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Selectmen Restructure Town Hall Restoration Committee

Responding to the majority vote in favor of restoring Bradford's Town Hall and recognizing the concerns of those who voted against the recent bond issue, the Bradford Selectmen have organized a seven member Town Hall Oversight Committee. Members include Selectman Harry Wright and Town Administrator Cheryl Behr (with one vote); Member at Large, Brackett Sheffey;; Physical Planning to be determined; Capital Planning, Eileen Kelley; Public Relations, Claire James; Construction Management, Jim Bibbo; Volunteer Effort, Nikki Dubaere.

Subcommittee responsibilities:

- **Physical Planning-** would work closely with Project Manager to establish a plan, space and flow utilization, foundation, well, parking, temp housing, maintenance work, clean-up.
- **Capital Planning-** outline core components, ensure funds are available, finance from state/fed government, help fund move, determine how much is needed for revenue bonds and get it approved at next year's meeting.
- **Public Relations Management Group-** promotional outfit, generate enthusiasm in town.
- **Construction Management -** work closely with Architect, make sure to meet legal obligations, oversee improvement of site
- **Volunteer Effort-** organize and coordinate volunteer efforts.

The Oversight Committee will seek volunteers for subcommittees. Anyone wishing to volunteer for one of the subcommittees should inform Town Administrator Cheryl Behr at 938-5900.

Selectman John Pfeifle said the proposal was based on comments made at an earlier meeting and believes this plan is not only reflective of what was said but hopes it is an organization that can move forward in the right direction and get work done.

Selectman Harry Wright expressed concern that the office move back to Town Hall should not be included in the responsibilities of the oversight committee. He inquired where funds will come from for the move and how many volunteers have been recruited to help.

10 Questions

by Phyllis Wilcox

This month our featured guest is Mary Derry. Mary summered in Bradford during her lifetime and moved back here as a year round resident in 2007. She believes that it was destiny that brought her north from Florida and she almost immediately became involved with many volunteer activities. Mary's expertise as a quilter makes her a welcome guide and teacher in the art of quilting. She teaches quilting at the Bradford Senior Center and is a professional quilt judge in the New England area. We welcome Mary to Bradford.

Q. Your life has certainly not been dull. You have lived and worked in many places. Do you believe that you were destined to return here?

I am sure it was destiny; I bought the property in 1982. I knew that my older sister would inherit the family cottage so I purchased a camp nearby in 2005. I decided to winterize and remodel the camp after I tried it for the first winter and realized that I loved the peace and serenity of Lake Massasecum. The idea to remodel was definitely helped by having a brother who was also a builder.

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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

Planning Board Circuit Rider
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Town offices are temporarily
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From the Editor

The subject of KRES Principal Jim Spadaro's article this month is change and the differing responses to it. We can react to change or help to shape its direction, but change will take place whether we are involved or not. A major change is underway in Bradford in relation to restoration of the Town Hall. The Selectmen unanimously committed to restoring and reusing the building, voted to move the town offices back into the building as a first step. The date for this is not yet set, but will take place as soon as the details are worked out.

They have also outlined a different format to proceed with the restoration as outlined in the article on page one. An Oversight Committee, with five sub groups will coordinate the effort. Involvement of as many townspeople as possible is important for this approach to be successful. Be part of this change. Review the tasks assigned to each group, decide where you can help and step forward.

The majority of Bradford voters have supported the restoration for the past three years. The renewed enthusiasm generated by the move back into the building will, with your help, achieve the goal.

We can only hope for another change and that is in the weather. Spring has been very slow to come after a long, hard winter, but the ice is out on most of our lakes, the daffodils are up, the robins and loons are back and the BSNYS fields are alive with eager young players. Watch as the new permaculture garden on East Main Street revives after the winter. So spring must be on its way.

Enjoy.

Marcia Keller
Co-Editor



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A reminder that there will be a graveside service for Lynn Sullivan May 5th at 11:00 am at Sunny Plains and a memorial service for Phyllis Whall at the First Baptist Church on May 30th at 11:00 am.

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In response to his question concerning the remainder of the 2014 funds, the Chair advised that some are being used to pay Architect Kelly Gale. Selectman Wright stated that those funds should be used for architectural plans; Chair John Pfeifle stated those funds should be used for permanent structural adjustments.

Eileen Kelly presented the Selectmen with donations collected by the THRC for the restoration project totaling \$3,120 that are to be deposited into the Bradford Town Hall Restoration & Maintenance Trust Fund.

Reminder:
Independence Day celebration is Saturday, July 4th. Advertising opportunities for the brochure are available. Call Camilla Devlin at 938-5193.



Change. It is very interesting to me how people respond to change. I have wondered for a while if different professions deal with change more effectively than others. I have always felt that the field of education should be about seeking to improve services for our students and their parents, however, improvement doesn't happen without change.

What is it about change that causes such inner turmoil? Does

it have something to do with one's comfort with the present? Maybe it is one's readiness level for change or is it just the fear of the unknown?

The Kearsarge Regional School District is "bracing" itself for a number of changes that will occur for this upcoming school year. There will be a new superintendent, several new principals, two new assistant principals, a new facilities director, new teachers, and three new special education coordinators. Who knows what other changes will occur? One change that most people are not even thinking about is that the School Board will have a new member and a new chairperson. I believe this will be a huge change. My father told me many years ago that a school board hires the superintendent, who hires the principals, who hire the staff that work directly with students. He shared that if you have a school board without focus and even worse, one with a "bent" focus, children will suffer.

Change renews me so I am excited about the coming school year with so many fresh perspectives; imagine all the new ideas and energy joining the TEAM! How does an organization "prep" itself to take advantage of the possibilities? Will our District be welcoming to

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those different points of view? Is everyone ready and willing to hit the reset button to ensure that each one of us is capable and willing to do "our part" to help the District move forward? Is any adult drama going to steal our focus from what our students need? How do we make sure that fear does not hold our District back?

Change is exciting to me; it's an opportunity to grow, to embrace the process of living. My wife thinks I should have been born in a different century. She's sure I would have been an explorer. Sometimes students are such good role models for the adults. They are just too "living in the moment" to get caught up in "what if it doesn't work."

There are many moving on to start new chapters in their lives. Some I know well, formed positive relationships with and who have made me a better educator and person. We are excited for them and wish them inner happiness. They will not be forgotten.

Here's a very big WELCOME to those joining our Kearsarge Family. Your lives are about to be changed in a very good way!

James Spadaro

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Bement Bridge Receives New Hampshire Historic Bridge Award



Four years after the original submission, Bradford has received the official letter awarding it a grant in the total amount of \$772,000 for the preservation of the historic Bement Bridge. Bradford's portion of the cost, \$33,880, has been set aside over the past few years. This award was one of the last grants available under the National Historic Covered Bridge Preservation Program.

As described in the grant application filed in 2011:

The Bement Covered Bridge was completed in 1854 and rehabilitated several times during the mid to late 1900's. It is a Long truss structure, patented in 1830 by Colonel Stephen H. Long of Hopkinton, NH. This bridge has 7 truss panels with some variation, such as the lack of wedges that provide the prestressing component unique to the original design. The bridge consists of a single 60'- 6" span from center to center of bearings with an overall width of 19'- 3", a 6' - 2" roadway width and a vertical clearance of 13' - 2". It is a one-lane bridge and cur-

rently has a weight posting of "3 Tons/Passenger Cars Only." Both abutments are dry-laid stone and have unknown foundations. The Bement Covered Bridge is listed on the National Register of Historic places and is owned by the town of Bradford.

The project proposes to design and perform rehabilitation and repair efforts to address the overall deterioration of this bridge:

- Completely rebuild the dry laid stone abutments and properly backfill to address the loss of roadbed material and resulting sink holes (replace abutments if absolutely necessary).
- Correct bracing of the bridge frame and install bracing as needed.
- Replace worn and deteriorated deck planking
- Reframe roof and replace roofing material
- Evaluate restoring portal framing to match original

shape, which has been modified over time

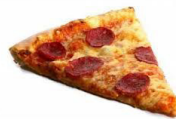
- Repair and/or replace rotted and decayed truss and framing members.
- Additional required tasks as identified during rehabilitation.

The next step is to return the contract, meet with NH DOT for a scheduling meeting and develop a time line. The engineering will then be bid out and the design study, wetlands and preliminary design will be reviewed by DOT. Construction will follow.

The Board of Selectmen thanked Town Administrator Cheryl Behr for her persistence in obtaining this important grant for the Town of Bradford.



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Selectmen's Highlights

Fire Department: Selectmen signed the contract as presented by Fire Chief Mark Goldberg for the chassis of the new tanker.

Highway Department: Letter was sent to the Trustees of the Trust Funds requesting advancement of \$30,000 from Highway Dept Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to reimburse the General Fund for payment of Sand/Gravel Screen as approved by vote of March 2015 meeting- Warrant Article 18. Warrant Article 22 established a Highway Expendable Trust Fund (per RSA 31:19-a) of \$40,000 with Selectmen named as agents to expend. Selectmen voted to spend \$25,000 from this fund to purchase a 1985 CAT Grader with 49hrs from military surplus.

Rail Trail: Jim Bibbo reported the Town did not get grant but RHC has put some money aside. He requested permission and support to start work on the Tilly Wheeler Trail and would

like to make a parking space at Gillingham Drive end of trail.

Appointment: Bob Toppi as an alternate to Library Trustees.

Bridges: David Eckman of Eckman Engineering, LLC spoke about the bridge work done by his firm. Selectmen thanked Mr. Eckman for his time and asked that he take a look at Water St Bridge and give input on what he thinks needs to be done.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs): Jim Bibbo advised that the CNHRPC application has been approved designating the region as an economic development district, which allows Bradford to apply for Federal funds we don't qualify for as an individual town. A project application under this grant could be to fix the second floor theatre of the Town Hall that would service the greater community. Grant plans could include handicapped access to second floor.

Capital Improvement Program (CIP): contract for 2015 signed by Selectmen.

Personnel Action Form: signed by Selectmen for Karen Hambleton who will fill in part-time for Maureen Brandon for an anticipated 6 weeks.

Budget Committee: Selectmen voted to appoint John Pfeifle as representative to the Budget Committee.

Town Office Move: Selectmen reiterated importance of moving offices back into Town Hall and are dealing with complex concerns as they move ahead. Town Administrator advised repairs totaling \$1,983.00 were done to one of the furnaces at the Town Hall.

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

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Call for Volunteers and Donations for the Bradford Rail Trail

Join Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford (RHC) and celebrate the great outdoors by dining at The Appleseed Restaurant on Thursday, May 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. to rally support and raise money for Bradford's rail trail. Bradford's segment is part of the vision to create a 33.9 mile multi-use trail running from Concord to Lake Sunapee.

In late spring, Bradford's first step will be to rehabilitate the town-owned Tillie Wheeler trail so that walkers may enjoy the serenity of a summer stroll. Little kids would have a safe place to tricycle and, maybe next summer, to pedal away without training wheels. Success in this initial step will enhance an application for a Rail Trail Grant in 2016 for a better trail; the 2015 bid failed.



Tillie Wheeler Trail taken in the dry season: Better Drainage Needed

On April 6, Bradford's Selectmen approved a proposal to scrape and ditch the town-owned Tillie Wheeler Trail and create one handicapped-accessible parking space.

Improving drainage will benefit public health by eliminating stagnant pools where mosquito-borne diseases may proliferate. We are seeking a volunteer with a 'dozer to scrape a ten-foot wide trail

with a two-foot brush-free buffer to accommodate a snowmobile groomer - and ditch the sides sometime in May. We'll pick up the tab for the volunteer and the volunteer's significant other at The Appleseed on May 7. One work-weekend is planned in late June for volunteers to prune, cut brush, rake and perform other work with hand tools. This is just a small piece of the project but it will be a start.

Generous landowners, Bradford Baptist Church Trustees and Robert Lucas granted access to extend an improved multi-use trail to West Main St. and several volunteers have stepped forward. Donor funds will cover 'dozer fuel expenses and minor trail surface improvements. RHC is accepting charitable donations for this multi-year project: Rail Trail Account, Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford, Inc., P.O. Box 296, Bradford, NH 03221. For information, call Jim Bibbo, 938-2460.

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Q. You studied for and embarked on a career in nursing. Was that a dream realized or was it the fact that there were not many choices in careers for women at the time? If there had been more opportunities for women would you still have chosen nursing?

It was a lifelong goal. I knew that was what I wanted to do when I was three years old. My grandfather was ill and although I was very young, I realized that was what I wanted to do with my life.

Q. You decided to change your nursing career from cardiac care to substance abuse and prevention. What was the decision based upon?

I think it was just time for a change after some years as a cardiac nurse. I attended graduate school at the University of Florida. I worked in that field until crack cocaine made treatment so frustrating. I burned out.

Q. After years of nursing you decided to become a quilter. What made you choose quilting?

I started to sew literally at my mother's knee. My mother was a marvelous seamstress and she recognized that I was a natural seamstress. I started by making clothes for my dolls and then for myself. I tried all the crafts then realized that I would give up knitting, macramé and embroidery and learn how to quilt. I took a continuing education class in Gainesville, Florida

and made my first quilt in 1981. I started as a hand quilter but soon realized that I could quilt on a machine. I still enjoy hand quilting.

Q. You have lived and worked in many parts of the country but your path led back to your childhood summer place on Lake Massasecum. How did you make the decision to return to Bradford?

My grandparents bought property on the lake from Mr. French. They built the first cottage on the lake in 1901. When I bought the property in 1982 I realized that I enjoyed the peace and serenity of winter. It was also a connection with the past.



Q. You lead a busy and exciting professional life and have involved yourself with a long list of committees. What do you enjoy for recreation?

I enjoy reading. I work on quilts for myself and my family. I do miss living in a university town like Gainesville. I discovered that small town life is fine. I especially like it here when the candidates for office visit New Hampshire.

Q. Your life was spent in many parts of the country. You have lived in Florida and Texas and enjoyed warm climates

for years. You opened a quilt shop in Gainesville and successfully ran it for ten years. What made you decide to sell the shop at the height of its success?

I enjoyed running the quilt shop. It became a gathering place for women. It was a place where they could share not just quilting but their lives. It reached a point where it was overwhelming. I had sixteen employees. It was time to change course and I sold it.

Q. I imagine that you came back to New England to retire but soon you were busy again with teaching and you decided to become a quilting judge. What motivated you to once again change the course of your life?

There are only 71 certified judges in the United States. I am the only one in northern New England. After four years of intense study I became a judge in 2009. You have to do a research paper. I judge in New England and Florida. It depends on who wants to hire me.

Q. You are involved in many activities and you also work at a quilt shop. Would you like to tell me about that?

I teach at the Senior Center Stitches from the Heart group. I am also on the Senior Center Advisory Board and the Bradford Historical Society treasurer. I teach at Quilted Threads Quilt Shop in Henniker. I travel in New England and Florida to judge quilt shows.

Q. We have had a very rough winter. You spoke about the beauty and serenity of life here. Has this past winter changed your mind?

I am certainly ready for spring. It was a long winter. I do not miss the warm weather. I have lived in cold places. I never enjoyed summer in Florida. When it is difficult to drive, people do not drive. The weather is not going to make me want to go south.



Bradford Fire and Rescue Seeks Help

Long duration events for Fire and Rescue services require a large amount of manpower that expends tremendous amounts of energy. We are looking for individuals or organizations that would like to volunteer to support our extended operations when they occur. Some examples are building fires, brush and forest fires, large accidents. We are looking for people who would be willing to help us by supplying beverages and food to the responders working these incidents when the need arises.

We will be glad to reimburse for the supplies that are needed. If you are interested in helping out please contact Chief Goldberg at 938-2271(work day time number) or 948-2496(night time number).

Thank you for all your support.

Bradford Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department

Public Hearing on Mount Sunapee Plan Set for May 5th

Commissioner Jeffrey Rose, Department of Resources and Economic Development has called for a public hearing on the agency's draft decision and amended Master Development Plan and Environmental Management Plan (2015-2019) for Mount Sunapee Resort. At a public meeting of the Mount Sunapee Advisory Committee on April 16, Rose stated, "A lot has changed since MDP/EMP was first released last summer, and this is not a final document." A public comment period is now open to allow for "comments, ideas, and suggestions to the proposal and conditions."

The public hearing will be held on May 5, at 6 p.m., at Mount Sunapee State Park, Newbury. Written comment is due by June 5, 2015, at 4 p.m.

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Fri. May 1st

8:00 – Noon Planning Board Office
 8:45 AM Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 11:30 AM First Friday Brunch
 raffle, door prizes, songs of Cat
 Faulkner
 3:00 – 4:00 PM May Day Daisy
 Planting BHS at the Tin Shop

Mon. May 4th

8:45 AM Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 1:00 PM Bridge
 4:00 PM Water Coloring
 5:30 PM Selectmen's Meeting

Tues. May 5th

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

Wed. May 6th

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

Thurs. May 7th

12 Noon Senior Dining
 1:00 PM Mahjong
 5:30 PM Cub Scouts

Fri. May 8th

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

Mon. May 11th

8:45 AM Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 1:00PM Bridge
 4:00 PM Water Coloring
 5:30 PM Selectmen's Meeting
 7:00 PM Rural Heritage Con-
 nection

Tues. May 12th

10:00 AM Stitches from the Heart
 12 Noon Senior Dining
 Medicare specialist Anita Oelfke

Wed. May 13th

1:00 PM Knitting Group
 Visitors and Joiners Welcome!!
 6:00 PM Yoga

Thurs. May 14th

10:30 AM – 12 Noon BP & Choles-
 terol Screening Clinics LSVNA
 12 Noon Senior Dining

1:00 PM Mahjong
 4:30 PM BACC/P&R Committees

Fri. May 15th

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
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 12:00 noon Senior Dining
 1:00PM Mahjong

Sat. May 16th

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Mon. May 18th

8:45 AM Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
 1:00 PM Bridge
 4:00 PM Water Coloring
 5:30 PM Selectmen's Meeting
 6:30-8:00 PM - Chess, BML

Tues. May 19th

10:00 AM Quilters
 12 Noon Senior Dining
 1:00 PM Watercolor class

Wed. May 20th

4:00 PM Special Group #5
 6:00 PM Yoga
 7:00 PM - Book Discussion, BML

Thurs. May 21st

12 Noon Senior Dining
 1:00 PM Mahjong
 5:30 PM Cub Scouts

Fri. May 22nd

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

Sat. May 23rd

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Book & Plant
 Sale, BML

Mon. May 25th

Memorial Day Holiday
 Senior Center Closed
 No Meals on Wheels
 Library Closed
 4:00 PM Water Coloring

Tues. May 26th

9:30-11:30 Foot Care clinic
 Warner Pharmacy. Appt. at 526-
 4077
 10:00 AM Stitches from the Heart
 12 Noon Senior Dining
 1:00 PM Mahjong

Wed. May 27th

10:30 AM –12 Noon BP Clinic
 Warner Senior Room, LSVNA
 6:00 PM Yoga
 7:00 PM Blacksmiths: Past and
 Present
 BHS, East Main Street

Thurs. May 28th

12 Noon Senior Dining
 1:00 PM Mahjong

Fri. May 29th

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

Sat. May 30th

8:30 AM Lake Todd Village Dist.

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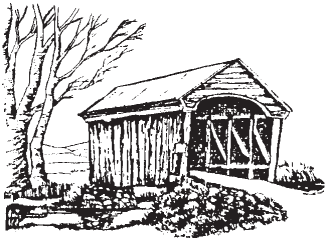
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Abbreviation Key

BACC-Bradford Area Community
 Center
 BBC-Bradford Baptist Church
 BML-Brown Memorial Library
 FGC-Fish & Game Clubhouse
 Gillingham Drive
 KAP-Kearsarge Area Preschool
 KRES-Bradford Elemen. School
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Historical Society - Tin Shop, East Main Street, open Saturdays from
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by Meg Fearnley



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CHESS: Our monthly Chess Night is Monday, May 18 from 6:30 until 8pm.

BOOK DISCUSSION: This month we are reading *Neverhome* by Laird Hunt. Join us on Wednesday, May 20 at 7pm for the discussion. The discussion group is quite informal, and we enjoy talking about books in a friendly, unstructured setting. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk.

BOOK and PLANT SALE: Yes, it is time for our annual Memorial Day Weekend book and plant sale. The sale runs from 9am until 2pm on Saturday, May 23. This is our biggest sale, and as many of you know, it is a great source of reading and listening material but also of high quality vegetable and flower seedlings! We hope to see you there.

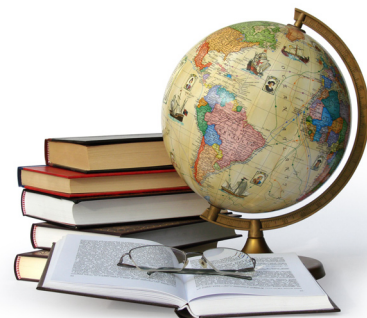
New books added to your library in April (see our website brownmemoriallibrary.org for a complete list)

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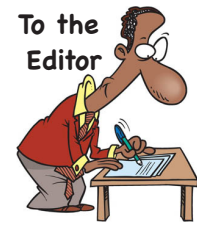


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As an avid skier who grew up on the slopes of Mt. Sunapee, I find the draft decision from NH's Depart-

ment of Resources and Economic Development allowing the Mt. Sunapee Resort to expand to the west to be unacceptable. I know there are many others who are also against the encroachment on our State Park and it is time to take a stand. Please come to DRED's public hearing at Mt. Sunapee State Park on May 5th, at 6 PM and stand up and voice your opposition!

DRED's decision includes the mandate for the resort to turn over to the state the 150 acres of private land currently owned by the resort operators (the Muellers). In theory, that would seem to mitigate the problems associated with the building of a public facility on private lands, however, the lands do not have to be transferred until 2028! The Muellers would still retain 250 acres that abut the expansion area, and if they want to develop that land there is little to stop them.

After living in several western resort towns, I saw first hand how the character of beautiful mountain towns was changed dramatically when ski corporations turned to real estate investments and started creating theme park diversions such as ziplines, roller coasters, indoor waterparks, Frisbee golf courses and other devices to enhance their own wallet, despite the environmental degradation involved.

Please go to www.friendsofmountsunapee.org for more information on how you can save our park!.

Deb Flanders, Newbury, NH

Obituaries

Ann Doherty "Nancy"

Hibbard, of Francestown, died Apr. 5, 2015, at the age of 86. Born in 1928 in Franklin, MA, she was the daughter of James J. and Anna (Lynch) Doherty. She graduated from Fisher Junior College and worked in the law offices of Bingham Dana and Gould. She married George Albee Hibbard II, a banker, and together they lived for many years in Wellesley, MA, where they raised five children.

Nancy believed strongly in giving back to her communities. In Massachusetts she was an active volunteer with the Girl Scouts, Wellesley Friendly Aid, Junior Service League, and Opera Company of Boston. In New Hampshire she served on the boards of the Bradford Women's Club, The Learning Institute at New England College, and Francestown's Bixby Memorial Library. She also served for many years as President of Opera Guilds International.

Nancy is survived by five children and their families, Sarah Hibbard Pyle and Charlie Pyle of Francestown, George A. III "Tod" and Cynthia Hibbard of Cambridge, MA, John B. and Ruth Hibbard of Framingham, MA, Robert P. "Tony" and Jeanne Hibbard of Hanover, MA, and James R. "Jamie" and Reenie Hibbard of Biddeford, ME; by seven grandchildren, her brother, James Doherty of Atlanta, GA; and her favorite sister-in-law Joan Hibbard Bagley of Worcester, MA.

Nancy died peacefully, surrounded by her children and

grandchildren. Donations may be sent to the Francestown Fire Department EMT's or the Francestown Improvement and Historical Society.

Ena Grandinetti, born Ena Miller Jensen in Copenhagen, Denmark on December 3, 1943, daughter of Ellen Margrethe and Martin Jensen. Ena died on March 31, 2015 at Concord Hospital. Ena attended a public school called Nansensgade Skole. She and her family lived in the center of Copenhagen, close to the lakes that run through the old city like a river. Ena and her younger brother Bent were inseparable. The young pair often rode their bicycles from city center to a cottage built by her grandfather at the edge of Hareskoven Forest, outside Copenhagen. Ena spoke lovingly of the bucolic summers she spent there with parents and little brother, picking berries and playing in the woods.

Ena met her future husband Robert Grandinetti, an American soldier stationed in Germany, in a dance hall in Copenhagen. Ena moved to Lakewood, New Jersey, and married Bob in 1962 or 1963. For many years she worked as a travel agent in New Jersey and in New Hampshire. The couple lived in Nashua for several years. They moved to Bradford in 1983 and built the house where Ena lived until her death.

Ena leaves her younger brother, Bent Allan Jensen, and his wife, Sanne, of Denmark.

Shirley Holmes Dunlap, 87, died peacefully, surrounded by her family, at her Hopkinton home, April 1, 2015.

Shirley was born in Concord on Jan. 23, 1928, to Marion Her- rick Holmes and Wayne Ferrin Holmes, and raised in Henniker. She graduated from Colby Junior College (now Colby-Sawyer College) in 1948.

Soon after college she married Philip S. Dunlap, to whom she was married for 50 years until his death in 1999. Together they made a great team, with Shirley managing a busy household of four children. She was a gracious and welcoming hostess. She loved meeting and conversing with people and learning their stories.

Summers were spent with her family at their cottage on Lake Massasecum in Bradford. Shirley would pack the family station wagon on the last day of school and head for the lake, not to return until Labor Day.

In the 1980's with a partner she opened an antique shop in Hopkinton, combining business with a personal passion, antique collecting. She often observed the business was not highly profitable, as for some reason many of the best pieces somehow ended up furnishing her house.

Beginning in the 1980's she and Phil spent winters at their home in Siesta Key, FL, where she enjoyed tennis, bridge and a busy social life.

She was an avid fan of UNH hockey and football, having accompanied her husband to numerous games when he was a UNH trustee.

She is survived by her four children and their spouses: William H. Dunlap and Susan Y. Dunlap of Amherst, Ann Dunlap LeBourdais and Peter LeBourdais of Harpswell, ME, Robert E. Dunlap and Jessica B. Dunlap of Hopkinton and John P. Dunlap of Sarasota, FL; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sisters, Jean Duffett and her husband, John Duffett, of Manchester, and Janet Thompson of Groton, MA; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to the First Congregational Church, 1548 Hopkinton Road, Hopkinton, NH 03229, or the Hopkinton Historical Society, 300 Main St., Hopkinton, NH 03229.

Jeffrey Haydn Taylor, of Hopkinton, died peacefully and surrounded by his family at Concord Hospital on April 7, 2015. He was 67.

A Bradford Connection: Jeff Taylor was a young college student on his way home from Middlebury College. This was in the days before Route 103, and Jeff was making his way between Newbury and Bradford. Racing along, Jeff suddenly realized that the brakes on his car were not working. Down the hill and picking up speed, Jeff found himself on High Street in

Bradford, negotiating the curve onto Main Street. Somehow he managed to bring the car to a stop somewhere along Main Street where a gracious resident helped Jeff out. Ever since, Jeff had a "soft spot" for Bradford. Jeff was a great supporter of our town hall project and led several forums for us.

Jeff is survived by Dijit Tripp Taylor, his college sweetheart and wife of 44 years; his daughters, Hannah, Bethany and Emily; his mother, Betsy Ross Taylor; and sister, Sally Beote; as well as many beloved family members and dear friends.

Jeff was born in Marblehead, MA, became an Eagle Scout, attended Phillips Exeter Academy and Middlebury College. He served as a Lieutenant, junior grade, in the Coast Guard, before turning his leadership talents and passion for service towards community development in New Hampshire. He served as City Planner in Berlin from 1977-1989. Governor Gregg selected Jeff as the Director of the Office of State Planning in 1989, a position Jeff held under three Governors until 2003, when he started his community planning and preservation consulting firm.

Valuing practical over political, he excelled at bringing communities together to design charettes and encouraging outside the box thinking and design. In Bradford, Jeff led the development of a design charette that gave identity to the village center.

An enthusiastic amateur fiddle player, Jeff also enjoyed fishing, hiking the 4000-footers, and rowing along the NH seacoast in all months and weathers. Jeff was a loud, lovely, complex and curiously practical man who will be much missed by all who knew him. We will miss his enthusiastic support and extend our sincere condolences to Jeff's family.



Phyllis G. Whall
Memorial services for Phyllis G. Whall, who died February 8, 2015, will be held on May 30, 2015 at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Bradford, NH. A reception in celebration of her life will be held at the Rosewood Inn in Bradford immediately following the service.

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Wildlife Habitat

The following is a condensed version of Chapter 12 of Bradford's Natural Resources Inventory. The full Natural Resources Inventory, along with associated maps can be found at the Bradford Conservation Commission's webpage at Bradford.org.

To live where one can hear and see wildlife large and small is a big part of what people mean when they refer to preserving the 'rural quality of life'. People who hunt and fish are particularly connected to a tradition stretching back many generations. Each species of wildlife has its own set of environmental requirements and preferences. Some species have very specific habitat requirements, while others are generalists. Bradford, by happenstance of geology and social history, has a great deal of land that is highly rated in state and regional rankings of wildlife habitat.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's Wildlife Action Plan (WAP), published in 2006, is an important tool for towns and organizations planning the conservation of high quality and/or imperiled wildlife habitat, rare plant habitat, and exemplary natural communities. Much of Bradford's southern landscape is rated as Highest Ranked Habitat in the State. Areas of Highest Ranked Habitat in the Biological Region include the land in and around Low State Forest (Knight's Hill and Silver Hill), the area of Avery Ledge, and areas that include grasslands and marsh/shrub wetlands.

Supporting Landscapes surrounding these areas provide buffers that are critical to protecting the core (or high ranked) habitat areas and often serve to connect them. Bradford's major tracts of Northern Hardwood-Conifer and Lowland Spruce-Fir forests are considered Supporting Landscapes.

Twenty-five percent of Bradford is labeled by the state as a Conservation Focus Area – the highest category of importance. It represents some of the State's highest value critical habitat for species of concern.

The different types of habitat in Bradford are described more fully in the complete NRI including: Hemlock/Hardwood/Pine, Lowland Spruce/Fir, and Northern Hardwood/Conifer, Grasslands, Marsh and Shrub Wetlands and Peatlands, Vernal Pools, Appalachian Oak-Pine Forest, Floodplain Forest, Lake habitats, and Riverine habitats.

Habitat Fragmentation [See the complete NRI for a map of Bradford's Unfragmented Blocks] Short of outright habitat destruction, habitat fragmentation is the primary threat to plants and animals, their diversity and their abundance. Habitat fragmentation creates isolated or tenuously connected patches of the original habitat. Small fragments of habitat can only support small populations of plants and animals and small populations are more vulnerable to extirpation. Habitat along the edge of a fragment has a different climate and favors different

species than the interior habitat. Invasive species are easily established in disturbed environments.

Wildlife Corridors:

Relatively narrow, linear strips of habitat serve as travel routes for wildlife moving from one location to another. They may link to a seasonally used area, such as a nesting or over-wintering area, or may interconnect larger blocks of breeding or foraging habitat. Wildlife corridors help to maintain biological and genetic diversity. Corridors help to resolve problems caused by roads, utilities, and site development.

Recommendations:

Work with the town's Planning and Zoning Boards, with advice from the Bradford Fish and Game Club, to protect deer yards, vernal pools, wildlife corridors, and important unfragmented blocks during site planning for residential and commercial development. Require that a wildlife study be conducted in sensitive areas; With the Planning Board, create a meaningful 'conservation development' or 'cluster zoning' ordinance that protects corridors, hiking trails, wetlands, and other important aspects within larger residential development projects; Incorporate protection of riparian (river/stream side) corridors with buffers in the Wetland Ordinance.

Town Board Notes

Budget Committee: George Cilley was elected as Chair; John Pfeifle will serve as Selectman Representative.

Outgoing Chair Dick Keller commented that while the Budget Committee has strived over the past few years, to keep the bottom line flat, the Town has many needs that must be addressed. In particular, maintenance of roads and bridges will continue to fall behind unless additional funds are raised in the near future.

Planning Board: Doug Webb of the Lumber Barn presented the next phase of the sign replacement, which was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Pierre Hahn discussed plans to open a seasonal farm stand on Greenhouse Lane. The Board pointed out the steps needed to put that in place for the coming season.

Jim Bibbo was elected as Chair and Erich Caron, Vice-Chair. Carol Troy appointed as a full member replacing Marcia Keller, who resigned from the Board, but was appointed to serve as an alternate member.

CIP: Development of the 2016-2021 Capital Improvements Program is underway. Stephanie Alexander and Katie Nelson from CNHRPC will guide the committee, with administrative assistance from Camila Devlin.

Marcia Keller will serve as chair. Application deadline is May 13th, department interviews in May and early June, submission to Planning Board in September.

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



*Ice out on Lake Todd
(photo by Geoffrey Hirsch)*

Blacksmiths: Past and Present

“Traditional craftsmanship faithfully applied to original and historic designs” describes the work of blacksmith Garry Kalajian who will provide a fascinating talk and demonstration at the Bradford Historical Society on East Main Street on Wednesday May 27th at 7:00 pm.



All are welcome to this free event, which will kick-off our new exhibit in both the Tin Shop and Smithy. There will be a board meeting prior to the talk, from 6-7pm, that is also open to the public. Maybe this is the summer you will choose to get involved in the Bradford Historical Society. Refreshments will be served! For information call 938-5372.

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Black Belt Promotions at Rising Sun Martial Arts, Newport, NH



Left to right: John Cunningham, Zachary Belisle, Timothy Cunningham, Evan Miller, Griffin LaBrie, Susannah Colby

Three young men completed an exhaustive examination of their knowledge of traditional karate. Timothy Cunningham, 16, of New London, Zachary Belisle, 12, of Sunapee, and Evan Miller, 12, of Bradford were awarded Black Belt ranking.

Tim Cunningham has trained in karate at Rising Sun since he started in late 2004. In 2009, he earned his Junior Black Belt. (International standards prohibit anyone below the age of sixteen from holding the full Black Belt certification.) At this ceremony, Tim transitioned from 4th Degree Junior Black Belt to 3rd Degree Adult Black Belt, one of only a handful of students to reach this level. He was also awarded the title of Shidojin (Apprentice Instructor), in recognition of his work as a teaching assistant. When asked what earning his Black Belt meant to him, Tim responded, "Black Belt, to me, is a symbol of growth in a positive manner. Through my eleven years of training, I have been taught to use karate not only as a method of self-defense, but as a tool to enhance one's character.

Self-control, mental discipline, respect – all things that were previously unattainable to me are now embedded in my lifestyle. Where once I had problems with anger and motivation, I now find patience and positive spirit – taught through physical conditioning and learned through mental honing."

Zach Belisle and Evan Miller were promoted to the level of 1st Degree Junior Black Belt. Between them, they have almost a decade of experience in karate. As Zach put it, "A Black Belt is more than just a belt on you; it shows how much hard work you have put into karate and that you are disciplined." But, while earning a Black Belt means attaining a long-term goal, neither of them see this as the end of their study. "To me," explains Evan, "being a Black Belt is a symbol of how far I have come and how far I will go." Both young men are regular fixtures at the school, and often assist in teaching the lower belts.

Note from the Cemetery Trustees

The Bradford cemeteries are open from April 1st to November 30th. This year the snow kept the cemeteries closed until the middle of April. Finally, the snow has melted and spring cleanup can begin. The goal each year is to have the five largest cemeteries ready with veteran flags in place for Memorial Day weekend. Veteran flags are placed in the smaller and more remote of the remaining thirteen cemeteries and are raked and trimmed once during the course of the open season.

If anyone is interested in the Rules and Regulations and monthly

meeting notes, copies are available at the town office and on the town web-site. In the meantime, we would like to familiarize you with some of the rules that pertain to the individual lots where our families and friends are buried. The cemeteries are mowed and trimmed by a hired maintenance business. There are many different ways that people memorialize their loved ones. Many people like to plant flowers or place arrangements at the grave site. Others like to place plastic arrangements and add articles at the grave of a more personal nature to the deceased.

Rule 8: No person shall deposit rubbish or debris on cemetery grounds (such as weeds, faded artificial arrangements, dead Christmas wreaths and other things of that nature). In the past, receptacles were available for this use. Due the receptacles being used for household rubbish they were removed and "Take in/Carry out" signs were placed at the cemeteries that are visited the most (Sunny Plain and New Pond). Be mindful of this at the other cemeteries, as well.

Rule 9: Shrubs should not exceed the height of the stone and Trustees have the right to restrict shrubs and trees if they do not conform to standards, become unsightly or dangerous. Some shrubs, trees and plants have gotten away from this restriction. We will try to conform to this rule in an appropriate manner. We will begin removing dead plants and attempt to trim the taller shrubs at Sunny Plains. As we move on to other cemeteries we will put a notice in the "Bridge".

Rule 13: All cemetery lots must have corner markers made of stone with incised initials and must be flush to the ground. No intern-

ment will be permitted until the cornerstones are in place. Also, no enclosures shall be allowed around a lot.

Rule 19: In 1971 the Town voted to restrict the sale of cemetery lots to "members of the families of present and former residents and taxpayers of the town.

Other rules that may be of interest to Bradford residents will be included in future articles. Feel free to contact any Cemetery Trustee with any questions or concerns.

Carey Rodd, Jane M. Lucas, Diane Whalley, Cemetery Trustees

Area Events

Warner

Friday May 8 at 7 PM: World War II Music and History. The Warner Town Hall will be the location of a special 70th anniversary V.E. (Victory in Europe) Day program. The program will include a "replay" of the 1945 live radio broadcast of interviews with Warner residents from the very same location, which was heard nationwide on the same date exactly 70 years ago. The program will begin with Songs and Stories from the War Years presented and sung by musician "Ramblin' Richard" Kruppa.

The "Blue Network V.E. Day Broadcast from Warner N.H., May 8, 1945" will be played, accompanied by a slideshow of related images. The event is sponsored by Pillsbury Free Library, Warner Historical Society, American Legion Post 39, and Mountain View Senior Center.

For more information contact the library at 456-2289, www.warner.lib.nh.us

Tuesday, May 19 at 3 pm: The Bookends Gallery. Meet Steven Kellogg author and illustrator many children's classics, who will be the author in residence at Simonds School earlier in the day. This is a rare opportunity to meet one of our finest authors of children's literature.

Sunday, May 31 at 2 pm : BookEnds BookGroup will discuss The Children Act by IanMcEwan. (paperback available in April)

Sunday, June 28 at 2 pm: Discuss A Discovery of Witches (book 1 of All Souls Trilogy) by Deborah Harkness. If anyone has a book they would like to share with the group, please consider hosting. Email your suggestion to info@mainstreet-bookends.com.

May 1-July 12: Exhibit: "Beautiful Markings: Native American Tattoos" Contemporary Art Gallery at Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum. Liz Charlebois (Abenaki) guest curator. See examples of modern day traditional tattooing of First Nations people. In the Admission to the Art Gallery is free.

Classes: Shell Engraving, Beginner & Intermediate. Master shell carver Alex Alvarez will hold two classes: Beginners May 13-15, 6-9 pm (Must attend all 3 days). Intermediate class: May 16-17, 10 am-3 pm (Must attend both days).

Class: Bark Baskets, June 6, 10am-3pm. Taught by Jennifer

Lee. Space is limited, pre-registration is required for all these classes.

Contact information: Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, 18 Highlawn Rd, Warner, NH 03278.



2015 Boston Marathon

Bradford was represented in the recent Boston Marathon by resident Joe Conway and Morgan Kennedy, grandson of Dick and Jean Kennedy.

Morgan, a dedicated runner, finished 227th out of the 33,000 entrants and bettered his time of last year by 6 minutes, finishing in 2 hours, 39 minutes.

Joe Conway was once again running as part of the Dana Farber Marathon Challenge Team to honor the memory of his wife, Maryse Conway. This year, Joe is also running for a 6-year old boy named Danny who is suffering from an inoperable brain tumor. Joe is raising funds for the Jimmy Fund at the Patient Partner Program at Dana Farber. Danny will be participating in a 54-week chemo regime in a clinical trial that is promising. To contribute: www.rundanafarber.org. Click thru the menus to find a 2015 runner list. Type in Joseph Conway and you will find his site.

Outside

by J. Ann Eldridge

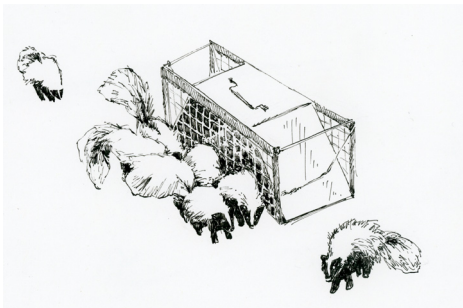
Skunks have been on the road for a couple of months. Traveling salesmen, the guys stalk likely denning sites in hopes of finding a good-humored female before hitting the road again. In May the kits are born and there can be a lot of them - as a friend of mine discovered a few years ago. To protect his identity I will use only his first name.

It was in the aftermath of a family reunion that Perry was informed that he had skunks as non-paying tenants. This was illustrated that very afternoon when a startled skunk, in conjunction with the unfortunate timing of an opening screen door, joined family activities in the kitchen. The skunk safely exited by way of the hastily orchestrated opening of the opposite door.

A Havahart trap was set and forgotten but a phone call alerted Perry to his unexpected success. The prisoner was consoled by a dozen fluffy offspring engulfing the trap and discussing plans for a jailbreak.

Skunks are born blind, bald and helpless, but within three weeks their double glands are armed for chemical warfare. The 'surfeit' (the collective noun for skunks) was incredibly cute and they advanced on Perry stomping their tiny feet in a display more visual than auditory. Perry retreated downtown for coffee and reinforcements. The young skunks had not watched enough television to realize that you must obtain the keys to the jail cell before chasing off the warden.

A second, careful approach resulted in the matriarch's relocation - from which she returned the next day to repeat the entire performance. This time she was transported further and in the ensuing days her sequentially trapped offspring were similarly deported, breathing soft cries of 'Beam me up, Scotty!'



The striped skunk is the most widely dispersed of skunks, ranging from the deserts of Central America to southern Canada and the only species in our area. Until recently, skunks were lumped with the sleek, spry, and totally carnivorous weasel family - perhaps only due to a similarity in body odor. Skunks are now given a separate family name, Mephitidae, a name that honors the Roman goddess personifying volcanic vapors and the poisonous gasses emitted from swamps. Skunks are omnivores with catholic tastes and shambling gait. The word 'skunk' comes from the Algonquin language 'squonck'. Europeans had never seen, or smelled such a thing.

The defensive chemical, stored in two glands, which they can dispense accurately to ten or fifteen feet, is n-butylmercaptan. Relatively nose-deaf humans can detect as little as ten parts per billion. As a synthesized

compound, it is deliberately added to otherwise odorless propane to alert you to leaks or an empty tank. The skunk's main predators are automobiles, owls, and occasionally eagles - none of these known for olfactory acumen. The skunk's striking and variable black and white coloration is a warning suit also worn by other nocturnal wanderers such as badgers, wolverines, and to some extent, porcupines.

There are advantages to having skunks as neighbors. Though malodorous and sometimes a hazard to pets, they are great harvesters of Japanese beetle larvae and other grubs that devastate lawns and gardens and they destroy quantities of yellow jackets and other ground nesting wasps. Hearty consumers of fruit, eggs, and seeds, they are fancily clad individuals with the patience and dexterity to peel prickly caterpillars such as gypsy moths and tent caterpillars. I could faintly detect at his front door that Perry is hosting skunks again this year.

Best recipe for skunk odor remover: ¼ - ½ cup Dawn dishwashing fluid, a bottle of hydrogen peroxide, ½ cup baking soda.

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