

# The Bradford Bridge

COMMUNITY NEWS *for* NEIGHBORS *by* NEIGHBORS

## MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**Scholarship Fund** The Board accepted \$100 in donations for the Scholarship Fund.

**Board Members** Andrew Pinard was appointed as the third Selectmen and will serve as Chair of the Board.

**Committee Representatives** The Select Board assigned committee representatives and department liaisons. Selectwoman Mel Pfeifle will serve as ex-officio to the Planning Board and the Economic Development Committee, and as liaison for the Police Department. Selectwoman Marlene Freyler will serve as ex-officio to the Budget Committee and as liaison for the Highway Department and Transfer Station. Andrew Pinard will serve as liaison to the Fire Department.

**Meeting Schedule** The Board plans to meet every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 6:00pm.

**Rail Trail** Harry Wright updated the Board on the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant application and said things are in good shape. Mel Pfeifle asked for confirmation that the Rail Trail will have snowmobile access and Tim Blagden, Friends of the Lake Sunapee Rail Trail, confirmed that it will absolutely be used for snowmobiles.

**Water Level** The Board approved a motion to provide permission for the State to put in a water level monitor on Lake Massasecum.

**Event Request** The Board approved a request to hold a wedding on the front

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## Work Resumes on Bement Covered Bridge



After an 8 week cold weather hiatus, work on the Bement bridge is back in full swing. The work is now focused on preparing granite foundation blocks and stacking them into position to build the new north abutment. Other phases to be completed are finishing the timber framing of the lower cord, adding new timber decking and finishing the exterior siding.

It is expected that the bridge will reopen sometime around the end of May, beginning of June. To see a very interesting video of the bridge being moved off its footings go to: [bradfordnh.org](http://bradfordnh.org) and click on the green box “Bement Covered Bridge”.

## From the Selectmen

**Town Meeting will be called to order at 9:00am on Saturday, April 10, 2021 at the Kearsarge Regional Middle School in Sutton.** The Town will be following the school’s posted COVID-19 protocol which includes temperature screening, mask wearing and social distancing. For those who are interested, COVID-19 compliant transportation will be provided from the Kearsarge Elementary School in Bradford to the Middle School. The bus leaves promptly at 8:00am and will return following Town Meeting. To assist the Town in planning bus capacity needs, please reserve your seat at [www.bradfordnh.org](http://www.bradfordnh.org) or call the Selectman’s Office at 938-5900.

The Selectmen extend their deepest appreciation to Melissa Cunningham for her many years serving the Town in the Town Clerk/Tax Collector’s Office. We wish her and her family well as they embark on new adventures!

The Board of Selectmen also thanks Harry Wright for his hard work in completing the 2021 Transportation Alterna-

tive Program (TAP) grant on behalf of the Town. The grant request is for \$1.25 million to rebuild sidewalks on part of West Main Street and complete the section of the Rail Trail between West Main Street and Center Road.

Following the failure of the Zoning Amendment at last month’s election, the Board is re-examining the needs of the Town with regard to building inspections and code enforcement. A new position is being developed and will be posted soon.

Lastly, you are invited to Meet the Selectmen via Zoom on April 14th. This is a great opportunity to get to know the Board members and share with them your ideas, concerns etc. Watch the Town’s website for the time and Zoom information of the meeting.

### SPRING HAIKU

The plink of the sap  
Makes me think of the promise  
Each season offers

*Laurie Buchar*



# The Bradford Bridge

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Monday – Thursday: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
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## From the Bridge



“I close my eyes and listen to the voices of the rain.”

– Robin Wall Kimmerer,

*Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific  
Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants*

**Enjoy some April showers** and join the community read of Kimmerer’s Braiding Sweetgrass. Details are on page 11.

This April 2021 Bradford Bridge is bursting with information and entertainment.

- 2021 Bradford Town Warrant that matches the one in the Town Report
- March 9, 2021 election results
- Monthly Briefing by Devin
- How to attend Town Meeting
- All kinds of information from the Bradford Energy Committee
- Barbara’s article about Climate Cashback
- Details about the community read of Braiding Sweetgrass by Laurie
- More zero-waste tips from Lois
- How to avoid a chimney fire and other Bradford Fire Department news from Chief LeBlanc
- Favorite garden plants in “Talk of the Town”
- “Library Lantern” by Ellen
- And More!!!

We’ve been busy!! And so have all the local businesses who support our efforts with their ads. Please visit them and purchase their goods and services often.

Take care and be well,

*Kathleen Bigford, Editor*

*and the crew that brings monthly neighborly news*





## Letters to Our Editor:

### Dear Bradford Residents,

I am sad to share that I will be stepping down as the Town Clerk/Tax Collector as of April 1, 2021.

It has been such a pleasure to serve the residents of Bradford for almost nine years now. I began in May of 2012 as the Deputy and took over as the Town Clerk/Tax Collector in December of 2017. It was a difficult decision to leave Bradford. My kids have grown up here and I have made many friends over the years. I got married in October of 2020 and as a result of this new adventure, my family and I will be moving to Newbury.

Our current Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Erica Gross, will take over my role. I'm confident she will do a great job. If you're interested in the Deputy position, please visit the Town's website for more information.

Thank you for letting me be a part of this Town,

*Melissa Cunningham*

### To the Editor:

On the town warrant this year is an article calling on our State and Federal representatives to enact a Carbon Cash-Back program to begin to address the looming dangers and expenses of inaction on global climate change. Other countries have taken the lead and found this to be the most effective deterrent to continued release of carbon into the atmosphere.

The Bradford Conservation Commission supports this warrant article and we hope you will too. For more information: [www.carboncashback.org](http://www.carboncashback.org).

*J. A. Eldridge, for the  
Bradford Conservation Commission*

## KRSD Staff Receive COVID-19 Vaccine

**March 19, 2021, NEW LONDON, N.H.** – Superintendent Winfried Feneberg is pleased to inform the public that the District held a successful COVID-19 vaccine clinic for its employees today in partnership with Greater Sullivan County Public Health Network.

Approximately 325 District employees signed up for the clinic, held at Kearsarge Regional Middle School in North Sutton, where they received the Moderna vaccine. Kearsarge staff are not required to be vaccinated.

District staff members say they are grateful to the District and Greater Sullivan County Public Health Network.

## Bradford Business Directory – Call for Submissions

The Economic Development Committee is putting together a Bradford Business Directory, and would like submissions including the name of the business, a short (one line) description of the products or services offered, and contact information such as a street address, phone number, email address, or web site (any or all of those). Please make submissions by email to: [economicdevelopment@bradfordnh.org](mailto:economicdevelopment@bradfordnh.org).

## Due to the Pandemic

Mud Season has been cancelled and Ice Out has been postponed until mid-August. With so many twists and turns we really haven't been able to make any solid plans. However, we do hope that you all find a little fun in playful pranks on this April Fool's Day! Laughter is the best medicine of all!



## Softball and Baseball Registrations - Open!

Bradford Newbury and Sutton Youth Sports (BNSYS) Softball and Baseball Registrations are now open for the spring!

**Tee Ball ages 4-6**

**Rookie Ball ages 7-8**

**Minor Ball ages 9-10**

**Majors Ball ages 11-12**

**U8 softball ages 7-8**

**U10 softball ages 9-10**

**U12 softball ages 11-12**

Practices for Softball, Baseball and Tee ball will begin when the outdoor fields are usable. There will be NO indoor practices this year. Both Cal Ripken Baseball and KMS Softball leagues have specific COVID-19 protocols that will be adhered to league wide. Our T-Ball program will begin shortly after Baseball and Softball practices open. Please be patient and rest assured that a director will be in contact with you to relay any program start information. Registration can be completed on our website at [www.bnsyouthsports.org](http://www.bnsyouthsports.org) Registration will close on Saturday April 10th.

## Talk of the Town

This month, we've been asking our neighbors and friends, *"What is your favorite thing to grow? And Why?"*

*GREEN BEANS, they're fun  
to watch climb up any  
trellis, easy to pick  
and taste delicious. -DON*

Find more responses throughout this issue and submit your own next month. In May we will be asking, *"What is a change you've made due to the pandemic that you'd like to keep in your life even as restrictions ease?"* We'd love to hear from you! Submit your response to [603leah@gmail.com](mailto:603leah@gmail.com).



## Town Position Openings

### Deputy Town Clerk/ Tax Collector

#### Town of Bradford

Position is part-time, approximately 10-15 hours per week, including one night per week. Must be available for election days. This position requires regular interaction with the public.

Other requirements include excellent recordkeeping, demonstrated extensive computer knowledge and competency, and multiple clerical duties. Successful candidate will undergo a complete background check and State of NH trainings. Hourly wage is dependent on qualifications. This position is appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

*Candidate must be a Bradford resident and registered voter.*

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest and resume to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, PO Box 607, Bradford, NH 03221 or at [TC@BradfordNH.org](mailto:TC@BradfordNH.org)

Detailed job description is available at the Town Offices. Questions about the position should be directed to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office at 938-2288 or the Town Administrator at 938-5900.

The Town of Bradford is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### Selectmen's Office Recording Secretary Position

The Selectmen are accepting applications for a Recording Secretary for the Planning and Zoning Boards. Responsibilities include minute taking and transcription in accordance with the Rules of Procedure and applicable state laws, posting notices and agendas, written and verbal correspondence, keeping financial records, purchasing supplies, filing, tape recording and assisting Town officials and the public with access to the Boards' files.

The skills necessary to be successful in this position include attention to detail and deadlines; effective customer services skills; ability to juggle several projects at the same time; strong written and verbal communication skills; desire to become familiar with Town Ordinances and related RSAs. The successful candidate will also demonstrate computer capability with Word and Excel.

Position averages between two and seven hours per week. Availability in the evening is required.

Prior related experience preferred but not necessary for the right candidate. Interested candidates should submit their resume to: [administrator@bradfordnh.org](mailto:administrator@bradfordnh.org).

Applications will be reviewed until the position is filled.

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*Every Spring I look forward to picking up my red gem marigold babies from Good Earth Farm. They are my favorite for my altar where I meditate because they are so sweet and bountiful. -TARA*

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## Disposal of Town Owned Lots

On the Town Warrant this year Article 27 requests disposal of six of Bradford's town-owned lots. These lots were created before there were subdivision regulations and could not have been created for building lots today due to either their wetland, landlocked, or steep slope conditions. We feel that the best use of these lots would be to offer them for sale to abutters on the condition that they not be used for building lots. To offer them on the market would create the same issues that caused them to be abandoned to the town and possibly open the town to legal problems.

One lot, Map 9/Lot23, of five acres is land-locked, partially wet, and abuts other properties that the town holds for conservation, education, and recreation purposes. The town should retain this unbuildable lot behind the Pearl Town Forest under the umbrella of the Conservation Commission to develop these potentials for public use.

*Bradford Conservation Commission*



*I love to grow sugar snaps.  
We all love them and the kids  
just go out and have them for  
a snack. The best!! -SHANNA*

## 2021 Bradford Town Balloting Results



*Liv and Bo encourage this year's voters!*

### Zoning Amendment - Not Passed

“Are you in favor of the repeal of the existing Bradford building code as proposed by the selectmen and supported by the planning board?”

If this article is adopted, references to the Bradford building code, BOCA code, or local building code in other Town ordinances or documents will default to the State of New Hampshire building code (RSA 155-A).” 101 Yes, 120 No

### Officers, Board and Committee Members Elected

- Budget Committee**  
 For 3 years  
 Beth Downs  
 Jen Richardson (write in)

### Cemetery Commission

- For 3 years  
 Marlene Freyler  
 For 2 years  
 Jarna Perkins

### Planning Board

- For 3 years  
 Thomas A. Dunn Jr.  
 Carol Meise (write in)

### Scholarship Committee

- For 3 years  
 Devin Pendleton

### Select Board

- For 3 years  
 Mel Pfeifle

### Town Clerk

- For 3 years  
 Melissa Cunningham

### Treasurer

- For 3 years  
 Marilyn Goldberg

### Trustee of Brown Memorial Library

- For 3 years  
 Jason S. Grey  
 Maria Storm (write in)  
 For 2 years  
 Maria Storm (write in)  
 For 1 year  
 Liz Bouley (write in)

### Trustee of the Trust Funds

- For 3 years  
 James Raymond (write in)

### Zoning Board

- For 3 years  
 William Duffy (write in)

### Kearsarge Regional School District

### Moderator

- For 1 year  
 Derek D. Lick

### Question 1 - The Budget

A. \$46,485,550, proposed operating budget recommended by the School Board - *Passed*

Question 2 - To place \$25,000 in the Special Education Expendable Fund - *Yes - Passed*

Question 3 - To place \$50,000 in the School Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund - *Yes - Passed*

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## Gardening Tips

The snow is melting, the days are getting warmer and the sun is setting later... only one thing comes to my mind! GARDENING!!! April is when we all get the “itch”... But what can we do? We all know that winter isn’t through with us quite yet! Here are some great ideas:

April is a great month to get your garden beds prepared! Build a raised bed! Or Two!!! Start by purchasing rough cut 2x10 inch spruce or hemlock lumber at your local lumber yard. I would recommend lining the inside boards with plastic to help protect the integrity of the wood and to slow down any future rotting. Fill the beds with a mixture of screened loam and compost (both of which you can purchase either bagged or in bulk at 5 Acres) And boom... You’ll be ready to plant!

You can sow any early spring crop seeds this month (once the ground is workable). Spinach, Swiss Chard, Lettuce, Peas, Beets, Radish, Kale, Onions, Kohlrabi and Turnips are all great choices. Not interested in planting by seed? No problem! We will have a great selection of locally grown Cole crops in the greenhouse!

Don’t have space for a garden? No problem! You can easily plant cold-hardy crops in a container! I would recommend using one of our bagged mixes like Happy Frog or Fafard Complete and add some compost or composted cow manure.

April is also the time to uncover your strawberries! Remove your winter mulch (but keep it handy in case of a late frost). Strawberry buds and flowers will be killed by a hard frost if left exposed, however research has shown that it is best to remove your mulch on the early end of the season to promote more flowers. Once mulch is removed, fertilize plants sparingly, applying 6 oz of organic nitrogen per 1,000 sq ft bed.

Start weeding! Chickweed and Quackgrass are two garden weeds that start growing early in the season and start

producing seeds if left unchecked.

Need a pop of color? April is great time to plant pansies and violas! Stop in for a great selection of vibrant colors to spice up your outdoor space.

Not happy with how your lawn looks now that the snow has melted? We can help!

The first step? You have to decide whether you want to over seed or apply a pre emergent weed control... This is a big one! You cannot do both because the pre emergent weed control PREVENTS seeds from germinating. It can not distinguish the difference between a weed seed and a grass seed.

If you chose seeding, make sure you choose the correct seed type for your yard conditions (Is it sunny? Is it shady? Is your soil sandy?) Important note- NEVER buy cheap grass seed! It may save you a penny at first, but it is always filled with weed seeds and fillers! If you choose to eradicate the weeds you will be able to reseed in the summer.

I would also recommend sharpening your mower blades in April and getting a soil test done. Stop down with a sample and we would be happy to test your PH for free!!

In the end, remember that Rome was not built in a day! Be proud of all of the progress that you are making and enjoy the time you spend outdoors, working on your lawn and gardens. Soon your neighbors will be stopping in and asking what your “secret” is! (Which, of course, is all of the help you get when you visit 5 Acres!)

Jessica Michie



## A Few Words

Readers are invited to share a few words here. Submit your fiction or non-fiction stories of 100 words or less to the Bridge. It could be a story about your cat, or the moose antlers you came across hiking one day. Readers may want to submit stories about how you helped a friend in need or make a favorite food. Share your words with us.

## Ode to my Ski Bindings

Until recently, I took my cross-country ski bindings for granted. But after falling while trying to climb a steep snowbank, I reached down, released my bindings, and pulled my boots free. A friend watching said that without a pole, she’d have to pull her foot out of the boot to get free. The very next day, my sister-in-law’s binding would not release and she had to do that very thing! Luckily, my sister had a poop bag (unused), which enabled sis-in-law to walk sock-footed to her truck and drive home. I love my bindings!

Laura Beaton  
Feb. 20, 2021



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Birth of color  
out of night and the ground

Luminous the gatherings  
of bloodroot

newly risen, green leaf  
white flower

in the sun, the dark  
grown absent.

By Wendell Berry



Watercolor and ink, Susan E. Smith



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**In Sutton**

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*Tomatoes.* -DAVE

*I'm looking forward to planting corn, beans and squash- the Three Sisters- together this summer.*

-LAURIE



**Always Giving Back...**

In 2020, our Team's success made it possible for us to contribute over \$12,500 to support the continuing efforts of at least 20 local non-profits.

These organizations all greatly enhance our communities, life experiences, and quality of life.

This includes a commitment of a portion of each commission earned to the Lake Sunapee Visiting Nurse Association and the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust, resulting in each organization receiving nearly \$2,000. Both provide invaluable services and opportunities to the communities we serve.



Our office was also instrumental in assisting with the Neighbors Helping Neighbors "Jingle Bucks" Sunapee Region Board of Realtors fundraiser this year with a total of \$1,200 contributed from our agents and office. A number of us also take the opportunity to volunteer our personal time with other local non-profits.

We are truly happy to support these organizations that do so much for our area.

Many thanks to all from *The Best Team In Town!*

Since January 1, 2021, there have been 4 sales of single family homes in Bradford:

- 100 East Main St., 2/17/2021, sold for \$243,000 – 13 days on the market
- 169B West Road, 2/12/2021, sold for \$290,000 – 9 days on the market
- 257 Cressy Road, 3/12/2021, sold for \$290,000 – 5 days on the market
- 803 West Road, 3/5/2021, sold for \$525,000 – 146 days on the market



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# TRANSFER STATION NEWS

## More Zero Waste Tips

Americans waste forty percent (40%) of the foods produced for consumption, according to a Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA) bulletin sent to the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center. Where does all this food waste go when it gets discarded?

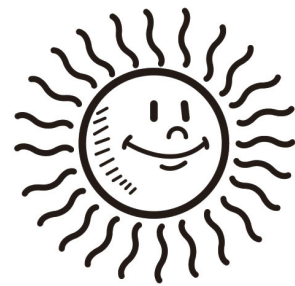
- Food can be grown from food preparation scraps. One example is greens grown from lettuce or Asian greens. Romaine lettuce is the easiest to regrow among the many varieties of lettuce. Just pop the end in water and watch it form new leaves. Another example is potato plants grown from the eyes of potatoes carved out (with a chunk of the potato “meat” attached to the eye) and placed in soil.
- Plant fertilizer can be made and used at home. Eggshells contain calcium carbonate, iron, zinc, magnesium, sulfur, phosphorus, and manganese. Let the eggshells steep in water for 24 hours, then use the water to fertilize houseplants and garden plants. Any remaining water can be tossed onto the compost pile. (Hint: Eggshells steeped longer than one day will cause a foul odor!)
- Coffee grounds are rich in nitrogen

and are especially beneficial to hydrangeas, azaleas, roses, blueberries, carrots, and radishes. Worms love coffee grounds and will rototill the soil in search of it. Coffee grounds should be put to good use and not wasted.

- Cardboard placed under some mulch is a great weed blocker. In addition, the moisture that it collects in the soil underneath attracts worms that the soil needs for aeration and fertilization. As the cardboard breaks down, it is composted into the soil.
- Water for plant use can be harvested using water barrels placed where water runs off the house or outbuildings. Place a screen on top of the barrel, so that mosquitos will not lay their eggs in the collected water.

The process of zero-waste is not just about saving the planet or money. It is about creating our own products from things that all too frequently get discarded as worthless. It is about being productive and, therefore, experiencing the reward of a job well done. It is about satisfying children’s enthusiasm and interest in participating in zero-waste projects. It is about reclaiming the knowledge and expertise that served our ancestors so well, freeing their resources to advance our nation. And today we have the renewed opportunity to participate in this revived zero-waste process.

*Lois Kilnapp, Manager*



## Why We Installed Solar Panels

We recently become residents of Bradford because we love the pristine woods, the animals and weather. But Spring is arriving earlier and bringing more precipitation, torrential rainstorms are more frequent, and summers are hotter and drier. These changes which have occurred over the last 100 years have been attributed to our use of fossil fuels. By installing solar panels on our barn we minimize use of electricity generated from fossil fuels. It feels good to do our small part to help transition to an all-electric society generated from renewable energy. Next step – purchase an electric vehicle!

*Sandra Beaton Bravo*



*I love growing medicinal herbs! They end up filling my home apothecary and in many of our Moon Mama Herbals teas and tinctures! My favorites are sunny Calendula, especially with it’s curly alien-looking seeds, Chamomile, Tulsi (aka Holy Basil), Raspberry, and Lemon Balm. So much to look forward to for Spring 2021! -KRIS*



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## Bradford Energy Committee suggestions for Spring Energy Saving Tips

April has arrived reminding us of the renewal spring brings to Bradford and all over the Northeast. The migrating birds return, the air warms and more daylight encourages the trees to sprout new leaves. Step outside, pause and just take it all in.

April is also the month we celebrate Earth Day. The first Earth Day, April 22, 1970, marked the beginning of when we, as a society, celebrated our role in a healthy environment and how that also connects us to a healthy planet.

To celebrate Earth Day 2021 there are small things we can do that will help conserve energy and contribute to a healthy environment. These little steps can help reduce our carbon footprint and lower our energy budget.

These spring energy saving tips come from the US Department of Energy. Happy Spring !!

**Open windows.** Opening windows creates a cross-wise breeze, allowing you to naturally cool your home without switching on air conditioners. This is an ideal tactic in spring when temperatures are mild.

**Use ceiling fans.** Cooling your home with ceiling fans will allow you to raise your thermostat four degrees. This can help lower your electricity bills without sacrificing overall comfort.

**Cook outside.** On warmer spring days, keep the heat out of your home by using an outdoor grill instead of indoor ovens.

**Install window treatments.** Window treatments such as blinds, shades and films can slash heat gain when temperatures rise.

**Set the thermostat.** On warm days, setting a programmable thermostat to a higher setting when you are not at home can help reduce your energy costs by approximately 10 percent.

## The Bradford Energy Committee Supports Article 29 on the Town Warrant



*We can keep our library cozy and warm, and save on energy too!*

### What is Article 29 on the 2021 Town Warrant all about?

The Bradford Energy Committee asked the town to commit to spending \$8,000 on Energy Savings Measures for the Brown Memorial Library, based on recommendations from an energy audit conducted under the NHSaves program in December 2020.

### What will be the benefit?

- The library will *cost less* to heat and cool.
- Estimated *savings* to the town at today's prices are \$744 every year.
- Everyone in the library will be *warmer in the winter* and cooler in the summer.
- The town will use *less fossil fuels*, and that's *good for the budget and for the planet!*

### What did NHSaves recommend as Energy Savings Measures?

- Interior storms and drapery in the office to eliminate the need for space heaters.
- Reduce heat loss through ceiling insulation.
- Reduce heat loss through foundation insulation.

### What will it cost the town?

- The estimated cost is \$7,500-\$8,000.

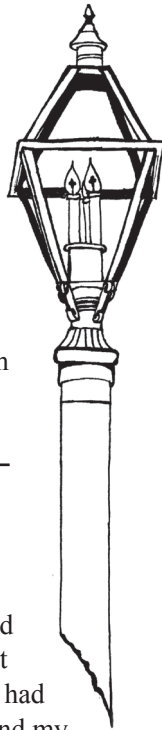
### But here is the cool thing...

After the work is done and paid for by the town, NHSaves will rebate 35% of that cost back to the town. That's a windfall of \$2,600-2,800 for the town! PLUS: Estimated savings over \$700 per year on heating costs for the library! (based on today's prices)

### Who is the Bradford Energy Committee?

We are a group of residents serving on a town-appointed committee to find ways to reduce energy use, and thereby save money and consume fewer fossil fuels. Check out the BEC at [www.bradfordnh.org](http://www.bradfordnh.org) under Energy Committee for more information.

# Library Lantern



## Brown Memorial Library

78 West Main Street  
bmlbradford@gmail.com

### 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:

After a year of avoiding COVID-19, my entire family caught the virus. Luckily, it did not affect us as negatively as it does some. My husband and I had significant fluish symptoms, and my kids had runny noses and congestion but only for a few days. The one thing I will warn about, is that I did not pay attention to minor cold symptoms and I should have. Think twice about going into work even if you think it is just a cold, my family did not experience the regularly discussed symptoms of a fever or loss of smell or taste. Our quarantine was met with many kind wishes, a few delicious home cooked meals, and groceries delivered by friends. Spring and daylight savings time also made being at home a bit easier. I am sure everyone has been delighted with the lovely weather, return of lighter days, and hearing our feathered friends sing praises to the change in season.

My reading recommendations are *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell and *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro.

Great movies/  
shows we watched as a family during recent quarantine: *Dumplin'*, *Patti Cake\$*, *Gravity*, *Coraline*, *DCI Banks and Trial of Chicago Seven* (Brett and I), *Maze Runner*, and *Everybody Hates Chris*.



Friends of the BML have helped to organize a fun Easter Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, April 3rd, from 9:00am-1:00pm. Start the hunt by coming in to get your first clue at the library. The Scavenger Hunt will take place around town, ending with a goodie bag at the library. Hope you enjoy this new event!

Friends of BML have also received a grant to help purchase a museum pass for library patrons. They are waiting for feedback from BML patrons to determine which passes to buy. Thank you, Friends of the Library, for your involvement and help!

We have three newly elected trustees on our board, please welcome Elizabeth Bouley, Mariah Storm, and Jason Grey. I look forward to working with you all in the future and thank you for your time.

Please join us for a Community Read of *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer through Zoom on April 29th at 7:00pm. Thank you, Laurie Buchar, for organizing this event. You will find more information about the reading in this month's bridge.

A big thank you to Deborah Gregory and Dustin Laverack for working the past ten days while Maggi and I were out.

As always, I look forward to seeing you at the Library. One of the best places in town!!

*Ellen Barselle, Director*

# Friends of Brown Memorial Library

Last week the Friends of Brown Memorial Library received a wonderful grant from Bar Harbor Bank & Trust as part of their Community Giving Program. The funds are to be used on admission passes for local places of interest for people to use through the Library. Passes would give two adults and two (or more) children free or greatly reduced entrance to these places. We are considering the following options and are looking for your feedback:

- The Fells, Newbury
- The Currier Museum, Manchester
- Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, Warner
- Strawberry Banke, Portsmouth
- Saint-Gaudens, Cornish
- Vermont Institute of Natural Science, Quechee VT

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## Bradford Town Scholarship Announcement

The Bradford Town Scholarships are awarded each year to high school seniors from Bradford with good academic standing, demonstrated community involvement, strong leadership qualities, financial need, and other considerations as determined by the committee.

Applications are available at the guidance office at Kearsarge Regional High School and online at [bradfordnh.org](http://bradfordnh.org).

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## Bar Harbor Bank & Trust Accepting Applications for Career & Technical Education Scholarships

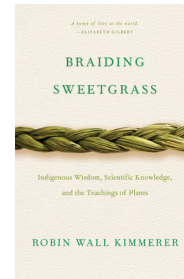
**Bar Harbor, Maine** – Bar Harbor Bank & Trust is currently accepting applications from high school seniors for the Bank’s Career Technology Education Scholarship.

The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to income-eligible students who attended a technical career program as part of their high school curriculum and are planning to attend college or a technical school after graduation. Students must reside in counties in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont where the Bank has a branch location.

The Bank established the Career Technology Education Scholarship in 2018 and has awarded 45 scholarships to date.

Interested students can visit [www.barharbor.bank/scholarships](http://www.barharbor.bank/scholarships) for more information about eligibility and to download the application. **The deadline to apply for a 2021 Career Technology Education Scholarship is May 1, 2021.**

## Braiding Sweetgrass – Community Read



In last month’s issue of the Bridge, all were invited to partake of a Community Read in collaboration with Brown Memorial Library and the Abenaki Trails Project. Extra

copies of the book by author Robin Wall Kimmerer are now available at the library and local bookstores. MainStreet Bookends in Warner will give a 20% discount to anyone who says they are participating in this Bradford Community Read. You will be delighted with the depth and poetry of this intrinsically scientific exploration of nature.

On Thursday, April 29th at 7:00pm there will be an open Zoom discussion of the book. Contact [lbuchar@gmail.com](mailto:lbuchar@gmail.com) to receive the link to join us.

*Braiding Sweetgrass* is a book that lends itself well to discussion. It is divided into five sections, each representing different aspects of the life of plants, but each of the stories can stand alone as a poignant reflection on human life, as well. My favorite chapter so far is called The Three Sisters; it has forever altered the way I will view my vegetable garden. At our Zoom gathering, you might want to highlight your favorite chapter. Or just listen while others share theirs. Here’s an example of the type of question we can ask ourselves:

*What do each of The Three Sisters – corn, beans, and squash – bring to their reciprocal relationship? How can this partnership create a stronger community?*

Please take a look at this book. If you need help obtaining a copy, contact [lbuchar@gmail.com](mailto:lbuchar@gmail.com). There is no pressure to read it all to participate in the discussion. Enjoy as many nuggets of indigenous wisdom as you like. What better way to welcome the garden season?

Laurie Buchar



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## Town of Bradford State of New Hampshire

### Town Warrant of Town Meeting March 9th, 2021

The Polls will open at 8:00am, and not close earlier than 7:00pm, on March 9th, 2021.

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 Bradford Area Community Center on East Main Street in said Bradford, N.H. on Tuesday the ninth 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:** Zoning Amendment - To see if the Town will vote to adopt provisions which seek to repeal the existing Bradford building code as proposed by the Select Board. The following question will appear on the Official Ballot:

“Are you in favor of the repeal of the existing Bradford building code as proposed by the Selectmen and supported by the Planning Board?”

If this article is adopted, references to the Bradford building code, BOCA code, or local building code in other Town ordinances or documents will default to the State of New Hampshire building code (RSA 155-A).

The Select Board voted 2-1 to propose this repeal at its meeting on January 4, 2021.

The Planning Board voted 3 in favor, 1 abstention, to support this repeal.

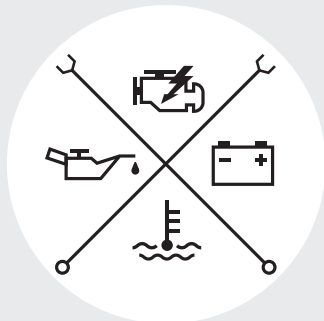
The two current selectmen do not support this repeal.”

**Article Three:** To adjourn the meeting until Saturday, April 10th, 2021 at 9:00 am at the Kearsarge Regional Middle School on Gile Pond Road in Sutton. Raising the money and remaining articles in the Warrant will be taken up at the adjourned meeting.

**Article Four:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Three Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$2,339,948.00) for general municipal operations. This article does not include amounts appropriated by other warrant articles. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend \$2,358,668.00. Budget Committee recommends \$2,339,948.00.

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|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
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| 2. Elections & Vital Statistics | 5,200.00               | 5,200.00               |
| 3. Financial Administration     | 101,000.00             | 101,000.00             |
| 4. Revaluations                 | 29,000.00              | 29,000.00              |
| 5. Legal                        | 45,000.00              | 45,000.00              |
| 6. Employee Benefits            | 1.00                   | 1.00                   |
| 7. Planning & Zoning            | 19,175.00              | 21,175.00              |
| 8. General Gov                  | 78,000.00              | 75,000.00              |
| 9. Cemetery                     | 25,000.00              | 25,000.00              |
| 10. Insurances                  | 82,000.00              | 82,000.00              |
| 11. Other General Gov           | 7,700.00               | 7,800.00               |
| 12. Police Department           | 586,900.00             | 586,900.00             |
| 13. Fire Department             | 165,000.00             | 160,800.00             |
| 14. Rescue Services - FAST      | 11,000.00              | 8,780.00               |
| 15. Rescue Services – Contract  | 62,800.00              | 62,800.00              |
| 16. Building Code Department    | 15,000.00              | 1,100.00               |
| 17. Civil Defense               | 1,000.00               | 500.00                 |
| 18. Highway Department          | 550,000.00             | 550,000.00             |
| 19. Bridges                     | 1.00                   | 1.00                   |
| 20. Street Lighting             | 2,600.00               | 2,600.00               |
| 21. Solid Waste Collection      | 90,000.00              | 90,000.00              |
| 22. Solid Waste Disposal        | 22,300.00              | 22,300.00              |
| 23. Inoculations                | 1.00                   | 1.00                   |
| 24. Welfare Administration      | 7,400.00               | 7,400.00               |
| 25. Welfare Payments            | 30,000.00              | 30,000.00              |
| 26. Parks and Recreation        | 13,750.00              | 13,750.00              |
| 27. Library                     | 81,000.00              | 81,000.00              |
| 28. Patriotic Purposes          | 18,000.00              | 18,000.00              |
| 29. Community Center            | 22,000.00              | 22,000.00              |
| 30. Other Conservation          | 1,000.00               | 1,000.00               |
| 31. Long Term Notes             | 81,840.00              | 80,840.00              |
| 32. Interest on TAN notes       | 5,000.00               | 5,000.00               |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>\$ 2,358,668.00</b> | <b>\$ 2,339,948.00</b> |

**Article Five:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to fund the 1991 Town Building Capital Reserve Fund (emergency repairs). (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Six:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to fund the 1997 Town Facilities Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

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# Town Warrant

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**Article Seven:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to fund the 2002 Gravestone Repair and Preservation Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Eight:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to fund the 2002 Police Facility Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Nine:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) to fund the 2006 Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Ten:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to fund the 2006 Main Street Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

**Article Eleven:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) to fund the 2008 Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twelve:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) to fund the 2010 Communication Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (for emergency services). (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Thirteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to fund the 2015 Town Equipment Repair 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 One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to fund the 2019 Town Hall Repair and Renovation Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

**Article Fifteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to fund the 2019 Road and Bridge Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Sixteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) to fund the 2020 Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.



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**Article Seventeen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Three Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$375,000.00) to purchase a new Class A pumper with equipment. This appropriation will come from the 2006 Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Further, this will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2026. The Selectmen will appoint a committee of three to five knowledgeable persons, including the Fire Chief, to review the specifications and make a recommendation on the purchase. (Majority vote required). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Eighteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Three Dollars (\$19,703.00) to fund SCBA Bottle Replacement. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2026. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.


**Article Nineteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to fund the painting of the interior of the Fire Department. This appropriation will come from the Fire Department Repair Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twenty:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$99,000.00) to pay off the John Deere Loader lease. (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 Eighty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$83,000.00) to pay off the Road Bond. This appropriation will come from Unassigned Fund Balance. (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 One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to fund the Conservation Fund overseen by the Conservation Commission. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

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# Town Warrant

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**Article Twenty-Three:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of purchasing vehicles for the Police Department. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be placed in this fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twenty-Four:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800.00) to fund speed bumps by the Elementary School. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twenty-Five:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) to fund an attendant at French’s Park. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twenty-Six:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to offer for sale the following parcels of Town-owned land on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen determine are in the best interests of the Town. (Majority vote required.)

- A Map 1 Lot 42 Pleasant View Road (3.98 acres land only)
- B Map 7 Lot 43 Howlett Road (deeded 2016 – 0.66 acres land only)
- C Map 9 Lot 52 74 Dunfield Road (deeded 2017 – 7.5 acres collapsed bldg.)
- D Map 11 Lot 8 Forest Street (deeded 2018 – .08 acres land only)

Such authority to transfer or to sell shall continue to be in effect indefinitely, until rescinded.

**Article Twenty-Seven:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to offer for sale to abutters the following five parcels of Town-owned land with the condition that they not be used as house lots due to their land-locked and/or wetland conditions as provided by RSA 80:42 III, RSA 80:80 III, and RSA 80:80 VI.b.

- Map 4 Lot 7 West Road (2 acres land) wetland
  - Map 4 Lot 9 Fortune Road (2 acres land) wetland
  - Map 5 Lot 99 West Meadow Road (5 acres) wetland
  - Map 6 Lot 31 off West Road (4.5 acres land) landlocked, stream bisecting
  - Map 9 Lot 5-1 225 East Washington Road (3.41 acres land) approx. 90-degree slope from road, on hill, on curve.
- and to see if the Town will vote to retain Map 9 Lot 23 for conservation purposes as provided by RSA 80:42-a:
- Map 9 Lot 23 off West Road (5 acres land) landlocked, partially wet, abuts conservation wetland by Pearl Town Forest.

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By Petition. (Majority vote required). Selectmen recommend.

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**Article Twenty-Eight:** “New Hampshire Resolution to Take Action on Climate Pollution”

“We the town of Bradford hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Carbon Fee and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis.

Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire’s economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by U.S. economists (January 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety.

We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire’s natural resources upon which we all rely.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Bradford’s State Legislators, to the Governor of New Hampshire, to Bradford’s Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by Bradford’s Select Board, within 30 days of this vote.”

**Article Twenty-Nine:** To see if the Town of Bradford will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for the purpose of implementing energy saving measures to reduce the annual energy consumption of the Brown Memorial Library as outlined in the Energy Audit of the Brown Memorial Library prepared in December 2020. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2026. By Petition. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

**Article Thirty:** To see if the Town will vote to completely discontinue, under the provisions of RSA 231:43, any interest the Town may have had in that portion of Pierce Road between the east boundary of Map 18, Lot 33 and the intersection of Bible Hill Road. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend.

**Article Thirty-One:** To see if the Town will vote to allow gates and bars to be placed on the Class VI section of Pierce Road under the provisions of RSA 231:45. This article is null and void with the passage of Article Thirty.

**Article Thirty-Two:** 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,

*Marlene Freyler, Chairman  
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## MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

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lawn of the Bradford Center Meeting House on June 5, 2021. The Board approved this request providing they follow whatever COVID-19 protocols are in place at the time, follow the Town ordinance, and submit a security deposit. The Board would also like to require that they have porta potties.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Zones** The Committee discussed the proposed Economic Revitalization Zone (ERZ) map for the Town. Tax incentives within the zones would be used to promote a local business district. The two proposed zones cover East Main Street and a large section of property around and adjacent to the Transfer Station. The Committee hopes to submit it to the Select Board for approval in the next month or so and then submit to the state.

### PLANNING BOARD

**Site Plan** The Board accepted the site plan application submitted by Pierre Hahn for property located at 48 West Road, Map 6/ Lot 34.

**Preliminary Discussion** Kyla Hamill and Catherine De Vanes appeared for a preliminary discussion of a site plan review for the Bradford Junction and Café. No site plan for the previous business at that location was found. They plan a dine in and take out restaurant with a coffee bar, pastries and perhaps ice cream this summer. They are planning to complete a site plan application and hope to have it completed in March.

**Modified Site Plan** 5 Acres plans to add a 1,248 sq ft post and beam three-sided building with clear roof for flowers, and a 650 sq ft cover for hay and shavings. This requires a modified site plan and the Board agreed to expedite a Public Hearing for the first meeting in April.

### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

**Special Exception** The Board approved a Special Exception to conduct commercial vegetable growing and agricultural education at 48 West Road, Bradford NH, Tax map 6 Lot 34.

**Variance Application** The Board reviewed a Variance to build a house on the shore of Lake Massasecum submitted by Dan Higginson of Higginson Land Services, for the property owner Richard Deschense. The property located at Map 7/ Lot 76 was previously proposed for this construction, denied by the Board, appealed by Mr Higginson/Mr Deschenes, and denied again. The Board reviewed the new application and unanimously voted to deny the acceptance on the grounds that it was not substantially different than the previous application.

**Variance Approval** The Board approved a variance from setback requirements for property located at 22 Massasecum Lake Road, Map 23/Lot 20. The approval has the following condition: In addition to the dry well system proposed to mitigate runoff from the new garage, the applicant will install and maintain an additional system to mitigate, through infiltration, runoff from the existing house, deck, and porch.

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Boardwalk** Thank you to Arthur Heino for the generous donation of boards for the boardwalk at the Bradford Bog and to George Beaton who will install the boards.

**Road Salt** Commission member Doug Southard has been in communication with Road Agent Steve Hall regarding road salt usage. Two types of salt are applied on Bradford roads: sodium chloride in winter for ice, and calcium chloride in summer to control dust on dirt roads. It appears that the sodium chloride has a detrimental impact on vegetation along roads. Further study is needed before making any suggestions to Steve.

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

**Friends of BML** The Board approved the revised Memorandum of Understanding between the Brown Memorial Library and the Friends of BML.

**Easter** An Easter Scavenger Hunt, in lieu of the traditional Easter Egg Hunt, is scheduled for Saturday, April 3, 2021 9:00am-1:00pm.

### ENERGY COMMITTEE

**Energy Audits** The last three energy audits have been received. Costs for the energy saving measures are as follows: Fire Station \$13,185, Bradford Area



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Community Center \$10,385, and Highway Garage \$10,544. Committee will reach out to contacts at each location to review audit report and get feedback on support and concerns.

**Community Project** Energy Committee member Sandra Beaton Bravo has been accepted into the Vital Communities Climate Change Leadership Academy. Sandra will identify a community project and the Bradford Energy Committee plans to help her choose a project that dovetails with the Committee’s mission.

**KEARSARGE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Legislation** The Board voted to extend the School Board’s opposition to Senate Bill 130, an act relative to education freedom accounts, and to House Bill 544, an act relative to the propagation of divisive concepts.

**Field Trip** The Board approved the motion to preliminarily give permission for the KRHS trip to Italy and Greece in 2022.

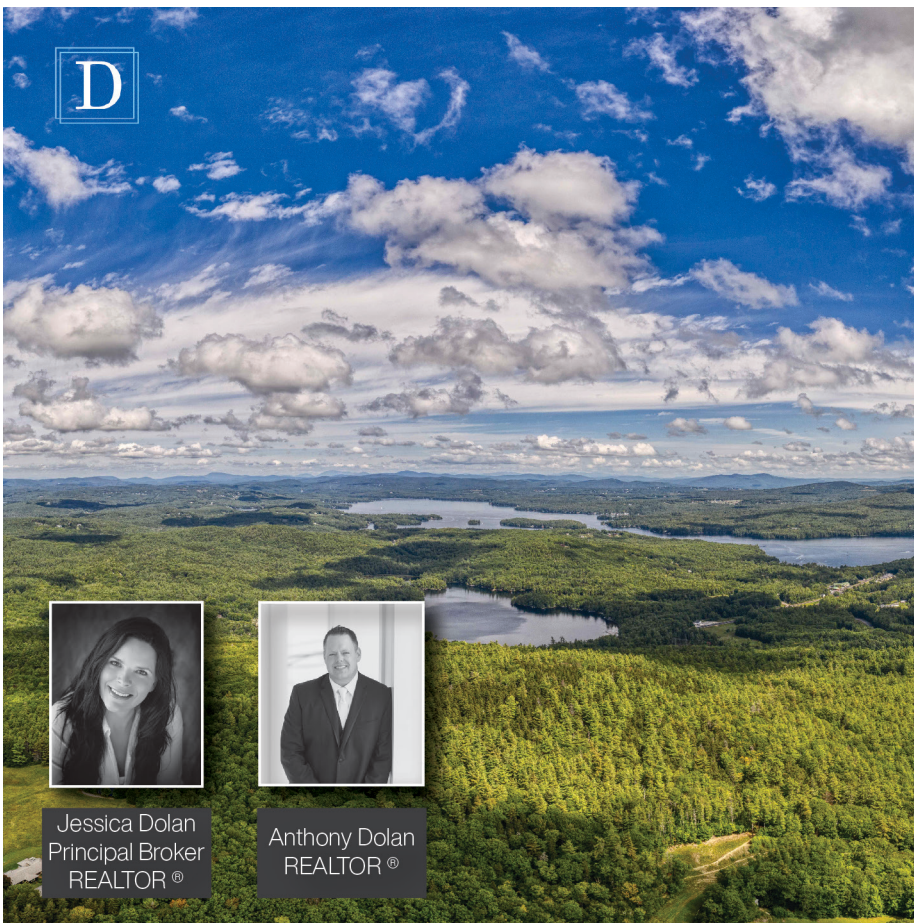
**Construction Manager** DEW Construction was selected by the Board for construction manager for the STEAM wing at KRHS. The Board approved a \$10,000 deposit to DEW to allow the project to move to the next phase.

Minutes of all meetings are on file at the Town Office and online at the town website. Some meetings are now streamed live! [bradfordnh.org](http://bradfordnh.org)



Kearsarge Climate Action (KCA) is a community based organization working to educate local citizens about the climate crisis, provide area-wide opportunities for community action and to collaborate with local businesses and organizations to reduce our carbon footprint. Check out the exhibit on reducing single use plastic and alternatives at Hannaford’s in New London this month. KCA is forming subcommittees to address Energy, Education (legislation), Recycling (plastics, composting, etc.) and Transportation. Contact Joy Kubit at [joykubit@gmail.com](mailto:joykubit@gmail.com) if you are interested. Participation would include attendance at the monthly KCA and subcommittee meetings.

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## From the Bradford Fire Department

In a new feature for the Bradford Bridge, Fire Chief Jeff LeBlanc will write about various safety topics and give training and call statistics for the previous month. This month's topic is chimney fire.

According to the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) more than 25,000 chimney fires occur annually causing over \$120 million dollars in damage nationwide. Although your chimney may look the same as others; heating appliance types vary, and include wood burning fireplaces, gas burning fireplaces, pellet and wood burning stoves.

### What are the signs of a chimney fire?

A loud, crackling or popping noise from the chimney (imagine the sound of a large bonfire, low roar or an airplane or a distant freight train) A lot of dense, thick smoke coming into the fireplace and possibly into your home or out of the top of the chimney. Flames or things that are on fire (pieces of flaming creosote) coming from the top of the chimney.

### How does a fire start in a chimney?

Chimney fires occur when creosote builds up or other debris catches fire inside the chimney. Conditions that encourage creosote buildup include burning unseasoned wood, restricted air supply (such as failing to open the damper), overloading the firebox, and fluctuating outside temperatures.

### What do I do if I suspect a chimney fire?

It's always best to call 911 to notify the Fire Department and evacuate occupants of the home and close doors as you step outside. Depending on what type of heating appliance you have, if it is safe to do so, close the vents and air inlets to cut off the fire's oxygen source.

### What the Fire Department does when they arrive at the scene of a chimney fire?

- Use ladders when it is required to access the roof.
  - Access the top and bottom of the chimney.
  - Visually inspect the chimney with a mirror to determine the extent of the fire.
  - Utilize chimney fire extinguishing methods.
  - Check the carbon monoxide readings in the house with a CO detector.
  - Ventilate the house to remove the products of combustion (smoke) as needed.
- ### How do I help prevent chimney fires in my home?
- Schedule an annual chimney inspection by a qualified person.
  - Clean your chimney if there is more than a 1/8-inch layer of build-up.
  - Only burn materials that are designed for your heating appliance.

The Bradford Fire Rescue would like to remind all that having working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors saves lives and early notification to 911 during medical emergencies is paramount to ensure the best possible outcome in the event of sickness or injury. We encourage you to follow us on social media and for non-emergency questions or for more information about joining the Department you may contact us at (603) 938-2231 or [firechief@bradfordnh.org](mailto:firechief@bradfordnh.org).

### Your Fire Department at Work: February 2021 Call / Training Statistics

| Training           | Date      | Hours      |
|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| Equipment / Tools  | 2/1/2021  | 16         |
| Search / Rescue    | 2/8/2021  | 14         |
| EMS Ops            | 2/15/2021 | 24         |
| HIPPA / Boob Borne | 2/15/2021 | 24         |
| Fire Prevention    | 2/1-28/21 | 24         |
| Fire Officer       | 2/1-28/21 | 24         |
| <b>Totals</b>      |           | <b>126</b> |

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Bldg. Fire                 | 2         |
| EMS                        | 11        |
| Fire                       | 15        |
| Haz-Mat                    | 4         |
| Mutual Aid                 | 0         |
| Service Call               | 2         |
| Outside Fire               | 2         |
| Fire Prevention            | 6         |
| MVC                        | 2         |
| <b>Total Svc. Requests</b> | <b>44</b> |



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## Dillons Woodworks - Local Business Feature



Mike and Joe stopped working, just long enough to give our local paper a couple of smiles and a photo!

We always love to connect with local businesses and get to know a little bit about the operation and the people who make it all happen! We ask ten questions and the answers from the owners give us the scoop. This month we are featuring Dillons Woodworks located in downtown Bradford in the building behind Pizza Chef. Just drift back that way and follow the sweet smell of sawdust! You'll find lots of great wood products and a little gift shop packed full of one-of-a-kind items from local artists.

**1. Name of Business?**

Dillons Woodworks

**2. What do you do?**

Sawmilling, woodworking, firewood, and gift shop.

**3. When did you start the business?**

2018

**4. Why did you start the business?**

Because we really enjoy creating things and helping others as well.

**5. What is your background?**

We have been doing this for about 5 years. Prior to that I worked in IT for about 15 years.

**6. What is your favorite part of being a business owner?**

Flexible schedule is great with a family. Its nice to decide each day what you are going to do and when you are going to do it. No set schedule.

**7. Who helps you run the business?**

My wife Stacey and I run the business.

**8. Who are your customers?**

We serve pretty much everyone. Mostly woodworkers and people looking for custom woodworking.

**9. What is your most popular service product?**

We sell mostly live edge lumber as it is very popular.

**10. What are your plans for the future?**

We hope to grow and expand our business in every way, but for now, we really enjoy what we are doing. We love being a part of the community and working with other businesses owners.



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## Want Some Cash Back?

Are you shocked by how much we're spending to deal with extreme weather-related events and other problems caused by climate change? Have you ever wondered why we are footing the bill? Why not get those who are getting rich off fossil fuels pay the price? And why aren't we doing something to put an end to the carbon emissions that are causing these climate-related catastrophes to begin with before it's too late?

I believe the quickest, most efficient and effective way we can fight climate change is by enacting Carbon Cash-Back pricing. With Carbon Cash-Back pricing, fossil fuel producers are charged a fee at the source or port (if imported), and then all of the money collected is distributed to residents equally as monthly dividends. The fee starts out small and then gradually goes up a bit each year, so that companies can plan for it.

Of course, prices would rise with this approach, as companies deal with the new fee. But estimates are that most households would get back more in dividends than they would pay out in higher prices.

Most economists support the Carbon Cash-Back solution, including those you might be familiar with, like Janet Yellen and Alan Greenspan. That's because it works. It would get us to where experts say we need to get to by 2030, or what they call 'net zero'. And they know that doing nothing is very, very costly.

Carbon Cash-Back pricing is also a bipartisan solution. Republicans like it because it uses market forces and it isn't considered a tax (since the government doesn't spend it). They also like that there aren't a lot of 'big government' regulations. Democrats like it because it protects the family budget, particularly those of lower income families.

In addition, Carbon Cash-Back pricing allows market forces to solve many of the costly issues that are created when we change to green energy. Companies will not want to pay the carbon fee, so they'll figure out new ways of doing business. They can innovate with

carbon-free energy and emissions-free technologies. And this, in turn, will create new, green jobs.

Lastly, another benefit and perhaps the most important, is the reach of Carbon Cash-Back pricing. Since this approach would also include a border adjustment where there would be a fee on imported fossil fuel products for countries that did not have a carbon fee, it would encourage those countries to create their own carbon pricing systems. And this is exactly what we need. We need the whole world to come together to fight this crisis. We are truly 'all in this together'.

Carbon Cash-Back pricing makes most other strategies designed to fight climate change either complementary or redundant. And if established as the base of our climate change pathway, it actually strengthens these other strategies.

We need to let our legislators know that we want the Carbon Cash-Back solution to climate change. But how can we do that? There IS something we can do.

At this year's Town Meeting there will be a warrant article entitled "Resolution to Address Climate Pollution with Carbon Cash-Back Pricing." If we can pass this, the Bradford Select Board will send this Resolution to our State Legislators, our Governor, our Congressional Delegation, and our President asking them to use cash-back carbon pricing to address the costs and risks of climate pollution. The Bradford Conservation Commission has endorsed it, as have 25 Bradford citizens.

Please vote 'YES' for the Carbon Cash-Back Pricing warrant article.

Congress is watching. Let's make Bradford's residents heard loud and clear. We want Carbon Cash-Back pricing so we can save the planet for our children and grandchildren.

To learn more about the Carbon Cash-Back, go to [carboncashback.org](http://carboncashback.org).

Barbara Southard  
Bradford, NH



## Celebrate Earth Day *April 22nd and everyday!*

Earth Day symbolizes the benefits of environmental behavior change. We encourage you to play your part! Here are some ways to celebrate and show our Mother Earth how much you care!

- Go for a litter cleanup. Don't forget your gloves!
- Ditch the paper towels. Try using cloth napkins instead!
- Get your soil tested. Make sure you aren't overdoing it with fertilizer by getting your soil tested first.
- Donate old clothing and household items.
- Buy local. Check out a local farm or local restaurant this Earth day. If you'd rather shop from the comfort of your own home, there are plenty of local online shops which will deliver straight to your door.
- Drink tap water. Support your local utilities by drinking tap water.
- Fix a leak! Have any pesky leaks in your home you've been avoiding? According to the EPA, an average household leak can waste nearly 10,000 gallons of water every year.
- Compost your leftover food scraps. Check out composting for beginners here.
- Start a garden.

Find more ideas from Green Living Blog online at [askhrgreen.org](http://askhrgreen.org)!



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Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on March 28th. A Good Friday Service will be held on April 2nd at 7pm with the reading of the last words of Christ. An Easter Worship Service will be celebrated at 10am on April 4th.

Food Pantry Donations can be mailed to: Bradford Community Church, PO Box 57, Bradford NH 03221 and memo: food pantry. For questions, please call the church office and leave a message and someone will get back to you.



**BRADFORD**

**Easter Scavenger Hunt**  
**Saturday, April 3rd, from 9am-1pm**

Friends of the BML have helped to organize a fun Easter Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, April 3rd, from 9am-1pm. Start the hunt by coming in to get your first clue at the library. The Scavenger Hunt will take place around town, ending with a goodie bag at the Library. Hope you enjoy this new event!

**Easter Egg Hunt (from your car!)**  
**Saturday, April 3rd from 1-2pm**

The Return of the Hoppy Easter Egg hunt. A "Hare" raising event! Join us as the Rosewood Bunny figures how to keep the spirit of Easter while wearing a mask, greeting kids and giving eggs from your car! It is a FREE event for kids ten and under, on April 3rd from 1-2pm at 67 Pleasant View Road in Bradford. This is a FREE event but to make sure the bunny has enough eggs, we need you to let us know how many kids to expect by April 2nd. You can call us at the Inn at 603-938-5253 or enter it on our events page <https://rosewood-country-inn.square.site/>

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**Saturday, April 24th from 9-11am**

The South Newbury Union Church will sponsor a Rabies Clinic for dogs and cats with Dr. Karen Moody on Saturday April 24th from 9-11am. (Rain or Shine!)

This will be held in the parking lot at Friendship House on the corner of Village and Sutton Roads, in South Newbury. Rabies shot fee will be \$14. Please bring a previous Rabies certificate or dog license if available.

The Newbury Town Clerk will be present to register and license your dog. For more information call 938-2064

**ONLINE**

**How to Be a Stargazer: Spring Edition**  
**Friday, April 23rd from 7-8pm**

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## Out & About: Tracks and Measures



Photo by Evelyn Roberge

Around the time of the February full moon Evelyn and Clark Roberge found consistent wild animal tracks behind their home located at 130 East Main Street. They think these were possibly made by a cougar. The prints measure about 4.5" long.



"I was out walking around Lake Massasecum today and I came across these amazing footprints! I am a skeptic, but I am wondering if there could be a REAL lake monster! These prints are over 14" long!" *Don Moss*

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. An accompanying caption would be nice. Please submit the images in .jpg or .jpeg format.

*Kathleen Bigford*

## New Town Sign

Town sign construction is moving right along at Roberge Signs! Shapes have been cut and primed. Now, letter carving is underway. We can't wait to see the finished product welcoming us home. *Photo: Evelyn Roberge.*



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## Town Meeting Date

The Bradford Town Meeting  
Saturday, April 10th, at 9am  
Kearsarge Regional Middle School  
32 Gile Pond Road  
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