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MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Island Removal The Board approved a motion to remove the island at the intersection of Hogg Hill and Cressy Road.

Unanticipated Revenue The Board approved a motion to accept unanticipated healthcare revenue return of surplus in the amount of \$24,071.47.

Transfer Station – Lois Kilnapp – Discussed charges for disposal of mattresses, chairs, and couches. Lois will present prices at the 12/27 meeting.

Fire Department – Jim Raymond – There were six applications submitted for a new Fire Chief. The Select Board and the Fire Department have agreed to interview three of the candidates. The Fire Chief will submit the Fire Department's top three candidates to Karen. The Board and Fire Chief will meet to discuss the interview process further. Andrew mentioned that he would like to have a member of the Police Department and Highway Department involved in the interview process as well.

The pumper is back in service after a wheel bearing was replaced.

Jim said the department's turnout gear is beyond its life expectancy. He estimates it will probably be \$30,000 – \$40,000 to replace it. Andrew asked Jim to make an inventory of all the current gear and when it expired. Jim will create a list and come back to the Board.

Highway Department – Steve Hall – There was discussion about parking on the street located at 175 and 200 Breezy Hill Road. Steve said there is a

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All Lit Up With Holiday Spirit for 2021!



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From the Bridge



The first annual Bradford Parks and Recreation lighting contest inspired the color on the front and back pages of this first edition of 2022. Thank you to all the contestants and to everyone who made Bradford shine in December.

This edition also brings:

- Summaries of Town Board meetings in the Monthly Briefing.
- Appreciation for the Road Crew in a story by Odds Bodkin.
- More Letters to the Editor than we've seen in a while. Thank you!
- News of the *New Hampshire Now* exhibit.
- Solstice poetry by Laura.
- Ann's article about "witch's broom".
- The announcement of Ed Shaughnessy's promotion to Police Chief.
- A Bradford Memorial Library "Best of 2021" list from Ellen.

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With hope for a Healthy and Happy 2022,

Kathleen Bigford, Editor

And the creative crew at the Bradford Bridge



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Letters to Our Editor:

Dear Editor,

As we head into Christmas and the New Year, facing our first winter storm of the season, now is a good time to reflect back on a year in the State Legislature, what it has brought for us here in the towns of our district and what we can look forward to in the future.

Despite our efforts in the Democratic caucus, Republicans have prevailed with some of the most radical bills in our state's history:

- New education vouchers that will raise local property taxes and defund school districts
- The first ever abortion ban in the state with no exceptions for rape or incest, relegating women to second class citizens and imposing punitive vaginal ultrasounds
- Gerrymandered voting districts that will increase partisan rule at the cost of our democracy
- A ban on teachers discussing critical views of history and our society intended to whitewash how we educate our children

All these and more have hurt New Hampshire's citizens. The pushback, however, has begun. With your continued support, I intend to make as strong a case as possible for the common good, for our public education, for working families, for energy efficiency and conservation of agricultural and forest resources, whether it's sponsoring bills in the next session or testifying in future committee meetings against the extreme libertarians and their experimental agenda.

I hope you and yours stay safe and enjoy the coming year. Let's work together to get our district and New Hampshire back on the path towards a better day!

Best wishes,
Rep. Tony Caplan
Environment & Agriculture Committee
New Hampshire House of Representatives
Merrimack, District 6

Letter to the Editor:

I loved your article in the Bridge about stone walls! I wanted to inform you that the New Hampshire Geological Survey created this stone wall mapper that lets you map stone walls using an app called LIDAR. This link also brings you to more detailed history about stone walls in New Hampshire. <https://www.granit.unh.edu/resource/library/specialtopics/stonewalls/>

Joshua Keeley
Bradford, NH

Letter to the Editor:

It is time to call out this December article – ‘Legislative Update’ from Rep. Tony Caplan” before it becomes problematic. It is not a ‘Legislative Update.’ It could be titled “Tony's politics” or “Tony’s opinion piece” or “I’m Tony, here’s what I have to say.” Lest the Bradford Bridge fall prey to the trap of allowing slanted perspectives and an open microphone (so to speak), it would be wise to respect the town residents and offer just the facts. Each of us can uncover all legislative activity going on in New Hampshire. Each of us can determine if the legislation is to our liking. Call it something else but don’t call it a ‘Legislative Update.’

Steve Pierce,
Bradford, NH

Letter to the Editor:

Bradford Christmas Lights Contest! Sandra and I drove around town one evening last week to view the lighting exhibits. What a wonderful event!!! We’ve never seen the town so full of holiday cheer. Congratulations to everyone who participated, whether contest winners or not. And deep thanks to Devin Pendleton and the Parks and Rec Committee for putting this event together. We hope it becomes an ongoing tradition – an excellent example of community spirit and a reason to smile in December.

Harry Wright
Bradford, NH

From the Select Board

The Town of Bradford’s Select Board is pleased to announce the promotion of Lieutenant Edward Shaughnessy to the newly created position of full-time Police Chief effective January 1, 2022. Lieutenant Shaughnessy has been a member of the Bradford Police Department for over 16 years. He began his law enforcement career in Bradford as a Patrolman and moved through the ranks serving as Master Patrolman, Detective, Detective Sergeant and, since 2019, as Lieutenant. He is deeply committed to his community and currently serves as President of BNSYS (Bradford, Newbury, Sutton Youth Sports) and as Commander of the Central New Hampshire Special Operations Unit. He has been a DARE Instructor for KRES Bradford since 2008 and was named DARE Officer of the Year in 2015.

The Select Board also extends its deepest appreciation to Chief Jim Valiquet for his 17 years of service as Bradford’s part-time Police Chief and wishes him well in his future endeavors. A retirement celebration will be held on January 10, 2022 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at the Appleseed Restaurant. The public is invited to attend.

Photos and Submissions for 2021 Town Report

Another year is coming to a close. The Selectmen’s Office is gathering information for the 2021 Town Report. If you have photos of the Town’s faces, places or events that you would like to share, please send them to administrator@bradfordnh.org. Old and historic photos are welcome too. Be sure to include the photographer’s name (if known) so proper credit can be noted. Similarly, if you represent a local organization and would like to submit an update of your 2021 activities for the Town Report, please forward it to administrator@bradfordnh.org. Don’t forget to include photos of your organization’s 2021 events as well!

**Submissions must be received by
January 14, 2022 to be included.**

Reminders from the Road Agent

To keep our community safe and assist our Highway Dept in winter maintenance, please remember the following.

No Parking is allowed on sidewalks at any time.

No Parking on Town of Bradford streets or roads from November 1 to May 1 between the hours of midnight to 6:00am.

No Plowing of snow in or across Town roads or depositing snow within the traveled portion of Town roads. Any person who violates these provisions will be subject to a \$100.00 fine. Subsequent offenses shall be subject to a fine of up to \$500.00.

Pursuant to RSA 236:20, RSA 47:17, paragraph VII and RSA 41:11, it shall be unlawful to plow snow across any and all Town roads, including Class 5 & 6, or to deposit snow within the traveled portion of Town roads. Across town roads shall mean pushing snow from one side to the other, where snow would be deposited within the right of way of any road. Traveled Portion shall mean any part of the roadway in which vehicles would travel or within the shoulders of said roadway.

Please see the complete Snow Removal and Ice Control policy at:

<https://www.bradfordnh.org/departments/highway-department/sop-snow-removal-and-ice-control-eff-120109/>

State Representative Session



At a session in Bradford on November 16th, 2021 State Representatives Tony Caplan and Rod Pimentel met with Bradford citizens to discuss activity in NH government. Tony and Rod hold sessions every other month at the BACC from 5:30 to 6:30pm. The next session will be on Tuesday, January 18th.



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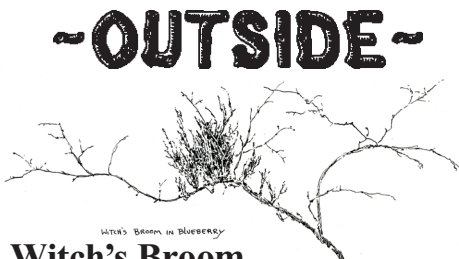
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Witch's Broom

Mid-December and the pond is only weakly holding ice. The leafless, high-bush blueberries are silhouetted against its light surface and appear as tortured script. Twisted black twigs without pretense of normal plant symmetry crawl and blotch along the shore punctuated by inky 'nests'.

Above them towers a balsam fir.

The needles of fir are subtly rusted by a fungus with an excessively multi-syllabic scientific name – *Pucciniastrum goeppertianum*. The fungus spends time aloft annoying the fir before it wafts its lucky few spores from tiny tubes along the needles to any blueberry bush within a quarter mile.

Once settled on the blueberry, the fungal spore stretches its microscopic hyphae and invades the stem on a food mission. The plant's response is confused. Hormones called 'auxins' normally allow the primary growing tips of most plants to elongate while suppressing the lateral shoots. But now the fungal focal points cause internal mayhem and the stems over-produce erratically creating the bizarre tangles. Where did this circular system start? Fir or blueberry?

These tangles are sometimes called 'witch's brooms' because of their resemblance to the prototypical floor-tidying tools of Northern Europe. 'Besoms' were made of a clutch of birch or broom twigs tied to a hawthorn handle and were used for sweeping and as a form of aerial transportation. Blueberry witch's brooms are incurable and thus not a welcome sight in a grower's field. Fungal problems don't sound pleasant to us but consider that blueberries can't thrive unless their roots are cozied up in partnership with other specific fungi.

Witch's brooms occur on many woody

plants and are usually caused by the same deranged plant hormones. The causes of these disturbances range widely though: environmental stress, mites, nematodes, viruses, phytoplasma bacteria, and genetic mutations among others.

Squirrels and birds ought to consider nesting in the large witch's broom that hangs in a green ball from a white pine over the logging road here. It looks like an ornamental shrub flown feral from some manicured estate. I should not have been surprised to learn that a small subset of the human race cruises the highways and mountainous trails looking for the genetic mutations in conifers. These plant hunters cut or shoot these witch's brooms down, graft them on rootstock, give them names, and market them. They have been doing so since the late 1700s.

A good place to observe the fir/blueberry conversation is at the Bradford Bog. There you'll also see black spruce displaying a similar twisted ornamental argument. In this case, the cause is Dwarf mistletoe, *Arceuthobium pusillum*, a tiny parasitic, leafless, shrub that spends years stealing spruce nutrients before a summer when it draws itself up to its full height of about an inch and then unobtrusively flowers. The impossibly tiny white flowers of male and female are on separate plants and most often live on separate spruce trees. Pollen from the male must windsurf to the waiting flowers of the female. She produces the sticky seeds that she must blindly fling back into the wind where some may stick to spruce needles and wash to a stem with the next rainfall.



And start the process again.

Like humankind and everything else, plants live in a world constantly being manipulated and controlled by unseen forces dusting the air around them. We are all in the same cauldron as the witch's brooms.

Ann Eldridge

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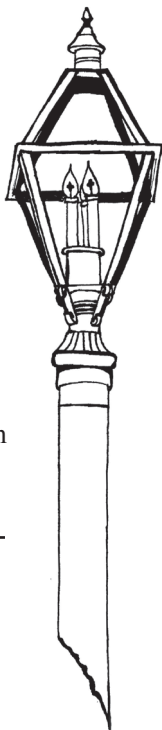
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Wednesday 11:00am – 7:00pm

Friday 10:00am – 6:00pm

Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm



I will start the New Year with appreciation to all the people who help run the library. Bea Howe, Meg Fearnley, Annette Leonas help to maintain and organize our fabulous basement book depository. Janet Sillars, Brooks McCandlish, and Patty Furness help all year long with growing plants, setting up, and participating in our various book and plants sales. Brooks also waters and keeps our inside plants alive. Peter Isham helps weekly with dump/trash runs. Denis Murphy volunteers his time to fix our walkways when bricks / stones are broken. Garry Kalajian has helped maintain our iron door knocker/handle. Laurie Buchar has helped in a variety of ways this year, most notably the last year in helping to

digitize our collection. Joy Baker who keeps the library sparkling clean! Our trustees (Devin Pendleton, Jason Grey, Mariah Storm, Caitlin Banaszak, Elizabeth Bouley, Laura Beaton, and Robin Steiner) that serve as our library advocates and who help direct the funds and policies of this important institution. Mariah has also filled in as our storytime leader for the last two months! Our wonderful patrons who donate books, puzzles, games, movies, air conditioners, and money. Lastly, the staff of the library who bring their own skills, personalities, and energy to make this place interesting and well run! To all of you, I am so grateful and thankful to have you as part of the library community!!

I love the end of the year, as it's the time when everyone creates their best of the year lists. Here are some of the books that have made it to the Best of 2021, and they can all be found at our library!

Books:

How Beautiful We Were / Imbolo Mbue
(*New York Times*)

Intimacies / Katie Kitamura
(*New York Times*)

The Love Songs of W.E.B. Dubois /
Honorée Fanonne Jeffers (*New York Times*)

Crossroads / Jonathan Franzen
(*Washington Post*)

Empire of Pain / Patrick Radden Keefe
(*Washington Post*)

Klara and the Sun / Kazuo Ishiguro
(*Washington Post*)

Matrix / Lauren Groff (*Washington Post*)

No One Is Talking About This / Patricia Lockwood (*Entertainment Weekly*)

Milk Fed / Melissa Broder
(*Entertainment Weekly*)

Crying in H Mart / Michelle Zauner
(*Entertainment Weekly*)

Library Programs:

Storytime - Mondays at 10:00am, Mariah Storm will remain on until Laurie Buchar returns on Monday, January 24th.

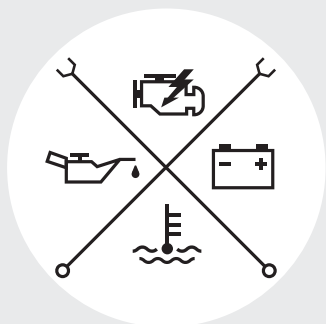
Book Group - Fourth Wednesday of the month. January 26th at 7:00pm. *We are reading Leave the World Behind* / Rumaan Alam.

Closings: January 1st and January 17th.

As of December 14, 2021, the town has mandated the need to wear masks inside our public buildings. Due to an increase Covid 19 cases in our town/surrounding towns, we need to be cautious and wear our masks again in the library.

Ellen Barselle
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Recycling is mandatory in Bradford! Have a look at the items listed above and remember to keep them out of your trash bags and out of the compactor. Recycling keeps trash out of the landfill, reduces our need for new raw materials, conserves energy, reduces pollution. It's good for our earth, it's easy and free! Up your recycling game this year and pay close attention to the way you take care of your waste.

THANK YOU!



Let's welcome this New Year with open arms and sincere hopes that soon we will be able to happily gather safely with friends and family. Until that time, be considerate and careful, and most importantly, kind.



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Since 1985, my wife Mil and I have lived at the corner of High Street and Fairgrounds Road in Bradford. It's always been a busy place for storm water and winter snow, situated at the bottom of the hill as it is. In winter, the plows shove piles of road snow in front of our house, which we've never minded. It's just part of living here at the intersection. We never minded the deep divets the plow blades make into our yard, either. Hey, this is New Hampshire. Snow falls, hopefully in great amounts. Nor did we mind, every spring once things dried out, taking our leaf blower and ridding the grass of the accumulated road sand. And there really wasn't much we could do about the sand bar that always ended up in front of the tall slender maple at the base of our yard. That maple is the survivor of twin maples that used to stand in front of the Pages' house, long ago. The other maple's old stump is still there, decomposing under a ground cover we planted there. Our lower wall is the Page's old house foundation. That's another story.

We still think Bradford is paradise. Even more so, now.

So with that said, my wife Mil and I would like to send a grateful thank you to Nate Kimball and his Valley Excavating crew who worked with the Bradford Highway Department the other week to fix the drainage at the corner.

Within the space of a week, they came to our intersection where Main Street lifts up into Fairgrounds Road, and

totally transformed it for the better. From here on in, we'll be curious to watch this new drainage system transport troublesome water down the hill and into the river.

As you might recall, recently we all lived through a rain event where more rain fell faster than we've ever seen in all our years in New Hampshire. For the first time ever, it washed out the bottom of our driveway. It wasn't more rain by volume, because in years past we've watched the dam bridge be completely submerged in a torrent of brown water. No, it's just how fast it fell, very similar to what New York City recently experienced. And British Columbia. And Germany. And countless other formerly safe places, worldwide. Yes, the climate has been changing for decades, but for the first time ever, after that rain, our lower front yard had standing water in it for weeks. I tried to mow it, but it was like trying to mow the Everglades.

We have a feeling that the Town of Bradford sees the future coming, and took wise action. Thanks for spending the money, fellow townfolk.

Back to the story. With a can of red spray paint, an excavator, an asphalt saw, a Bobcat, a soil tamper, lots of dump trucks, and a whole lot of expertise, Valley Excavating and Bradford's Highway Department transformed our corner, and essentially, the look of this part of town.

And most importantly, they transformed a challenged intersection's storm resilience.

Once the crew began to excavate, we watched as they dug up the old culverts, which were long rotted out; up came

the twisted old ribbed metal culverts, clogged and useless.

They excavated trenches deeper than a man is tall, and laid in fresh black plastic culverts, along with concrete catch basins topped with grates. They buried the new culverts, hooked them up to the catch basins, filled in the dirt, tamped it down, and then, in the case of our property's perimeter, laid in crushed stone, even sloped in places to direct the rain into the new catch basins.

If all goes well, any upcoming intense storm water will now flow under the intersection and pour into the river, the way it used to do long ago. Before storms like this came.

The gentleman who operated the excavator has our sincere admiration. And so does Nate Kimball. All of them, frankly.

The crew also directed traffic and brought in many truckloads of crushed stone and dirt, plus hauled out six-hundred-pound glacial erratics buried for thousands of years along our yard's margin – rocks we had no idea were under there. Up came wires and pipes from a bygone era as well. And afterwards, they cleaned it all up. They even landscaped the gaps left between our yard and the new crushed stone along the road with topsoil. And then they came back, and threw hay over the new soil.

It might have been a noisy week, but it was worth it. Great job, gentlemen. Great job, town government. Thank you. We appreciate your wisdom and foresight.

John and Mil Bodkin

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What would you say to an opportunity to save money on your heating bills and be warmer in your home during the winter months too? Interior storm windows or window inserts can save an average of 10 gallons of fuel per window over the winter heating season, and at today's oil and propane prices, that's well more than \$30 saved per window per year. However, If you have priced interior storms windows, you know that they can be an expensive investment.

Recently, the Bradford Energy Committee learned of a non-profit business based in Maine, called "Window Dressers" that makes buying interior storm windows more affordable. They offer custom-sized wood-framed inserts to individual homeowners and renters: an average window, 30"x50" is priced around \$43. The key to lower costs comes from volunteers, including the buyers of the inserts who are asked to participate at some point during the "Community Build" where their inserts are being assembled: one 4-hour shift for every 3-5 inserts ordered.

"Window Dressers" provides the training and support to measure the orders in the spring months and to assemble the cut-to-order parts for the inserts over a long weekend in the fall. They started

out in 2010 and have steadily grown throughout Northern New England over the years. Check out their website, windowdressers.org, to find more about them, and to see a list of the many "Builds" that took place in Maine and Vermont this past fall. Note that there was only one listing for a New Hampshire build. It would be great to have this program benefit more residents in our state, improve the warmth and comfort of our homes, lower heating costs, and reduce carbon dioxide pollution.

Part of the mission of Window Dressers is to offer 25-30% of their inserts free to low-income families in each of the communities that have offered to hold a build. Currently, members of various town energy committees in our Kearsarge area are exploring whether there is enough interest for us to work together to organize a Kearsarge build for next fall. There are many crucial ways for volunteers to be involved, even if you have no carpentry skills. (But some experienced carpenters would be great too!) Check out the Window Dressers website, and please email Susan at srmoss1@comcast.net if you have any interest in getting involved, either this spring, or at a fall community build. Thanks!

The Bradford Energy Committee



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no parking ban on this street. Andrew thinks they should educate the public by sending out a flyer.

Karen reported that the budget for the Highway Department is \$25,000 in the red.

Steve said there was an accident with the 1995 plow truck, and it has been deemed totaled. He is waiting to hear from the insurance company.

Public Input: Sandra Bravo from the Energy Committee asked the Select Board to sign a letter addressed to the Governor regarding cutbacks for energy incentives. After minor corrections to the letter it will be signed by the Select-board.

Laurie Colburn asked if the Budget Committee had received all budget information. Karen said that everything has been sent to the Committee. Laurie asked about salary change information and Karen said that the change just occurred, and she will get the information to her as soon as possible

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Town Clerk/ Tax Collector There will be three elections held in 2022 increasing the demand on election related budget lines. Deputy Town Clerk/ Tax Collector wage line was noted as increasing by 30%. The Committee seemed to support an equity adjustment to remain competitive, increasing the annual rate from \$13,637 to \$17,680.

Library The Town appropriation for 2022 was noted as increasing by 2%, while the overall Library Budget is increasing by 3%. Jason Grey, Library Treasurer, outlined a transition to a mutual fund account to provide investment income for Special Project funds. A 6% increase in salary, to account for inflation, was noted with the remaining budget lines being adjusted to remain neutral.

Transfer Station Solid Waste Disposal

reflects a 6% increase, \$1,300, proposed for any unknown increase in costs. The Budget Committee encouraged Lois Kilnapp, transfer station manager, to track details behind cost disposal transactions so an analysis could be done to identify whether the volume, rates charged, to see if rates should be increased or whether the Transfer Station should discontinue taking certain items.

The Committee discussed depreciation schedules and maintenance tracking related to Town equipment. A follow up was noted to ask Karen how, and to what detail, this is being tracked. Committee suggested that Lois keep some documentation to understand what revenue is being taken in to support a review of rates.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(From 11/15/2021) The ERZ application has been informally viewed by state officials, who indicate that it looks to be in order. Final details will be completed and presented to the Select Board for approval before formally submitting it to the state for final approval. This may happen before the end of the year. The state can then provide assistance on implementation of the proposal.

Possible uses were discussed for a 45-acre parcel, owned by the town, at the junction of routes 114 and 103. A

brownfields assessment of the parcel needs to be investigated. This will be a continuing agenda item for 2022.

The status of the Town Hall renovation was discussed with regard to promoting the theatre's connection to Vaudeville. Local interest exists in renting the theatre if and when it becomes available.

PLANNING BOARD

The Board voted to accept the lot line adjustment application, for Map 8 Lot 9 and Map 5 Lot 64 and 64-1, for Robert Garneau and Lincoln and Pamela Heffner properties on East Washington Road.

The Board voted to approve the lot line application for Map 8 Lot 9 and Map 5 Lot 64 and 64-1.

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hearing, the Board approved the special exception for Scott McCaskill to reduce the front yard setback per article 3, Section D, Item 2.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

(From 11/16/21) **Treasurer’s Report:** A payment to NH Correctional Industries of \$101 to replace the stolen Warner River sign will be requested.

Bradford Hotel Spring Site Plaque: Inquiry will be made to replace this sign, which was stolen from its placement affixed to a boulder at the Hotel Spring site.

Ausbon Sargent Outreach Committee: Scott volunteered to become the Bradford representative, as Meg is retiring from this position.

Abenaki Trail Project: Federal Grant Application: The Selectboard approved the Commission’s request to apply for a federal grant for the Abenaki Trails Project trail to the Bradford Springs well-head site. DES approval is also needed.

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Warrant Article A warrant article was written regarding changes to the 1994 Cemetery Damage Repair Trust Fund that we will present at the next town meeting. There will be no increase in the cemetery budget. This warrant article will be to change the wording of the trust so that the Commission can access money for repairs to the cemetery.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Roof Repair During the recent energy upgrades to the library, a new hole in the roof was discovered and a repair was necessary, at the cost of \$425

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Status of Revision Energy Solar Energy Proposal for Transfer Station Property: Revision Energy filed a pre-application with Eversource for their Solar Energy Proposal at the Transfer Station. In December the Committee was informed that the August report from Eversource indicated that

the current grid infrastructure is not sufficient to support new electricity generation nor are there plans to upgrade. The proposal will not move forward.

Status of Energy Audit and Energy Saving Recommendations for four Bradford Facilities:

The weatherization project at the Brown Memorial Library was completed in the first week of December. The town has submitted paperwork documenting the completion and requested NHSaves issue

the Town a \$5,000 rebate.

The weatherization projects for the other three locations: Fire Station, BACC, Highway Department have been quoted on by two contractors. The BEC will work with each department to determine which energy saving measures are desired. Following these determinations the BEC may recommend that a Warrant Article be prepared to cover the costs of these improvements.

Weatherization Campaign Update: All NHSaves weatherization work is on hold pending a reversal of a decision by the NH Public Utilities Commission to defund the program which is part of the State’s Triennial Energy Efficiency Plan. The Selectboard has sent a letter to Governor Sununu outlining the loss of benefits to the town and the state.

KRSD SCHOOL BOARD

Bond Hearing On December 2, 2021 the school board held the first of two required bond hearings to see if the district will raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,270,344.00 for the purpose of financing the renovation and construction costs of a STEAM wing at the KRHS, the sum of which to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes; and further to raise and appropriate the additional sum of \$556,759.00 for the first year’s payment on the bond. (3/5 ballot vote required). (School Board Recommends 8-0) (MBC Recommends 7-1)

Highschool Bakers KRHS bakers sold 95 Thanksgiving pies – the most ever! Students did a great job on baking day making delicious pies in high volume.

Congratulations High School violinist Oliver Andrews has made the NHMEA All-State Festival. He will play with the All-State Orchestra, but his score was high enough that he was also accepted into the NHBDA/NHMEA Chamber Festival.

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

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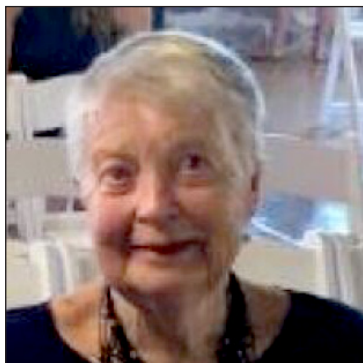
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Obituaries

Dawn Emily Rich



Dawn Emily Rich (nee Foster) 92, formerly of Bradford, NH and Irvington, NJ, died on December 2, 2021. She moved to Woodcrest Village in New London, NH in May 2019.

Dawn was born in Newark, NJ in 1929, the daughter of Hazen and Cecelia (Powers) Foster. She spent nearly 50 years in Irvington, NJ, graduating from Irvington High School. For many years, she worked as a secretary in the Irvington Public School District. Dawn married Marvin Rich in 1950 and had five children. While in Irvington, she was very active in the Trinity Episcopal Church and volunteered for many years as the adviser for the Irvington PAL twirlers.

In 1977, she moved to Bradford, NH when Marvin was hired as Chief of Police. Eventually, she was hired as the secretary at Kearsarge Regional Elementary School in Bradford where she worked for many years until her retirement in 1998. Dawn always said that this was her favorite job. The Dawn Rich Award was established after her retirement and is awarded annually to a fifth grade student.

She had been very active in Bradford as a volunteer for many civic committees and organizations and was recently honored as an outstanding citizen. Dawn always enjoyed being around children and loved working in the schools. She also loved dancing, swimming laps at

Colby Sawyer and especially spending time with her family and friends.

Dawn and Marvin were married 69 years before his death in 2019. She was also predeceased by her parents and her sister Joan Scala. She is survived by her children, Robert and his wife, Rosemary, Dawn, John and his wife, Lizbeth, Donna and Michael; grandchildren, Sean, Conor, Kaitlin, Jaclyn, Meghan, Donovan, Emily, and Molly; her great grandchildren, Jackson, Stella, and Rosie; her sister, Lynn Kasper and her husband Lewis.

She was a grand and loving lady and a friend and confidant to many. If she knew your birthday, she certainly would have sent you a card every year. She will be missed by many including her family, friends, and the many teachers and staff at schools where she worked.

John L. Rand

John L Rand, 77, died in Fairbanks, Alaska on December 17, 2021. He was born January 21, 1944 in Concord, NH, to the late Wesley and Pearl Rand.

He is preceded in death by his brother Walter Rand, Wesley Rand, and sister June Rand.

He is survived by his wife Carol (Phelps) of 58 years, sisters Wendy Beard and Marjorie Cilley of Bradford, NH, three children, Heidi Larsen of Lebanon MO, Shawn (Amber) Rand of Delta Junction, AK, and Matthew (Alison) Rand of Versailles, KY; 11 grandchildren and two great- grandchildren.

John worked the majority of his life as a farmer and mechanic and retired from the Union Pacific Railroad. Even in retirement he never stopped working, and would always help others with odds and ends mechanical jobs. He was loved by all who knew him. A celebration of his life will take place at a later date.

As Solstice Approaches

‘Twas the week before Solstice
and all through the woods
turkeys and squirrels
scrabbled for food

The days grew darker
the nighttimes less light
the earth cloaked in russet
not a flower in sight

The sun took its time
rising later each day
lighting crystals of ice
where dew used to lay

Lakes, ponds and brooks
began to freeze over
while snow flurries promised
a much deeper white cover

Wood sheds chock full and
smoke curls from chimneys
Christmas lights twinkle
skis and skates are ready

Longest night turns to day
shortest day turns to night
festivities abound and
the landscape glitters bright

With spirits on the rise
winter shows its glory
the coming year approaches
and so too, a new story

As you write your next chapter
what choices will you make?
The sky is the limit
what treasures will you create?

It’s time to revel and rejoice
with hearts open wide
from now to eternity
glad cheer and Yuletide!

*Laura Beaton
Dec. 2021*

New Hampshire Now

The Bradford Art Group restores its exhibition program in Brown Memorial Library with a new photographic exhibition, “New Hampshire Now: A Photographic Diary of Life in the Granite State.” Selected photographs are on loan from Colby-Sawyer College.

Over a two-and-a-half-year period, nearly 50 photographers traveled through the state, making thousands of images that collectively created a 21st-century portrait of the people, places, culture, and events of New Hampshire. Thousands of images captured during the project documented contemporary life in the state and form a visual archive of both the ordinary and extraordinary events of the time. The original project was the brainchild of photographer, filmmaker and educator, Gary Samson, the project director. A book featuring 256 images accompanies the exhibit.

The “New Hampshire Now” exhibit is displayed through March, 2020, in the Brown Memorial Library, located at 78 West Main Street, Bradford.

The library is open: Mondays 10am - 6pm; Wednesdays 11am - 7pm; Fridays 10am - 6pm; Saturdays 9am - 1pm.

For more information, 603-938-5562; or New Hampshire Society of Photographic Artists, NHSPA.wildapricot.org.



Above: Rockywold Deephaven Camps in Holderness harvest ice cakes from Squam Lake to distribute to ice boxes in their guest cabins. January 16, 2019. Susan Lirakis photograph.

Below: Vintage truck covered in snow in Lyme. November 28, 2018. Courtney Cania photograph.



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BRADFORD COMMUNITY EVENTS

Saturday, January 1

Happy New Year!
Library is Closed today

Monday, January 3

10:00 am Storytime, BML
1:00 pm Bridge Group
3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Tuesday, January 4

10:00 am Quilting Group
12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Wednesday, January 5

3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
7:00 pm Zoning Board

Thursday, January 6

6:30 pm Budget Committee

Monday, January 10

10:00am Storytime, BML
1:00 pm Bridge Group
3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
6:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday, January 11

10:00 am Quilting Group
12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
7:00 pm Planning Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 12

3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Thursday, January 13

6:30 pm Parks & Rec

Monday, January 17

Martin Luther King Jr Day
Library is Closed today
1:00 pm Bridge Group
3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
6:00 pm Eco/Dev Committee

Tuesday, January 18

10:00 am Quilting Group
12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
5:00 pm Energy Committee
5:30 pm State Reps
7:00 pm Checklist Supervisors
7:00 pm Conservation Committee, BML

Wednesday, January 19

3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Thursday, January 20

6:30 pm Budget Committee

Monday, January 24

10:00 am Storytime, BML
1:00 pm Bridge Group
3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
6:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday, January 25

10:00 am Quilting Group
12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
7:00 pm Planning Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 26

7:00 pm Book Group, "Leave the World Behind" by Rumaan Alam, BML

All events take place at the Bradford Area Community Center (938-6228) or the Mountain View Senior Center (938-2104) unless otherwise noted. Call to confirm dates and times in case any changes have been made.

Calendar Abbreviations

BACC	Bradford Area Community Center
BCC	Bradford Community Church
BCMh	Bradford Center Meetinghouse
BHS	Bradford Historical Society
BML	Brown Memorial Library
FGC	Fish & Game Club
KLC	Kearsarge Learning Center
LSVNA	Lake Sunapee Visting Nurses Assoc.
LR	Learning Room
MVSC	Mountain View Senior Center
SR	Senior Room
YR	Youth Room
ZBA	Zoning Board of Adjustment



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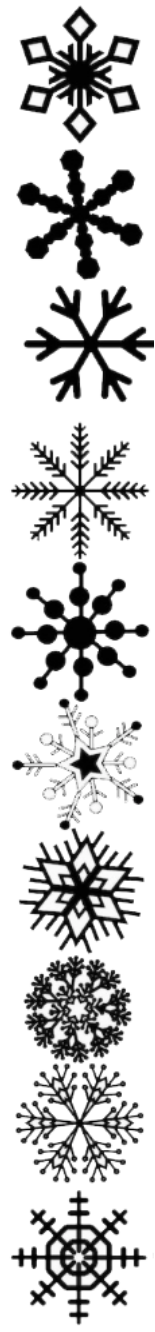
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This exquisite book is a collection of beautiful photos submitted by the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, depicting many dimensions of Native American life and culture.

“The Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum is proud to collaborate with the Literary Arts Guild and the John Hay poets,” said Andy Bullock, Director of the museum. “We are honored to share images of Native art, museum events and some of the hundreds of species of plants that abound at the museum’s campus. The culmination of this collaboration is the release of an outstanding book of poetry, just in time for Christmas, and we hope you’ll support these organizations by purchasing a copy.”

Visual Verse - Diversity is Beauty is available in Warner at the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum and MainStreet Bookends. It also may be purchased at Morgan Hill Bookstore in New London, Gibson’s Book Store in Concord, Center for the Arts at the New London Inn and through the CFA or MKIM websites.

The Literary Arts Guild is a branch of the Center for the Arts, whose purpose is to support and promote the creative written arts. The John Hay Poetry Society honors its namesake by promoting poets and poetry, and the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum is a highly respected center for the preservation of Native American history and for sharing Native Cultures.

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