

The Bradford Bridge

COMMUNITY NEWS *for* NEIGHBORS *by* NEIGHBORS

MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

SELECT BOARD

Electric Rates The Board approved a motion to authorize Karen Hambleton, Town Administrator, to lock in the rate of \$0.15999/kwh for a one-year contract with Nextera.

Town Hall Update Four cistern tanks to supply a total of 30,000 gallons to the sprinkler system will be needed. This will consume a lot of space, so the contractor is looking to find a way to reduce it to three tanks. Construction start date has been pushed back to mid-November. Karen Hambleton talked about getting someone in there to move stuff out of the Town Hall. Beth Downs, Selectwomen, suggested calling the High School to see if students needing community service might help out.

Budget Concerns The Henniker Rescue invoice has come in at almost double what was budgeted (\$94,000). The Chief is looking at the formulas, but it is unclear what happened here. Beth Downs wants the Departments to trim their spending. The Board approved a motion that all department heads should not authorize unnecessary spending. Any unnecessary spending must be approved by the Board.

Recording Secretary The recording secretary has given a one month notice. Karen Hambleton will repost the position. Selectwomen Marlene Freyler thanked Donna for her work over the past year and a half.

Kudos Beth Downs congratulated Lois Kilnapp for all the hard work she does at the Transfer Station. Lois was

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Local Candidates Share Views at Bradford Bridge Forum



October 22, 2022, The Bradford Bridge hosted candidates running for the offices of NH House for Merrimack District 8 and NH Senate for NH District 7 at a forum at the Bradford Center Meeting-house where they responded to moderated questions and chatted with voters. Pictured here, left to right:

Richard Lobban, Democrat, NH Senate ~ Sherry Gould, Democrat, NH House ~ Representative Margaret Kennedy, Republican, NH House ~ Dan Innis, Republican, NH Senate ~ James Parker, Republican Liberty Candidate, NH House ~ Representative Tony Caplan, Democrat, NH House ~ Stephanie Payeur, Democrat, NH House.

Candidates came prepared with answers to questions sent to them in advance. In response to “What policies can help solve NH’s affordable housing problem?” most candidates thought that affordable housing needed to be dealt with in the towns. Stephanie Payeur offered that the State government could offer towns a checklist to structure steps needed to move forward.

Answers to “In your view does NH’s abortion law need to be changed?” were divided along party lines with Republicans responding that the law should stay as is. Democrats came out strongly in favor of women choosing all medical procedures. *(Continued on page 6)*



Tuesday, November 8th, 8:00am to 7:00pm upstairs in the Bradford Area Community Center, 134 Main Street, Bradford, NH. If you are unable to vote in person, contact the Town Clerk, 603-938-2288, to apply for an absentee ballot.



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From the Bridge

“Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is
excellent in others belong to us as well.” -Voltaire

I love the circular motion in this saying. As I stretch the deadline for this
edition, I would simply like to extend Voltaire’s “others” to include this
blue and green orb we call home.

Without further ado, here are examples of some of the excellence we strive
to bring.

- A sample ballot and an explanation about the ballot questions from the
NH League of Women Voters,
- Karen’s update of progress on the Town Hall renovation,
- How to find fuel assistance and how to button up your home from the
Bradford Energy Committee,
- Ann’s article about the miraculous life of lichens,
- Ellen’s question, “What makes you feel alive?” and descriptions of
some great programs at Brown Memorial Library in Library Lantern.

And much more, including the advertising from local businesses who
generously support this local news source. As you make holiday purchases
please seek out local goods and services.

Our best wishes to one and all for a safe and peaceful Thanksgiving.

Kathleen Bigford, Editor

And the neighbors who bring you our community news

Land Acknowledgement Statement – *We are on the unceded land of Nd’akinna
which has long served as a site of meeting for Abenaki people from Pagôntegok
(Contoocook), O’quasskikonaquan (Newbury) and beyond for thousands of years.
Nebizonbik (Bradford Springs) provided healing waters and people exchanged goods
at the village site behind Lake Massasecum, calling this land home. The town of
Bradford honors, recognizes, and respects these Abenaki, as the traditional stewards
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Letters to Our Editor:

To the Editor,

Many thanks to the Bradford Bridge for arranging a well-attended political forum at the Center Meetinghouse on Saturday, October 22. Our area candidates, both for the House of Representatives and the Senate were represented by thoughtful, well-educated people with diverse backgrounds and philosophies. The moderator's questions were of general interest and responses nicely articulated. After the event, on a golden autumn afternoon, many people lingered and commented on how well received the forum was.

Particular thanks to Bradford Bridge editor and forum moderator, Kathleen Bigford, for bringing our communities together for a very New Hampshire experience.

*Beth Rodd
Bradford*

Town Clerk Office Update

The Town Clerk's office is happy to announce that we have a new Deputy Town Clerk, Anne Kratz. Anne is full of energy and eager to learn everything the office has to offer. She will be a great addition to the team. Please come down and say "Hi".

Just a reminder:

State General Election is Tuesday, November 8th, 8:00am – 7:00pm upstairs in the Bradford Area Community Center. If you are unable to attend the election in person, Please come to the office or give us a call, 603-938-2288, to sign up for an Absentee Ballot.

Hope everyone has a fantastic Thanksgiving!

Volunteers Needed at Mountain View Senior Center

From Roberta Hixson, Mountain View Senior Center Manager, "We are desperate for volunteers. I want to be able to bring more to the table, but I am on my own out here. It tends to limit me. Volunteers can be from clerical, to serving lunch, to setting up movies, baking, etc. Also starting in November, I will start serving a second meal on Tuesdays at 12:15 pm for those interested."

Please contact me at 603.938.2104, rhixson@capbm.org, www.capbm.org

Christmas Eve Pageant at Bradford Center Meetinghouse

The pageant is back!! Join the heart-warming fun at Bradford Center Meetinghouse on Christmas Eve at 5pm. We are looking for volunteers who like to work with children to help corral our pageanteers in this adorably historic tableau. We also need an organist to play familiar carols. Contact Leah at 603leah@gmail.com.

Bradford Cemetery Commission

As winter nears we wanted to remind everyone that the cemeteries will close November 15th and reopen on April 15th. Items, plants etc. should be removed before then. Any items left behind after November 15th will be removed and discarded. A complete list of Rules and Regulations for the cemeteries can be found at the Post Office and Town offices.

Town Hall Update



Photo by Bill Graham

Preparation for the start of the renovation project continues. A pre-construction meeting, attended by Trumbull-Nelson, Jay Barrett, architect and the Town was held in mid-October to discuss a number of outstanding items. The two biggest challenges that remain are where to locate the septic system and the sprinkler system cisterns. Both take up a significant amount of space and have specific location requirements for their placement. The sprinkler system design is nearly complete. The Town is working to get a Clerk of the Works lined up and working with LCHIP (Land and Community Heritage Investment Program) on the preservation of the historic aspects of the building's interior. Trumbull-Nelson continues to work with subcontractors to refine the last few details. The project is on track to begin mid-November.

*Karen Hambleton,
Town Administrator*

NOVEMBER HAIKU

Gratitude for life.

*The other twelve
syllables*

just seem unneeded .

KB

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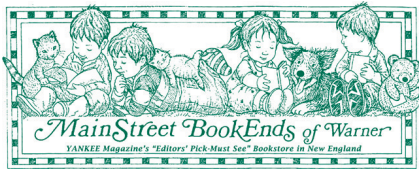
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TRANSFER STATION NEWS

One of our goals at the Bradford Transfer Station and Recycling Center is to keep as much metal out of the waste stream as possible. To achieve this goal we take the time to dismantle any and all discards containing metal that we can extract. Ken and I recover the metal from all sorts of discards that contain metal:

- Containers that have metal at both ends with paper in the middle such as containers that held coffee, frozen juice concentrate, formula, nuts, etc.
- We pull off the perforated metal blade that is on boxes that contained aluminum foil, plastic wrap, etc.
- We also dismantle larger items such as three ring binders and lamp shades to retrieve the metal. [Editor’s note: Dismantling three-ring binders is fun! Just ask Lois to demonstrate.]

Recycling as much metal as we are able helps reduce the cost of manufacturing metal items, reduce the pollution that comes with mining metals for manufacturing, and reduce the tipping fees that Bradford must pay to ship its municipal wastes.

Residents can play an important role in achieving this important goal. If each person will isolate those waste items that need dismantling and place them on top of the compactor, Ken and I will dismantle them and recycle the metals. We appreciate each person who practices such zero-waste-recycling.

Lois Kilnapp, Manager

In case you missed it, Lois and the Bradford Transfer Station and Recycling Center were featured in a Concord Monitor front-page article on October 8th.

From the article by Sruthi Gopalakrishnan, Monitor Staff

“She [Lois] does more than just sort trash. She educates people on the importance of reusing items, reducing trash and recycling everything else. She routinely stops residents and examines their trash, to offer any helpful pointers. She’ll explain if something can be salvaged or still be of use to someone else. To Kilnapp, a transfer station is a place for residents to learn to reduce their carbon footprint.”

“She always makes sure everyone is recycling to the best of their abilities and is always educating people, and she’s always willing to answer any questions,” said [Jennifer] Silvia.

Thanks Lois for helping us save the planet in Bradford, NH!

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While candidates agreed that all NH children deserved a great education and that parents should be able to choose a child's program, the answers were not clear as to how education Freedom accounts should be funded.

There was agreement among the group that in an atmosphere where political rhetoric is strong, legislators need to work together to solve problems. Rep. Kennedy who has worked with Rep. Caplan on the Environment and Agriculture Committee talked about the need to find good judgment of character from both parties saying, "Our State deserves common sense in office." Rep. Tony Caplan commented that in committee assignments communication and sharing opinions is a key to a "market-place of ideas."


After an hour everyone was happy to be outside on a warm October afternoon to mingle and chat with the candidates and each other about what they had heard.

The Bradford Center Meetinghouse was a perfect setting for this forum. Thanks to the Friends of the Meetinghouse for making it available for this event. Thanks also to Jason Grey who did an excellent job of timing candidates' responses and to Eileen Kelly for providing warm Dunkin drinks and donuts.


And, thanks to the Bradford Bridge Board for supporting me in this endeavor. As facilitator and moderator, dipping my toes into NH politics was an effort well worth the enthusiastic outcome.

Kathleen Bigford





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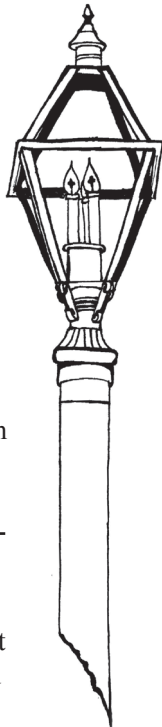
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What makes you feel most alive? And what exactly does it mean to feel alive? For me it is when I am actively engaged in something that feels enjoyable, blissful, engaging, and energy producing. I feel most alive when I am connecting with people that fill my metaphorical cup. When I am having fun, being playful with my kids, listening to music that I can dance to, when I laugh authentically, and make real human connections, I feel alive. Feeling alive does not always mean you are engaged in something easy. I think it means that you are taking some risks, being brave, putting yourself out in the world, and that comes with making mistakes, failing, being misunderstood, and disagreeing. I love when I find out from others what inspires, propels, and invigorates them. So, ask yourself, what makes you feel alive?

On a funny note, being in a dunk tank for Bradford Celebration Day may



have made me feel present, but I will not be doing it again, I got bruised up and swallowed too much pond water.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our Book, Plant, and Vendor sale. We made \$1,009.

Library Programs:

Buildwave:

Saturday, November 5th at 11:00am.
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Granite State Gallery:

Saturday, November 19th at 11:00am.
 New Hampshire has attracted and inspired artists since the Colonial era. What is distinctive about the art made here? This program will consider

works by itinerant and folk painters, landscape artists drawn to the state's scenic vistas, and modern artists that adopted bold styles to depict everyday life in the Granite State. Augustus Saint-Gaudens, Childe Hassam, and Maxfield Parrish are some of the artists discussed in this program. Presented by Jane Oneail.

Poetry Group:

Wednesday, November 30th at 6:00pm.
 This is a second installment to our poetry tasting in September. We will be reading different poetry books, discussing passages that resonate with us, and talking poetry. Sponsored by Kearsarge Community Network. Come and join us for some tea and poetry.

Book Group:

Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00pm.
 Our group will be reading *Mecca* by Susan Straight. "In Mecca, the celebrated novelist Susan Straight crafts an unforgettable American epic, examining race, history, family, and destiny through the interlocking stories of a group of native Californians all gasping for air. With sensitivity, furor, and a cinematic scope that captures California in all its injustice, history, and glory, she tells a story of the American West through the eyes of the people who built it – and continue to sustain it." (Amazon summary).

Our library will be closed on Veteran's day, November 11th. We will close early, 3:00 pm, on November 23rd (but will re-open for book group at 7pm), and we will be closed on Friday, November 25th for Thanksgiving holiday.

Ellen Barselle, Director

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-OUTSIDE-



Field Dog Lichen

This spring I noticed a striking rug of lichens at one end of an old house foundation across from the Bradford Spring site. ‘Striking’ in a low-to-the-ground, dull-colored kind of way. It rises only to the height of its neighboring mosses in a tight frilly mass punctuated by protrusions of odd reddish ‘saddles’. Beneath each leathery doily hide pronounced black and white veins. My thirty-pound book on lichens seems to say its name is *Peltigera rufescens*. The genus name ‘*Peltigera*’ means ‘dog pelt’. Whoever gave it this name was either not fond of dogs or had never met one in good health.

The book’s description continues to say that this lichen ‘grows in the open on calcareous soils.’ What? Though not densely forested, this spot hasn’t seen full sun since the house burned in 1970.

Calcareous soils are most often formed from limestone and are alkaline – this is not sounding like acidic, granite New Hampshire. But wait! It’s growing on the brick rubble where the chimney used to be – and mortar is made with limestone!

Nestled alongside four or five kinds of moss, I read that in these settings, these lichens tend to grow more robustly and have more chlorophyll to work with in such a neighborhood. Their slightly fuzzy ‘leaves’ are thicker than they would be growing moss-less and the moss buffers them from extremes in temperature thus offering protection from desiccation. Perhaps a near-perfect location then.

Lichens are sort of honorary members of the Kingdom of Fungi but they are only partly fungi. They are also partly the photobiont(s) they cohabit with and perhaps some yeast thrown in as well. The fungi provide the structure, attachment, and protection from sun and desiccation while the photosynthesizing algae or bacteria provides nourishment cleverly made from sun and air. Lichens are not a single organism but ancient communities – tiny ecosystems where the fungi is in effect farming the photobiont.

Most lichens travel by accidently breaking into little bits and flying short distances. A chipmunk can provide this service neatly. Because each fragment contains all the needed parts of fungi and green algae and/or cyanobacteria, they are ready to grow immediately in the happy circumstance of landing

on a suitable substrate, preferably in damp weather. Some lichens have more deliberately considered plans and create soredia, or tiny balls of tissue with all components. These are also tossed into the wind. It’s still pretty hit or miss.

Less frequently, the fungal part of a lichen creates more normal microscopic sexual mushroom spores and this is what this ‘field dog lichen’ does by the millions with its odd little red protrusions. There may be an advantage in sheer numbers but these spores not only have to fall on a suitable building site – in this case old mortar – but they must also immediately chance upon the correct photobiont to form a lichen. Most *Peltigera* favor some version of the common cyanobacteria in the genus *Nostoc* – charmingly also called ‘star jelly’ or ‘spit of moon’. It is not understood how they find each other and negotiate a union.

How did it find this near-perfect location and from whence did it come? The nearest foundations are by the remains of the Bradford Springs Hotel. I searched there but the search came up empty.

I wish I could think of a brilliant ending to this story. If I could, it would be about the miracle that some germinating spores found this location at all, that they found partners, that they found a welcoming moss community. A pithy ending would wonder if cooperation in life between species isn’t as important a force as competition.

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The income eligibility threshold for the Electric, Fuel and Weatherization Assistance Programs is currently established at 60% of the New Hampshire State Median Income (SMI).

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Family of 3	\$62,950
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Family of 7	\$101,170
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- Be sure to provide all requested information and keep any appointment that you make.
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- You can apply for Electric Assistance, Fuel Assistance, and Weatherization Assistance at the same time. You do not need to receive benefits from one program to participate in the other programs.

Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners (KNP) collaborates with individuals and organizations to create a supportive community which empowers people to achieve stability in their lives. Besides help with food and transportation, KNP provides pickup or delivery of split firewood for those who use wood for heating and are experiencing heating emergencies. Call 603-317-5900 EXT. 1 or apply online at <https://knpmh.org/request-for-help/>

Sandra Bravo, Chair,
Bradford Energy Committee

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featured in an article in The Concord Monitor.

Well The Board signed the agreement with Contoocook Well for the Highway Dept.

Revaluation Jeff Earls, Assessor, discussed with the Board changing the revaluation from 2025 to 2023. One reason is because the State requires that the Town's ratio be between 90% – 110% in any given year. Right now, the ratio is at 79.8%. The revaluation schedule would not be changed, and according to Mr. Earls, a lot of communities have done an interim revaluation to adjust the equalized value of the Town.

Highway Department Steve Hall, Road Agent, has been contacting fuel companies about diesel and has received prices ranging from \$3.60-4/ gallon. Last year we locked into \$3/ gallon. Highway is trying to cut down on fuel expenses whenever possible. Last year they spent \$11,500 on street mowing which did not include the cost which was borne by the Highway Dept. He said the mowing contractor hasn't come yet, so he thinks they will cancel for this year. Selectwomen Pfeifle said if they don't mow, it will make up for the increased price of fuel. Bruce Davis, from All States Construction, does chip sealing and looked at some of the roads to see if it was feasible to continue with the process. Center and Jones Road should have asphalt. Fairgrounds Road,

East Washington Road, Sunset Hill and, Cressy Road all have increased in price. The West Main Street /Cochran Hill project is planned for this fall. Salt has gone up to \$89/ton this year.

Office Hours The Board agreed to Karen Hambleton's request to change the office hours to open at 8:30am instead of 8:00am.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Membership Joe Torro and Kris Foss have joined the Committee.

PLANNING BOARD

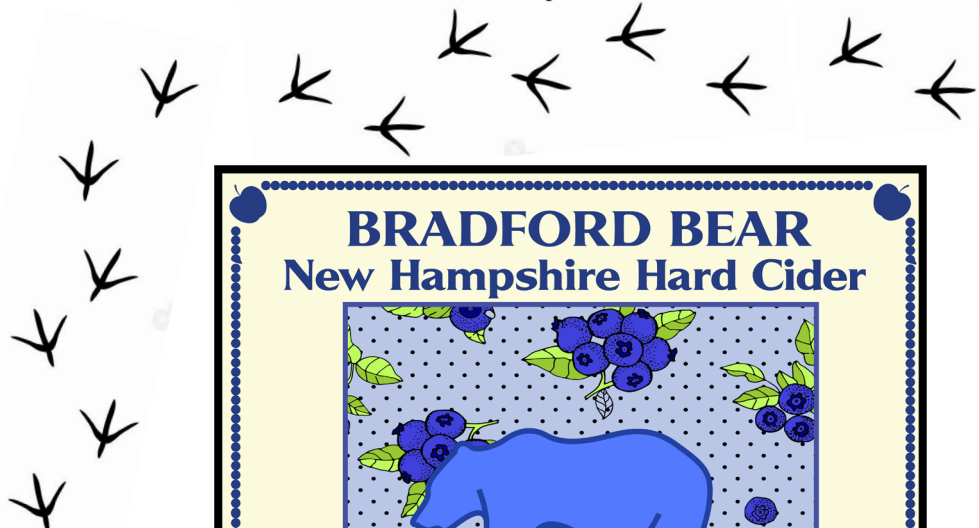
Lot Line Adjustment The Board approved the proposed Lot Line Adjustment Submitted by Carey Rodd for property located at Map 2 Lot 80 and 81, as complete with the Bradford Subdivision Regulations and Zoning Ordinances, specifically the rear lot requirements of the Zoning Ordinance. Furthermore, the Board approves it conditionally with the following conditions: deed descriptions signed for each lot line within 30-days,

professional stamps, and signatures and Notice of Decision to be recorded at the Merrimack County Register of Deeds.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Special Exception John Tucker presented a review of his application for a Special Exception to the Zoning Ordinance Article III.D.2 Front yard setback, and Article V.B.2 To alter a pre-existing building which is non-conforming due to lot size and reduce side yard setback requirements. Following a public hearing the Board approved a motion to accept the Special Exception as presented.

Variance Melisa Bondaruk presented an Application for a Variance from Article III Section D to reduce road and shoreline setback requirements to allow construction of a 6 x 16 foot storage space attached to the existing house at 80 Gillingham Drive. The Application was found to be incomplete. The Board approved a motion to accept the application provided the five variance criteria





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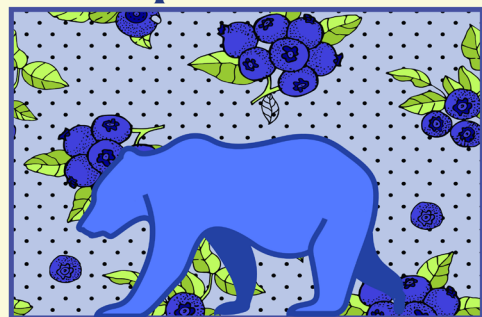
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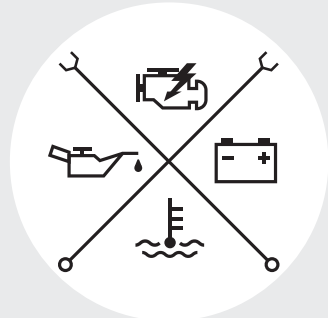


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are presented to the ZBA by Oct 14th, 2022. A public hearing was scheduled for November 2nd.

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Leadership Academy The Vital Communities Climate Change Leadership Academy runs from September- November. Energy Committee members Kathleen Bigford and Jenny Howley are participating and have chosen projects. Kathleen is working on how the town could implement a solar installation. Jenny is working on the possibilities for Community Power in Bradford and keeping a watch on changing regulations in NH.

Solar The Committee is evaluating the feasibility of installing roof-top solar on all municipal buildings. Solar companies contacted include GSS, Revision Energy, Norwich Solar. Highway Dept. roof is not rated structurally sound for solar installation. If the Town Hall roof is rated appropriate for solar, LCHIP will require it not be visible from the street. Fire Station roof would need work. Very large pine trees on the abutter's property on Main Street at the Library would likely have to be removed in order to install rooftop solar panels.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Telephone Poles Lindsey White, Eversource Representative, presented Eversource plans to retire 134 telephone

poles, many in Bradford, adjacent to route 103 from the Warner town line, behind the Warren Brook Fields, continuing to the west toward Route 114. Her presentation included how they will manage working in the wetlands along this route. The project was conditionally approved by a unanimous vote of the committee following a review of the actual plans and answers to any concerns.

Budget The Commission approved a motion to submit the same budget request as 2022 to the Town.

Sign Commission members Seth Benowitz and George Beaton installed a new sign at the Battles Easement.

KRSD SCHOOL BOARD

Electricity Supplier The Board approved a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for an electricity supplier for the District for Constellation at a rate of .13780/KW for 36 months.

Paving The Board approved a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for paving the KPDC parking lot in the amount of \$34,970.00 from Young's Paving and Excavating.

LED Project Mr. Pare presented the LED project to the Board noting that there is an incentive from Eversource in the amount of \$86,158.00. Additionally, the LED lighting will save the District an estimated \$29,000.00 a year in energy costs. He stated that the District is on pace to phase out all of the fluorescent lighting by July 2023. Mr. Lombard noted that a majority of this is for the Middle School and that this has a pay-back of about 5 and a quarter years. The Board approved a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for the LED project in the amount of \$337,712.00 from Energy Management Consultants.

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

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Bradford Historical Society



On this year's GivingTuesday, November 29th, many deserving groups will be asking you to contribute to their cause. BHS is among them, but this year, we will not be asking for monetary donations. We realize that non-profits that meet the immediate needs and care of families will have even more need this year due to the financial climate.

We at BHS are truly thankful for our donors and supporters and by keeping our expenses as low as we can we are able to work within a tight budget. We are always amazed and grateful how

generous the community is when we put out an appeal for a specific project, such as the Blacksmith Forge chimney, which will be completed in the Spring.

This year, we are asking for Giving Tuesday, that you donate us some time. We are looking to achieve our goal of 100 hours of pledge volunteer time to be used in the next year. We have many ways to volunteer and are so thankful for the volunteers we already have that are helping with a variety of tasks. These range from a 2-hour slot hosting on a Saturday morning at the Tin Shop, cleaning artifacts, small maintenance items and other onsite opportunities. We also have "at home" tasks such as updating photograph albums, scanning photos and documents for archiving into the collection, researching new donations to the collection and mystery items. And much more. If you have a particular interest, we can find a volunteer task to match. Training will be given and is not complicated and at home

tasks can be a great winter activity!

So please, join us, find out what it takes to continually preserve Bradford's history and give us just a few hours to help continue our work!

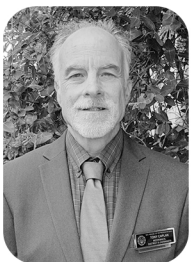
To get more information and pledge volunteer hours, you can call Sandra Wright at (603)938-2203 or Tracey Quigley at (603)938-2078. You can also sign up on our website at bradfordnhhistorical.org.

BHS will be closed to the public for the winter. But we will be available by appointment if needed, please email at bradfordhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

Now for some fun! While working on the photo albums to get them archivally safe, we are finding some unidentified photos. This one was sent out with our last newsletter and while we got some good ideas, no definite location as yet. Where do you think this is? Maybe it's not even Bradford!

Bradford Historical Society

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On a recent trip to see my family in Australia, showing the Bradford Bridge (September edition) with Sydney Harbour bridge and opera house in the background. My daughter was featured in the March 2015 Bridge when I last visited Australia - at that time they lived outside Melbourne.

Keith Mackellow, Cheney Hill

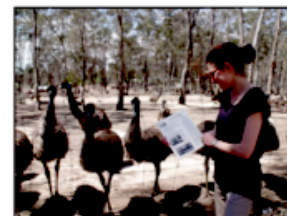
The Bradford Bridge March 2015



How Far Do We Go?

All the way to Australia!

Last October I visited my daughter in Daylesford, 50 miles north of Melbourne, Australia. I took the Bridge to show her, she has visited Bradford. The photo was taken at an Emu sanctuary near where they live.



All the best,
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 2. To Vote by Write-In. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write in the name of the person in the "write-in" space. Completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice.

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR
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SAMPLE

Offices	Other Candidates	Democratic Candidates	Republican Candidates	Write-in Candidates
For Governor Vote for not more than 1	Libertarian Kelly Halldorson <input type="radio"/> Libertarian Karlyn Borysenko <input type="radio"/>	Tom Sherman <input type="radio"/>	Chris Sununu <input type="radio"/>	Governor <input type="radio"/>
For United States Senator Vote for not more than 1	Libertarian Jeremy Kauffman <input type="radio"/>	Maggie Hassan <input type="radio"/>	Donald C. Bolduc <input type="radio"/>	United States Senator <input type="radio"/>
For Representative in Congress Vote for not more than 1		Ann McLane Kuster <input type="radio"/>	Robert Burns <input type="radio"/>	Representative in Congress <input type="radio"/>
For Executive Council Vote for not more than 1		Cinde Warmington <input type="radio"/>	Harold F. French <input type="radio"/>	Executive Councilor <input type="radio"/>
For State Senator Vote for not more than 1		Richard A. Lobban, Jr. <input type="radio"/>	Daniel E. Innis <input type="radio"/>	State Senator <input type="radio"/>
For State Representatives Vote for not more than 3		Tony Caplan <input type="radio"/> Sherry L. Gould <input type="radio"/> Stephanie R. Payeur <input type="radio"/>	Margaret A. Kennedy <input type="radio"/> Walter F. Kirsch <input type="radio"/> James Bass Parker <input type="radio"/>	State Representatives <input type="radio"/> State Representatives <input type="radio"/> State Representatives <input type="radio"/>
For Sheriff Vote for not more than 1	Libertarian Ben Weir <input type="radio"/>	David A. Croft <input type="radio"/>	Keith Mitchell <input type="radio"/>	Sheriff <input type="radio"/>
For County Attorney Vote for not more than 1		Paul Halvorsen <input type="radio"/>	Paul Halvorsen <input type="radio"/>	County Attorney <input type="radio"/>
For County Treasurer Vote for not more than 1		Susan Cragin <input type="radio"/>	Mary R. Heath <input type="radio"/>	County Treasurer <input type="radio"/>
For Register of Deeds Vote for not more than 1		Erica Davis <input type="radio"/>	Peter J. Spaulding <input type="radio"/>	Register of Deeds <input type="radio"/>
For Register of Probate Vote for not more than 1		Jane Bradstreet <input type="radio"/>	Scott Maltzie <input type="radio"/>	Register of Probate <input type="radio"/>
For County Commissioner Vote for not more than 1		David B. Karrick, Jr. <input type="radio"/>	Stuart D. Trachy <input type="radio"/>	County Commissioner <input type="radio"/>

BALLOT CONTINUES ON BACK - TURN OVER

2022 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT QUESTIONS
 Constitutional Amendment Proposed by the 2022 General Court

1. "Are you in favor of amending articles 71 and 81 of the second part of the constitution to read as follows: [Art.] 71. [County Treasurers, County Attorneys, Sheriffs, and Registers of Deeds Elected.] The county treasurers, county attorneys, sheriffs and registers of deeds, shall be elected by the inhabitants of the several towns, in the several counties in the State, according to the method now practiced, and the laws of the state, provided nevertheless the legislature shall have authority to alter the manner of certifying the votes, and the mode of electing those officers; but not so as to deprive the people of the right they now have of electing them.

[Art.] 81. [Judges Not to Act as Counsel.] No judge shall be of counsel, act as advocate, or receive any fees as advocate or counsel, in any probate business which is pending, or may be brought into any court of probate in the county of which he or she is judge." (Passed by the N.H. House 294 Yes 43 No; Passed by Senate 21 Yes 3 No.) CACR 21

Yes No

Question Proposed pursuant to Part II, Article 100 of the New Hampshire Constitution

2. "Shall there be a convention to amend or revise the constitution?"

Yes No



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Two questions will be on the November 8th, 2022 ballot statewide.

Source: *The League of Women Voters New Hampshire*, “a non-partisan grassroots organization, offers this explanation to help voters understand the questions and decide how to vote. We do not take a position on either question.”

Question 1:

The intent of this question is to amend the New Hampshire Constitution to delete references to registers of probate, thus eliminating this County office. The bill to put this on the ballot passed the House 294 to 43 and passed the Senate 21 to 3. **To help voters understand the text of this question**, references to Registers of Probate currently in the NH Constitution as struck-thru. No struck-thru phrases will appear in the question on your ballot, which makes understanding the question harder than it needs to be. (By law, the question must be shown on the ballot as it will appear if passed.)

Text of the question:

Are you in favor of amending articles 71 and 81 of the second part of the Constitution to read as follows:

[Art.] 71. [County Treasurers, ~~Registers of Probate~~, County Attorneys, Sheriffs, and Registers of Deeds Elected.] The County treasurers, ~~Registers of Probate~~, County attorneys, sheriffs and registers of deeds, shall be elected by the inhabitants of the several towns, in the several counties in the State, according to the method now practiced, and the laws of the State, provided nevertheless the legislature shall have authority to alter the manner of certifying the votes, and the mode of electing those officers; but not so as to deprive the people of the right they now have of electing them.

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Voters may select “yes” or “no” or leave the question blank.

A “yes” vote is to eliminate the office of Register of Probate.

A “no” vote is to keep the office of Register of Probate in each County.

What happens next: If the proposed amendment is approved by two-thirds of those voting on the amendment, it takes effect, thus eliminating the office of Register of Probate from each County.

Question 2:

Text of the question: Shall there be a convention to amend or revise the Constitution? Voters may select yes” or “no” or leave the question blank. A

“yes” vote is to hold a constitutional convention. A “no” vote is to do nothing at this time.

Background: In New Hampshire a majority vote of both houses of the legislature is needed to place the following question on the ballot: “Shall there be a convention to amend or revise the constitution?” **If such question has not been submitted to the people by the Legislature in ten years, the Secretary of State is required by Pt. II, Art. 100 to place the question on the ballot.**

That is what is happening in 2022. New Hampshire’s last such convention was in 1984. In 2012 NH voters rejected the question by a margin of 64% to 36%. In other words, this question is appearing now because it has not been on the ballot for ten years.

What happens next: If the proposed amendment is approved by a majority of those voting on the amendment, it takes effect. **If the majority of voters vote Yes**, voters will choose delegates to the convention at the next election. At the convention itself, a three-fifths vote of the delegates is required to send a proposed constitutional amendment to ratification. Nothing becomes law at the convention itself. Any amendment approved by the convention would be sent to the people at the next biennial November election as a ballot question. A two-thirds vote of those voting on the proposed amendment would be required to ratify the amendment. If the amendment does not receive a two-thirds vote, it does not take effect.

If the majority of voters vote No, there will be no constitutional convention for at least the next four years, though the Legislature could vote to put the convention question on the ballot again.

NOTE: *If you choose not to vote on a question, that will not affect the outcome. Only the ballots with either Yes or No marked will be considered when determining the number of Yes votes needed to take effect.*




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Obituaries

Mary Hopwood

Mary Pickett Hopwood lost her fight but found her peace on October 4, 2022 at her home in Bradford, NH at the age of 87.



Mary was born on April 25, 1935, in Portsmouth, NH. She was the third child and first daughter of Charles Waldo Pickett and Gertrude Martins Pickett. While young, her family moved from Portsmouth to the recently winterized family home on the beach on New Castle. She appreciated and loved that she was a Townie and she recognized the privilege that is life on an island, surrounded by the sea.

She graduated from Portsmouth High School, going on to Keene Teachers College, graduating in 1957 with a degree in Education. After teaching a few years in Rye, NH, she married Paul Hopwood, her childhood sweetheart, in 1959 and began her 18 years of nomadic living as the wife of a US Air Force officer. They moved from base to base every couple of years, welcoming first their two daughters in Texas and then

their son in Michigan. After retiring from the military, they brought their family home to New Hampshire.

She loved her home in Bradford and refused to do anything to it that would detract from its authenticity. Once in New Hampshire, she returned to teaching, first as a substitute then as a middle school English teacher in Weare, NH, where she taught until her retirement.

Mary was predeceased by her parents, her brothers, Robert J, and David W Pickett, her son-in-law Marc Saxby, and her husband, Paul. She will be always missed and loved by her surviving family: Deborah (Steven) Hansen of Bradford and their children, Nathaniel and Natalie; Susan Saxby of Bradford and her son, Michael Hosmer; Paul (Rhonda) Hopwood of Troy, TX and their daughter, Jessikah (Jack) Hedges of West Lebanon, NH. Mary's memory will be carried farthest by her great granddaughters, Leigha and Maya. She will be missed by her constant companion, Shammy 2, her much loved Golden Retriever.

Mary had a love of nature beginning with the sea, expanding at her camp on Moosehead Lake in Maine, and anywhere she could walk. She was known to walk 15 miles a day with and without her furry companions. She LOVED her dogs. It was Shammy 2's presence that allowed her to live alone and be able to stay in her home until her passing. Mary was unerringly kind. Donations may be sent to: Pope Memorial SPCA at 94 Silk Farm Road, Concord NH 03301. To sign an online guestbook, please visit www.chadwickfuneralservice.com.

Falling Leaves and Early Snow

By Kenneth Roxroth

In the years to come they will say,

"They fell like the leaves

In the autumn of nineteen thirty-nine."

November has come to the forest,

To the meadows where we picked the cyclamen.

The year fades with the white frost

On the brown sedge in the hazy meadows,

Where the deer tracks were black in the morning.

Ice forms in the shadows;

Disheveled maples hang over the water;

Deep gold sunlight glistens on the shrunken stream.

Somnolent trout move through pillars of brown and gold.

The yellow maple leaves eddy above them,

The glittering leaves of the cottonwood,

The olive, velvety alder leaves,

The scarlet dogwood leaves,

Most poignant of all.

In the afternoon thin blades of cloud

Move over the mountains;

The storm clouds follow them;

Fine rain falls without wind.

The forest is filled with wet resonant silence.

When the rain pauses the clouds

Cling to the cliffs and the waterfalls.

In the evening the wind changes;

Snow falls in the sunset.

We stand in the snowy twilight

And watch the moon rise in a breach of cloud.

Between the black pines lie narrow bands of moonlight,

Glimmering with floating snow.

An owl cries in the sifting darkness.

The moon has a sheen like a glacier.

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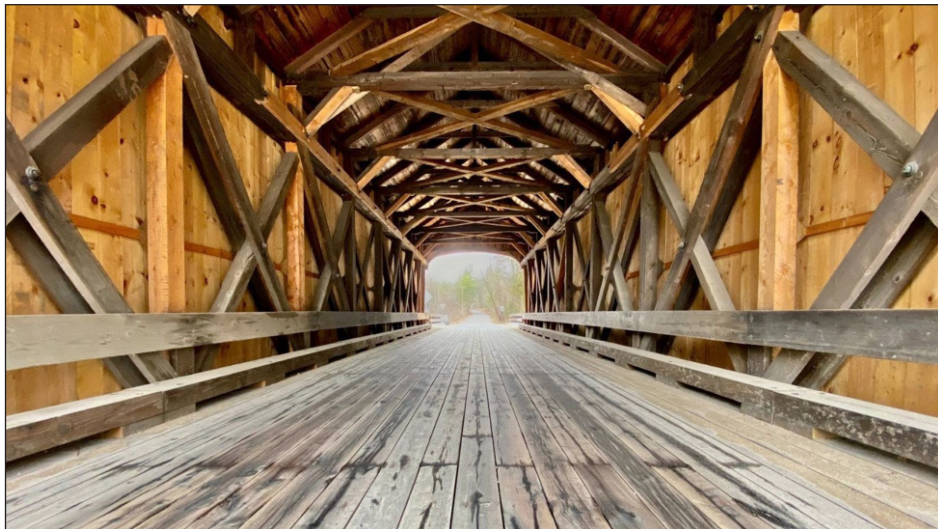
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Bement Bridge Wins Again!



From the NH Preservation Alliance: “We’re excited to announce the winner of our Annual Fund Postcard Poll is the 1854 Bement Bridge in Bradford. Thank you to long-time member Jim Perkins for his amazing photo! The Town of Bradford’s comprehensive restoration and rehabilitation in conjunction with Hoyle, Tanner & Associates and Neil H. Daniels, Inc. were able to save this rare resource.”

Emergency Fuel Assistance

Firewood: The Contoocook Carry Community Fund is a nonprofit located in Hopkinton/Contoocook which helps people with all forms of emergency fuel assistance in Merrimack County. Find them on the web at cccommunityfund.org or woodforwarmth.org.

In the spring Contoocook Carry Community Fund purchased green fire wood and delivered piles of wood to transfer stations in Bradford, Sutton, Andover, and Salisbury and to food pantries with a sign reading, “As people stack their wood piles at home, please donate firewood by contributing to the pile.”

Fuel and electricity assistance is also available through the Community Action Program of Belknap & Merrimack Counties. Application information is available at: fuelassistance@capbm.org, 603-223-0043, or at the Warmer Area Resource Center, 49 West Main Street, warc@capbm.org.



Give some wood, take some wood at the Bradford Transfer Station

BRADFORD COMMUNITY EVENTS

Tuesday, November 1

10:00 am Quilting Group
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Wednesday, November 2

11:00 am Ballot Clerk Training
 4:30 pm Girl Scouts
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
 7:00 pm Zoning Board

Thursday, November 3

6:30 pm Budget Committee

Friday, November 4

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise, MVSC
 10:30 am Ballot Clerk Training

Saturday, November 5

11:00 am Buildwave, BML

Monday, November 7

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise, MVSC
 10:00 am Storytime, BML
 1:00 pm Bridge Group
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Tuesday, November 8

ELECTIONS
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Wednesday, November 9

4:30 pm Girl Scouts
 5:00 pm Cemetery Commission
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
 6:30 pm NH Saves Workshop

Thursday, November 10

5:30 pm Parks and Rec

Friday, November 11

VETERANS DAY
 8:45 am Strong Living Exercise, MVSC

Monday, November 14

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise, MVSC
 10:00 am Storytime, BML
 1:00 pm Bridge Group
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
 6:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday, November 15

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

Wednesday, November 16

9:00 am LSVNA Wellness/Footcare
 Clinic, MVSC, until 3pm
 4:30 pm Girl Scouts
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Thursday, November 17

6:30 pm Budget Committee

Friday, November 18

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise, MVSC

Saturday, November 19

11:00 am Granite State Gallery, BML

Monday, November 21

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise, MVSC
 10:00 am Storytime, BML
 1:00 pm Bridge Group
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
 6:00 pm Eco. Development Committee

Tuesday, November 22

10:00 am Quilting Group
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
 7:00 pm Planning Board

Wednesday, November 23

4:30 pm Girl Scouts
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

7:00 pm Book Group, BML

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 25

Thanksgiving Holiday

Monday, November 28

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise, MVSC
 10:00 am Storytime, BML
 1:00 pm Bridge Group
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
 6:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday, November 29

10:00 am Quilting Group
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Wednesday, November 30

5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
 6:00 pm Poetry Tasting Group, 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
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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Our Sunday Services start at 10:00am. Communion Service is held on the First Sunday of the month. Office hours are Wednesdays from 9:00am to Noon.

Scheduled pastors for the month are:
 November 6th Pastor Bob Wyand
 November 13th Pastor Randy Thompson
 November 20th Pastor Bob Wyand
 November 27th Pastor Lynne Hubley

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Shoe Boxes are now being collected. Last drop off day is Wednesday, November 16th, 9:00am-noon.

The Food Pantry will be distributing Thanksgiving Food Boxes on Saturday, November 19th, 9:30 -11:00am. (We will not be open on the 3rd Wednesday.) If you need help before that date, please call (603-938-5313) and leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Donations of juice, cranberry sauce, stuffing and canned pumpkin would be appreciated. You can leave them in the container outside the office or checks can be sent to Bradford Food Pantry, PO Box 57, Bradford NH.

Thank you to all the wonderful people of Bradford who lend a helping hand to those in need. We are truly grateful. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

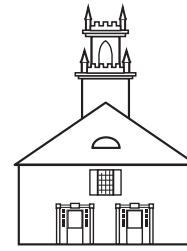


Kearsarge Food Hub's 2nd Annual Love Local: Meet Your Farmers and Makers Virtual Event. Tuesday, November 1st from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. Join us virtually for this free event to meet five of the many people who supply Sweet Beet Market and Café. They have so much to teach us about what works and what doesn't in our food systems - and how this impacts your daily life. Organizations featured are: COSH Factory, Winni Woods Farm, Abbot Hill Creamery, Short Creek Farm and the Vegetable Ranch. You will be inspired, informed, and equipped to take action on behalf of your local farmers, makers, and regional food system. Learn more & register for the event at www.kearsargefoodhub.org.

Mindfulness in Nature at the Bradford Area Community Trails. Sunday, November 13th, 10:30 am. This event is free to the public, and pre-registration is required. More information is at www.forestflow.com.

Brown Memorial Library Poetry Tasting. Wednesday, November 30, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Sponsored by the Kearsarge Community Network, join Kathleen and Ellen and a collection of poetry books from a variety of poets. There's something for everyone, time to read as much as you like, and talk about what stirred your imagination.

**HAVE AN EVENT TO SHARE?
 SUBMIT HAPPENINGS TO
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BRADFORD MEETINGHOUSE

34 Rowe Mountain Road, Bradford, NH 03221

Meetinghouse Window Restoration



Window restoration has begun at Bradford Center Meetinghouse! The professionals from Olde Window Restorers in Warner removed two of the 40-paned windows from the site to repair in their workshop. Thanks to all who have contributed to this endeavor. We have almost reached our fund-raising goal. All window donations will be matched by the James Foundation. Check out our website at bradford.center/donations for an easy way to show your support.

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As of November 30th I will be officially retiring and closing the business. Thank you all very much for your support and patronage.
 ~Deborah

Out & About: Mystery Location

Can you tell where I was strolling on a lovely October afternoon? Send an email to me with the name of the roads where I found these views, bradfordbridge345@gmail.com. First correct answer will be announced in the December edition and will be awarded a one month tiny ad!



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



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