the remaining Four Thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) as trade in. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (majority vote required).

Article Eighteen. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to purchase a sand screen and to withdraw Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve for this purpose. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (majority vote required).

Article Nineteen. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) towards the 2016 reconstruction of Old Warner Road from Rte 114 to Ring Hill Rd. This will be a non lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2020. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (majority vote required).

Article Twenty. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to study the cost of reopening Forest Street to Class V year round from Class V seasonal. This will be a non lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI to continue until the money is used or December 31, 2020. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (majority vote required).

Article Twenty One. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to study obtaining ownership of a portion of the State owned Tall Pines property (map 2 lot 106) for future expansion of the Fire Station. This will be a non lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI to continue until the money is used or December 31, 2020. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (majority vote required).

Article Twenty Two. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Highway Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of purchasing equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to put in the fund; further to name selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (majority vote required).

Article Twenty Three. To see if the town will vote to increase the cap on the Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund from \$15,000 to \$25,000 and continue to allocate 30% of the annual Transfer Station revenue to this Special Revenue Fund. (majority vote required).

Article Twenty Four. 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. (majority vote required).

Article Twenty Five. 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. (majority vote required).

Article Twenty Six. To see if the Town will vote to establish a contingency fund as defined in RSA 31:98-a for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to put in the fund. This sum to come from taxation. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (majority vote required).

Article Twenty Seven. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) to fund the following Capital Reserve Funds:

	2015 request
Fire Department Heavy Equipment	35,000.00
Fire Department Building Repairs	5,000.00
Town Buildings emergency repair	5,000.00
Town Facilities	5,000.00
Main Street Improvements/sidewalks	10,000.00

Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (majority vote required).

Article Twenty Eight. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to fund the Gravestone Repair Expendable Trust. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend. (majority vote required)

Article Twenty Nine. 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.

Board of Selectmen
John Pfeifle, Chairman
Delbert Harris III, Selectman
Harold Wright, Selectman

Candidates for Town of Bradford Positions

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

Each candidate for local office was asked to respond to the following questions:

1. What position are you seeking?
2. What are your reasons for running? How does your background qualify you for this position?
3. In what ways would you like to see the town moving forward in the next ten years?
4. What do you like most about Bradford? Least?

Selectman (3 years) One Opening:

Sonny Harris:

I am completing a three year term as selectmen - assisting to create a civil and more harmonious atmosphere at meetings and within and among departments, while dealing with many complex situations during difficult economic times. It has often been challenging, however a privilege to serve the public. I have worked tirelessly with other selectmen, our administrator, department heads and committees to move our Town forward in a positive manner. I have been very supportive of an ongoing, increasingly positive plan to restore our beloved Town Hall and improve mechanisms from which the best interest of the Town will benefit as boards and employees change over time. Goals: completing the Town Hall project and returning town offices to their proper, safe location, continuing the CIP and other efforts to keep the budget reasonable while moving Bradford forward (sidewalks, economic development, protecting our water quality and other finite natural resources), and recognizing the needs and wants of those involved, the wisdom to know the difference and the courage, integrity, flexibility and participation to support those wise choices with enthusiasm.

As I have stated many times in the past- it is all about leaving the place better than how we found it.

Marlene Freyler:

1. Selectman
2. I'm running to be the voice of all the residents in town. We need to address the younger families that are having trouble to make ends meet. We need to make Bradford more viable for our middle class and our youth. We need to make our town a more desirable and affordable place to live.
Background: I have been on the planning board, budget committee, revitalization committee, needs assessment committee. I was on the Independence Day committee for 10 yrs.
3. I would like to see Bradford in the next ten years with more businesses, less restrictions and more people moving into town instead of moving out.
4. Bradford is a small town, when a neighbor is in need of assistance people are there to help. We have an excellent Police Force and Fire and Fast Squad.

Treasurer (3 Years) One Opening:

Marilyn Gordon: I am seeking re-election for the position of Treasurer. In the years, I have seen many changes in Bradford and I look forward to the continue growth of this unique Town.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector (3 Years) One Opening:

Erica Gross:

1. Town Clerk/Tax Collector
2. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector position is only a 3 year term. I love my job and hope to continue as Bradford's Town Clerk. I was Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector for 2 ½ years prior to being elected in to this position. I also attended certification classes in August of 2013.
3. Bradford is such a great small town but I would love to see more businesses come into our area.
4. What I like most is that Bradford has such a warm community and the town itself has a lot of charm. It is for these reasons that we chose to move here 13 years ago and raise our son. What I like the least amount is that we live in the snowbelt.

Beth Downs:

1. I want to be the Town Clerk of Bradford because I have a commitment to customer service, putting the residents first and the best interests of the Town of Bradford. I am ethical, reliable, hardworking, detail-oriented, and have a track record of problem solving.
2. I successfully ran a complex federally subsidized lunch program for five years. I also have computer and accounting software experience, banking, office management and payroll experience. I have run my own business to the satisfaction of my customers for a number of years. I am the treasurer for the Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford, preparing impeccable tax filings for both for the Attorney General's office of NH, and the IRS.
3. I embrace a positive vision for Bradford, where economic prosperity is tied to Town Hall renovation and its uses public and private. Having the historic Bradford Town Hall in use again is vital to the growth, prosperity and pride of our town.
4. I have the vision to move Bradford forward and the focus, time, energy and commitment to get the job done for all the citizens of our town. I look forward to serving you.

Supervisor of the Checklist (1 Year) One Opening:**Sandy Paul :**

I am retired and now have time to give back to my community. This is a chance to meet new people as they move into our town.

Trustee of the Trust Funds (3 Years) One Opening:**Tim Rodd:**

Having compiled descriptions of all the Trust Funds and the warrant articles supporting them, the Trustees are working on better ways for their accounting. Having helped to begin the process, I am interested in finishing the task.

Trustee of Brown Memorial Library (3 Years) Two Openings :**Sandy Wadlington:**

I am running for the position of Library Trustee. The simple answer to why I am running is that I like libraries a lot, and I want to help in any way I can to keep ours running smoothly.

Qualifications: I was a trustee for our library 15 years ago and I have enthusiasm, energy and interest.

About Bradford: I like the direction Bradford seems to be moving in right now.

Mary-Chris Duncan:

1. Trustee for the Brown Memorial Library

2. I have been a trustee for BML for the past 3 years. My background as a veteran educator, retired Guidance Counselor and current professor @ NHTI & Professional Coach makes me well suited for this public position. I'm lucky to have the time & inclination to volunteer for things that are important to me. I've really enjoyed supporting the many fun library functions. The Brown Memorial Library is the heart of the town.

3. I'd love to see Bradford be a more active vibrant place to live. We've made some baby steps but we need to attract more businesses/homeowners to fill the vacant buildings. When we first moved to the Kearsarge area in 1987, Bradford was a bustling town (compared to Sutton or Warner) with the IGA, Merrimack Farm Store, Dodges etc. Now we're seen as the sleepy town on the way to Sunapee.

4. Most? I love the friendly, caring, small town attitude of Bradford. People always seem willing to help a neighbor in need. Just a few weeks ago a wonderful guy stopped to help pull my Subaru out of a snow bank! People wave to me all the time when they see me out walking my dog.

Least? See the answer to #3 Also, I cringe every time I open my tax bill.

Scholarship Committee (3 Years) One Opening:**Beth Rodd:**

I am running for the town's scholarship committee. Higher education is a tremendous expense for families and students and if we can decrease the financial burden even minimally, it's helpful. I have served on scholarship committees in the past for the town and the Women's Club. I would like to raise more funds for the scholarship fund and will endeavor to do so. Bradford is a wonderful town with a terrific community. I am looking forward

to seeing the town hall bond passed this year and our historic downtown looking proud and spiffy. We deserve that.

Budget Committee (3 Years) Two Openings:

Kathy Rodgers:

Hello Bradford Community. My name is Kathy Rodgers and I am seeking a position on Budget Committee for a three year term. My family and I moved to New Hampshire from Illinois this past September; just in time to see the beautiful fall foliage and to really fall in love with the area. I learned quickly how much wood is in a cord and how to run a snowplow. But what really struck me since moving to Bradford has been the people. Our neighbors and community have been so gracious with their knowledge and time in helping us getting settled that I really want to give back. That is why I decided to run for the budget committee.

I have B.S. in Chemistry and MBA. For the past seven years I've applied that knowledge to help small towns with their utilities. I have experience in both operational and administrative work and feel I could bring a unique perspective to the budget committee. I want an effective asset management program in place. My goal is to ensure that our town is prepared for emergencies, be able to maintain our resources, and plan for capital expenditures for the next ten to thirty years. If you would like to learn more about my background please feel free to visit my LinkedIn profile or send me an email at rodgers@thewateroffice.com. Thanks in advance for your support.

Beth Downs:

I am running for a seat on the Budget Committee, where I have served for the past few months replacing a member who resigned. I know the Budget Committee could use my input and help. It has been a learning experience and one that I have enjoyed, and I would be happy to continue on that journey.

(See additional responses at Town Clerk/Tax Collector)

Christopher W. Mock:

1. Budget Committee (3 years)
2. I am a Bradford resident and business owner (CW Mock Logging). I feel it is important to be active in the community and the local government. I am looking to improve the Town's fiscal accountability and to help ensure responsible spending practices. Having run my own business for 15 years, I know how to spend prudently.
3. It is important to develop a long-term strategy that maps a path for growth while preserving the rural charm and historic appeal of the community. In pursuing this objective, it is imperative to be mindful of spending.
4. I have grown up and lived in Bradford all my life. I cherish living at the gateway to the Mount Sunapee region. Bradford has much to offer – lakes, wilderness, reasonable proximity to larger cities. It concerns me that the community continues to lose businesses and struggles to attract new business despite its favorable location. This is a significant challenge to the long-term prosperity of Bradford.

Budget Committee (2 Years) One Opening

G. Richard Keller:

1. Budget Committee – two years
2. Have been serving on the committee since 2011 and as chair since 2012, making every effort to keep some balance to the overall budget.
3. We do have the CIP (Capital Improvement Program) as a guide that includes a schedule on replacing town equipment, repairing facilities, rebuilding roads and bridges; all to be balanced by the town's willingness to fund these improvements.
4. Delightful place to live.

Planning Board (3 Years) Two Openings:

Jim Bibbo:

1. Planning Board
2. I have been an alternate on the planning board since 2002. I often complete terms of elected members that vacate the position. I have decided to run and keep my current position as a full member. I am current-

ly completing someone's term who moved from Bradford. I had experience for 6 years during the 1980's in a growth area of the state and now I am in my 13th year on the Bradford Planning Board. There is only one other member of the planning board that has been on longer than I have.

3. I would like to see more businesses come to Bradford to provide jobs for our young people and to broaden the tax base. I would like to see the perception of the planning board change from one of an impediment to one of assistance for needed growth in the financial tax base of the community.

4. I am not a Bradford native. I came to Bradford as a summer resident as a teen. I loved the rural life style, the people and the area of the state. I became a registered voter and resident when I turned 18. I went to college at NEC to be close to Bradford. My career took me elsewhere but my love for my adopted home always brought me back and I retired here. There seems to be an inordinate level of complainers and nay-sayers that other than find fault do little to assist in making things better.

Garrett Bauer (write-in):

1. Planning Board member

2. I grew up in Bradford and have always been interested in the development of our community. At the University of New Hampshire I studied Community and Environmental Planning which only strengthened my passion for land use and development.

3. I would like to see a Bradford with a vibrant downtown while preserving the rural character. I would also like to see more small businesses and less "for sale" signs.

4. I really like the natural beauty of our town, the forests, the rivers, the lakes, and the mountains (hills). What I least like is the loss of business around Main Street and downtown over the years.

Zoning Board (3 Years) One Opening:

Denise Renk

1) I'm seeking a second term on the zoning board

2) I want to continue in this position, as I have in the previous town I lived in, to help with some of the rules and rights, that both the town and its residents have living here.

3) In the next 10 years I'd like the town to keep its small town atmosphere, while growing local businesses as both an attraction and support.

4) What do I like most.....the people, the school system, and we are a community that will work together when someone needs it, whether because of a health issue or a home disaster. What I don't like is we need to leave town for any variety, whether to eat, or shop, more small businesses are needed.

Cemetery Commission (3 Years) Two Openings:

Diane M. Whalley:

1. I am running for the 3 year term Cemetery Trustee position.

2. I have been serving as a cemetery trustee for 3 years; 2 years as chairperson. It has been an on-going learning experience. I have been amazed at the responsibilities involved in this position. Over-seeing the maintenance and repairs is a large part of the responsibilities during the growing season.

Internments begin with a call from a funeral director or a family member. I enjoy working with everyone involved in making the burial as easy as possible.

I find the cemetery work very interesting particularly the older cemeteries and former family burial grounds. The Town Clerk and I have been making corrections of cemetery information based on old town records which has been most interesting. I look forward to continuing this work for another term.

3. I would mostly like to see Bradford attract more businesses to bring relief to our property taxes.

4. I like the rural atmosphere of Bradford and the recent improvements of Main Street and the evolving Historic Site.

Jane M. Lucas:

Why I am running for Cemetery Commission: I feel it is important to preserve the cemeteries and records for those before us and for generations to come. I have respect for those who are buried in our cemeteries and their families. It means a great deal to families (and myself) to have a nice peaceful place to go in remembrance of loved ones. There is much history in our cemeteries dating back to the American Revolution that needs to be respected and preserved.

Town Hall Questions

1. Why do we need a Town Hall?

Historically, the Bradford Town Hall has been used as a meeting place, school, recreation venue, and a small office for the selectmen and a part-time secretary. The town clerk and tax collector operated out of their private homes.

Over time, the uses and the needs have changed. The school is no longer housed there and private homes are not used for town offices. The Bradford Town Hall needs to provide offices for town administration, town clerk/tax collector and treasurer along with adequate space for the town's official records. Meeting room and file storage space is needed for selectmen, supervisors of the checklist, trustees of the trust funds, planning and zoning boards, budget committee, building code administrator, conservation commission, cemetery and historic district commissions – all necessary for a town to function adequately.

The Bradford Area Community Center has graciously offered limited accommodations for the past few years. It is time that building was once again available for the many activities currently provided and with space available to add more programs in the future.

The Town Hall, restored and upgraded, will be fully accessible, meet energy and other code requirements, and provide space needed now and into the future as the Town grows. Once again, Town Meetings can be held in Town Hall.

2. Will the bond requested cover the needed work?

The past two bond requests were for considerably more money, so a legitimate question is how \$955,000 will cover the costs of restoration and retrofitting without jeopardizing the historic character of this key downtown building. The award of a \$105,000 LCHIP grant reduces the amount to be raised by taxation to \$850,000.

Further reductions will be realized by addressing the task as many of us have in building our own homes – using local talent and overseeing the work and paying for it as it occurs. This eliminates many of the overhead costs of working through a full construction manager project as proposed in the past.

The success of this approach is demonstrated in the tasks completed with the \$95,000 voted by warrant at the 2014 Town Meeting – replacing a portion of the roof, upgrading and certifying the existing well, design and state approval of a new septic system, removal of a non-historic addition, and testing and elimination of asbestos throughout the building.

The bond will cover the cost to renovate and retrofit the first floor for all the town's administrative functions. The second floor will be accessible and thoroughly functional. Any funds required for final completion of the auditorium will come from private donations and grants.

Town Hall Restoration Committee

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The First Baptist Church

Your Community Church

Did you know?

The First Baptist Church of Bradford has sponsored the Bradford Boy Scout Troop 96 for 20 years. They participated in our service and put on a great coffee hour on January 25. Right: Ben Clark (senior Scout who holds the position of Troop Guide) is holding the American flag.



We have a Christian yoga/prayer pose flow class Friday's 6-7 pm in the Friendship Room Tuesdays at 10:45-11:45 am. \$7-\$10 donation child care provided. For more details call 340-8094.

New book study March 5, 1 pm in the church office. *If You Want to Walk on Water, You Have to Get out of the Boat* by John Ortberg. Please bring your own book. Led by Arlene Lubrano and Nancy Gove.

Lenten Prayer Walk-Starting March 7, 10 am Join us on Saturday mornings to do a prayer walk around town and pray for our town.

We'll be showing the movie "Heaven" with Billy Graham on March 26 at 6:30 pm in the church office.

Special Palm Sunday Worship Service on March 29th.

New Prayer Group led by Jeremy Wagaman will meet at 6:15 most Wednesday evenings in our sanctuary to pray for our church. Includes a time of worship before prayer. Everyone is welcome.

Ongoing events:

Focus Factor (youth grades 6-12) Meet Sundays in the church office building 11:30 am-1 pm.

Monday evenings 6:30 pm, study *The Battlefield of the Mind* by Joyce Meyer.

Bible Study with Pastor Lynne and Fred, The Gospel of Luke, Thursday evenings 6:30 pm in the church office.

Men's Breakfast March 7, 8 am in the church office. Delicious hot breakfast. Fred Hubley will lead in devotion and prayer. All men are invited to attend.

Women's Breakfast on March 14, 8 am in the church office. Delicious hot breakfast, time of sharing and Prayer. All women are invited.

Mom's Group every Tuesday 9:30-10:30 am, child care provided. Every mother deserves this gift of sharing.

Call the church anytime with questions about any of our ongoing groups/activities 938-5313.

Town of Bradford School Scholarship 2015

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.

Applications should be mailed to the Town of Bradford Scholarship Committee, Bradford Town Hall, P. O. Box 436, Bradford, NH 03221-0436 no later than April 30, 2015.

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

Sue Rayno Honored



95.7 WZID has named Sue Rayno (owner of Live Wire Daycare) one of the top 20 Outstanding Women in NH.

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Bradford Business Association

The Bradford Business Association has been busy with membership renewals and new members as we plan on printing our 2015 Member Guide shortly. Our first Business After Hours of the year was a huge success at Sugar River Bank in Warner. Bank President Mark Pitkin addressed the crowd and talked about the strength of a hometown bank and announced a new branch opening on Loudon Road in Concord. The bank provided a wonderful array of food and drink.

We shared this event with the Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce, which is trying to grow its membership as well. To that end, they have extended a reduced membership to BBA members of \$69 versus the normal \$99 to join. We hope to have more joint events as the year goes on because we have many BBA members who do not have a storefront business where we can host such an event.

Our next Business After Hours will be in April on Wednesday the 29th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Merrimack County Customs, 135 East Main Street, Bradford, where Jason Allen will teach us about his welding business. As always, the general public is welcome!

Spring goals include donating to the Bradford Scholarship Fund, a possible Trade Show and enhancing our newly revised website.

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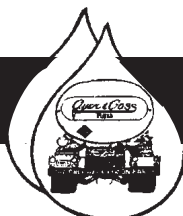
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Obituaries

Phyllis Winnifred (Greene) Whall, 88, of Bradford, passed away Feb. 7, 2015. She was born July 20, 1926, in Athol, MA, the daughter of Alfred S. and Mary (Farmer) Greene.

After graduating from Athol High School, Phyllis worked in the Athol-Clinton Cooperative bank for several years. She was a member of the drama group at the Athol Historical Society and enjoyed performing in numerous plays. She also enjoyed singing in the church choir and playing the piano. She married Richard Whall on June 16, 1951 and they relocated to Elizabeth, NJ where she worked as a bookkeeper for the National Bank of Elizabeth. They later moved to Brookside, NJ where they lived off and on until Richard's retirement.

While in Brookside, she attended college classes at Fairleigh Dickinson University. With Richard's work for Exxon Corporation they traveled and lived for eight years in Europe, including Italy, England and Sweden, and also lived in Louisiana and California. While living in Louisiana, Phyllis attended college classes at LSU.

After raising her children, Phyllis was determined to attain a college degree and so attended William Patterson University receiving her Bachelor of Science in community health education in 1980. Since Richard's retirement in 1984, they have lived in Bradford.

Phyllis is a beloved member of the First Baptist Church of Bradford, where she taught Sunday school and served for several years as a deaconess. She was a member of the Bradford Women's Club, Bradford Historical Society, Baptist Women's Group, Mayflower Society and D.A.R. She volunteered at the New London Hospital, Community Health Center and Bradford Library. She served on the Development Committee of the Bradford Community Center, the Bradford Town Hall Preservation Committee as part of the 1987 Bicentennial Project, and the Lake Sunapee Protective Association.

Phyllis is survived by her husband of 64 years, Richard Eugene Whall; daughters, Laurie Ann Whall of Long Beach, Calif. and Elizabeth Whall Hartt and her husband, Steven of La Jolla, CA; two grandchildren, Chloe L. Hartt of St. Petersburg, FL. and Simon W. Hartt of La Jolla, CA.

A memorial service will be held at a future date at The First Baptist Church of Bradford.

Phyllis' family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Baptist Church of Bradford, P.O. Box 404 or the Bradford Historical Society, P.O. Box 551, both of Bradford, NH 03221. To sign an online guestbook please visit chadwickfuneralservice.com.



William R. "Bill" Hodgman, 90, died Feb. 2, 2015, at the New Hampshire Veterans Home. He was born in Peterborough, and lived most of his life in the Concord area. He spent 21 years in the U.S. Air Force and retired as a Master Sergeant. Prior to the Air Force he was a firefighter for the City of Concord. Bill spent two years in New Guinea during World War II, a year in Korea during the Korean War, and a year in Vietnam during the Vietnam War. He was very proud of his military career and after retirement earned the nickname "3 Wars Bill". He was a life time member of the VFW, American Legion, DAV, and Air Force Sergeant's Association.

Bill was married for 57 years to Beverly Hodgman (Ainsworth), who died in 2004. He is survived by three sons, Ricky Hodgman and friend, Beth Blakley of East Washington, Ralph Hodgman and wife, Lorna of Littleton and Robert Hodgman of Bradford; daughter, Randy Sanborn and friend, Russ Bailey of Farmington. His daughter, Sandra Hodgman died as a child. He has seven grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held in the chapel at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery. Tax deductible donations may be made to the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery Association, Inc., PO Box 626, Concord, NH 03302-0626. For more information and to view an online memorial go to wilkinsonbeane.com.

Outside

by Ann Eldridge

Winter: the leaves are off the trees and shrubs – except for the somber foliage stuck to the evergreens. There is a tight protective curl to the rhododendron leaves. Without foliage, we gaze unimpeded into each other's yards and evaluate the year's decline or progress.



And with the leaves down, the structures of summer architects who built in the fields and brushy hedgerows are also visible. The snow-filled cups of bird nests and the wasp condos are there but also the homes and nurseries of the smaller majority – the bugs and blights that create galls. You've seen them. They range between diseased-looking growths to fancy ornaments to some that are barely visible at all.

Though viruses and fungi can cause outlandish herbal alterations, the most noticeable in this back field are caused by insects. It's the offspring, the larval forms of small insects, that pirate growing plants and force the formation of snug, well-provisioned chambers. More specifically one could say it's the special properties of bug baby drool that triggers the haywire growth though sometimes it's caused by baby teething. Quite often the mechanisms are not understood at all.

Goldenrod dominates this field. There's no life in the stems now, but dried memories of summer hold the spent flower stalks above the rising tide of snow. I was expecting to find goldenrod ball galls, made by a kind of fruit fly, decorating the weeds. The stems would look as if they'd swallowed small beach balls. Instead I've found the subtle stem galls caused by an insignificant moth. She lays her eggs at the base of the plant in spring. The emerging miniscule caterpillar climbs the stem and chews its way into the protective interior to live until adulthood in autumn. This house is empty now, the door wide open. The stem appears to have eaten a peach pit.

A housing development inhabited by tiny flies called the goldenrod gall gnats sprang up this summer. And like most suburban developments, all the houses look about the same: bushy rosettes at the tops of the plants where the machinations of the gnat have stopped all growth on side branches. In summer it looks like an attractive green top knot but in winter now it speaks of shoddy, unplanned construction. The inhabitants are not planning on staying anyway. They emerge as adults in spring and fly away.

Blackberry seed galls are here too – row housing running up a stem, trying to fit in the neighborhood. It's the same deep maroon color of the stem but these clusters have a flamboyance that a blackberry wouldn't do on its own. A tiny wasp lays her eggs along the stem creating a string of round galls with fanciful appendages, like people who leave their Christmas decorations up all year.

Blueberry stem galls are also created by a miniature wasp. Packing her eggs by the dozen into a fresh spring stem, she then repeatedly stabs the tip of the shoot which halts its forward growth. The growing larvae create a small, smooth knob like a single airstream trailer enjoying the view.

There were willow gall midges in the field last summer. Their nursery rooms stand out like minarets at the tips of willow branches, branches that went into overdrive this summer making leaves but with no length to the stem. Attractive cones are the result – the papery overlapping sheaths are gray now in winter. With many cones to a shrub, it's an example of innovative land use, a cluster development with everyone living in an interconnected community surrounded by expansive open space.

But there are hazards in the fields - burglars and assassins at the door. Birds or squirrels may pick apart the galls and for every kind of gall-maker there is a host of predatory insects and spiders that await their emergence - or don't wait but lay their own murderous eggs in the nurseries. Others more benign insinuate their way in – the Jehovah's Witnesses and hobos of the insect world – just looking for a handout, just looking to share a little, a place to winter maybe.

All of these gall architects are very small, very abundant, and very unnoticed but in winter their constructs tell stories of summer drama.

Area Events

Bradford

Wednesday, March 4th, 5:30pm
Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting at the Pizza Chef in Bradford. Members and potential members are welcome.

Saturday, March 7th 1-4pm
Bradford Historical Society Tin Shop. Traditional Russian artist and lecturer, Marina Forbes, will offer a unique workshop on the rich Russian folk tradition of Matroyshka (wooden nested doll) painting. Open to ages 6-adult. Techniques, story of the Matroyshka doll, traditional Russian dress and customs. Choice of 7, 5, 3 or 1-piece Matroshka sets. A wonderful opportunity for adults and families to work together and learn about Russian crafts and culture. To pre-register, please call 603.938.2041. Walk-ins are also welcome!

Acrylic paints and brushes will be provided. Doll options available for purchase: 1 piece: \$10, \$12, \$15, \$17, \$20 or \$25 (depending on size), 2 piece: \$30, 3 piece: \$40, 4 piece: \$50, 5 piece: \$55.

Warner

Saturday, March 7 1-3pm X-country/Snowshoe Hike Free and open to all, co-sponsored by Ausbon Sargent and The Nature Conservancy on the Courser Farm in Warner. Meet at 374 Schoodac Road and decide on a beginning or advanced loop to X-country ski or snowshoe

“over the brook and through the woods.” All are invited to return to the farmhouse for refreshments. Advise when you RSVP - snowshoeing or skiing and beginner or more advanced so groups can be planned. Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust 603-526-6555 ext 0 nsmith@ausbonsargent.org

Saturday and Sunday, March 28-29th: Maple Weeend, and the Kearsarge Maple Festival. Kearsarge area sugar houses will be open for tours and free samples. Pancake breakfasts, sugar on snow, demonstrations. Fun for the entire family! A list of those participating and maps will be available at all venues. Tours and demonstrations are free – a charge for food.

Friday, March 20th, 5-7 pm: Fish Fry at Northeast Catholic College (formerly College of Saint Mary Magdalen) 511 Kearsarge Mountain Road in Warner. \$10/adult, \$5/children 6-12.

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Thursday, March 19th, 5:30-7:30pm: Barton Insurance, 25 Dolly Road, sponsors the March Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce Business after Hours event.

Concord

Tuesday, March 10th at 6:30 p.m. Red River Theatres presents The Homestretch Film in the

continuing series of free community screenings from the Emmy Award-winning PBS series Independent Lens. Three homeless teens brave Chicago winters, high school pressures, and life on the streets to build a brighter future. Against all odds, they recover from a life of abandonment to create new, surprising definitions of home. Reservations for this FREE program are highly recommended.

Newbury

Saturday, March 21st - 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The South Newbury Union Church will have their Annual Flea Market - “Almost” Spring with us!!! It’s been a long winter... come celebrate with us. Coffee and donuts, Great baked items and lunch available. Indoors – rain or shine.

Saturday, March 29st 1:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The South Newbury Union Church will have their town wide Easter egg hunt. Crafts, face painting, cookies and juice....and of course The Easter Bunny. Bring a basket to gather the eggs. Join in the fun....EVERYTHING FREE. Indoors – rain, snow or shine. Take your own photos with the Easter Bunny, no charge. Friendship House, South Newbury, corner of Sutton & Village Roads. We are handicapped accessible. For more information call 938-2064.



Student Transportation has teamed up with the Red Cross for Blood Drives. This area is classified as a “Dry Area”, which is an area where there are not enough donations of blood. A blood drive on Tuesday 1/20/15 generated 18 pints of blood.

The next Blood Drive is March 17th, 1:00-6:00 PM at 2345 Route 114 the home of Valley Fire Equipment & Student Transportation.

Any help will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to e-mail or call Gary Snair at 938-6464. gsnair@ridesta.com.



Letters to the Editor

To Readers of The Bridge,

My name is Edward Shaughnessy and I am a Detective Sergeant with the Bradford Police Department. One of my responsibilities at the Department is that of the D.A.R.E. Officer. The D.A.R.E. program is currently taught in several schools in the Kearsarge School District.

On March 13, 2015 we will be hosting our annual fundraiser event for the Kearsarge School District D.A.R.E. programs. This year will be the third annual basketball game between local area Police/D.A.R.E. Officers and the boys and girls basketball teams at Kearsarge Regional Middle School. Last year's game was a huge success that saw an attendance of over 500 people from the community. We were able to raise enough money to run the program in each participating town without having to raise the funds through tax dollars as part of the police department budgets.

We are going to have a Chinese auction style raffle at this event and would like to see if your business would be willing to donate something. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me via email or at the station. My email address is Edward.Shaughnessy@tds.net.

Sincerely,
Edward Shaughnessy

To the Editor

Re: "BELIEVE IT OR NOT",
Jane Johnsen, February Bridge

Here is an example of how good friends can disagree, including the interpretation of fact and history. Rather than take issue with the points Jane made, I'll offer a different telling of the story.

In the midst of the Civil War, when all of the young men in America were off killing each other, the townfolk of Bradford found the resources and people to move a 1797 building from the old center to have a Town Hall at the economic hub of town, near the new railroad terminal – an amazing accomplishment in itself. This has been recognized by the Town Hall's placement on the National Register of Historic Places. The recent citation as a "7 to Save" and the subsequent award of a \$105,000 LCHIP grant reinforce the historic significance of the building. The Town Hall, together with the First Baptist Church and the Brown Memorial Library, form the core of a resurging 'downtown' Bradford.

The Town Hall has been put to many uses over the 150+ years at the present site. It is the most valuable piece of property owned by the Town (assessed valuation of \$735,100). It cannot be sold or the property would revert back to the descendants of the Tappan family who provided the land. Logic says put it back to good use for the town and townspeople.

Rather than continuing 'patch job' repairs and maintenance, it is time to pass the restoration bond (details elsewhere) and have a functional, beautiful Town Hall that we can be proud of for the next 100 years.

Harry Wright

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Bradford Parks & Recreation News

Parks & Rec is still working on putting up a skating rink at Brown Shattuck Memorial Field. Unfortunately it won't be this winter. It appears there is more that needs to be done ahead of time behind the scenes than we anticipated. There is a bit of ground work that will have to be done in the spring and summer to ready the site for the actual rink. We are in touch with Griffin Manning who put the rinks up in Warner and he is being very helpful in letting us know what we need to do and other things involved in the planning and follow-through of this process.

Hopefully when we get started on this in the spring all the kinks will have been worked out and we will be able to move efficiently to have this all set to open early next winter. We will be looking for all kinds of volunteers and ideas so anyone who is interested in knowing more about this and or being involved should check out Facebook for updates or join us at our next monthly meeting. Meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month at 5PM at the Bradford Area Community Center.



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This annual program is the leading financial literacy program for girls in the U.S., teaching them five essential skills they'll use for the rest of their lives: goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics. Girls can earn money to pay their way to Girl Scout camp and other fun and exciting opportunities. The Girl Scout Cookie Program enables girls to attend camp, have endless enjoyable learning opportunities (Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains offers more than 100 programs for girls) and learn valuable leadership skills. All proceeds remain locally to support girls in New Hampshire and Vermont.

Don't know a Girl Scout but want cookies? Call the Cookie Hotline: 888-474-9686 ext. 4201, and leave a message including the name of your town, and someone will get back to you. Cookie booth sales will run through mid April. Use the Girl Scout Cookie Locator app <http://littlebrowniebakers.com/cookies/find-girl-scout-cookies-on-your-mobile-phone/> to find a booth sale near you. For more information, call 888-474-9686, or visit www.girlscoutsgwm.org. Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains serves more than 10,500 girls across New Hampshire and Vermont, thanks to support from 4,000 trained and dedicated volunteers.

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Town Meeting

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Saturday, Mar 14th Business
Session 10am
@ the Highway Garage**

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Your understanding and help in this matter is appreciated.

Stephen R. Theroux
Elected Member Director
Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston

Stephen R. Theroux, President and Chief Executive Officer of Lake Sunapee Bank, was recently elected as Member Director to the Board of Directors of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston (FHLB Boston) and will serve a four year term. The selection was a result of a formal election which took place among thirty one financial organizations, within the state of New Hampshire, who are members of the FHLB Boston.

“The Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston has been essential in supporting the funding needs of financial institutions throughout New England,” said Theroux. “I am honored to be able to serve as a director of this very vital and important institution.”

The Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston is one of twelve federal home loan banks across the country, is cooperatively owned by more than 440 New England financial institutions, and serves all six New England states. The FHLB Boston provides reliable access to wholesale credit for its members as well as financial products, services, and expertise that support housing finance and community economic growth.



For the
Brandon Family

Come out and join with friends and neighbors to help the Brandon family. Renee Brandon is a 15 year old freshman and has been diagnosed with Leukemia. Renee is the daughter of our town office bookkeeper Maureen Brandon. There will be a spaghetti dinner at the Appleseed Restaurant on Monday March 16, 2015 starting at 6:00PM.

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Make sure your house number is clear and can be seen from the road.

Make sure your roofs are not overloaded by all the snow. Check on your neighbors well being

Thank You,
 Mark Goldberg, Fire Chief

SAVE THESE DATES

Town Meeting Dates

Saturday, March 7th Meet the Candidates 10AM-Noon at BACC

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)