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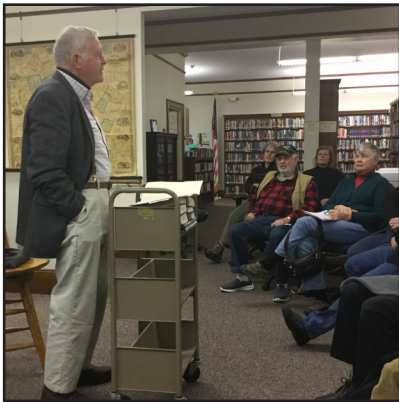
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Poor Farms in Bradford

The Bradford Historical Society and Brown Memorial Library co-sponsored a fascinating talk by Steve Taylor, former NH Commissioner of Agriculture and well-known journalist. "Poor Houses and Town Farms: The Hard Row for Paupers" detailed the various philosophies regarding welfare that have been explored throughout New Hampshire history.



Steve Taylor discussed philosophies regarding welfare in New Hampshire to an appreciative audience at BML.

Bradford hosted at least two poor farms over the years. The farm on County Road had 200 acres and ran from 1840-1849. The one on Rowe Mountain Road had 100 acres and operated from 1849-1878. Support was provided to locals who suffered calamities or illness. Insolvent newcomers to town were "warned off" to other towns and those sheltering them in town were penalized. Poor Farm residents were provided food, clothing, shelter, medical care, hearse and burial, and tobacco. In exchange they were expected to provide labor, if possible, on the farm and on town projects.

Poor Farms were supposed to be self-supporting. Bradford records show they produced eggs, ham, beans, potatoes, butter, cheese, straw, steers, apples, and pasturage for colts and cows. Bradford's Poor Farms were managed by whichever agent made the lowest bid to the town and housed from one to nine residents. Town Poor Farms were eventually replaced by County Poor Farms and federal assistance.

Bradford also paid various agents around town to provide succor for tramps. In 1913, a total of eighty-eight tramps were recorded. From 1924-1940 the town ran its own Tramp House on Frog Street (Gillingham Drive.) Sunny Plains Cemetery has a plaque honoring the paupers who were buried there, but it was common practice to bury the poor just outside the cemetery boundaries, as well.

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Town Meeting Dates

★ **Sat. March 5**
Meet Your Candidates
10 - Noon BACC Senior
Room

★ **Tues. March 8**
Vote for Town Officials
8AM - 7PM KRES

★ **Wed. March 9**
Town Meeting
7PM KRES

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Submissions

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

From the Editor

February is drawing to a close and we are still waiting for winter. A day or two of cold and an inch or two of snow that quickly succumbs to milder temperatures. Yes, every year is different.

The candidates for president may be off to other states, but Town Meeting is near. Come to the Community Center on Saturday, March 5 from 10 to noon and meet your fellow Bradford residents who have stepped forward to fill vacancies for town offices. The Bradford Bridge will once again sponsor this lively session starting with statements from the candidates and plenty of time for you to ask questions.

Bradford has a very good turnout for elections – a steady stream of voters on Primary Day. Of the more than 800 votes cast, sixty-six were newly registered that day. How many of them will be at the Elementary School to vote for our local officials between 8 AM & 7 PM on Tuesday March 8th?

The adjourned (business) session begins at 7 PM on Wednesday March 9th, also at the Elementary School when the remainder of the warrant articles (see page 16) are discussed and voted on. The first items, by state law, will be two bond issues, one for restoration of the Town Hall and the second for a fire pumper truck. Each will be presented in turn, discussed, and voted on by paper ballot. The ballot box must be kept open for at least an hour for each bond; each bond requires a two-thirds vote.

Bradford is your town. Your involvement and the decisions on these important bonds will help shape Bradford's future. We can have a restored building to house town offices and provide space for meetings large and small. We can provide a fire truck to upgrade existing equipment.

Come, listen, vote and be part of Bradford's future.

Marcia Keller
Co-Editor



Selectmen's Office Hours 938-5900

Mon - Thu: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
(closed 12 noon - 1 pm)
Fri: 8:00 am - noon

*Selectmen meet every Monday
from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Special Meetings will be posted
24 hours in advance*

Town Clerk/ Tax Collector Office Hours 938-2288

Mon & Tues - Closed
Wed - 12 PM - 6 PM
Thu & Fri - 8 am - 4 PM
(closed 12 -1 pm)
2nd & 4th Sat - 9 am - Noon

Planning Board Circuit Rider Wednesday

call 938-5193 for appointment

*Town offices are temporarily
located at BACC*





The
First Baptist Church
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March Events

Worship Services and Kingdom Kidz every Sunday at 10 am. (winter cancelations will be posted on WMUR TV).

Youth Group for grades 6-12 meets on Sundays at 11:30-1 pm in the church basement.

Monday Night Book Study continues, studying "The Power of a Praying Church" at 6:30 pm in the church office building.

Wednesday Night Prayer every week at 6 pm in the church sanctuary to pray for our church.

Bradford Community Food Pantry will be open on March 16 from 5:30-6:30 PM.

Thursday Night Bible Study at 6:30 pm in the church office building. Studying the Gospel of Mark.

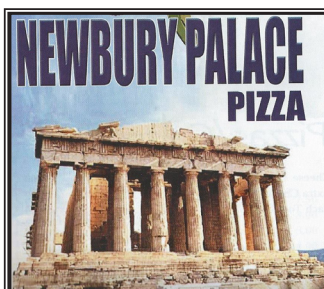
Men's Fellowship Wednesday March 23 or 30??? at 6:30 pm at the home of Fred Hubley.

Men's Breakfast, Saturday, March 5 at 8 am in the Church office building

Women's Breakfast will not be held in March-instead women are encouraged to go to Women at Rest in Goffstown, Saturday, March 12 at 8:30 am -12:30 pm. For registration information contact the church office.

Sunday March 20 Palm Sunday Worship Service at 10 am.

Sunday March 27-Easter Sunrise service at Lake Massasecum, French's Park at 7:00 am & Easter Worship Service at 10 am.



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Friends of the Library

Brown Memorial Library

The Friends of the Library provide a range of programming trying to meet the varied interests of our community. We are looking forward to the Downton Abbey Tea on March 6 and the family-favorite, annual Easter Egg hunt on March 26. To continue to provide compelling offerings, we need your help.

Many of our popular programs have relied on local expertise. Do you have a craft you can teach, a hobby you can talk about, or professional skills or experiences you would be willing to share?

We are also interested in your ideas for programming. Would you like to learn more about gardening, genealogy, cooking? Let us know your interests so that we can offer the programming you most want.

The Friends are grateful to the dedicated volunteers who help make sure our programs run smoothly. Volunteers are always welcome, but we are in need of a couple of board members; since the Friends is a small organization, participating on the Friends board is a low-key way to give back to our community and gain leadership experience.

If you have expertise you'd like to share or if you have ideas for programming that you'd like the Friends to sponsor, please consider joining us for our next informal planning meeting March 19th at 10:30am at the library and mark your calendars for the annual meeting May 9 from 6:30-7:30pm.

Contact bmlibraryfriends@gmail.com for more information.

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Planning Board

Gravel Pit Update:

An Earth Excavation Permit Application, presented by Barry Wheeler for a gravel pit on Center Road, was accepted as complete. Motion was made and passed to accept waivers. The application was approved and the permit was granted for three years.

Sweet Beet Update:

A revision was made to the site plan for the building on West Main Street, Map 16 Lot 33, showing the portion occupied as the winter location of the Sweet Beet farm stand.

Status of Map 3 Lot 89 on Route 103: In response to questions by an abutter, the application was denied due to wetlands and flooding and sent to the Zoning Board.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Public Hearing for Map 3-89 on Route 103: The hearing was postponed because the abutter notice indicated an incorrect section of the Zoning Ordinance. Proper notice was sent and the hearing opened on February 17. At that time, an attorney representing the applicant requested that the hearing be moved to April 6, 2016 in

hopes that a full board will be present. Motion was approved to postpone the hearing until that date.



Board of Selectmen

KAP (Kearsarge Area Pre-school) Selectmen agreed to negotiate the lease and would like to have the original rate reinstated.

Joint Town Efforts Selectman John Pfeifle provided information to the Board regarding the financial benefits of regionalization. An announcement will be made at Town Meeting of the formation of volunteer committees to further research the pros and cons of working with the surrounding towns in certain areas.

Bond Hearings Selectmen held required bond hearings on two warrant articles: Article Three Town Hall Restoration and Article Four Fire Pumper Truck. There were no questions or comments on either. Motions were made

and passed, 3 – 0, to approve both bond requests.

Federal Loan Michele Halsted outlined an application being prepared for a competitive USDA loan for the proposed restoration of the Town Hall. The loan would be at a guaranteed 3.125% for 30 years with the ability to pay down the principal with no penalty as funds are raised or grants approved. Selectmen endorsed the plan and will provide assistance as needed.

Excavation Abutters expressed concern about activities at Map 2 Lot 42 on Fairgrounds Road, property of Gerard Turco. Selectmen have contacted state agencies regarding this and are preparing a cease and desist letter to the owner until such time as proper permits have been obtained.

Forest Fire Wardens and Deputies Selectmen signed re-appointment letters for David Camire, Sr., David Camire, Jr., Mark Goldberg, and Steve Hansen.

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

area events

Sunapee

Saturday, March 5 from 1-3 PM
Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust will host a snowshoe walk throughout newly conserved Wendell Marsh North and South properties in Sunapee, NH. Please RSVP by March 4th by contacting Kristy at Ausbon Sargent at 526-6555 or kheath@ausbonsargent.org to reserve a spot.

Warner

Main Street Bookends

Friday, March 18 at 7 PM
The artists of MainStreet Gallery present "New Works". A show opening and you are invited.

Saturday, March 19, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Free fly-tying demos and instruction offered by the Basil Woods Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Call ahead and let us know you're coming. Kids are welcome. For more information, email concordtu@yahoo.com or call George Embley at 456-2315.

Sunday, March 20 at 2 PM It's a Book Release PARTY!! Join us as we celebrate with ADI RULE "The Hidden Twin".

Pillsbury Free Library

Saturday, March 19 from 5 - 7 PM Wine & Cheese Party and Silent Auction to benefit renovations of the historic library building. For questions about tickets please call Carol McCausland at 456-2393.

Out and About

A regular feature of the Bradford Bridge, Out and About, will post a picture of a place in the Bradford area with a hint of where it can be found. The places will be public and may be found near a town road. Your job is to get out and explore Bradford to find the place.

The mystery site for March can be viewed from an intersection about 2 miles from Main Street, Bradford.



The February mystery is unsolved. It is in southwestern Bradford on private property, but can be clearly seen from a town road.



When you know what and where either of these sites are, send an email to contact.us@bradford.bridge.com by March 20, 2016 with your name and contact info telling the exact location of the picture. The first sender of an email with the correct location of either or both sites will receive a congratulatory photo card of that place and their name will appear in Out and About in the next Bradford Bridge. Get out and about!! Happy hunting everybody!!

SRK Greenway Annual Meeting and March Hikes

The SRK Greenway Coalition's remaining winter hikes are free to the public. Please call the volunteer hike leader to learn starting location and time, or nonseasonal rain-date. (E) Easy; (M) Moderate; (D) Difficult. Be prepared for winter conditions: extra layers, hot drink, prepared for ice and snow. See www.srkg.org and our FaceBook page.

Mar 13 (Sun) Annual Meeting, Pot-Luck dinner & Guest Speaker
Call Jean LaChance (ph 927-4345) soon to ask about dinner contributions.

Speaker: Stone wall builder and writer Kevin Gardner will talk about the history and styles and construction of New England's thousands of stone wall miles while building a stone wall. Location: New London, Our Lady of Fatima Church meeting hall. See www.srkg.org for membership form.

MARCH HIKES:


Mar 5 (Sat): ASLPT short Walk/snowshoe 1-3 PM. on Wendall Marsh properties in Sunapee. See: <https://ausbonsargent.org/calendar>

Mar 5 (Sat): Sutton Conservation Commission easy hike and wildlife tracking in South Sutton in Webb-Crowell Forest. Leader is Dave Anderson (927-4279)

Mar 6 (Sun) Nathan Richer (763-2127): In Springfield near Star Lake Farm. X-C ski or hike 6-miles on SRK Greenway from NH 114 to Deer Hill and back (M).

Mar 12 (Sat) George Beaton (938-2637): In Bradford hills a snowshoe hike to special spots on Rowe Mountain. (M)

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To the Editor

Letter to Editor:

This is a thank you letter for years of exceptional service, to the town of Bradford, by Cheryl Behr and Erica Gross. They both went beyond their job descriptions and will be sorely missed.

Now you both can enjoy your "retirement". Have some fun days, more sleep, more time for yourselves and good health.

See you around town.
Don and Jane Johnsen



Dear Residents of Bradford

Thank you to those who have sent kind notes, attended the luncheon and just stopped by the office to wish me well on my retirement. It will take some time to not turn into the Community Center parking lot at 7:15 in the morning, but I am looking forward to a different pace. My last day in the office will be February 26th.

Karen Hambleton will be replacing me and with our finance manager, Maureen Brandon, will continue to provide townspeople with financial information, assessing data, and research issues that face the town. The Board of Selectmen has been very supportive in allowing Karen and Maureen the time to become familiar with all the NH State laws and regulations and I feel confident they are well prepared.

My best wishes to everyone,
Cheryl Behr

Celebration

Congratulations to Cheryl Behr on her retirement as Bradford's Town Administrator for 19+ years. On Feb. 18, 2016, townspeople gathered for a festive farewell planned by Selectmen, town staff, and hosted by the Appleseed Restaurant. On behalf of Selectmen, Selectman John Pfeifle acknowledged Cheryl Behr's accomplishments. He said, "Not often is any town fortunate to have steady, fair guidance for such an extended period of time!"

Most do not see what goes on behind the scenes running our fine town. However, because of Cheryl's efforts we should all acknowledge the detail and understanding of the record keeping, State RSA's, various departmental requirements, multiple taxpayer questions and concerns that she has handled on a daily basis for a long time! Bradford has endured in difficult times; we are truly blessed with great employees who care about their jobs, the town and most importantly, the people of Bradford. Please understand, Cheryl has led the way!

We also are fortunate to have kept up with the demanding financial requirements to keep our equipment in top shape; oh, you need good people to care for each item, but you need a balanced, time-sensitive approach to build a financial landscape with timely purchases of required tools. Add Cheryl's talent to apply for and obtain significant grants from various agencies both State and Federal and each Bradford taxpayer and user of our goods has been served well! The important elements of our Town are in good shape—from the library, roads and bridges, community center, police, transfer station, beaches, fire/rescue/emergency response team, historical society, budget oversight, book and record keeping, planning/zoning, cemeteries—to election oversight.

These functions just do not happen to work well; much work and tenacity has been accomplished. Thank you, Cheryl!"

Best Wishes from your community, Cheryl, in your new life adventure.



Poor Farm *(continued from page 1)*

Although the model of the local Poor Farm was promising, it fell victim to the same issues that plague our welfare system today. Steve Taylor's talk, delivered with his characteristic folksy charm and keen intellect, enlightened a capacity crowd that gathered at the library. It gave us food for thought on how to address this age-old problem. Thanks to the NH Humanities Council for sponsoring this event.

The Town Hall: a Perspective

by Claire James

The notion of the golden mean has been a recurring theme with respect to the Town Hall Restoration Committee's endeavors during the course of its tenure. At the outset of the project several years ago, some arguably ambitious renovation and restoration plans were presented for the town's consideration. Some embraced the plans in toto, while others deemed it to be overreaching for a town of Bradford's size and financial scope. In any case, the bond scenarios put forth to finance them did not receive the required 2/3 majority vote.

The committee's mission, as mandated by the Select Board, is: "... to restore the Town Hall to a functional building for municipal services and community use...as cost effectively as possible, so that it can continue to serve Bradford for many years to come, consistent with its historical character". On the one hand, many in the community have expressed ardent support for a full Town Hall restoration, while on the other side of the spectrum, there are those who are not at all interested in continued use or preservation of the building. Where then, lies the middle ground? What is the "golden mean", as it applies to an actionable, achievable way forward with respect to the project?

This year, the committee has sought to answer that question.

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Exhibit by Stephen Bohrer

The Bradford Art Group's new exhibit by photographer, Stephen Bohrer, opened in Brown Memorial Library in February. Titled, Altered Images: Studies for "Talking to the Mirror," An Unfinished Photographic Autobiography, viewers may be surprised to find unusual, innovative photographic images that are produced with traditional black and white darkroom techniques. The images are not computer-generated, but are altered manually with crayon, pastel, poster paints, and colored pencil.

Although currently an antiques dealer and collector of historic photographs, Stephen Bohrer of Newport has had a life-long passion for photography. Born in Portland, Oregon, he earned a BFA from the San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, California and an MFA from the Visual Studies Workshop, Rochester, New York. Since settling in New Hampshire years ago, he has taught photography at the NH Tech, Manchester and Lebanon College, Lebanon. His work has been shown at the Library Arts Center, Newport and the AVA Gallery in Lebanon. Nationally, his photographs have been included in "The Washington Show," at the Corcoran Gallery, Washington, DC, the Washington Project for the Arts and at the iconic Spaghetti Factory in San Francisco.

The exhibit continues through April at the library. Hours are: Mon. 10 - 8; Wed. 10 - 7; Sat. 10 - 3; and Sun. 11 - 3. Brown Memorial Library at 78 West Main St., Bradford, NH, is handicapped accessible. For more information, call: 938-5562.



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MARCH CALENDAR

Tues. March 1st

10am Stitches from the Heart
12 Noon Senior Dining
4pm Water Coloring

Wed. March 2nd

4pm Special Group 5
6pm Yoga
7pm Zoning Board of Adjustment

Thurs. March 3rd

8am- Noon Planning Board Office
8:30am Communications Committee Meeting, KLC
12 Noon Senior Dining
1pm Mahjong Group
5:30 pm THROC

Fri. March 4th

8:45am MVSC Fitness
11:30am First Friday Brunch w/ Rich Araldi on the Vibraphone

Sat. March 5th

10am- Noon Candidates Forum

Sun. March 6th

2:30 PM - Downton Abbey-Inspired Tea, BML

Mon. March 7th

8:45am MVSC Fitness
1pm Bridge
4pm Water Coloring
5:30pm Selectmen's Meeting
7pm Rural Heritage Connection

Tues. March 8th

8am-7pm Town Election, KRES
10am Stitches from the Heart
12 Noon Senior Dining
7pm Planning Board

Wed. March 9th

9am-7pm Supervisors of Checklist
1pm Knitting Group
6pm Yoga
7pm Town Meeting, KRES

Thurs. March 10th

8am- Noon Planning Board Office
9am-7pm Supervisors of Checklist
12 Noon Senior Dining
1pm Mahjong Group
4:30pm BACC/P&R Committees
6:30pm School Board Meeting, KRHS

Fri. March 11th

8:45am MVSC Fitness
1pm Mahjong Group
9am-7pm Supervisors of Checklist

Sat. March 12th

9am-Noon Town Clerk Open

Mon. March 14th

8:45am MVSC Fitness
1pm Bridge
4pm Water Coloring
5:30pm Selectmen's Meeting
7pm Rural Heritage Connection

Tues. March 15th

10am Stitches from the Heart
12 Noon St. Patrick's Day Party w/ Ramblin' Richard, Lunch reservations required
4pm Water Coloring

Wed. March 16th

4pm Special Group 5
6pm Yoga

Thurs. March 17th

8am- Noon Planning Board Office
11am - Noon Blood Pressure Clinic @ MVSC by Lake Sunapee VNA
12 Noon Senior Dining
1:30pm Mahjong Group
5pm Friends of the BACC
5:30pm Town Hall Restoration

Fri. March 18th

8:45am MVSC Fitness
9:30-11:30am Foot Care Clinic by LSVNA @ North Ridge Apartments
Call for appt. at 526-4077
10:00am Friday at the Movies: "Mr. Holmes"
12 Noon Senior Dining

Mon. March 21st

8:45am MVSC Fitness
1pm Bridge
4pm Water Coloring
5:30pm Selectmen's Meeting
6:30-8:00 PM - Chess, BML

Tues. March 22nd

9:30-11:30am Foot Care clinic @ Warner Pharmacy
10:00am Stitches from the Heart
12pm Senior Dining
1pm Mahjong
7pm Planning Board

Wed. March 23rd

10:30am-12pm Blood Pressure Clinic @Warner Senior Room by LSVNA
6pm Yoga
7:00 PM - Book Discussion, BML

Thurs. March 24th

8am- Noon Planning Board Office
12 Noon Senior Dining
1pm Mahjong
6:30pm School Board Meeting, KRHS
7:00 PM - Master Gardener Program "Seeds", BML

Fri. March 25th

8:45 MVSC Fitness

Sat. March 26th

9am- Noon Town Clerk Open
11:00 AM - Easter Egg Hunt, BML

Sun., March 27th

Library Closed
Mon. March 28th
8:45am MVSC Fitness
1pm Bridge
4pm Water Coloring
5:30pm Selectmen's Meeting

Tues. March 29th

10am Stitches from the Heart
12 Noon Senior Dining

Wed. March 30th

6pm Yoga

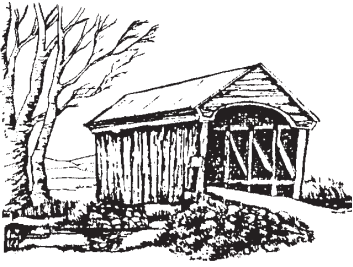
Thurs. March 31st

12 Noon Senior Dining
1pm Mahjong Group



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
ZBA-Zoning Board of Adjust.
KLC- Kearsarge Learning Center



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

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

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Cemetery Commission - 2nd Thursday at 6PM Call 938-2119 for info
Conservation Commission - 3rd Tuesday at 7PM, BML
Fish and Game Club - 1st Tuesday 7PM at Fish and Game Club
First Friday Bunch - 11:30AM at MVSC, reservations appreciated
call 938-2104 for info
Historical Society - Tin Shop, East Main Street, open Saturdays from 10am-noon
May-October or by appointment. Please call 938-2078.
Library Trustees - 1st Wednesday at 6:00PM BML
Planning Board - 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7PM, BACC
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Meeting

Wednesday
March 9, 2016
At 7:00 PM
Bradford
Elementary School



Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library have pulled out all the stops for our Downton Abbey-Inspired Fundraising Tea at 2:30 on Sunday, March 6. At press time we only have 4 tickets left available for purchase (\$15 per person). I can't wait to see those who come in costume, and I'm really looking forward to the tea, sweets, and savories, or should it be savouries?

Our March book for discussion is *Breath* by Tim Winton. Join us on Wednesday, March 23 at 7pm as we delve into the short novel by this Australian writer, one of my favorites. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk.

Thanks to the Master Gardener Program of the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, Master Gardener Dick Wright of Newbury will present various free programs at the library beginning this month (on Thursday, March 24 at 7pm) with a discussion of "Seeds". Next month, Dick will talk about "Bulbs" on Thursday, April 14 at 7pm. Don't forget we have a seed exchange here at the library. Bring your extra seeds to the program or before, and see what varieties we have in storage. This is a free public service of the library.

The Annual Library Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday, March 26 at 11am. The Friends of the Library organize the stuffing and hiding of 800 eggs! Does anyone remember when the library held the first egg hunt? We think it must have been in the 1980s. Bring your little ones with their decorated baskets. Older children are welcome to attend, they can help the younger ones find eggs.

The library is closed on Easter Sunday.

Some new books added to the library in February:
for adults:

Breaking Wild / Diane Les Becquets

The Mystery of Hollow Places / Rebecca Podos

My Name is Lucy Barton / Elizabeth Strout

The Road to Little Dribbling : adventures of an American in Britain / Bill Bryson

The Bitter Season / Tami Hoag

Farewell to the East End / Jennifer Worth

for children:

Power of the Fire Dragon / by Tracey West

The Little Gardener / by Emily Hughes

Pugs of the Frozen North / by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre



Library Hours
Monday, 10-8
Wednesday, 10-7
Saturday, 10-3
Sunday, 11-3

Town of Bradford Scholarship 2015

Originated in 1964, the 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.

Funds are awarded to a Bradford student of good academic standing who has demonstrated community involvement, strong leadership qualities, a need for financial assistance and other considerations as determined by the committee. The number and amounts of scholarships to be awarded takes into consideration the number of applicants, need, the sustainability of the fund, and other considerations.

The Scholarship Committee received a number of strong applications this year, but after careful deliberation, was able to select a recipient. Congratulations to Mercedes Gorman who was awarded the 2015 Town of Bradford Scholarship.

Mercedes Gorman graduated in June, 2015 from Kearsarge Regional High School. She is a freshman at Stetson University in Deland, Florida majoring in psychology. Mercedes is also interested in Spanish and sign language. She was a member of the KRHS Track Team for 4 years. Mercedes volunteered at Brown Memorial Library and the Upper Valley Humane Society while in high school.

Bradford students interested in applying for the 2016 scholarship should contact KRHS or go online to the bradford.org website. Students should send a written application to the Town of Bradford Scholarship Committee, P. O. Box 436, Bradford, NH, 03221-0436 no later than April 30, 2016.

You can become part of the fund by making a tax deductible donation to:

The Town of Bradford Scholarship Committee
P. O. Box 436
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Thank you on behalf of the Bradford students for your financial support.

Denise Renk, Mary Keegan-Dayton and Beth Rodd
Scholarship Committee

Bradford Rescue Squad



In 2015 the transition of Bradford Rescue Squad to a Fast Squad with Henniker Rescue providing ambulance transport was completed. The new medical rescue vehicle is in service and working well as a first response vehicle.

When a call for a medical emergency or traumatic injury is now made in the Town of Bradford. Bradford Rescue is dispatched the same time as Henniker Ambulance and, when able, will have arrived on-scene before the ambulance to begin providing care while the Henniker Ambulance is en route.

We currently have 12 members who are NH licensed EMS providers ranging from the emergency medical responder to EMT - intermediate level.

We are always looking for new members who would be interested in training to become a NH licensed EMS provider. Anyone who may be interested in joining please contact Captain Carl Goldberg by phone at 938-2271 or email carl@valleyfireequipment.com.

Obituaries

Edward Austin Gee, Sr., 88, died peacefully surrounded by family at the Pheasant Wood Nursing Home in Peterborough, Feb. 2, 2016. He was born in Hillsboro on June 29, 1927 and lived in Hillsboro all but one year of his life. He was the son of the late Andrew and Bernice (Proctor) Gee of Hillsboro. He worked most of his life in the woolen mills of Troy Blanket in Troy and Woods Woolens Mill in Hillsboro. He was a member of the U.S. Marine Corps in the First Separation Company, MCB, serving in the national emergency years as a private first class in occupation of China during World War II.

He was predeceased by his wife of 49 years, Madeline L. (Avery) Gee; a daughter, Linda A. (Gee) DeLeon, of Antrim; a son, Edward (Eddie) A. Gee, Jr. of Hillsboro; a sister, Isabel (Gee) Reed of Waltham, MA; and a brother, Charles (Charlie) Gee, Sr., of Hillsboro.

Survivors among his large extended family include daughter, Diane (Gee) Ward and her husband, Jack of Bradford. There will be no calling hours. A celebration of life service will be held May 21 at 11 a.m. at the East Washington Baptist Church with a reception at Purling Beck Hall following the burial in East Washington at the Maple Avenue Cemetery. Pastor Jack Ward will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in his name to the American Diabetic Association of New Hampshire. To sign an online guestbook, please visit www.chadwickfuneralservice.com.

Halton "Al" T. Grindle, 82, of Ledge Drive, Plainfield, died at home after a short illness with his daughter, Kathleen, by his side. He was born in Penobscot, Maine on July 22, 1933, the son of Joseph and Alice R. (Tapley) Grindle. He spent his early years in Maine, earned his GED and later graduated from Northeastern University.

Al worked as a policeman for Marshfield, MA, and Bradford, NH, retiring as Bradford's Chief of Police. He lived in Bradford for many years before moving to Plainfield 13 years ago. He served in the U.S. Army, was a member of St. Peter's Masonic Lodge #31 F & AM of Bradford, and enjoyed woodworking.

He is survived by seven children, 13 grandchildren; a brother, Delvin and his wife, Irene Grindle of MA and a sister, Myrtle Crowley of CT; nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Philip Read Memorial Library, 1088 Route 12A, Plainfield, NH 03781 or to the Plainfield Seniors, Plainfield, NH 03781. To sign an online guestbook please visit Chadwickfuneralservice.com.





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Jump Rope for Heart at KRES - Bradford

In January students and parents at KRES - Bradford participated in "Jump Rope for Heart," an event designed by the American Heart Association to promote the health benefits of jumping rope. All of the



Kearsarge Elementary Schools have participated biannually since 1988, raising well over \$208,000 to help the American Heart Association. This money funds research to battle heart disease and stroke, the nation's and New Hampshire's number one killer.



Students learn to volunteer in their communities by asking family, friends and neighbors to sponsor their teams. Many KRES - Bradford staff and parents participated as team leaders (and jumped!) for over 150 jumpers. Other volunteers, led by Monica Valovic, provided healthy snacks for the Bradford and Newbury students. Students participated whether or not they were sponsored.



Since it began in 1979, "Jump Rope for Heart" has involved millions of teachers and students nationwide. KRES - Bradford has consistently placed first or second in its division in New Hampshire for funds raised to help the American Heart Association.

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Your understanding and help in this matter is appreciated.

Town of Bradford
State of New Hampshire

Town Warrant of Town Meeting March 8th, 2016
(as received February 24, 2016 by The Bradford Bridge)

The Polls will open at 8:00 am on March 8th, 2016

To the inhabitants of the town of Bradford in the County of Merrimack in the 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 eighth 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 Wednesday, March 9th, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School on the Old Warner Road 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 the sum of One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000.00) (gross budget) for the renovation and restoration of the Historic Town Hall at Map 16 Lot 92. The project will provide a full basement, completely operational first floor for town offices and meeting rooms, and a second floor that meets building code standards for assembly occupancy. Further to authorize the issuance of not more than Nine Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$975,000.00) 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 Three Hundred and Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000.00) will be raised from donations and grants with work proceeding as commitments are made. The following funds are currently on hand to offset this balance:

- \$105,000.00 LCHIP Grant
- \$70,700.00 Cash and In-Kind donations

The Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. This article requires a paper ballot and two-thirds vote. Passage of this article will have no tax impact in 2016.

Article Four: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$475,000.00) (gross budget) to purchase a new Class A fire pumper truck, and to authorize the issuance of not more than Three Hundred and Eighty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$386,800.00) in bonds or notes for this purpose. Further to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of Thirty Six Thousand Five Hundred (\$36,500.00) dollars from the Fire Dept Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve, to withdraw Sixteen Thousand Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$16,700.00) from Fund Balance and to raise Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) by taxation. The Selectmen recommend. The Budget Committee recommends. This article requires a paper ballot and two-thirds vote.

Article Five: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Nine Hundred Eighty One Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$1,981,520.00) for general municipal operations. This article does not include amounts appropriated by other warrant articles. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

	Selectmen	Budget Committee
Executive	189,775.00	189,775.00
Elections & Vital Records	14,400.00	14,400.00
Financial Administration	102,000.00	102,000.00
Revaluations	42,000.00	42,000.00
Legal	31,000.00	31,000.00
Planning & Zoning	10,000.00	10,000.00
General Gov	63,000.00	63,000.00
Cemetery	25,000.00	25,000.00
Insurances	66,752.00	66,752.00
Other General Gov	6,500.00	6,500.00
Police Department	454,000.00	454,000.00
Fire Department	55,950.00	55,950.00
Rescue Services	91,900.00	91,900.00
Building Code Department	12,000.00	12,000.00
Emergency Management	2,500.00	2,500.00
Highway Department	505,000.00	505,000.00
Bridge Account	1.00	1.00
Street Lighting	4,850.00	4,850.00
Solid Waste Collection	80,000.00	80,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal	25,000.00	25,000.00
Inoculations	1.00	1.00
Welfare Administration	7,000.00	7,000.00
Welfare Payments	30,000.00	30,000.00
Parks and Recreation	2,000.00	2,000.00
Library	69,230.00	69,230.00
Patriotic Purposes	17,500.00	17,500.00
Community Center	21,000.00	21,000.00
Other Conservation	886.00	886.00
Long Term Notes	49,775.00	49,775.00
Interest on TAN notes	2,500.00	2,500.00
Total	1,981,520.00	1,981,520.00

Article Six: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000.00) to be placed in the Town Hall Repair and Restoration Trust Fund (established in 2013) for the continuing renovation of the Bradford Historic Town Hall. This article will be withdrawn with the passage of the Town Hall Bond issue (Article 3). By Petition. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen do not recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

Article Seven: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to relocate the town offices into the Old Town Hall and to withdraw Thirty Thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) from the Town Facilities Capital Reserve for this purpose. No new money will be raised by taxation. This will be a non lapsing appropriation and continue until December 31, 2021. This article will be withdrawn with the passage of the Town Hall Bond issue (Article 3). (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Eight: To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's fund balance. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Nine: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Four Thousand Dollars

(\$54,000.00) for the purpose of installing a drainage capture system in the Fire House and to purchase and install a commercial washer and dryer to clean firemen's protective gear. This money will be withdrawn from fund balance and no additional taxes will be raised. This will be a non lapsing appropriation and will continue until spent or December 31, 2021. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends

Article Ten: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$16,700.00) to be applied to the purchase of the new Fire Pumper. This money will come from unassigned fund balance with no money from taxation. This article is null and void if Article Four (the Bond for the purchase of a fire pumper truck) fails. This is a non lasting appropriation per Article RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until spent or December 31, 2021. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (majority vote required)

Article Eleven: To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Highway Heavy Equipment capital reserve created in 1960. Said funds and interest to the date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the town's fund balance. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twelve: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Dollars (\$772,000.00) for the repair of the Historic Bement Bridge (#140/144) with said funding to come from the National Historic Bridge Preservation program (Six Hundred Seventeen Thousand Six Hundred Dollars -\$617,600.00), the NH Municipal Bridge Program (One Hundred Twenty Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars - \$123,520.00) and the town share (Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Dollars - \$30,880.00) raised in prior years in special non lapsing warrant articles. 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 Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to fund the Highway Department Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget committee recommends.

Article Fourteen: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$30,400.00) for the second payment on the Highway Dump Truck lease/purchase approved at the 2015 meeting. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends

Article Fifteen: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00) for repair work on asphalt roads (including Marshall Hill). This will be a non lapsing appropriation and will continue until spent or December 31, 2021. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Sixteen: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for shimming and repairing asphalt roads. This is a non lapsing appropriation and will continue until spent or December 31, 2021. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends

Article Seventeen: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to remove dead and damaged trees from town cemeteries. This will be a non lapsing appropriation and continue until spent or December 31, 2021. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Eighteen: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$8,770.00) for the final payment on the lease/purchase of the Police Cruiser. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Nineteen: To see if the town will vote to enter into a lease/purchase agreement (with fiscal funding clause) for a Police Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV) and to raise and appropriate the first payment of Nine Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$9,200.00). The price of the vehicle and outfitting will be Forty Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Eight Dollars (\$40,458.00) on a five year lease. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

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

Article Twenty One: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) to fund the inspection of watercraft and the educational operations of the Boat Launch on Lake Massasecum. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty Two: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Six Thousand Dollars (\$56,000) with the following sums to be placed in capital reserve:

Fire Department Heavy Equipment	\$35,000.00
(This appropriation will be withdrawn with the passage of the Fire Truck Bond issue - Article 4.)	
Fire Dept Bldg Maintenance	\$5,000.00
Town Facilities	\$5,000.00
Revaluation	\$5,000.00
Town Emergency Repair Fund	\$5,000.00
Gravestone Repair	\$1,000.00

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

Article Twenty Three: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to fund the Scholarship Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty Four: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to fund a contingency fund as defined in RSA 31:98-a for the current year. The sum comes from taxation and any appropriation remaining in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty Five: To see if the Town will vote to adopt RSA 674:40-a (Local Land Use Planning and Regulatory Powers), delegating to the Selectmen the authority to accept dedicated streets; provided however, that this authority shall only be used for the acceptance of interests, including but not limited to slope, drainage or bridge easements, which are appurtenant to already-existing town highways, and the acceptance of any new highway shall remain subject to a vote of the Town. (Majority vote required.)

Article Twenty Six: To adopt RSA 79E:3 – Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive to encourage improvement of the residential business district in Bradford. (Majority vote required.)

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

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

Questions on the Kearsarge School District Ballot, March 8, 2016

Question 1

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the Municipal Budget Committee’s recommended amount of \$40,896,661 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 \$40,896,661. 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 8-1)

Vote for only one: A or B

A. \$40,896,661 for the proposed Operating Budget recommended by the School Board

B. \$40,896,661 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 Kearsarge Regional Educators Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
2016-17	\$393,297
2017-18	\$440,278
2018-19	\$449,957

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$393,297 for the 2016-17 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 5-4) YES or NO

Question 3 To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$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 unassigned fund balance (surplus funds) remaining on hand as of June 30, 2016. (School Board Recommends 8-0, Municipal Budget Committee Recommends 9-0)

YES or NO

Question 4 To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$50,000 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 unassigned fund balance (surplus funds) remaining on hand as of June 30, 2016. (School Board Recommends 8-0, Municipal Budget Committee Recommends 9-0) YES or NO

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

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. For which position/positions are you running? Why are you running?
2. What are your qualifications for this position?
3. What improvements would you like to see in Bradford in the next ten years?
4. What do you like best about living in Bradford? Least?



Write-In Requests: The following candidates have requested to be written in:

Harry Wright for Trustee of the Trust Funds.
Erich Caron for Planning Board.

David Nunnally for Budget Committee.
Bill Duffy for Zoning Board of adjustment.

Moderator (2 Years) One Opening

Brackett Scheffy

Question 1: I am running for Town Moderator. I have been the Moderator since 1976 with a gap from 2002 until 2008. I remember my trepidation the first few years. Even though I had had experience litigating cases in court, being “in charge” of a meeting of the size of ours was daunting. Over the years, I have gotten into a rhythm and feel that the meetings have gone quite well. I know I have enjoyed them. Among the reasons is the fact that I see people I know and like only at the polls and at the meeting itself. It’s even better than the dump!

Question 2: I suppose my experience in the job is the most important one. It is not something that comes naturally to most people and it did not to me. Nevertheless, I have gotten used to it and generally keep people calm and focused.

Question 3: I would like to see a continuation of the improvement of the Town’s appearance. It has been remarkable to see the evolution of Main Street from looking somewhat ragged to its present state with new sidewalks, a marvelous new park, numerous homes rejuvenated and at least two houses gone forever and not missed! The Sweet Beet Farm Stand is a wonderful addition and I hope people realize how important it is for the community spirit. Let’s keep the momentum going. The restoration of our Town Hall is one of the ways of doing so.

Question 4. The sense of community that I feel here is palpable. The Bridge is a major reason for that. My family goes way back in Town but I have observed over the forty or so years since I moved here full time that people with quirky natures and different patterns of speech are welcomed along with “old-timers.” They just need to be friendly themselves. I often hear it said that you have to live here for decades before you are actually accepted. I do not feel that is true at all.

Selectman (3 years) One Opening

James (Jim) V. Bibbo III

1. I am running for the position of selectman. I have always served the communities I have lived in and feel the position of selectman can best utilize my experience and skills.

2. I have 28 years of leadership positions in the public sector. I have two advanced degrees in Public Administration. I have years of experience developing multimillion dollar budgets, personnel evaluation and policy development. I have served on the Bradford Planning Board for the past 14 years and am currently chair.

3. I would like to see more business development take place in Bradford in order to broaden the tax base and reduce the tax burden on homeowners in addition to providing more job opportunities locally. I currently serve on an economic development committee at the central NH regional level to bring businesses into the town and area.

4. I first became a resident of Bradford in 1965 because I loved the rural nature of the town and still feel that way which is why I came back to Bradford for my retirement years. There seems to be a feeling that Bradford would best be served as a bedroom community and I dislike that there has not been more effort to encourage businesses to locate in Bradford to broaden the tax base and keep you young folks employed here.

Thomas A. Dunne

Selectman. To be part of the Bradford community.

This is my first time running for selectman. But my plan is to attend a selectmen's course down in Concord.

Resolution to town hall. More Agriculture development.

I love living in Bradford. I moved here 20 years ago on 206 Bible Hill Lane, cleared 5 acre piece out and built a house for my grandson and daughter, then built myself a house as well. There's no place I'd rather be than Bradford NH. It's a wonderful place with wonderful people.

Marlene Freyler

1. Positions seeking. Selectman, Budget, Planning and Zoning Boards.

Why? I am running for Selectmen position and the other town boards as I feel very strongly about the way the finances of the Town of Bradford are going. The selectmen need to do what the people want to do, not what they want to do. NO MEANS NO!! Our board of Selectmen are voted in to serve the townspeople.

2. Qualifications for this office: Elected to the following boards: Planning Board and Budget Committee. Have served on the Capital Improvement and Needs Assessment Committees. Co-Chair of the Bradford Independence Committee, Co-President of the Bradford Business Association.

3. I would like to see Bradford have consensus for all and not for a few. My voice will be for all the people.

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

Chase H. Kenyon - No Response

Town Clerk/Tax Collector (2 years) One Opening

Camila Devlin

I am running to continue serving as Town Clerk/Tax Collector for the residents of the Town of Bradford. Over the past 5 months I have immersed myself in the State training required to fulfill the duties of this position and have spent countless hours in the office becoming acquainted with our Town systems. This experience, coupled with years of working in human resources, has given me the knowledge to effectively get the job done, and the customer service skills that our residents deserve. My favorite part of living in Bradford is the rural character and the small town charm. However, I would love to see a growth in local businesses and the continued emphasis and encouragement of sustainable living in our community.

Supervisor of the Checklist (6 years) One Opening

Sandy Paul

In 2015 I replaced a retired member of the Checklist. Since I am now retired, I have time to give service to the Bradford community.

Trustee of the Trust Funds (3 years) One Opening

Harold W. Wright - Write-In

1. I am running as a write-in candidate for Trustee of the Trust Funds. After choosing not to run for another term as Selectman, I saw the open slot on the ballot as an opportunity to continue to serve the Town.

2. What are your qualifications for this position? A common sense approach to fiscal issues, “numbers skills” (granted, as an engineer rather than accountant), and an understanding of the Town’s funding process.
3. First and foremost, completion to the Town Hall restoration project. Then, continuing the revitalization of the village area for the betterment of the entire town. I have some thoughts on tourism that I’d like to discuss at the candidate’s forum, March 5 – leveraging the Bement Bridge and Town Hall to attract visitors.
4. Excellent, quiet (most of the time) quality of life, good people. Least? The contentious nature of some disagreements within town. It’s not “them or us” – we all live here, we can disagree, respect each other’s opinions and still be friends.

Trustee of Brown Memorial Library (3 years) Two Openings

Nola Jordan

1. Library Trustee. Bradford is extremely fortunate to have such an excellent library that offers so many services and programs to town residents and members of the larger community. We have an outstanding staff, a building that functions well for us, and the support of the town. My goal in running for a third term is to do whatever I can to help maintain that level of service as well as to be supportive of efforts to look ahead for new ways to meet the needs of the citizens of Bradford.
2. After serving two consecutive terms as Trustee, my experience is really my primary qualification. For five years I was secretary of the Board. In March of 2015 I took over as Treasurer (and have been trying to fill Bea Howe’s very big shoes). I have learned a lot about the library and the town in the last 6 years and am looking forward to being able to put that experience to good use during another term.

Garry Kalajian

- 1) Position sought, and why: Trustee, Brown Memorial Library. I am currently a member of the Board and I have been told by my colleagues that my contributions are valued.
- 2) Qualifications: A willingness to ask questions and listen to others to better understand how and why things are done, and offer suggestions for the board's consideration. In the past I have chaired committees and served as director of a non-profit.
- 3) In-town improvements: I would like to see more men in customer service positions.
- 4) Like best: the library. Like least: cheesy road signs and banners, often mounted haphazardly, polluting the landscape.

Trustee of Brown Memorial Library (1 year) One Opening

Annette Leonas

Love our library.



Budget Committee (3 Years) Two Openings

Marlene Freyler See Response at Selectman

Michael James

1. I am running for the Budget Committee. Initially, I joined the Town Trust Committee as a way to utilize my financial knowledge and investment experience for the benefit of the town. During my first year as part of that committee, we received confirmation from the State of New Hampshire that the town of Bradford could invest in a prudent manner. In other words, we were not limited to putting our town money into a savings account earning .0000001% interest. The 3 members of the trust committee then came up with a plan to best educate/introduce a very conservative investment strategy to the town and elected official. Some of the benefits of this investment strategy: the lowering of property taxes over the long term (5-15 years), increasing the quality of infrastructure (ie. Roads, bridges, town building, etc.) and raising the level of current town services as needed or desired. I am interested in joining the budget committee in order to facilitate the incorporation of

this strategy into the town's overall budget. This strategy does not call for any short term increase to town budgets.

2. Broad financial knowledge both private and in business. Partner/Owner of a successful consulting firm. Nearly 2 decades of successful investment activities.

3. I would like to see the property taxes of Bradford be on a par with the lake towns of Newbury and New London. Lower property taxes will remove one of the largest disadvantages to businesses moving into the down town area. I believe this will put us on the path to regaining a small, but vibrant down town and lead eventually to a greater sense of community, rather than the diminishment of community seen in many areas that have lost their small town feel.

4. Best? Abundant natural resources and outdoor recreational opportunities, as well as the small, New England atmosphere. Least? I really like Bradford.

David Nunnally Write - In

1. Budget Committee. I feel my experience as an Operations Director and Project Manager gives me the experience and understanding needed to be able to evaluate the needs of our community and satisfy those needs through sound cost control and responsible asset management.

2. Over 30 years of experience in positions related to Industrial Process Control, Project Management and Business Systems management. Director of Operations, The NanoSteel Company, Providence RI, 2010-2015 - Daily management of Environmental Health and Safety, Facility Management, Import/Export, Information Systems, Product Inventory, Production Planning, Product Marking, Supply Agreements, Terms and Conditions. Develops budgets and forecasts and manages to plan. Develop facilities and office space to suit business needs.

Project Engineer, Product Manager, Project Manager, Field Service Manager

Praxair and TAFE, Concord NH, 1999-2009, Plan and manage the development of new equipment designs. Identify process requirements and specified equipment including: acoustical enclosures, dust collectors, heat exchangers, manipulators, robots, robot safety systems, turntables, and water chillers.

3. I would like to contribute in the development of controls to ensure town assets are properly maintained. Identify best fiscal practices related to town management from other communities and implement in Bradford. Work to reduce and lower the tax rate.

4. The extensive array of outdoor activities available to us, our proximity to the Manchester and Concord metro areas, the two hour drive to the ocean or to Boston, and Lake Massasecum.

The least desirable thing aspect of our town is our inability as a community to come together to address our most pressing issue, Town Hall. There is a lack of open mindedness and ability to compromise in order to ensure we develop plans that most residents can support. We must live within our means. Arguably, the devaluation of property values may be the result of our unwillingness to look at alternative solutions to solve this most pressing issue.

Budget Committee (1 year) One Opening

Beth Downs

1. I am running to represent the blue collar workers in our town. I do not feel we are adequately represented.

2. This is will be my third year on the committee. My experience comes from positions I have held. I have been a payroll/ office manager and I am currently the treasurer for the Rural Heritage. I file taxes for this organization, as well as bookkeeping. I also have asked a lot of questions so I can continue to understand how the town spends our tax dollars.

3. First and foremost I would like the Town Hall renovated and back in use for all town activities sooner rather than later. My firm belief us if we do not care about the Town Hall, we certainly do not care about its people or its employees, who are working in deplorable conditions.

I would also like the selectmen to really concentrate on combining services with surrounding towns. The burden on a small town to keep on spending 1/2 a million and rising on the police department and the highway is more than any town should bear. The same should be done with the fire department. Spending a million on 2 new pieces of fire equipment would rest a lot easier with the tax payers if was a shared expense. The success we have

had with the rescue squad is a good start, but we need to expand it to as many facets of our town as possible.

4. We love our house and the beauty we see every day. The amount our taxes are rising. If we presented a better, more caring town, people would love to move here and more townsfolk, less taxes for everyone.

Planning Board ((3 Years) 2 Openings

Marlene Freyler See Response at Selectmen

Carol Troy

1. I'm running since after 15 years of living in Bradford I thought it was time to step up and get involved in the town.

2. I've served on the planning board for the past year. The first 6 months as an alternate and the second 6 months as a full voting member after someone stepped down.

3. I feel that in recent years the town has been improving both aesthetically and in the way that more people are getting involved in town activities and I would love to see that continue.

4. After living in many areas of the country my family and I chose to settle in Bradford. The things I most love about living here are the people, the sense of community, and the natural beauty.

Erich Caron Write-In

I am running for Bradford Planning Board, and due to not applying to be on the ballot, I am a write in candidate. I have served the planning board for the last three years, and I am currently the vice chair.

Zoning Board of Adjustment (3 Years) Two Openings

Marlene Freyler See Response at Selectmen

Brooks McCandlish

I am seeking re-election to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA).

I believe that zoning appeals should be decided fairly, openly, in accordance with NH law, and with due consideration given to all parties.

I have lived in Bradford since 1984, and have served on the ZBA since 2007. I have also served on the planning board, conservation commission, board of library trustees, fire & rescue as a volunteer EMT, and other organizations in town.

William (Bill) Duffy Write - In

1. I am running for the open seat on the Zoning Board of Adjustment because, after a dozen years in Bradford, I would like to contribute to the town in a helpful way.

2. I am a cartographer (map-maker) and have been running my own business for nearly 25 years. In that time I have worked with many towns to develop master plans, zoning maps, and historical and natural resource inventories. I would use this expertise to assist the ZBA in interpreting the maps and plans that come before it. Over the last 12 years I have donated or discounted my services to several Bradford organizations and thus have a good knowledge of the town's geography. I have previously served on several boards and commissions in the small town of Hallowell, Maine.

3. I would like to see the continuing development of local businesses along Main Street. I am heartened by recent improvements: repairs to old buildings, removal of buildings beyond rescue, proposed renovation of the Bradford Inn, the blossoming Historical Society complex, the new park, and the farm stand. There are however, a number of unused commercial spaces that could make meaningful additions to the tax base. The core of the town rests on its large percentage of home businesses and the self-employed and this low impact use should be encouraged to preserve Bradford's rural flavor.

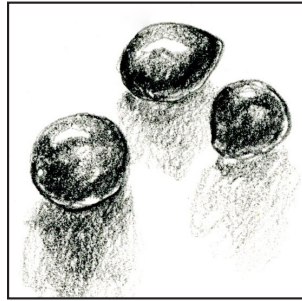
4. I most enjoy the rural nature of Bradford and the neighborliness of the citizens.

Outside

by J. Ann Eldrige

Three shining seeds of a Kentucky coffee tree, *Gymnocladus dioica* clicked together like a handful of lopsided, coffee-colored marbles. Hard as glass, it took vise grip, steel file, and time to score the seed coat enough to admit the water that will bring these seeds to life.

The Kentucky coffee tree, a gigantic member of the legume family, was first described by colonial botanists in Kentucky and thence the name, but its largest concentration now is in the Midwest and from there it is scattered widely.



A durable, straight-grained hardwood reaching 135' it grows in sand or clay, wet or dry, cold or hot environments. Its numbers are dwindling due to its obdurate seeds and harvesting.

Seeds essentially consist of a plant embryo with incipient root and shoot secured within a protective seed coat and supplied with enough energy reserves to fuel the biggest growth spurt of its life. A seed can be described as a baby wrapped in a box with its lunch. 90% of the planet's plants make seeds but ancient forests consisted mostly of spore producing plants - tree ferns, mosses and the like. In those early uplands experiments were underway to unite genes from two parents in the open air and send them off in a compact, portable package - a seed.

Our diet is based on stealing the nourishment from baby plant

lunch boxes - all those beans and peas, nuts and grains. Moreover, if seeds didn't go miraculously dormant, there would be no seed saving and agriculture, no ability for storage and thus no accumulation of wealth, which brought about class division and modern war. Our species could not have overrun the planet except for this deathless sleep of seeds.

Dormancy lies somewhere between seed maturity and seed germination - desiccated to some degree and dead to the world until conditions are just right. For some seeds

that means the right angle of light or shade, the right amount of water, a brisk fire - there are countless strategies. The cells of a seed retain the spark and complete instructions to regain cell structure, put a root down, a leaf up, and begin photosynthesis.

Plants are still testing ways to protect their seeds from being destroyed by animals, fungi, bacteria, and tricky weather. Some plants do it with spikes and husks, some with armor, some with chemical warfare. Caffeine, for instance, is an insecticide. But a coffee plant (a different species than the Kentucky coffee tree) found that a touch of caffeine in nectar will keep an addicted bee coming back for more thus assisting in pollination. Rodent teeth developed in tandem with seed plants, ratcheting up the thickness of seed coats and the strength of teeth and jaws.

The intention of parent plants is to get these boxed, sleeping infants out of shade and competition under foot to colonize new territory and keep their species going. Among countless strategies, air travel is still the most common method (dandelion and poplar); ejection works well (jewelweed and witch-hazel); attachment to animals (burdock and beggarticks); dispersal by the forgetfulness of rodents, insects, and other animals (walnut, acorn, apple); and my favorite, endozoochory - 'going abroad with animals'. This means purposely having an attractive fruit that will then be eaten with the seed possibly to be scored by chewing and then passing through a digestive tract aiding chemically in breaking the dormancy of the seed and then deposited far from the parent plant and with a fertilizer bonus. Birds and bears are good at this (blueberry, raspberry).

Which brings me back to the Kentucky coffee tree. The key to the Kentucky coffee tree reproductive success may have depended on the presence and culinary preferences of large megafauna - likely the mastodon. This widespread animal, along with a variety of other large animals, disappeared simultaneously with the spread of paleo humans more than 10,000 years ago. Planting Kentucky coffee trees will not bring the mastodon back, but should they return, I will be ready for them.

[The Brown Memorial Library has begun a seed exchange - check it out.]

The Town Hall: a Perspective (continued from page 9)

In a number of ways, keeping in mind both the “bottom line” and the historic, cultural component. Financially, we have sought to drive down proposed project costs through a variety of measures, including – but not limited to, a commitment on the part of our committee members to personally fundraise no less than 25% (\$325,000) of the total projected cost of this year’s proposal via grant applications as well as private cash and in-kind donations (to date, \$175,000 of our \$325,000 commitment has been raised), and aggressive pursuit of a low interest (3.125%) federal loan option. We have also reduced a good deal of the expense associated with the second floor by revising the plan parameters to make this portion of the building fit for occupancy only, per current building codes - with additional trim work and other decorative restorations slated to be done as the funds are raised privately. From a community relations perspective, a series of monthly meetings were hosted by the committee, for the purposes of sharing information and developments as well as obtaining some much needed feedback from community members. Local building experts were consulted for their comments on estimates for various portions of the project, as well as additional, general advice. [For a full overview of the project plans, a detailed project FAQ list and other related project documents, visit \[bradfordnh.org\]\(http://bradfordnh.org\) and click on Town Services, then Town Hall Restoration Committee.](#)

“It has been said that at its best, preservation engages the past in a conversation with the present over a mutual concern for the future.” (-William Murtagh, first keeper of the National Register of Historic Places). It is the spirit of this ethos that has guided the Town Hall Restoration Committee and the various proposals put forth over the years.

A final word: Mentioned on occasion is the fact that the Town Hall is Bradford’s most valuable asset. In strictly real estate terms, it is. But as one of our community members rightly pointed out, a distinction must be made. It is truly the people who live here, who are the town’s most valuable asset. Certainly without people, there would be no buildings – and none of the attendant debates concerning how to use them, or how to best main-

tain and preserve them. In the act of erecting any structure, the people who take part in the effort are inevitably involved in creating a sense of place, unique to their geographical location, needs and values. This particular sense of place cannot be arbitrarily recreated “just anywhere” to any authentic effect. It is for this reason that New York City has a certain “feel”, which differs from that of Dallas, TX, which differs from that of a typical Chicago suburb, which in turn of course differs from that of a small New England town such as our own. These varying senses of place serve to attract varying types of people. The type of person who might be attracted to a suburban or urban environment, for example, has arguably very different needs and values as compared to the type of person who prefers a more rural environment.

Our collective decision with respect to the Town Hall extends therefore beyond the structure itself. Is Bradford’s particular “sense of place” at all special and worthy of preserving to the extent that we possibly can? We leave the answer to this important question in the domain of the voters, and hope that the answer to this question is “yes”.

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All candidates for contested and non-contested seats have been invited. Following opening statements from the candidates, there will be a question and answer session.

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Across

1. Celebrated on March 17th
2. "Where the ____ Things Are"
3. Tap these trees for best results
4. NCAA Tournament

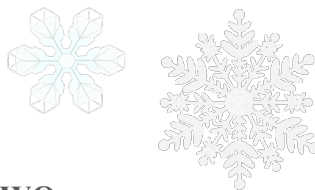
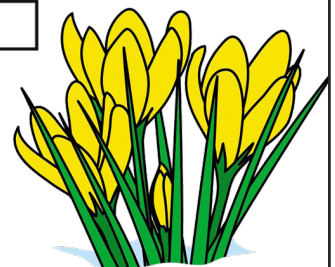
Down

1. March birthstone
2. This begins March 20th
3. Largest mammal on earth
4. Our third president
5. Women's history month
6. Jewish holiday begins March 23rd
7. Christian holiday on March 27th

Q: Why is the Easter Bunny so lucky??



A: He has TWO rabbit's feet!

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