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Town of Bradford, NH

**ALL MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS –
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To assist in keeping our community safe, the Bradford Board of Selectmen has decided to close all Town buildings to the public until further notice. The Town’s intent is to stay open with staff to assist with calls and limited services as listed below, and only allow contact on an as needed basis to keep face to face contact limited.

WEBSITE: The Town website address is www.bradfordnh.org. Information will be updated there as it becomes available.

PUBLIC MEETINGS: As of March 19, 2020, Non-essential Board and Committee meetings in March will be canceled and more information will be forthcoming about meetings in April and beyond. Essential meetings of the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment and Conservation Commission will be held as scheduled with accommodations made.

TRANSACTIONS: The following is a list of the transactions most often performed for our residents in the Town Offices, and directions as to how each may be accomplished until the COVID-19 crisis passes and we can safely re-open our doors:

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR: Should you wish to contact the Town Clerk or Tax Collector, you may reach us as follows:

Town Clerk/Tax Collector, PO BOX 607, Bradford, NH 03221, 603-938-2288, tc@bradfordnh.org

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2020 Bradford, NH Town Balloting Results



Zoning Amendments - *Passed*

- Accessory Dwelling Units will be permitted in Bradford under conditions listed on the ballot.
- Lot minimum of 2 buildable acres.



Officers, Board and Committee Members Elected

Budget Committee

for 3 years
Laurie Colburn
Timothy Mckenna

Budget Committee

for 2 years
Douglas R. Southard

Cemetery Commission

for 3 years
Marlene Fryler (Write-in)

Moderator *for 2yrs*

Brackett L. Scheffy

Planning Board

for 3 years
Mel Pfeifle
Pam Bruss

Scholarship Committee

for 3 years
Mary Keegan-Dayton

Selectman *for 3 years*

Marlene Freyler

Supervisors of the Checklist

for 6 years
Jacqueline V. Pehrson

Trustee of the Brown Memorial

Library for 3 years
Caitlin Banaszak
Laura J. Beaton
Annette Leonas

Trustee of The Trust Funds

for 3 years
George Cilley (Write-in)

Zoning Board *for 3 years*

Nathanial Bruss
Beth Downs



Kearsarge Regional Balloting Results

- Question 1 School Board Budget \$45,069,217 - *Passed*
 - Question 2 PEAK Agreement (CBA) - *Passed*
 - Question 3, Special Education Fund, \$25,000 - *Passed*
 - Question 4, Maintenance Fund, \$50,000 - *Passed*
- Bradford School Board Representative, Eric Gregoire - *Elected*

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From the Bridge

*We must be willing to get rid of the life we've planned,
so as to have the life that is waiting for us.*

~Joseph Campbell

Dear Readers,

Seems like a year has passed since our last edition. In the last several weeks a novel coronavirus has changed the world for us humans. In assembling this edition of the Bridge we strove to strike a balance between what is familiar and the new reality. Requiring constant adjustments, this new reality challenges our ideas about what is to come. Our reactions will shape our new world.

As we move into the life that is waiting for us, this April edition brings:

- ★ Election results and highlights of Town Meeting.
- ★ How to conduct town business while town buildings are closed.
- ★ Laurie Buchar's article about the Bradford Historical Society's "All Aboard" exhibit.
- ★ Reactions and advice from parents on home learning.
- ★ As they begin their sixth year of operation the Kearsarge Food Hub/ Sweet Beet Market defines their commitment to our community during the pandemic and beyond.
- ★ Lois Kilnapp's report of plastic recycling.
- ★ "Bradford Bingo," listing many ways to support your health and the health of the community while practicing social distancing.

The business landscape of our community is changing rapidly, sometimes by the minute. As businesses pivot to serve, please support them in any way possible.

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The collective knowledge about how to lessen the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic is to **stay home**. As federal and state governments struggle with how to make this happen, please heed this knowledge for everyone's safety.

Please check "Late Breaking" at bradfordbridge.org for updates as we receive them.

Please find paper copies of the April edition at the Bradford Post Office and Transfer Station.

Stay safe. Spread Love.

Kathleen Bigford, Editor

*With gratitude to everyone who
makes this publication possible*



Letter to Our Editor:

This is a copy of a letter sent to the Select Board

March 17, 2020

RE: 2019 Town Report Selectmen's Commentary

I am disappointed that the Board has been unwilling to address my concerns regarding false statements made by the Selectmen in the 2019 Town Report that I raised at Town Meeting and again at your board meeting last night.

By vote of the Town on March 13, 2019, "the Fire Chief shall be appointed by the Select Board, Selectmen, in consultation with the Fire Department Membership." That this was not done in 2019 does not alter the Selectmen's obligation. At some point you are going to have to address the concerns of the Fire Department members. I submit that the sooner this is done, the better, for the Fire Department, but more importantly for the Town of Bradford.

This letter represents my personal views, not those of Bradford Fire & Rescue.

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A Message from the Kearsarge Food Hub and Sweet Beet Market:

Since its inception five years ago, the Kearsarge Food Hub has been working toward community resilience by focusing on areas like food security, farmer support, and environmental stewardship. Given the strange turn of current events, with the global spread of the new coronavirus and social distancing underway here and around the world, our mission is being tested. We are here and responding as needed. It's what we were designed to do.

We are in a unique position to help given the very nature of our organization and its many parts, including Sweet Beet Market, Sweet Beet Farm, Sweet Beet Kitchen & Bakery, and our community connections with local schools, food pantries, farmers, and others. We are ready and willing to leverage our position, our partnerships, and our infrastructure to help ensure food security for all as we all learn to adapt to this new, albeit temporary, reality.

New programs and systems are emerging in real time to meet new challenges. In Sweet Beet Market, all transactions

will be entirely contact-free, meaning all orders and payments will be processed over the phone or online only; there will be no more at-the-door ordering. All orders, once bagged up, will be left on the porch for each person to collect. Any frozen items will be added to their bag when they arrive. In addition to keeping Sweet Beet Market operating safely, other food security programs include:

- 1.) A renewed commitment to donating regularly to local pantries, that are open more often and serving more people than usual.
- 2.) Donating fresh fruits and veggies to the evolving bagged breakfast and lunch programs provided by our incredibly caring and adaptive local schools,
- 3.) Reviving an old tradition: The Victory Garden.

We believe our services are more important than ever before, given the uncertainty of how things are going to unfold. As a nonprofit food hub, we consider it our responsibility to keep our doors open and figure out how to help everyone in our community access the foods they need to be safe and healthy. We take this responsibility very seriously because, at the end of the day, we all still need to eat. Stay tuned in to our website, kearsargefoodhub.org, for up to date information on how we can help you and how you could help us, if you're in a position to do so.

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Real Estate Update

Looking Ahead...

What will the housing market be like in 2020?

My last update was written in January for the February issue; now, as I am writing this one towards the end of March for the April issue, how much has changed! Our entire world is impacted by the Coronavirus... upsetting every aspect of day-to-day life, and the situation is likely to get much worse before improving.

I want to share with you some encouraging observations made today (March 16th) by Chris Masiello, President and CEO of Better Homes & Gardens The Masiello Group. The 2020 real estate market has actually kicked off with most markets ahead of last year in terms of sales. We had dubbed February as the “new April” because the mild winter conditions and favorable financial conditions had jump-started the Spring market. To date, the Coronavirus has not disrupted real estate activity, but has, of course, tempered the way we do it... always careful to not take unnecessary health risks.

Chris pointed out that, historically, in times like these people refocus their investing in more stable options like residential real estate, we are all drawn to home and family. He anticipates that home improvement will become more active. Home buying conditions are more advantageous with 50 year low interest rates. It seems likely that buyers will continue to be active. The inventory at this point remains low, so sellers will be in a good position. We know that life can change in an instant, but today the outlook for the real estate market in 2020 seems fairly encouraging.

Recent Real Estate Sales in Bradford (1/1/2020-3/15/2020)

There were 8 single family home sales (one a mobile home) during this time; two more than there were in 2019. At the present time, there are 6 homes on the market, 2 under contract, and two

pending. We have already spoken to some folks who are considering putting their homes on the market soon. If you have questions about the home selling process or prospects, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Marilyn Kidder



THE MILESTONE TEAM



We thought it would be fun for you to get to know us all a bit better, so each month we'll feature a Team Member.



Donna Forest

April Agent Profile

Born and raised in Massachusetts, Donna has been fortunate enough to live in a number of different states. After graduating from the University of Massachusetts with a degree in Forestry (yes, her last name really is “Forest”), she moved to California and worked for the US Forest Service for nine years. She and her husband, Rick Flint, are both skiers, and Rick was also in the ski resort management business. They relocated to a ski resort in southern

New Hampshire, from there to western Maine at Sunday River, and then lived up in the mountains of southern Utah (at 10,000 ft.) at a ski resort town called Brian Head. In 2000, they moved to New London and have happily lived there ever since.

Donna has been a full-time licensed REALTOR® since 1994, starting in Utah and continuing on with The Milestone Team in the New London area. She is even-tempered, quick to communicate, and enjoys working with people who have a sense of humor. Her attention to detail and responsiveness to her clients are the keys to her success. Whether buying or selling, Donna's years of experience will help you avoid the common pitfalls of real estate and make your home buying or selling process as smooth as possible.

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Anne Marie Appel

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Be Well - Essentials

A friend of mine's daughter is a lawyer for the transportation department in San Francisco. She's actually the head of the department. Impressive right? She was deemed essential, even while the city was in lockdown. As she commuted to work one morning this week, she drove across the Golden Gate Bridge, all by herself. Her car was the only car on the entire bridge. Is this a scene from some movie I thought I'd like?

Today, March 20th, 2020, I went out for a drive. No planned stops. I needed nothing. Curiosity drove me. I braced myself for the unsettled feeling I'd get for the eerie emptiness of places. Instead, I saw cars on the roads, found full parking lots, saw lots of people out and about. What I feared was not what I found. Yet it exposed another layer of fear. I found the hubbub to be more unsettling than the stillness I was expecting.

I'm listening to stories about isolation. But when I tuned-in to this outer channel, I saw activity. Essential errands? I wonder, what is essential? Not what is deemed so by the feds, or by our state governors- but what do each of us individually consider essential? What is necessary for our satisfaction? What is necessary for our survival? Are they the same?

While our answers may be changeable, the pause it provokes can bring a sense of connectedness. It provides an opportunity to understand our instinctive physiological response to a threatening situation. Do we fight or take flight!? The answer matters not. Both reactions cause the same chemical change in our bodies. Simply recognize this response for what it is. Then take steps to calm this chemical reaction.

I invite each of you to try this simple technique. Slow down. Slow down each movement you make. Imagine that the air is water creating a resistance on each area of your body while you are walking, reaching for something or sitting down into a chair. When scrubbing the sponge over a dirty plate, move the sponge more slowly. When bringing the kettle to boil, just wait for it. Don't fill the time with another task. Making small adjustments like these won't make a difference in what you get done at the end of the day, but it will make a difference in the way you feel.

Leah Cummings

This column is a place to find thoughts and ideas about wellness from our community, to our community. Contact Leah at 603leah@gmail.com if you would like to contribute!

Progress with Plastics

In 2019 the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center shipped 4.38 tons of plastic for a net return of \$1,030.00. Coupled with saving \$74.00 per ton in tipping fees for the municipal waste container, this return is more than it appears. Our plastic was shipped to a plastics recycling facility called Tab in Michigan. This women-owned company shreds and pelletizes the plastic into BB-sized pieces. These pieces are then shipped to various companies that make new plastic products such as pipes, pails, furniture, motor oil bottles, and detergent containers.

Recycling plastic is environmentally beneficial. As reported earlier, bottles used for bottled water are huge contributors to plastic waste. New research reveals that most bottled water is not primarily spring water run through a filter, but tap water run through a filter. New Hampshire has exceptionally clear and potable sources of water, so it makes economic and environmental good sense to carry drinking water from home. If desired, home filters are reasonably-priced and easy to install and use.

Ken and I have noticed that more and more companies are making changes in the way they package their products. Environmentally friendly companies started making packaging that is thinner without sacrificing the integrity of the packaging, and other companies are following suit. A thin heavy-gauge recycled plastic is sturdy enough to hold laundry detergent and keep food fresh without using an inner and an outer layer of packaging. This change has helped to cut down on a large portion of plastic waste. When we watch how we buy and use products bottled or encased in plastics, we can extend the family budget. And, when we recycle the plastic waste that we generate, the town of Bradford can extend its municipal budget. This is another win-win situation which financially and ecologically benefits every person in Bradford!

*Lois Kilnapp, Manager
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ALL ABOARD! Railroad Exhibit at Bradford Historical Society 2020



FOR THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS after incorporation in 1787, Bradford residents relied on literal horsepower for transportation. Goods and food were delivered via saddles, wagons, carriages, stagecoaches, and sleds sometimes using as many as eight-horse teams. By the 1850s, however, New Hampshire had earned its bygone nickname of the Railroad State because of the rapid development of short line tracks. Railroad transportation would reign supreme here until replaced by the widespread use of motor vehicles a century later.

In the 1800s, farmers and business owners alike were hoping for better transportation between Concord and Claremont, NH as a link to the larger railroads that served both Boston and Canada. This resulted in the creation of the Concord & Claremont Railroad, which was chartered in 1848. On July 1, 1850, the leg from Warner to Bradford was opened with much fanfare as the C & C train pulled into our station for the first time. Sadly, there was also an accident that day that cost the life of the conductor's brother.

Within a decade, the Bradford Station featured a passenger depot, machine shop, paint shop, turntable, water tower and locomotive sheds. Initially there

was a daily scheduled passenger train "up" from Concord and "down" to Concord, with plans for a second run. Freight was sent three times a week, with more runs as needed. Commodities included bobbins, powder kegs, scythe stones, lumber, granite, gravel, livestock, wool, and eventually mail and fresh milk. High school students later used the train to get to school, much to the vexation of the harried conductor.

Before the railroad era, Bradford farms provided for their own and the local community's needs. Faster transportation opened up trade for exporting and importing goods. It also inspired a tourist business of hosting summer boarders in inns and on farms. Eventually, there were three major hotels in town (The Springs Hotel, the Raymond House, and the Bradford Hotel) that sent stagecoaches to the depot to pick up guests. A lively merchant class arose to provide services for the influx of guests, as well as the burgeoning population. Manufacturing also blossomed at this time as the mills that had cropped up along our fast-running streams could increase production and take advantage of the Boston markets.

The impact on Bradford's economy and population was greatest during the

twenty years (1850-1870) that Bradford served as the end of the line. Bradford Station was situated at 684 feet about sea level, a significant gain from 288 feet in Concord which was twenty-eight miles away. There were sharp reverse turns along the route that whipped the cars back and forth. There were numerous derailments, flooded tracks, and cow wrecks. In winter, the locomotive might take off across a drifted field. Despite these hardships and financial uncertainty, the railroad pushed on toward Claremont. Higher grade track was required as the line approached its highest elevations on the flanks of Mount Sunapee. The Newbury Cut, completed in 1871, was described in a newspaper thus: "It opens a deep throat to the observer and will ever remain one of the greatest triumphs of enterprise, science, and gunpowder over New Hampshire granite."

In 1872, twenty-four years after the chartering of the Concord & Claremont Railroad, the junction was completed to Sullivan Railroad in Claremont. Holiday crowds, bound for Lake Sunapee, kept up a lively tourism business. Hundreds of trunks were transferred from the train to the steamboats that transported vacationers to the many hotels that dotted the lakefront. The trains were also busy carrying supplies and manu-

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factured goods. Even ice, cut from the lake and stored in sawdust, was shipped to Boston for refrigeration. Some baggage cars were converted to postal cars providing remarkably prompt delivery of mail. Bags were tossed on board at city stations and sorted en route.

In 1889, the Concord & Claremont was bought out by the Boston & Maine Railroad. The wooden lattice bridges were showing signs of decay and the out-lying tracks were not maintained as regularly. The 1900s brought the onset of the automobile industry and the subsequent decline of rail travel. During both World Wars, however, the trains proved heroic in delivering munitions and supplies to ports. In 1949, the centennial of the opening of the Bradford-Warner line was feted, but the end of an era was at hand. The last passenger train rolled through Bradford in 1954 and postal service ended its contract with the local line in 1955. There were two sparks of activity that followed in the next few years. First, was the hauling of cement for the construction of the Flood Control Dam over the Contoocook River in 1959. And finally, there was the brief but colorful appearance of a local attraction called Steamtown in 1961. An avid collector of steam locomotives established this tourist business in Bradford, but was thwarted by complications and equipment failure that doomed the endeavor. The tracks, which followed

what is now Route 103 to Newbury Harbor, were torn up in 1964. However, the “open throat” of the Newbury Cut remains for all to see, just a short walk from the road.

Railroad travel remains a romantic and exciting piece of Bradford’s history. It harkens back to a time when our town was poised on the brink between its agrarian past and a vision that pulsed with new prospects and technology. Nowadays we may become wistful about the simplicity of Bradford’s beginnings. But put yourself in the place of those that reveled in the thrill of what railroads had to offer over a century ago. Listen for the sounds of the conductor slamming the door and calling “All Aboard”! Hear the pull on the air whistle, the clang of the bell, and the steady puffs of the locomotive as it pulls out of the station, gaining speed and hurtling on to the future.

Be sure to visit the Bradford Historical Society to see the new exhibit. Look for publicity about area events regarding the age of railroads in New Hampshire. And check out Two Hundred Plus: Bradford NH in Retrospect and Bradford and Warner at Brown Memorial Library for more town history.

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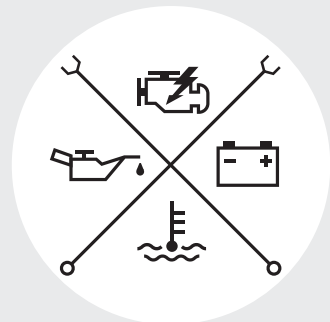
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March 2020 Town Meeting

The 224th Town Meeting was held on Saturday, March 14. The KRES Bradford PTO provided a delicious hot breakfast for residents in attendance with food prepared by the Appleseed Restaurant. The meeting came to order at 9am under the direction of Town Moderator, Brackett Scheffy, who led the town in the pledge of allegiance. Full minutes of the town meeting can be found at *bradfordnh.org*. Here is the “Bridge Notes” version.

Budget Highlights:

Executive was increased from \$185,000 to \$190,000 to cover the cost of transitioning to a new Town Administrator.

The legal line item increased from \$35,000 to \$45,000.

The Police Department line was raised from \$505,000 to \$517,825.58 to ensure the department would have the budget for a secretary and overnight on call police coverage.

The Fire Department line item was passed at \$141,995 after a motion to amend the line item to \$155,000 failed.

All other line items passed for a total budget of \$2,245,038.61.

Warrant Article Highlights:

Following the vote for the General Operating Budget, Article Five, a motion was made to move to Article 30, a petition warrant article for the purchase of a new Class A Pumper for the Fire Department. Brackett Scheffy explained to the meeting the 10% rule; that the

Town cannot appropriate more than 10% more than what the Budget Committee recommends. If the article was moved up and passed other articles would not be able to pass once the 10% threshold was reached. The article was moved up and failed to pass.

Another Fire Department article was amended to add an additional \$70,000 to the Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for a total of \$80,000. Article passed as amended.

The meeting voted to explore alternate ideas for an annual Town celebration in lieu of Bradford’s Independence Day celebration.

The article to raise and appropriate \$50,000 for the 2006 Main Street Improvement Capital Reserve Fund was amended to \$25,000. Article passed as amended.

All other articles passed. The meeting ended with a request that we take a moment of thanks and to recognize John Pfeifle who was a Selectman and passed away this year. The meeting adjourned at 1:20pm.

Town of Bradford School Scholarship

Originated in 1964, the Town of Bradford Scholarship Fund has provided financial support over the years to Bradford students who are pursuing post-secondary education.

High school students wishing to apply, should meet the following requirements:

- Live in Bradford.
- Be furthering their education in a university, college, school of nursing or technical institute.
- Submit a typed, written application telling the committee about their academic goals, extracurricular and community activities, and how living in Bradford has helped promote these goals.

Applications should be mailed to the Town of Bradford Scholarship Committee, P. O. Box 436, Bradford, NH 03221-0436 no later than April 30, 2020.

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Town of Bradford, NH

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Renewal of car registrations: Can be done by mail or online via our <http://invoicecloud.com/bradfordnh>

Registration and title transfers of a NEW purchased vehicle: The DMV has allowed extensions on 20-day plates. If you have a temporary 20-day plate dated 03/01/2020 or later you will automatically have an extension until 04/30/2020. You do not need to come into the office at this time.

If you have a new vehicle purchased in a private sale please call the Town Clerk at 603-938-2288.

Copies of vital records (birth, marriage or death certificates): Can be requested online at <http://invoicecloud.com/bradfordnh>. You can also request them by mail but you will need to print out the Application for a Certified Copy form found at <http://www.bradfordnh.org/departments/town-clerk-tax-collector/vital-record-information>

Dog licensing: The due date is April 30th. Renewals can be done by mail or online at <http://invoicecloud.com/bradfordnh>

Boat registrations: Registrations can be mailed

Tax payments: Can be made either online via our website portal <https://nhtaxkiosk.com/?KIOSKID=BRADFORD> or you can mail in your payment.

Please feel free to contact the Town Clerk/tax Collector at any time with questions via phone 603-938-2288 or email tc@bradfordnh.org.

• Notary Services: The Bradford Town Offices are handling Notary Services on a case by case basis. Call 603-938-2288 or 938-5900 for more information.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Bradford Police Department is committed to providing the best possible service to the community, while also protecting our officers. We have continued to monitor the spread of the coronavirus/COVID19 and are working with other officials in the community to stay up to date and make the best decisions possible. With that being said, there are a couple of updates we'd like to make citizens aware of.

Officers will be enacting social distancing whenever possible. Police business will be conducted over the phone versus in person whenever feasible. Any non-emergencies can be reported by calling the Police Department at 938-2522 or dispatch at 938-2980 and asking to speak with an officer. We will also be temporarily suspending fingerprinting for employment and volunteer work for the foreseeable future.

The men and women of this department take great pride in providing direct and support police services to the nearly 1,700 residents and the many thousands who work, visit or travel through Bradford every day. Our top priority is, and will continue to be, public safety.

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

Should you wish to contact the Selectmen's Office, you may reach us as follows: PO Box 436, Bradford, NH 03221, 603-938-5900, administrator@bradfordnh.org

• Property Assessment Records, Deeds and Tax Maps: Can be viewed online at <https://www.axisgis.com/BradfordNH/> Some documents are not available online but most documents can be scanned and emailed. Contact the Select Board Office at 603-938-5900 or email at administrator@bradfordnh.org.

• Filing for and renewals of Exemptions and Credits, etc.: Information for verification or renewal can be sent by mail; questions can be directed to the Select-

men's Office at 603-938-5900.

• Home and Building Inspections: As long as construction proceeds, inspections will continue. Please contact Code Enforcement Officer Walter Royal at walterroyal@gmail.com or 603-491-9251.

• Building permits: Permit applications are available on the Town website at <https://www.bradfordnh.org/departments/building-deptcode-enforcement> and will be accepted via email or mail. Payments are to be made by check only. Should you need to drop off plans or applications, please call 603-938-5900.

• Burn permits: Call the Forest Fire Warden at 603-938-2634.

• Road Concerns, Snow Plowing, Roadway drainage: Contact the Road Agent at highway@bradfordnh.org or call 603-938-5916.

• Transfer Station and Recycling general questions: Contact the Transfer Station at 603-938-2526 during Transfer Station Hours (Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10am-5pm). Attendants will not assist any user of the Transfer Station with the disposal of their items. They will be happy to direct you as to where/how to dispose of your items.

• To file land use board submissions (including Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment) or to review site plans, subdivision plans, etc. please contact Katie Olohan, Planning and Zoning Secretary at planningboard@bradfordnh.org.

If you have non-emergency COVID-19 related questions, please call 2-1-1 (a state hotline manned 24/7 specifically for such questions).

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Town Administrator's Office at 603-938-5900 or by email at administrator@bradfordnh.org if you need further assistance with any other Town Office Services.

We appreciate your patience while we work through this challenging time.



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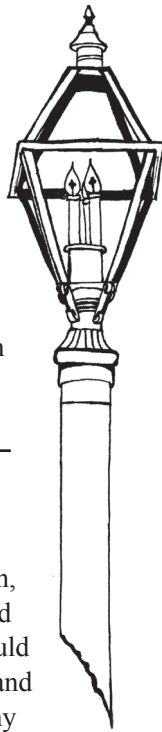
Library Hours:

Monday 10:00am – 6:00pm
Wednesday 11:00am – 7:00pm
Friday 10:00am – 6:00pm
Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm

From the Director's Desk:

One of the reason's I have always enjoyed dystopian fiction, is that I wondered how I would fare in that state of being. Could I make do without electricity and running water, could I grow my own garden, could I survive isolation, hiding from scary gangs of outlaws, or not making a sound? Luckily, this pandemic has not come with a lack of electricity or running water, just the isolation. I would describe myself as an ambivert. Someone who likes to be alone, but also gets filled back up with social connection. Like all of you, I hope this virus is short lived. I hope we all remain healthy. I hope we can maintain some social connection while remaining distant. I look forward to spring and warmer days ahead. I miss the library and seeing all of the people who come in the doors here. I look forward to celebrating when things return to normal. And they will return to normal.

Keep on extending a distant hand, frequenting our businesses online or through take-out, and staying in touch.



I had some interesting programs on the calendar for March and April. But, most of the programs have since cancelled and I am looking to reschedule for May.

- Unlaunche'd Voices with Stephen Collins.
- Seed Starting with Dick Wright.
- Backyard Birding with Steven Hale.
- Reconnecting with the Earth with Aaron Hoopes.

Wednesday, April 22nd at 6pm, Imagine that Honey (a program about Bees and Beekeeping with Dean and Jodi Turner). I will post on Facebook and our website if we need to cancel.

Book group will be postponed until May 20th.

As of this writing, the library will remain closed until further notice. I am checking email, voicemail, and taking books out of the book drop.

Please let me know if you have difficulty accessing NH Overdrive/Libby the NH state library system that allows you to borrow digital audio and ebooks. You need the library number and your patron number to access the system.

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Distance Learning— Near and Far Schooling From Home

It's been a week since the kids have been home from school, and about 3 days since they've started schooling from home.

For my husband and I, thankfully, this transition has not been hard at all, as we both work 90% from our home. At this point, I'd say we're all blessed as a family, in that area.

My husband works in online sales; and besides being a full time stay at home mom, I'm also a very part-time massage therapist. As a result, the transition has been easier than we thought it would be for us as parents.

The kids on the other hand have found this transition a little difficult. They miss socializing with their friends at school and having hands-on access to their teachers if they need assistance. But, when asked what they each like best about schooling from home, they all agreed on not having to get up early or having to ride the bus.

*Sarah, 12, says she also loves being able to eat whenever she's hungry.

*Matthew, 14, likes being able to get out and be active when he feels the urge.

*Marley, 6, likes being able to have all of her assignments done by lunch time and then having the rest of the day to do whatever she wants.

*And Trey, 2, well, he likes having them all home. His big bro and sisters are a

source of unending learning and entertainment!

Over all, the kids are enjoying being home. And I as a parent am enjoying having the chance to bond more with the kids and creating more family rituals that will help us grow together.

Honestly, I will be sad to see our "home time" come to an end. And even though the kids are enjoying themselves, I feel they'll be ready to get back into the social swing of things that going to school provides.

We hope that everyone in our community and beyond, stays safe and healthy and we wish them ease with adjusting to this change. We're all in this together!

The Raymond-Carkins

Help from Hong Kong

Ben Smith, a Bradford native, is living in Hong Kong with his wife, Stacy, and their two young boys. Ben is working at the Canadian International School of Hong Kong. He gave us permission to share his recent Facebook post.

Wishing everyone the best in managing this difficult time. We are many weeks ahead and I wanted to share that:

*Social distancing and the preventative measures do help.

*Panic buying will subside in one to two weeks.

*Home-learning is hard, but you will manage.

*Spending time in nature with your family is the best escape/relief from the

news, devices, etc.

Home learning tips:

1. Review your kids' assignments the night before yourself. Be prepared. Strategize because a lot of it can be combined or has clear overlap (usually on purpose).
2. Stick to a schedule that resembles school, especially for the younger ones. Ignore those Facebook t-charts. You are in it for the long haul, you need to pace yourself, and your kids need a schedule.
3. Start early! Your kids will be happy to be done and then they can tire themselves out the rest of the day. This means you can have that much deserved down time at night. There is a reason the weekend is only two days!
4. If you don't accomplish the above every day, don't sweat it.
5. If you miss an assignment, don't sweat it. At my school, we are averaging 80-90% attendance and work completion (and there are some big variances) depending on grade and subject.
6. Don't ignore non-core subjects! They are just as important and provide the balance that makes school "fun". Good specialists will work with the core teachers to integrate and present their material in a fun multidisciplinary way. These are Carlyle's favorite and they cover several topics at once.
7. Don't be so hard on yourself! You aren't a teacher for a reason. Don't forget to thank the real teachers often during this global home learning experiment! They deserve it and they will appreciate it. The days of going home after the last bus are a long way off.
8. Last and most important, please don't email, WhatsApp, FB message your kids teacher at midnight! They will look at it because they are in crisis mode and important information could come from their school at any time. They deserve a break too.

Best wishes and stay healthy.

The Smiths

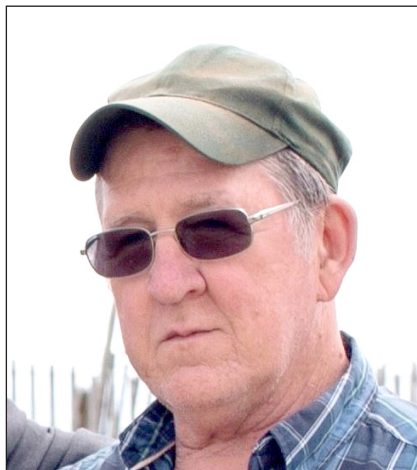


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Obituaries

Ronald B. Welch



Ronald B. Welch, 66 died March 13, 2020, at New London Hospital.

Ron was born in Newport on August 14, 1953, the son of Alden and Betty (Verboncoeur) Welch and graduated from Newport High School. Ron lived in Bradford for many years before moving to New London in 1999 and to Newport about a year ago.

He was a long haul truck driver for years and had been employed by R.P. Johnson and Son and Belletetes, Inc. as a crane operator for almost 20 years retiring in 2015.

Ron enjoyed spending time with his grandson and granddogs and keeping up on the news.

His wife, Sally (Whipple) Welch, died in 2011. He is survived by three sons, Cody and his wife, Rebecca Welch of New London, Shawn Welch and his girlfriend, Amber St. Amand of Claremont, and Kyle and his wife, Shelby Welch of New London; a grandson, Liam; and a half brother, Jimmy of NH.

To sign an online guestbook please visit www.chadwickfuneralservice.com.

Steven Michael Swenson

Steven Michael Swenson, 29, died in an automobile accident in New London on February 29, 2020. He was born, April 29, 1990, in Claremont to Michele (Couitt) French and Steven Swenson.

Steven grew up in Bradford and Sunapee graduating from Kearsarge High School. After college, Steven had worked at Hannaford Supermarket in New London for the past 8 years. Steven was kind, quiet, and unassuming. He was a gentle person who enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his baby niece. He liked to listen to music and play guitar. He loved to read and collect books. You could often find him camping or fishing. One of his greatest joys in life was bringing laughter to others. Steven will be greatly missed by his friends, family, and all who knew him.

Steven was predeceased by his grandparents, Linda Couitt, Raymond Miller, and Harold Swenson. Surviving family members include his mother, Michele French and her husband Stephen French of Bradford; father, Steven Swenson and his wife Mary Beth Donegan of Sunapee; grandmother, Joan Swenson; sisters, Lindsay Swenson, Shelby French, and Morgan French, and niece, Kyra Cheney.

Please consider donating in Steven's name to New England Donor Services, 60 First Avenue, Waltham, MA 02451. Learn about Swenson DNA at 23andMe.

Wesley Hunt Wells

Wesley Hunt Wells, 97, of Hillsboro died March 13, 2020, at Pheasant Wood Nursing Home in Peterborough, NH.

Wesley was born January 4, 1923, in Bradford to the late Purlington G and Mamie F (Hunt) Wells. A World War II veteran, he served in the Army Air Corp, Pacific theater. During this conflict he was imprisoned for 40 months in a Japanese POW camp. He retired from his military career in 1966.

Wesley is survived by his wife Irene M (Demag) Wells of Hillsboro; a daughter, Daphne Ann Wells of Hillsboro; a niece, Sammie Damage of Contoocook; great-great niece, Emma Farrow of Contoocook.

A military graveside service was held March 18, 2020, at the NH Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen. Holt-Woodbury Funeral Home & Cremation Service Hillsboro is assisting the family: www.holtwoodburyfh.com

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MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

New Hire The Board signed a Personnel Action Form to hire Erica Gross as Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

Tax Maps The Board signed a tax map maintenance contract with CAI Technologies, who maintain the online tax map website and post corrections to the tax maps.

Culvert Replacement The Board approved a motion to move forward with culvert replacement on Pleasant View Road.

Reevaluation The Board signed the assessing contract with Cross Country Appraisal Group for the 2020 reevaluation activity.

Donate for Life The Board approved a motion to continue support for the Donate for Life program.

Bement Bridge The Board signed a contract with Hoyle Tanner and Associates for the Bement Bridge rehabilitation.

Board Roles The Board voted Jason Allen as the Chair for the Board of Selectmen and assigned roles for the Selectmen.

PLANNING BOARD

Lot Merger Brooks McCandlish appeared before the Planning Board to submit a notice of voluntary merger of lots. The lots are as follows Map 4 Lot 15, Map 4 Lot 31, Map 4 Lot 14 all located on West Road, and Map 4 Lot 32 located on Old Mountain Road. Board Chair, Pam Bruss, expressed concern that this notice may require a public hearing. The Board approved a motion to review the lot merger at the next meeting.

Water Runoff After further review of an application and site plan, Board Chair, Pam Bruss, met with the owner of Map 3 lot 82b, Rick Deschenes, to discuss concerns about water runoff to the Warner River. The owner has submitted slightly changed plans and Pam has reached out to engineers to review the new plans. The estimate to review the new plans is \$1,200. The owner would like to have the Planning Board

accept the application contingent upon the shoreline protection. Notices are to be sent out regarding a Public Hearing for March 24, 2020 to vote whether to accept the application at a later date.

Continuation Notice The March 24, 2020 Planning Board meeting will be continued on April 14th, 2020 at 7pm due to the COVID-19 crisis. At which time the Planning Board will have a better plan for public access to the meeting.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Variance Application The Board accepted a variance application from Mr. Jason Bugg for Map 21/ Lot 26. The Board approved a motion that the application does not have a regional impact and has scheduled a site walk for March 21, 2020. A public hearing is scheduled for April 1, 2020.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Plant Sale The biannual plant and book sale will be held on May 23, 2020.

Investment Policy The Trustees approved a motion to accept the libraries investment policy as written.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Events The committee voted to cancel the March 16 CPR class and will reschedule for a later date. A self-defense class is scheduled for April 21, 2020. The committee is working on plans for a biking event in May.

Maintenance A list of priority maintenance projects was developed. Top projects include fixing the snack shack and fencing at Brown Shattuck and repairing the stairs to the beach at French's park.

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

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Ingredients

$\frac{2}{3}$ cup dried black elderberries (about 3 ounces)

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3 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups of water

2 Tablespoons fresh or dried ginger root

1 teaspoon cinnamon powder

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cloves or clove powder

1 cup raw honey

Instructions

Pour water into medium saucepan and add elderberries, ginger, cinnamon and cloves (do not add honey!)

Bring to a boil and then cover and reduce to a simmer for about 45 minutes to an hour until the liquid has reduced by almost half. At that point, remove from heat and let cool enough to be handled. Mash the berries carefully using a spoon or other flat utensil. Pour through a strainer into a glass jar or bowl.

Discard the elderberries (or compost them!) and let the liquid cool to lukewarm. When it is no longer hot, add 1 cup of honey and stir well.

When honey is well mixed into the elderberry mixture, pour the syrup into a quart sized mason jar or 16-ounce glass bottle of some kind.

Ta Da! You just made homemade elderberry syrup! Store in the fridge and take daily for its immune boosting properties. Some sources recommend taking only during the week and not on the weekends to boost immunity.

Standard dose is $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp to 1 tsp for kids and $\frac{1}{2}$ Tbsp to 1 Tbsp for adults. If the flu does strike, take the normal dose every 2-3 hours instead of once a day until symptoms disappear.



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Presenting Bradford Bingo! What to do while events have been postponed or cancelled? Here are some positive activities to do while practicing social distancing. Send a photo and caption to be published in next month's "Silver Linings" column.

Bradford Bingo

Share Your Local Takeout on Social Media	Buy a Gift Certificate for a Local Business	Look For Animal Tracks	Donate to a Local Nonprofit	Purchase Local Produce Online
Have a Picnic	Order Takeout from a Local Restaurant	Tell a Local Business They are Appreciated	Put on a Puppet Show	Create an Obstacle Course
Walk the Bradford Bog	Watch a Sunset	FREE SPACE	Explore the Naughton Property Trails	Build a Fort
Write a Positive Google Review for a Local Business	Garden	Hike the Battles Farm Trails	"Like" A Business on Facebook	Have a Campfire
Fly a Kite	Call an Elderly Person	Measure the Bradford Pines	Read Outside	Watch a Sunrise

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Out & About:

Ice-out on Lake Massasecum has been declared as of today, March 22 and the first fishing boat was spotted this morning. In the more than 30 years I've been noting these dates, only 8 have been in March, the remainder in April, but the dates have ranged from March 17 to April 26. ~Marcia Keller. Photo credit: Susan Russo Chuman.

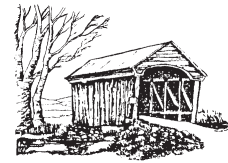


These two earth warriors, wishing to remain anonymous, spent an afternoon pitching in to clean up their neighborhood. "All of this trash was found in one afternoon on one mile of Center Road in Bradford this spring. Bottles, cans, plastics, and paper garbage. Do you have any suggestions how to stop littering?"



Many of you are enthusiastic about recording the beauty that surrounds us. Therefore, I'd like to invite photographers to share images to be included in this article. Of course proper credit will be given. The most interesting photographs will be from Bradford and close-by places. An accompanying caption would be nice. One last request is to submit the images in .jpg or .jpeg format.

Kathleen Bigford



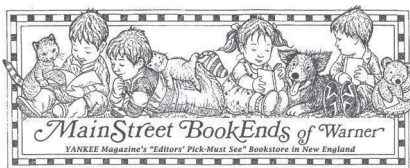
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