

# The Bradford Bridge

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## MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

### SELECT BOARD

**Appointment** The Board approved a motion to appoint Rebecca Herman to the Conservation Commission as an alternate.

**Fees** The Board approved a motion to accept the fees as presented by the Planning Board. The new fees will cover expected expenses.

**Fire & Rescue Dept. Updates** As of February 8th, there have been 20 incidents. January: 8 EMS, 7 Fires; February: 1 EMS, 4 Fires. The department responded to two building fires in Warner and one station coverage in Newbury. Members of the department have been training for both EMS and fire. Chief Nowell submitted a FEMA grant for \$125,000, mostly for communication equipment and some replacement personal protective equipment.

**Unanticipated Revenue** The Board approved a motion to accept \$300 in unanticipated revenue from LCHIP per RSA 31:95-b. This is a Stewardship Grant acknowledging submission of the required 2022 annual monitoring report for the Bradford Town Hall and will be deposited into the Town Hall checking account.

**Building Permit Fees** Brett Pare, Director of Facilities for Kearsarge Regional School District, appeared before the Board on 1/30/23 to request that the Board reduce or waive the \$8,425 building permit fee for the \$1.2 million-dollar preschool project at KRES Bradford. At the 2/13/23 Select Board meeting the Board approved a motion that the

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## 2023 Bradford Town Office Candidate Survey Questions:

Each candidate for a town office who agreed to be contacted received a survey with these questions:

**Q** *What are your reasons for running for this position?*

*How do your background and interests relate to this position?*

*What do you like best about living in Bradford?*

## 2023 Bradford Town Office Candidate Survey Answers:

Here and inside on pages 4-6 are the responses to the Candidate Survey received from all declared and known write-in candidates. (Per RSA 656:5 - order of Candidates names)

### Selectman for 3 years (vote for 1)

**Spencer Wyand** **A**

I am seeking this position because it is important to be involved in the town in which you are living. I have lived in the town for a little over a year and I have grown to love it. The town is well positioned for a bright future and the role of the Select Board and other positions in town government will help shape that future. With that in mind I support a fiscally responsible town government that is transparent to its citizens and listens to their input before making decisions.

My experience is very diverse. While my career is being established at the former Battles Farm, I have broad

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## Bradford Town Events

**Saturday, March 11th, 10am-Noon,  
Candidate Forum**  
Bradford Area Community Center,  
Senior Room, 134 East Main Street

**Tuesday, March 14th, 8am-7pm  
Town Elections**  
Bradford Area Community Center,  
Follow Signs

Absentee Ballots are available at the  
Town Clerk's Office

**Wednesday, March 15th, 7pm-finish  
Town Meeting**  
Bradford Elementary School,  
163 Old Warner Road



### MARCH HAIKU

*the equinox sun*

*warms thoughts of  
growing daylight*

*as spring Marches on*

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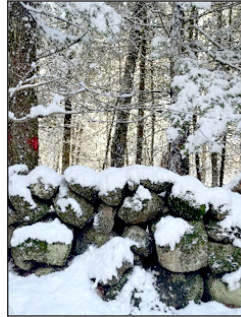
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Wednesday: 12 PM – 5 PM  
Thursday: 10 AM – 7 PM  
Friday through Monday: Closed

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Bradford Area Community Center, 134 East  
Main St. P.O. Box 436, Bradford, NH 03221

## Bradford in February



### March Greetings!

And it's time again to take part in our grass-roots tradition of deciding who will lead and what will be spent in Bradford. To inform and assist voters this edition contains

- ★ sample ballots for Bradford and Kearsarge Regional School District,
- ★ Bradford's Town Warrant,
- ★ Bradford Bridge candidate survey responses,
- ★ and, on the back page, a handy listing of ALL the candidates. Take it, or a photo of it, with you when voting on March 14.

Plus plenty of other information and entertainment to be found as well.

I'd like to put in a shout out to all the Bradford board and committee members, town administrators, department heads, employees, and countless volunteers who are working hard under many constraints to keep watch over expenses and keep Bradford moving forward.

Times are tough. Please pitch in whenever and wherever you can. A smile goes a long way in anyone's day.

We appreciate the businesses of Bradford and especially our advertisers for their continuous support in bringing neighborly news for free. Please buy in Bradford whenever possible.

Enjoy the lengthening days!

*Kathleen Bigford, Editor  
and the caring crew at the Bradford Bridge*

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**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 of the lands and waters on which we gather today. In that spirit, today we will begin by acknowledging that we are guests in this land. We need to respect and help protect the lands within our use and share of the bounty with our Abenaki partners today.

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## Letters to Our Editor:

*Response to letter from Mr. Jack Calhoun in Bridge dated February 2023.*

### Mr. Calhoun,

I read your long and interesting letter about your feelings regarding the September celebration of the founding of Bradford. Mrs. Pendleton did the town a huge favor when no one stepped up to manage a 4th celebration. Instead of berating her, you should have written a nice letter to the editor of the Bridge thanking her for her effort. She took a very small group to undertake a huge celebration.

Now, you have taken on a task for a fourth of July 2023 celebration! I believe you can manage to unite a committee to plan a celebration that will make our town proud. There are people in Bradford who would be more than willing to help with your planning. The Police and Fire Department have always helped when asked. A few who have done the groundwork in the past would give you help I am certain. You have lit the torch and I wish you great luck.

*Jane Johnsen,  
Bradford, NH*

## Bradford Democratic Party Caucus

The Bradford Democratic Party Caucus will take place on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 11:00 am at the home of Beth Rodd, 105 Marshall Hill Road, Bradford. All registered Democrats in Bradford are eligible to vote in the caucus election for Bradford Party officers. For more information, please contact Eileen Kelly at 603-938-2779, or email at: [ekelly@mcttelecom.com](mailto:ekelly@mcttelecom.com).



## Bradford Newbury Sutton Women's Club Scholarship

The Bradford Newbury Sutton Women's Club (BNSWC) sponsors two \$1,000 scholarships. The scholarships are the Bradford Newbury Sutton Women's Club Scholarship and the Jane Miele Lucas Memorial Scholarship. All female residents of Bradford, Newbury and Sutton who wish to further their education or professional development are welcome to apply. The recipient will be chosen based on demonstrated academic achievement, financial need, community service, and other considerations as determined by the committee.

Applications are available at the guidance office at Kearsarge Regional High School or by contacting [BNSWCScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:BNSWCScholarship@gmail.com).

**Applications are due by April 30, 2023**

## Bradford Town Scholarship

High school seniors wishing to apply for the Bradford Town Scholarship should be a resident of Bradford, NH and furthering their education in a university, college, school of nursing, technical institute, or pre-professional program. To apply

- Submit a type-written application telling the committee about post-high school goals and how living in Bradford has helped promote these goals. Leadership, extracurricular and community activities should also be included,
- Submit a high school transcript,
- Submit a letter of reference from a non-relative,
- Submit a photograph appropriate for media distribution.

Funds are awarded to Bradford students of good academic standing who have demonstrated community involvement, strong leadership qualities, and other considerations as determined by the committee.

Bradford students interested in applying for a scholarship should contact the Guidance Department at KRHS or go online to the [bradfordnh.org](http://bradfordnh.org) website.

**All application materials are due April 30, 2023.**

## Bradford Economic Development Committee 2023

The Bradford Economic Development Committee has started off 2023 developing priorities, and considering projects that support those priorities. The three priorities include 1) Stability: Maintaining or supporting the maintenance of the vital infrastructure systems that allow Bradford operations; 2) Scalability: Increasing the adoption and usage of existing Bradford resources; and 3) Growth: Enhancing existing systems/resources aligned with Bradford's Master Plan. These are initiatives that lay the foundation for future growth and use. Stay tuned for more information on 2023 projects and work, and if you are interested in joining the committee please contact Chairperson Scott McCaskill at [smccaskill1231@gmail.com](mailto:smccaskill1231@gmail.com)

## Looking for Hometown Art

We are looking for local artists to submit illustrations of historic scenes around Bradford. The artwork selected will be made into notecards to showcase our hometown pride. The art can be in color or black and white, paint or pen, your choice! No photographs, please. The scenes we hope to depict are Brown Memorial Library, Bement Bridge, Town Hall, French's Park, Bradford Area Community Center, and Bradford Center Meetinghouse and School. Please submit your art by contacting Laurie Buchar at [lbuchar@gmail.com](mailto:lbuchar@gmail.com) or Devin Pendleton at [devinpendleton505@gmail.com](mailto:devinpendleton505@gmail.com) by March 31st. Let's see Bradford appreciated by both new perspectives and old-time sentiments.

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experience in several different areas. This experience includes working in management for a regional hospital, city employee, as well as working for several small businesses in the state. This experience has given me a unique perspective that will enable me to be an effective member of the Select Board.

Jewett Road gives me the opportunity to meet people who are driving or walking by and this has helped me to appreciate the people who make this town so wonderful. I especially respect the love for the town's historic past and that so many in our town have placed land in conservation, preserving wild spaces and agriculture.

### Marlene Freyler

I would like to finish some of the projects that have been started. To work more with our Department heads. To insure transparency and to make sure that rules and regulations are followed.

I have been on the Planning Board, Budget Committee, Town Hall Committee. As a Selectman I have been a liaison with the Highway Department and the Bradford Fire Department and the Energy Committee. My family and I have been residents for over forty years. I have two business in Town. My children and 6 grand children live and attend schools in the Kearsarge district. My daughter and son-in-law work for the Kearsarge School District, my other daughter runs Freyler's Driving School at the Community Center. I and my family have a vested interest in the Town.

It is a family Town with a diversity of people and businesses in Town.

### Budget Committee for 3 years (vote for 2)

#### Write-in Candidates:

Tim McKenna, Laurie Colburn

### Write-in Candidate: Dawn E. Gezelman

As a new member of the Bradford community, I'm interested in meeting more residents and becoming involved in town activities.

My experience with a wide variety of volunteer activities, active participation in several non-profit organizations, and prior/current work experience will be invaluable to this position.

I've found our neighbors and residents to be friendly, helpful, and collaborative since we've arrived. I enjoy the beauty and peacefulness of the town.

### Budget Committee for 1 year (vote for 1)

### Write in Candidate: Kimberly Firth

Bradford needs volunteers for all its various committees, and I feel I have the skills and experience to improve transparency and increase taxpayer input. I participated on the budget committee this year, filling a vacant seat. I have always wanted to better understand the budget detail and operations of the town, beyond the line items we vote on at town meeting. It was an illuminating experience. Taxpayers have difficult decisions to make as we balance the townspeople's needs, exponential increases within some of our Departments, and the resulting tax increases. These difficult choices would benefit from greater input and transparency.

In my career I have worked at various levels of government, including the county and the state, in nonprofit management, and philanthropy. I have developed and managed multi-million-dollar budgets, supervised staff, prepared and issued request for proposals, and managed contracting to ensure fiscal integrity. I have developed the skills needed to serve on the budget committee. I am also mission-driven and lend my talents to issues that I care about. I love Bradford and would be honored to serve this important committee.

We are truly blessed to have so much natural beauty around us. Whether its swimming and paddleboarding on Lake Massasecum, exploring the Bradford Bog, hiking, biking or cross-country skiing. Bradford has so much to offer for an outdoor enthusiast in every season. I have lived in Bradford for over 20 years. It is a special community where you get to know your neighbors, and where people support each other.

### Cemetery Commission for 3 years (vote for 1)

No declared candidates

### Planning Board for 3 years (vote for 2)

Katie Olohan

### Planning Board for 1 year (vote for 1)

### Shanna Griffin

I have lived in Bradford for about 20 years; my husband, Jesse, grew up here and we have raised our children here. I have always tried to serve in different capacities in our town. I believe in "many hands make light work." I want to learn from those who came before so we can make informed decisions for the future of our town. During my time in Bradford I have seen dedicated and passionate people fight for Bradford. Some not wanting to see it change and some wanting to change it very quickly. There is goodness in each and if we can find middle ground for the betterment of Bradford then it's a job well done. We all have something we bring to the table and I would like to hear your stories and your dreams of how you want to make Bradford "our town".

I am a social worker and love to hear where people have come from and their hopes and dreams. I think being on the Planning Board I can listen well and help make informed decisions. I also believe



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in service and helping others. Being on the Scholarship Committee I want to help young people go after their dreams.

I love that so many people know our children and care for them. As a parent I have become a worrier like never before, but knowing that our community supports our children so whole heartedly it makes it easier to sleep at night. I also love our natural resources. I love to walk at Tall Pines and swim at French's. I am forever grateful for the beauty that surrounds us. With all the tragedy in our world, Bradford is a great place to live.

**Scholarship Committee for 3 years (vote for 1)**

**Mary Keegan-Dayton** 

I have been a member of the Scholarship Committee for several terms and enjoy the position. It's been my pleasure to assist in overseeing the annual Town of Bradford Scholarship award. One of the jobs of the committee is to ensure the timely distribution of funds. I enjoy the fundraising aspect and as a Committee member, we are working to increase donations in order to give more or larger scholarships awards.

Education is one of the keys to a good life. I come from a large family where education was very important. I have worked in education for 32 years and continue to enjoy working in schools. Working with the Scholarship Committee, helps me be a part of helping other Bradford students reach their goals in education, like my parents helped me reach mine. It's a rewarding job.

I have lived in Bradford for 40 years. It is an amazing community that continues

to surprise and delight. Every year, I meet someone new or discover another beautiful place to hike or ski in town. I have raised a family here and continue to love this town.

**Mary-Chris Duncan**

**Shanna Griffin** – See Shanna's response in "Planning Board for One Year" above.

**Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years (vote for 1)**

**Thomas Marshall** 

Last March I was appointed to this position to fill in a vacancy. I wish to continue to serve this community.

I have been involved in the voting process for many years serving as a ballot clerk, counting votes and assisting the Supervisors of the Checklist.

Living in a small community is the life for me!

**Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library for 3 years (vote for 2)**

**Mary Keegan-Dayton** 

I am a recently retired teacher and want to get more involved with the library. I love libraries and the Brown Memorial Library is a very special place. I have attended some of the library programs and they are delightful. The recent program in December to meet Santa was so well attended and well organized. The staff and trustees are doing a wonderful job and I would like to be part of that.

I like to read and write. I spend a good part of every day reading. I went to Story Hour at the Library in December and the

children's room was overflowing with young residents listening attentively. Thank you to the very engaging library staff for a wonderful story hour.

I like the hills of Bradford, the lake, my family and friends here and the many interesting people that I meet here. Bradford is a warm and welcoming community surrounded by beauty.

**Laura Beaton** 

I believe libraries are important cultural and community centers and that they provide myriad opportunities to enrich our lives and expand our viewpoints.

I am a current Trustee of the Library, a lifelong lover and reader of books, and a former library assistant.

I love the natural beauty of our town and the easy accessibility of enjoying so many outdoor activities.

**Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 years – (vote for 1)**

No declared candidates

**Trustee of the Trust Funds for 2 years – (vote for 1)**

No declared candidates

**Zoning Board for 3 years – (vote for 2)**

**Jim Varney** 

My wife and I have owned a lake front property in Bradford for several years having purchased the property from my wife's parents. Since we only recently relocated to Bradford from VT to live here on a year-round basis we discussed being more active in the community where we

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live and the Zoning Board seems like a good starting point for someone with my background.

Trained as a framing carpenter prior to attending college I have done extensive renovations to personal properties in NH and VT. My education at Keene State College resulted in a BS in General Technology in 1984 and led to a 30-year career as Medical Device Quality/Process Engineer, I presently work as a Project Manager on a contract basis. In regard to this position on the Bradford Zoning Board I am interested in how changes are made to non-conforming properties in Bradford. My wife and I live on a small waterfront property on Lake Massassecum in Bradford and I have a feel for the challenges that property owners on these small lots face.

We very much enjoy living on Lake Massassecum and the rural life that Bradford provides, while still being within 30 minutes to Concord and Manchester. We have enjoyed visiting local establishments within the Bradford area and want to support local businesses, such as Wicked Sweet Cakes and Treats, Appleseed, Lumber Barn, Sweet Beets, Pizza Chef, Palace Pizza and the maple syrup producers.

**Write-in Candidate:**  
**Bruce Gezelman** (A)

To assist the town on the Zoning Board where I have knowledge in construction.

I have been a contractor and been in-

involved in construction on and off for most of my life which requires you to know or research into the newest codes both nationally and at the State and local level.

Moving up here from CT is a major change in the pace of life and the whole attitude of the people here is a joy to behold .

**Write-in Candidate:**  
**Kelly McCaskill** (A)

As a young business owner, I am a hard worker and would be happy to contribute to Bradford. There is a real need to fill more positions and I think the town can benefit from new perspectives.

I have experience in the building industry, as well as hands on involvement with planning and zoning boards for our own house build in town. I was previously a village commissioner in the town of Hopkinton, which all make me a good candidate for Zoning Board.

The best part about living in Bradford is access to the outdoors and being in a small community.

**Zoning Board for Two Years (vote for 1)**  
**Laura Beaton** (A)

I'm interested in keeping our town in compliance with environmentally friendly residential and commercial structures that adhere to state and local land use regulations.

As a conservation easement monitor for Ausbon Sargent, I am familiar with ensuring that land trust properties are maintained to the standards of the particular easement

being monitored. I believe this knowledge will help me to learn the specifics of Bradford zoning rules and regulations.

I love the direct access to nature from my own backdoor, and the ability to enjoy the lakes, waterways and forests that abound in our town.

**Kearsarge Regional School Board Representative**

**Eric Gregoire** (A)

I am running for re-election because I feel I can continue doing a good job representing Bradford on our School Board. I've learned quite a bit up to this point and developed a good working relation with the rest of the board and the administration.

I think first and foremost having kids in the school system means I have a vested interest in our schools. My background is in technology and business, both useful in many things that come before the board. We all bring unique skill sets to the board and its current members have wide ranging and varied backgrounds. I also served on the Budget Committee in Sutton when we lived there, that's been very helpful with understanding the municipal budget process.

We moved from Sutton into Bradford in late 2015. We had lived in Sutton for about twelve years, so we have been in the area for a good amount of time. I really love living in Bradford, the people here are friendly and involved with the community. I'd probably say what I like best is the natural beauty we have here, so many peaceful scenic places.





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## Kearsarge Regional School District Budget Update

In these times where everything seems to be going up, there is no shortage of interest in “why”. The school budget did go up this year, in spite of a lot of effort to hold the line wherever possible. Most of the increases reflect our budget seeing the effects of inflation (increased fuel and energy costs, health insurance costs, transportation costs, etc.) as well as lesser items like the new teacher contract taking effect, repairs that would have gotten rolled into the STEAM project and Concord continuing to pass expenses over to us (i.e. increased costs in water testing due to new legislation, etc.). For the first time in a while, the retirement rates are going to be less than the current year. Thus, there is a reduction in the retirement budget for the 23-24 budget from the current year.

Another question that comes up is “why are we voting between two identical amounts for the main appropriation?” I like to think this is actually a good thing and comes from the KRSB (Kearsarge Regional School Board) and MBC (Municipal Budget Committee) communicating so much during budget time. These two Boards begin the budget development process with the school administrators as early as August, which includes holding joint meetings so questions could be asked/ answered. This work concludes with the Deliberative Session early the following January, making sure that everyone understands the reasoning for each item, weighs the impact on the overall budget, and can thoroughly discuss any sticking points that might need further clarification.

There was overall concern about minimizing any increases in these lean times and I feel like the School Board and Budget Committee really threaded the needle with this budget. Kearsarge continues to offer a great school experience for our students while being respectful of the tax dollars of all our residents.

*Eric Gregoire, Bradford Representative,  
Kearsarge Regional School Board*

## Bradford Energy Committee Asks for YES Vote on Warrant Article 25

The Bradford Energy Committee (BEC) is once again asking residents for a yes vote to weatherize one of our municipal buildings – our Fire Station (Warrant Article 25).

Weatherization of Brown Memorial Library in 2021 resulted in a 25% annual reduction in heating oil use. Voters approved weatherizing our Highway Building in 2022, but the project had to be rescheduled to 2023. The Energy Audit Report of the Fire Station dated February 15, 2021 and subsequent update states that ceilings show areas of missing or poorly performing insulation, windows in the training room are leaking and poorly functioning, the exposed concrete foundation wall is uninsulated and gaps around ceiling fans, lights, doors, and the drying tower must be sealed.

Both the Fire Station and Highway buildings were constructed in the early 1980’s and much of the equipment is original. Weatherization of our buildings helps to conserve natural resources, reduces our impact on the environment, and should be done before tackling new heating and cooling systems and other improvements.

Although the financial payback of 16.7 years for the \$25,000 Fire Station weatherization project was not compelling, the recently awarded NHSaves incentive of \$11,871, brings the Town’s costs down to \$13,129 with a payback of 9.6 years. Please vote yes on Article 25 so that Bradford moves yet closer to transitioning to 100% renewable sources of electricity by 2030 and renewable sources of fuel for heating and transportation by 2050.

*Bradford Energy Committee:  
Sandra Bravo, Chair,  
Kathleen Bigford, Susan Reeder Moss,  
Laura Ryder, Jenny Locke Howley*





## Bradford Police Department News

The month of March is fast approaching which means it is time for elections and Town Meeting. Believe it or not, this is one of my favorite times of the year. From getting to see all you residents roll into elections and saying our yearly hello to seeing many other familiar faces at Town Meeting.

On behalf of the staff at the Police Department, I want to start by saying “Thank You” to all the Bradford residents for your continued support over the years. I started my law enforcement career here in Bradford back in February of 2005 and would not trade it for the world. I believe we live in a great area full of great people. It’s like “Cheers” just in a different setting. (Admit it, you probably just sang the theme song in your head).

Anyway, I wanted to take a moment and give everyone a quick rundown of the proposed police department budget for 2023.

The 2023 proposed police department budget at the beginning of the process was \$603,548, a 1.44% increase over 2022. Factored into the proposed budget were the following:

- Wages – a 5% wage increase for staff which will be a combination of cost of living and merit increase. Along with this comes a small increase in retirement and payroll taxes.
- Gas/Oil – you will see an increase in the gasoline/oil line item from \$8,000 to \$11,000. Our gas line was \$11,000 a couple of years ago but has been cut down over the years. No one predicted how much gas prices would rise in 2022 and therefore many budgets came up short in this area. Well, now we can gauge based on the current average price of fuel per gallon. A department study was done on how many gallons of fuel we use a year and the numbers were consistent over a 4-year period. Take the gallons used and multiply by the average price of fuel at this time and that is where the increase came from.

- Overtime – The department underwent some staffing changes in 2022. We now have a full-time salary Chief of Police, we lost a full-time officer and subsequently hired a certified officer to fill the vacancy, and we hired a part-time officer to help fill some open shifts due to vacations, illness, court, training, etc. Due to these changes, I reviewed our overtime budget and felt comfortable cutting it 5% or roughly \$1,240. It was also presented to the boards that I would re-evaluate after a full year (2023) with the new staffing and see if this line could be trimmed anymore. Overtime is a tricky one because, apart from mandated training and the 11 federally recognized holidays, there is no way to plan for it and it is a complete guesstimate. To me, overtime is in the budget for unscheduled events such as callouts, open shifts due to illness, injury at work and needing to get coverage or emergencies during or at the end of a shift such as accidents, arrests, natural disasters, etc. Per full-time officer (3, as I only used hourly paid full time employees), we only budget for an additional 30 hours for the above stated reasons, 8 hours for mandated training, 24 hours for court, and 10 hours for sick coverage and holiday pay. Currently Bradford PD is one of the few departments in our area that cover 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. My hope is that this is the service the townspeople are accustomed to, want and expect and that we can continue to provide that. It is very important to me that if a Bradford resident calls for help, they will get a Bradford Officer in a timely manner.

- Utilities – A very slight increase in electricity and rent.
- Supplies – a very slight increase in supplies to account for the increase in the cost of items.

After the budget made its way through the process from November to February, the only changes made were the overtime line item being cut another 22% by the selectboard in a February meeting. The final bottom line of the Police Department budget recommended by both the budget committee and Selectboard was \$599,026 which is a .68% increase over 2022.

At the 2022 Town Meeting, a warrant article passed to purchase a new Police Utility Vehicle. This new vehicle was go-

ing to replace a 2015 Ford sedan. The new vehicle, a Ford Police Utility Vehicle, was ordered just after the town meeting at the current state bid pricing of \$33,811. The vehicle was expected to take 8-9 months to arrive. We were notified in late August that Ford had discontinued production of the 2022 Police Utility Vehicle and were not fulfilling all previous orders that were not assigned a VIN from the factory. Ford also increased the state bid pricing for 2023 to around \$43,000 and advised it could be a 12-month wait for a new vehicle. My original intention was to go with a Chevrolet Tahoe after the 2022 Town Meeting but there was a substantial cost difference. However, after reviewing new state bid pricing, the Tahoe was now less than the Ford. A Tahoe was ordered in early September and was delivered in late December.

The only department warrant article for the 2023 Town Meeting will be for \$20,000 to fund the police vehicle capital reserve fund. A couple years ago we set up a schedule to replace vehicles every 6 years instead of every 4-5, and the yearly contribution was based on current market prices. Due to the rising cost of equipment and vehicles, which were previously around \$33,000 and are now \$42,000 for just the vehicle, future warrant articles to fund the capital reserve fund will probably increase to 27.5 or 30k per installment. This potential increase will ensure that there is enough in the fund to purchase a vehicle when the time comes. The next vehicle is set to be replaced in 2024.

To reiterate what was said above, Bradford PD is one of the few area departments that cover 24/7 and I take great pride in the fact that we provide that service. It is the service that the residents asked for, have come to expect and therefore will continue. It is a bonus to the town, and speaks volumes to the staff that we have in place, that we can achieve this with less full-time personnel than those around us while, if comparing apples to apples, keeping a budget that is less than area departments who do not provide 24/7 coverage.

*Chief Edward Shaughnessy,  
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(603) 938-2522*

## Kudos for KRES-Bradford

The KRES-Bradford Shining Stars Theater Club returns this month for its twentieth production. This popular program for 4-5th graders offers free after-school coaching and rehearsals culminating in full-stage performances at the KRHS stage on March 31st and April 1st at 7pm. (Snow date: Sunday April 2nd at 2pm.) This year's production, "The Music Man," will be directed by Katie Perkins, with musical direction by Matt Mitchell and choreography by Sydney Laurendeau. You can already hear students humming the catchy tunes from this 1957 Broadway hit about a traveling salesman who brings excitement to a small midwestern town. Don't miss the show!

There is another type of shining star who deserves recognition at KRES-Bradford and that is the school nurse, Stephanie Laurendeau. She interacts regularly with every single student in the school along with the indefatigable school secretary Julie Allen (who has been cheerfully running the office like clockwork for 22 years) and the much-appreciated permanent substitute Melisa Bodnaruk, all pictured here.

Stephanie came to KRES-Bradford a decade ago after working in a hospital surgical unit. Her innate interest in math and science helped her find nursing as her career path. She was eager to find a school nursing job that dovetailed more closely with raising a family and loves working in her hometown. Like all nurses in New Hampshire, Stephanie gains at least thirty



*Left to right: Melisa Bodnaruk, Julie Allen, and Stephanie Laurendeau, seen here in the KRES-Bradford office, help all students feel safe and respected as they go about their school day.*

hours of continuing education every two years. She obtained her Master's Degree in 2020 and shares nursing knowledge frequently with other nurses.

She believes that the relationship between schools and outside service providers needs to be strengthened so that the two entities can collaborate and better serve the needs of the students and families in the Kearsarge District. As she says "School staff work with students on a daily basis and have an in-depth knowledge of a student's needs. I am lucky enough to understand the challenges experienced by both groups. By working in collaboration rather than parallel to each other, schools and healthcare providers can improve the lives of students."

When asked what to recommend to families regarding ongoing health and wellness, Stephanie says: "Enjoy time with your family. It is hard to take the time to sit and listen to your children. As a parent, I know how busy life can get. Try to take time to talk to your children about their experiences at school. Children are amazing." From the steady stream of visitors to the nurse's office at KRES-Bradford, it is clear that Stephanie follows her own advice. She is trustworthy, thorough, knowledgeable and kind... the quintessential school nurse.

And she is humble. "I was in third grade

at KRES-Bradford when the school opened. I never thought I would be working as a nurse in the same building where I went to school. I am thankful for the opportunities the school and the district have provided to my family. I encourage community members and families to reach out to our school administrators to learn the wonderful things that are accomplished every day. There are so many misconceptions about what schools do and how the staff works. The academic and social growth our students make every year is amazing! All of the staff in our school truly care about the wellbeing of every student. I think their work should be celebrated. I enjoy being part of a team that provides the opportunities for the growth and success of our students. I am lucky to be a small part of the success stories of the students at KRES at Bradford."

*Laurie Buchar*

## KRES-B and KRSD March Calendar

**Wednesday, March 1**  
KRES at B - WINTER RECESS

**Thursday, March 2**  
KRES at B - WINTER RECESS

**Friday, March 3**  
KRES at B - WINTER RECESS

**Wednesday, March 8**  
6:30, KRES at B - PTO Meeting  
6:30, District Choral Festival (6/7/8 Chorus)

**Tuesday, March 14**  
Town Voting Day

**Wednesday, March 15**  
KRES at B - POP CORN Day!

**Thursday, March 16**  
6:30, School Board Meeting

**Friday, March 31**  
KRES at B - NO SCHOOL -  
Teacher Professional Day  
7:00pm, KRES at B - Shining Stars  
performance - The Music Man

**Saturday, April 1, 7:00pm**  
KRES at B - Shining Stars performance -  
The Music Man

**Sunday, April 2, 2:00pm**  
SNOW DATE - KRES at B - Shining Stars  
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# TRANSFER STATION NEWS

## Recycling Lithium Batteries

It is amazing how much research must be done in order to operate the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center safely and efficiently and for the benefit of our environment and family health. I was talking with my neighbor, who is a geologist, about mining metals. He said that mining lithium is really intense – making Lithium-ion batteries expensive to produce. His comments led me to research lithium.

And he sure is right! The environmental impact of extracting lithium is immense. Much of my research gave extraction impact and manufacturing statistics. Here is just one example: To extract one ton of lithium uses 500,000 gallons of water. Mining pollutes the water surrounding the site, misuses tremendous amounts of water, and creates a substantially reduced water table. The use of the heavy machinery that is needed emits carbon dioxide pollution. Fertile land is depleted, causing desertification and disruption of the local weather. Massive amounts of mining wastes are produced and must be deposited somewhere. And there are threats to the health and welfare of the local community. Mining the required cobalt and nickel also creates its own array of environmental and humanitarian impacts. Lithium is extracted in North Carolina, Australia, and other limited places around the world.

No matter how small, recycling lithium batteries is important. Before you dispose of electronics, appliances, and toys, please remove the batteries and place them in the container provided for the collection of all kinds of batteries. When enough batteries are collected, we package them up and send them to be recycled.

Hopefully, the research that is done in regard to running the transfer station is helpful to residents when they discard and recycle their various wastes and when they need to make personal purchasing decisions.

*Lois Kilnapp, Manager*



## Should You Wait To Buy?

Given the rise in interest rates, economic concerns, and the shifting real estate market, you may be wondering if you should wait to buy a home. While there are many factors that play into this decision, one thing to keep in mind is the actual benefits. Home values increase over time – the typical homeowner who purchased a house 30 years ago saw their home almost triple in value. While prices may ease in 2023, most experts predict homes to continue to appreciate. Building home equity helps pay for things like college tuition or other expenses. Rents are rising and there is no long-term financial benefit to being a renter. In fact, a homeowner's net worth is more than 40 times greater than that of a renter. Homeowners report higher life satisfaction, higher self-esteem, and more control over their lives. Home ownership makes sense for many social and economic reasons. Give me a call if you are ready to invest in your future and pursue the benefits of home ownership!



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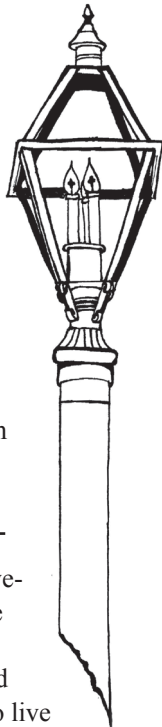


# Library Lantern

**Brown Memorial Library**  
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*bmlbradford@gmail.com*

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

The birds are back in town! Lovely signs of impending spring are the maple syrup lines stretching between trees, muddy roads, and bird song. It would be strange to live in a place where the seasons aren't distinct, as they are here. I look forward to Spring as it is the season of rebirth and rejuvenation. But just as things are returning to life, death is omnipresent. I feel this more as my parents age and we discuss end of life options, where my mom wants her ashes scattered, and how my parents assets are managed. My husband's father's health is significantly declining. He spent months at New London Hospital after his teeth were removed and a feeding tube was inserted. He has since returned home, but with nursing care in place. The family



has had to have serious discussions about what the next steps may be if needed, and the options all seem grim.

Death inserts itself in our minds all the time. It's there when we hug our loved one's goodbye. It's there when we are hurtling down the highway at 75 miles an hour. It's there when we read an obituary. It's there when we say goodbye to someone who is dying. We are closer to death than we can admit. When is my time? How will I go? And then we have the pressure to live for today and not for tomorrow. Am I making the most out of my life now? Do it now, before it is too late. We only have one life to live, so live it fully. I'm sure you are familiar with these sayings. So, as the trees show their leaves, and the sun dries out our muddy roads, and the sap has boiled, we experience life as it moves along with us. Not everyday is meaningful, some days are downright miserable, but there are glorious, wonderful moments in between, and this is life!

Wonderful books about death that you can find at our library:

- When Breath Becomes Air* / Paul Kalanithi
- The Invisible String* / Patrice Karst (a children's book)
- The Friend* / Sigrid Nunez
- In Love* / Amy Bloom
- Being Mortal* / Atul Gawande
- The Bright Hour* / Nina Riggs



This month we had a guest, Fritz Wetherbee, film his show, NH Chronicle, at the library! Despite rumors that he was a grumpy man, he was affable, talkative, and enjoyable to meet. The stories he covered were: the origin of our town name, Col. Thomas Stickney who chaired the N.H. convention that ratified the U.S. Constitution, Del Stevens who was Harry Thaw's bodyguard, a story about the Brown Library itself and, a fiction story about Binky Sears. Be on the lookout for the show to air on WMUR. I will make sure to post on our website when it comes out

March programs:

Wednesday, March 1st, 6:00pm,  
 Jeff Snow / Celtic Music

Monday, March 6th, 6:00pm,  
 Kristen Mihaly from Nourish /  
 Reducing Inflammation

Wednesday, March 8th, 6:00pm,  
 Steve Hale / Open World Explorers /  
 Backyard Birding in Spring

Saturday, March 18th, 1:00pm,  
 Pete Blank and Natalia Karaulova /  
 Share stories and pictures of recent travel  
 to Ukraine

Monday, March 20th, 6:00pm,  
 Kris Foss / Intro to Herbalism

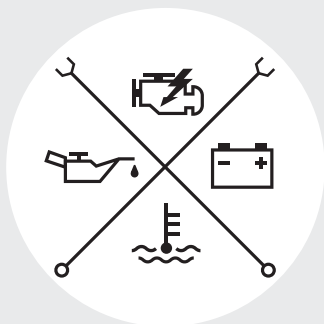
Wednesday, March 22nd, 7:00pm  
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*Ellen Barselle,  
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## Fun With Fiction

We all have a story or two in us! Maybe a bit from our past or just something from our imaginations. Three Bradford Bridge ghost writers are going on a creative writing journey this year. We hope you'll join us by reading along. The last few sentences of each month's story will be the prompt to inspire the next month's writer. Our collective story will unfold over the course of the coming year. What sort of twists and turns will we take!?

*Look back in the January edition of the Bridge for the beginning of our story!*

*From my pocket I felt the familiar vibration of an incoming cell call. I sent the call to messaging, and immediately another call came.*

As I looked around, I saw others pulling their mobiles out too. In the space between two passing sirens, I could hear a myriad of ring tones, vibrations, and hesitant "hellos?". My cell wasn't the only one going off incessantly. "Hello? Hello!?" The sounds and stress – so much and so quick – like a pinball machine on high. The overload of input making it hard to think.

I stepped towards the street, away from the crowd. One of the passing cars stopped and rolled down its window. It was my father. "Get in!" he said. I didn't question it. I got in, hoping for some sense of direction and glad not to be in the driver's seat. I noticed the back of his car was hastily packed – jugs of water, blan-

kets, shovels and our dog. He was calm. But, serious. He pressed down on the gas pedal and I instinctively buckled my seat belt. With disregard for red lights or yellow lines, we pressed our way through downtown and made for the side streets not everyone knew or could navigate quite as confidently as we could. Finally, in the darkness of the winding, dirt road – I could take a breath.

*"Where are we going, Dad?" His response, with a wild look in his eye, "Canada, my boy!"*

"My boy." He hadn't called me that in a long time. And that look. I remember that look when I fell off my bike at 15 catching a rusty nail as it tore into my knee. Or the time, Sam, clipped the top of the halfpipe on his snowboard landing with a blow that broke his collarbone as we watched in horror from the top. Driving to Canada? Sam lives in Smooth Rock Falls, a town in northern Ontario, a day's drive from the city. It's dark and I've had a long day at the office and in no mood for a drive to Canada. I've driven this route so many times, why now? Smooth Rock Falls is the place Dad always wants to return to. He dreams of fishing on the Mattagami River. The clear blue water, the frequent icy shores, the air so crisp and fresh. He wants to go back there to live and if Sam wasn't traveling so much, he could. There's just the three of us now and when Dad gets it in his mind he's going to Canada, there's no stopping him.

*"George, George," His hand is on my arm as I drift back out of a few minutes of sleep. "George!" My eyes focus. I check my watch, it's midnight and we are in a line of cars at the border.*



## Bradford Fire Dept Update

So far in 2023 we have had 25 incidents:

In January: 8 Emergency Medical Services (EMS), 7 Fires

In February, as of the 14th: 3 Emergency Medical Services (EMS), 7 Fires

We have responded to two building fires in Warner, one station coverage in Newbury, and a mutual aid structure fire in Weare.

On February 14th we responded to a reported vehicle fire with exposure to a building at the Naughton & Sons Recycling. The fire went to a second alarm and multiple communities responded to assist Bradford. The fire was contained to two trucks with some exposure to a third, no damage to any buildings.

We have responded to several Carbon Monoxide calls, two incidents had detectors which alerted the owners. Remember to replace aging units and remember to change your batteries when you change your clocks for **daylight savings, March 12th, 2023, 2:00 am.**

Other activities include: members have been training for EMS and fire; a grant application was submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Administration; we are continuing work with Henniker on renewing the contract for ambulance service; working with Select Board and Budget Committee to finalize 2023 budget; scheduling required service and testing of our equipment and engines with the National Fire Protection Association; conducting a review of statistics for grants and the planning process.

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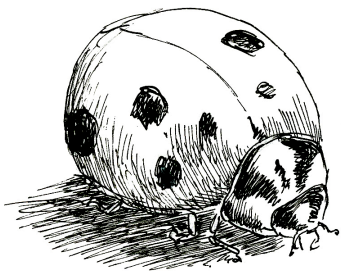
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# ~OUTSIDE~

If not for houses, where would all the ladybeetles that are parked in the upper corners of our ceilings spend the winter?

I have a desk job and a seasonal progression of insects travel through this parched, bright landscape of cellulose and 100% cotton rag. Most are dining on a progression of near microscopic wildlife. In spring, tiny red spider mites will race across my papers. Slender-legged cellar spiders reappear. In damp summers I'll find large numbers of my least favorite insects, paper lice, which will be eaten by one of my most favorites, the pseudoscorpions that indulgently carry their young on their backs. In the deep of winter, after the flies have worn themselves out, an occasional Western seed beetle sadly stalks the window frames. Right now, it's a horde of ladybeetles motoring unconsolably this way and that.

All of these creatures are something of an intrigue and something of a problem. Their bodies caught between my papers leave brightly colored gore or an awkward Rorschach image of legs. Spider droppings and discarded dinners fall on whatever lies beneath. The ladybeetles in their fright or for spite squirt foul-smelling yellow insults.

But ladybeetles are endearing like 1960s VW bugs – they are the pandas of the insect world. Their bright simple shapes remind us of cute children's drawings, which remind us of cute children, which perhaps reminds us of ourselves as cute children charmed by bugs. Books, note cards and refrigerator magnets are adorned with spotted red beetles. At some point however a bazillion live smiley faces all over your windows can put you in a slightly altered state of mind.

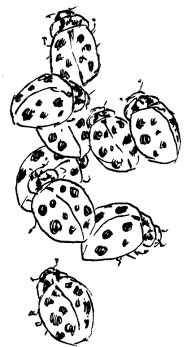
Often called 'ladybugs', the hardened wing coverings protecting a pair of fragile wings identify them as beetles. As the only insects in the Northeast known to congregate in winter, their intention is to overwinter as adults in order to eat aphids in spring, mate, lay eggs, and start it all over again. Each may live a lengthy two or even three years. One beetle will find a promising hibernaculum and release an odor to attract friends. There they will huddle till the warm weather of spring arrives. Houses with their many perforations seem at first like prime real estate to them. But the warm indoor air convinces them of an early spring and they turn to the sun for direction – focusing on light fixtures and windows. Nothing in this specie's previous 200 million years of existence prepared them for this predicament and they are still working out the kinks.

They are applauded for eating aphids and other soft-bodied pests. In their short lives from larvae to adult, each beetle can consume at least 5000 insects. Lady-

beetles are one of very few insects that most people can name. This recognition coinciding with the demonstrable human benefit caused the birth of a multimillion-dollar gardening supply industry. The only feasible way of supplying the demand is by unsustainably harvesting beetles from mountainous western states where they amass in tremendous numbers to wait out the hot valley summers. When released on foreign turf, such as New England, the confused beetles promptly fly away as they would in their native setting. Tip: buy lab-raised insects and know that there are other species that are even better aphid-eaters – such as lacewings, hoverflies, and certain small wasps. If you grow the tiny flowers the adults nectar on, don't use pesticides, and they will stay and work for you for free.

There are hundreds of species of ladybeetles, many of which are common in the Northeast and there is an introduced variety, the Asian multicolored ladybeetle. The foreigners are tan to reddish orange with zero to eighteen black spots. A black "M" or "W", depending on your vantage point, on a white background is emblazoned on the pronotum just behind the nearly invisible head. It appears from my indoor survey that they are doing very well here. I have found very few two-spotted ladybeetles which are redder with only two large black spots, few Eastern convergent ladybeetles, and rarely the charmingly named twice-stabbed ladybeetle which are black with two red spots. Interbreeding occurs and sorting out the exact parentage of my incarcerated beetles would be difficult.

The question remains though: if there were no houses, where would they be right now?



*Ann Eldridge*


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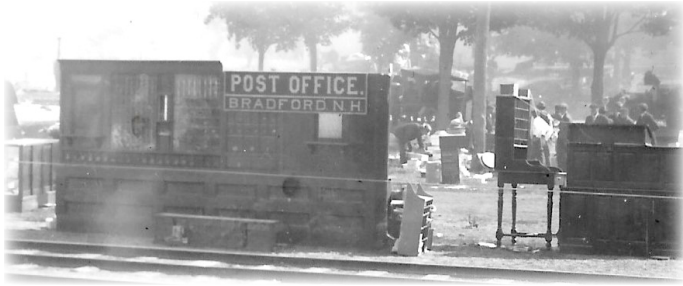
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# Bradford Historical Society

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The old Post Office building was built in 1919 following a fire in 1917 that destroyed the current old Post Office building. It was in service as the Post Office until 1978. We hope to rebuild the front interior to how it once was. Our problem is there are very few photos of how this looked so we need to rely on people's memory. If you have any memories of the interior, you wish to share, we would be grateful to hear them. Any photos would be amazing.



Top photograph is what was left from the Post Office after the fire, and above is a back interior shot. Is this what the new Post Office had inside too? We are lucky enough to have the sorting table and boxes seen on the right of the photo. Please call Tracey Quigley at 603-938-2078 if you have any information or email us at [bradfordhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:bradfordhistoricalsociety@gmail.com).

2023 memberships are due! If you can find the membership form on our website at [bradfordnhhistorical.org](http://bradfordnhhistorical.org). We thank you for your support!

*Tracey Quigley*

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### Mountain View Senior Center

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Monday – Friday, 8 am – 2:30 pm

While the darkest days of winter may be behind us, for many seniors this season continues to present nutritional and social challenges. Often, it's just too cold and icy to go to the grocery store or visit with friends. Luckily, the Mountain View Senior Center (MVSC) offers several opportunities to overcome these challenges.

First, the MVSC offers Meals on Wheels for those who are 60+ years, homebound or unable to prepare healthy meals on their own. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday drivers deliver two frozen meals, each of which meets one third of the USDA's daily nutritional requirements. The meals include milk, fruit and a dessert

when available. To participate in this program, simply add your name to the list by calling the Center.

If, in fact, you are willing to brave the elements, the MVSC also offers Grab and Go meals similar to the ones delivered by volunteers. These meals are available for pick up at the Center Monday through Friday. But you must call at least a day ahead to let the Center know you will be stopping by for one or more meals.

Finally, the MVSC holds congregate meals at the Center on Tuesday at 12:15 pm and Thursday at 11:30 am. They also provide a brunch on the first Friday of every month starting at 10 am. These meals provide participants with an opportunity to enjoy a hot meal while socializing with old – and new – friends. The suggested donation is \$2/meal. Volunteer help in the kitchen is always appreciated.

Anyone interested in participating in any of these opportunities should contact the Center at (603) 938-2104.

*Mariah Storm*

### MVSC WEEKLY ACTIVITIES \* ALL ARE WELCOME!

Mondays	8:45–9:30	<b>Strong Living:</b> Bodybuilding and weight training for seniors
	1:00	<b>Bridge Group</b> , beginners are welcome!
Tuesdays <b>Closed March 14</b> <b>Voting Day</b>	9:30–12:00	<b>Quilters Group</b> , all skill levels, group & individual projects
	12:30–3:00	<b>Mahjong</b> and other games
Wednesdays	1:00–2:00	<b>Therapeutic Yoga</b> and Balance Class (\$5)
Thursdays	12:30	<b>Dominos</b>
Fridays	8:45–9:30	<b>Strong Living:</b> Bodybuilding and weight training for seniors
<b>WELLNESS &amp; FOOT CARE CLINICS</b> – Call 603-748-1731 to make an appointment		
3rd Wednesday of every month	9:00–11:00	<b>Wellness Check</b> (free)
	11:30–2:00	<b>Footcare Clinic</b> (\$30)
<b>FOOD SERVICES</b> – Call 603-938-2014 to make a reservation		
Tuesdays	12:15	<b>Lunch</b>
Thursdays	11:30	<b>Lunch</b>
1st Friday every month	9:30	<b>Brunch</b>
Monday–Friday	8:00–1:30	<b>Grab and Go Take Out</b> – frozen meals are available
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# MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

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building permit fee for the new building at KRES Bradford not be waived.

**Collapsed Building** Karen Hambleton, Town Administrator, shared a citizen’s concern about a property that has recently had a building collapse. As the property is privately owned, Karen suggested sending a letter reminding owners of zoning regulations that stipulate how long ruins may on a property.

**Campers as Residence** Chief Nowell informed the Board that without a designated address, safety response is unsure where to go. Zoning regulations need to be clarified. This may apply to an estimated 20 sites in town. Karen will ask Matt Monahan to review the regulation. She will also consult town counsel for their assistance in how to proceed.

**Budget** The Board approved a general budget total of \$2,824,566.

## BUDGET COMMITTEE

**Fire & Rescue Department** Overall Fire Dept. budget is increasing 29% year over year. Beth Downs spoke to the general budget increase saying she objects to any cut in the Fire Department budget. Forty years of neglect have led to this point and Chief Nowell is having to make up for the neglect while running a department. Laurie Colburn asked the Chief if \$15,000 could be trimmed from the budget. Chief responded that there are some creative ways to make it work. In 2022 the department was able to secure a grant for

\$50,000 and had a donation of \$48,000 for a total of \$98,000 which is half of the budget request for 2023. A motion to recommend the Fire Department budget be funded at \$180,000 finding creative ways to make up the difference failed. Following discussion, the Board approved a motion that the Fire Department budget be funded at \$167,000 with the possibility of \$25,000 added from the CIP Fire Dept heavy equipment expenditure.

**Highway Department** The 2023 request of \$708,187 represents an 18.4% increase. Drivers of the increase are labor resources, fuel, supplies, winter salt and spring repairs, road patch supplies, culverts, chains and blades and dust control. Tim McKenna asked what the cost of buying gravel would be. The estimate that Steve gave is from Henniker Gravel: 3000 yards is \$60K, sand and other material additional. Cost of blasting at the Transfer Station site would be \$246,800, or \$82,267 per year. The Board approved the Highway Department budget request of \$708,000.

**Police Department** The Select Board felt that the Police Department could reduce their overtime line by \$5248, effectively funding it at the level of the 2022 expense. They have changed their budget to reflect that. After discussion the Budget Committee approved a motion to reduce the Police Department budget line to \$599,026.

**Planning and Zoning** The Select Board felt that with Matt Monahan carrying out most of the Planning Board tasks of the Recording Secretary, the part-time wage line could be reduced by \$2000. They

have changed their budget to reflect that. The Board approved a motion to reduce the Planning and Zoning budget line to \$15,500.

**Public Hearing** The Budget Committee held a public hearing on 2/9/23. Budget Committee Chair Laurie Colburn opened the hearing by recommending a total budget of \$2,797,366. She explained that this is a roughly 13% increase year over year with the major drivers of the increase fuel, wages, and supplies. Chris Frey asked if this kind of increase would happen every year. Laurie Colburn and Mel Pfeifle both commented that the only choice to bring down costs is to cut services.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Officers** The Board approved a motion to elect Kriss Foss as Secretary.

**Planning and Implementation Strategy** The Committee discussed their planning documents EDC Master Initiatives List and EDC Planning Framework. Committee Member Libby Curtis Webb asked to sponsor a project from the Master Initiatives List, “Refresh Bradford Pines Recreation Area and develop promotional plan to increase recreational use and as a tourism draw”. She has already met with Bill Duffy to leverage GPS work done recently as a resource for updated trail maps and has begun reviewing materials she received and gathered. The committee feels this could be a low-resource / high-impact project to be prioritized.

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**SAMPLE - ZONING BALLOT**  
**TOWN ELECTION**  
 TOWN OF BRADFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
 MARCH 14, 2023

Instructions to Voters:

1. To Vote, fill in the oval(s)  opposite your choice(s) like this

**ZONING AMENDMENTS**

**ARTICLE 2**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Bradford Planning Board for the Town of Bradford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To add certain definitions, establish a table of uses depicting uses by each zoning district that are permitted by right or by special exception, clarify that any use not permitted by right is prohibited, and to remove narrative descriptions of these uses elsewhere in the Zoning Ordinance.

This Amendment was recommended for approval by the Planning Board by a vote of 5 – 0.

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 3**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Bradford Planning Board for the Town of Bradford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To enact certain administrative revisions to the Ordinance including formatting, changes to the table of contents, title page, revision dates, spelling corrections, and page numbers throughout the document.

This Amendment was recommended for approval by the Planning Board by a vote of 5 – 0.

YES  NO

**SAMPLE**

**SAMPLE BALLOT**  
**TOWN ELECTION**  
 BRADFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
 MARCH 14, 2023

**SAMPLE**

**SAMPLE**

Instructions to Voters:

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 2. To Write-in a candidate not on the ballot, write the name on the line provided for the office and fill in the oval opposite the write-in

**SELECTMAN**  
**FOR THREE YEARS (VOTE FOR 1)**  
 Spencer Wyand   
 Marlene Freyler   
 Write-In

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
**FOR THREE YEARS (VOTE FOR 2)**  
 Write-In   
 Write-In

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
**FOR ONE YEAR (VOTE FOR 1)**  
 Write-In

**CEMETERY COMMISSION**  
**FOR THREE YEARS (VOTE FOR 1)**  
 Write-In

**PLANNING BOARD**  
**FOR THREE YEARS (VOTE FOR 2)**  
 Katie Olohan   
 Write-In   
 Write-In

**PLANNING BOARD**  
**FOR ONE YEAR (VOTE FOR 1)**  
 Shanna Griffin   
 Write-In

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**FOR THREE YEARS (VOTE FOR 1)**  
 Mary Keegan-Dayton   
 Mary-Chris Duncan   
 Shanna Griffin   
 Write-In

**SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**  
**FOR THREE YEARS (VOTE FOR 1)**  
 Thomas Marshall   
 Write-In

**TRUSTEE OF THE BROWN**  
**MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
**FOR THREE YEARS (VOTE FOR 3)**  
 Mary Keegan-Dayton   
 Laura Beaton   
 Write-In   
 Write-In   
 Write-In

**TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS**  
**FOR THREE YEARS (VOTE FOR 1)**  
 Write-In

**TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS**  
**FOR TWO YEARS (VOTE FOR 1)**  
 Write-In

**ZONING BOARD**  
**FOR THREE YEARS (VOTE FOR 2)**  
 Jim Varney   
 Write-In   
 Write-In

**ZONING BOARD**  
**FOR TWO YEARS (VOTE FOR 1)**  
 Laura Beaton   
 Write-In

**SAMPLE**

TOWN OF Bradford, New Hampshire  
**OFFICIAL BALLOT – KEARSARGE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION, March 14, 2023

**Question 1** To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the **Municipal Budget Committee's recommended amount \$51,144,587** for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the District. The **School Board** recommends **\$51,144,587**. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. This warrant article asks the voters to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, the salaries of School District Officials and Agents, and for the statutory obligations of said District, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State sources, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the Selectmen of each of the Towns of Bradford, New London, Newbury, Springfield, Sutton, Warner, and Wilmot, the amount to be raised by taxation by said towns. **(School Board Recommends 7-0) (Municipal Budget Committee Recommends 8-0)**

Vote {X} for only one: **A or B**

- A. \$51,144,587 for the proposed Operating Budget recommended by the School Board ..... A
- B. \$51,144,587 for the proposed Operating Budget recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee...B

**Question 2** To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost item included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Kearsarge Regional School Board and Para Educators Association of Kearsarge, PEAK which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
2023-2024	\$207,818
2024-2025	\$193,048
2025-2026	\$172,993

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$207,818** for the 2023-24 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. **(School Board Recommends 7-0) (Municipal Budget Committee Recommends 8-0)**

YES  NO

**Question 3** To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to **\$12,000** to be placed in the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund, established in 2008 within the provisions of RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of emergency funding of unforeseen Special Education costs incurred by the District, with such amount to be funded from **unassigned fund balance (surplus funds) remaining on hand as of June 30, 2023.** **(School Board Recommends 7-0) (Municipal Budget Committee Recommends 8-0)**

YES  NO

**Question 4** To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to **\$100,000** to be placed in the School Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of repair, unanticipated utility costs, and maintaining the school buildings and equipment, with such amount to be funded from **unassigned fund balance (surplus funds) remaining on hand as of June 30, 2023.** **(School Board Recommends 7-0) (Municipal Budget Committee Recommends 7-1)**

YES  NO

**For Moderator for 1 Year**

(Vote for One)  
 Derek D. Lick .....   
 (WRITE IN) .....

**For Municipal Budget Committee for 3 Years**

(Vote for One)  
 James V. Bibbo, III.....   
 (WRITE IN) .....

**For School Board for 3 Years**

(Vote for One)  
 Eric Gregoire .....   
 (WRITE IN) .....

Bradford, New Hampshire

**Attention Bradford Citizens**

The Bradford Supervisors of the Checklist will hold a public session on Saturday, March 4th, between 11:00 am and 11:30 am at the Bradford Area Community Center (Youth Room, downstairs) to make corrections to the checklist and accept new registrations.

**This will be the last day we can accept voter registrations or make changes prior to Election Day on March 14th per RSA 654:28; 669:5.**

In order to register to vote, you must be at least 18 years of age, present a valid ID, and have proof of domicile and citizenship.

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Town of Bradford  
State of New Hampshire

Town Warrant of Town Meeting March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The Polls will open at 8:00 am, and not close earlier than 7:00 pm, on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bradford in the County of Merrimack in the said State qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Bradford Area Community Center on East Main Street in said Bradford, N.H. on Tuesday the fourteenth day of March next, at eight o'clock in the morning to act on the following articles:

**Article One:** To choose all necessary town officials for the ensuing year.

**Article Two:** Zoning Ordinance - To see if the Town will vote to adopt provisions which seek to add certain definitions, establish a table of uses, clarify that any use not permitted by right is prohibited, and to remove narrative descriptions of these uses elsewhere in the Zoning Ordinance. The following question will appear on the Official Ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Bradford Planning Board for the Town of Bradford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To add certain definitions, establish a table of uses depicting uses by each zoning district that are permitted by right or by special exception, clarify that any use not permitted by right is prohibited, and to remove narrative descriptions of these uses elsewhere in the Zoning Ordinance.

This Amendment was recommended for approval by the Planning Board by a vote of 5 – 0.”

**Article Three:** Zoning Ordinance - To see if the Town will vote to adopt provisions which seek to enact administrative revisions to the Ordinance. The following question will appear on the Official Ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Bradford Planning Board for the Town of Bradford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To enact certain administrative revisions to the Ordinance including formatting, changes to the table of contents, title page, revision dates, spelling corrections, and page numbers throughout the document.

This Amendment was recommended for approval by the Planning Board by a vote of 5 – 0.”

**Article Four:** To adjourn the meeting until Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 pm, at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School, on Old Warner Road in Bradford. Raising the money and remaining articles in the Warrant will be taken up at the adjourned meeting.

**Article Five:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Seven Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars (\$2,797,366.00) for general municipal operations. This article does not include amounts appropriated by other warrant articles. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend \$2,824,566.00 Budget Committee recommends \$2,797,366.00.

	<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>
1. Executive	220,118.00	220,118.00
2. Elections & Vital Statistics	4,100.00	4,100.00
3. Financial Administration	106,625.00	106,625.00
4. Revaluations	28,600.00	28,600.00
5. Legal	26,000.00	26,000.00
6. Employee Benefits	1.00	1.00
7. Planning & Zoning	15,500.00	15,500.00
8. General Gov	121,100.00	121,100.00
9. Cemetery	25,000.00	25,000.00
10. Insurances	95,800.00	95,800.00
11. Other General Gov	8,700.00	8,700.00
12. Police Department	599,026.00	599,026.00
13. Fire Department	167,000.00	167,000.00
14. Rescue Services - FAST	10,150.00	10,150.00
15. Rescue Services – Contract	110,000.00	110,000.00
16. Building Code Department	26,550.00	26,550.00
17. Civil Defense	1.00	1.00
18. Highway Department	735,386.00	708,186.00
19. Bridges	1.00	1.00
20. Street Lighting	2,300.00	2,300.00
21. Solid Waste Collection	94,600.00	94,600.00
22. Solid Waste Disposal	26,000.00	26,000.00
23. Inoculations	1.00	1.00
24. Welfare Administration	7,468.00	7,468.00
25. Welfare Payments	30,270.00	30,270.00
26. Parks and Recreation	19,509.00	19,509.00
27. Library	82,560.00	82,560.00
28. Patriotic Purposes	19,400.00	19,400.00
29. Community Center	30,700.00	30,700.00
30. Other Conservation	1,000.00	1,000.00
31. Long Term Notes	209,000.00	209,000.00
32. Interest on TAN notes	2,100.00	2,100.00
Total	\$ 2,824,566.00	\$ 2,797,366.00



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**Article Six:** To see if the Town will vote to readopt the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$500.00. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Seven:** To see if the Town will vote to readopt the All Veterans' Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal to the same amount as the Standard or Optional Veterans' Tax Credit voted by the Town of Bradford under RSA 72:28. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Eight:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Four Hundred Four Thousand Dollars (\$404,000.00) to purchase a new John Deere Grader with equipment. This appropriation will come from the 2020 Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), from the Additional Highway Block Grant Funds received in 2022 in the amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00), from trade-in in the amount of Fifty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$53,000.00), with the balance of One Hundred Ninety-One Thousand Dollars (\$191,000.00) to be raised by taxation. Further, this will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2028. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Nine:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Three Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$380,000.00) to fund road maintenance, preservation and paving. This appropriation will come from the 2019 Roads and Bridges Expendable Trust Fund in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), from the American Rescue Plan Act Funds in the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), with the balance of Two Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$205,000.00) to be raised by taxation. Further, this will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2028. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Ten:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$32,000.00) to fund work for a Statistical Revaluation in 2023. Further to authorize the withdrawal of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) from the 2008 Revaluation Capital Reserve, and to raise Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000.00) by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2028. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Eleven:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) to fund Communications Equipment for the Fire Department. This appropriation will come from the 2010 Communication Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (for emergency services). This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2028. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twelve:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500.00) to fund Communications Equipment for the Police Department. This appropriation will come from the 2010 Communication Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (for emergency services). This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2028. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Thirteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) to fund the 2019 Road and Bridge Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Fourteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to fund the 2020 Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Fifteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to fund the 2006 Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Sixteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to fund the 2020 Fire Equipment Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Seventeen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to fund the 2010 Communication Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (for emergency services). (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Eighteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to fund the 2015 Town Equipment Repair and Purchase Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Nineteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) to fund the 2015 Town Equipment Repair and Purchase Expendable Trust Fund. This appropriation will come from unassigned fund balance and represents the funds received from the auction of the Highway Department's old roller. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twenty:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be placed in the 2021 Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twenty-One:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to fund the Conservation Fund overseen by the Conservation

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

**Article Twenty-Two:** To see if the Town will vote to expand the purpose of the remaining unspent funds raised in Article Seven at the 2022 Town Meeting (\$24,000 for SCBA\* Bottle Replacement), to include the purchase of all components of SCBA apparatus. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

\* Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

**Article Twenty-Three:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a 2023 Bradford Town Scholarship Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of accepting private donations to fund the award of scholarships to high school seniors. The scholarship recipients must be a resident of Bradford, NH and furthering their education in a university, college, school of nursing, technical institute, or pre-professional program. Further to name the Scholarship Committee as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twenty-Four:** To see if the Town of Bradford will raise the sum of \$50,000.00 for the purpose of razing the building known as the Masonic building at Map 16 Lot 87. **By Petition.** (Majority vote required.) Selectmen do not recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

**Article Twenty-Five:** To see if the Town of Bradford will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$25,000 for the purpose of implementing energy saving measures (ESM) to reduce the annual energy consumption of the Fire Station as outlined in the Energy Audit Report dated February 15, 2021 and subsequent update. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2028. **By Petition.** (Majority vote required.) Selectmen do not recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

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

Bradford Board of Selectmen,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Marlene Freyler, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Ellen Pfeifle,  
Selectman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Beth Downs, Selectman



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## Town Hall Update

The project has been underway now for about 6 weeks. The project team meets weekly to discuss and resolve issues. The final part of the demolition phase was completed in early February. It included removing the tin ceiling on the first floor and removing asbestos on the east wall of the second-floor stage. To achieve fire code on the first floor, a layer of sheetrock will be installed between the tin ceiling and the lathe behind the original ceiling. The stewardship agreement we have with LCHIP requires we follow the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. Thus, the tin ceiling will be rehung.

With demo complete, the interior framing has begun and the drawn plans have come to life. We were able to refine the location and height of the Town Clerk’s service windows making them more functional, shift an interior wall and expand a closet for greater storage. The plan for exterior windows has been under discussion. A sample of the proposed storm window was sent for our reference. The location of operable and in-operable windows is under review as well.

In preparation for the electricians’ arrival on site, the location of electric outlets and data cable connections were finalized. The plans for the doors and door hardware were reviewed with an eye to security and functionality. There will be a combination of doors with keyed locks and doors with swipe access. The lighting plan has also been reviewed and the number of fixtures reduced in some spaces. Lighting will be ample and warm, but not-overpowering.

Lastly, the site plan is inching closer to finalization. There are many factors influencing the final plan – the location of the septic, the depth and placement of the sprinkler cisterns, a decision optimizing the underground electric feed to the building and lastly, the accessibility ramp.

If you have any questions about the project, please reach out to the Selectmen’s Office.

*Karen Hambleton,  
Town Administrator*



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## Swimming on Ice

Every winter, as the lakes begin to freeze and snow begins to fly, I'm on high alert for that rare occasion when the lakes freeze and the snow holds off and presto, a skater's paradise is born!

Homemade backyard rinks and indoor skating rinks are well and good for city folk, kids and hockey, but I'll take an outdoor body of water any day over a zamboni-cleared man-made rink. (Must be where the term rinky-dink came from.)

There's nothing like the expanse of a natural (or even dammed) body of frozen water stretching out from shore to shore, surrounded by woods and mountains in their winter garb of skeletal branches and thick greenery dotted by splashes of red berries. And when that expanse of thick ice is smooth as glass, those first shaky steps onto the lake soon become long, gliding strides that lift the spirit, gladden the heart and bring joy to the soul.

That incredible sense of fulfillment, that absolute conviction that something is aright in the world satisfies like nothing else. Gliding and turning in graceful curvaceous swoops and swirls, dancing with the beauty of nature with that feeling of nearly effortless fluidity are a peaceful, healing balm for mind, body and soul.

Recently I had the added sensation of 'swimming' on the ice. It happened when I skated close to shore and hit an icy patch pocked with air bubbles. My skates broke through the thin crust, I stumbled, lost my balance and in slow motion sprawled forward onto the ice. When I tried to stand I kept breaking through the crust so I resumed my sprawl and began to 'swim' along the surface. For a few brief moments I was a little kid basking in the sensation of swimming on top of the ice. Then I was back on firm ice, skating instead of swimming, grinning like the proverbial fool.

Now the ice is covered with snow, so it's back to skiing, snowshoeing and micro-spiking through our beautiful winter wonderland. But with luck and the grace of Nature, skating and 'swimming' on ice may still be in this winter's forecast!

*Laura Beaton, January 2023*

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**Kearsarge Food  
Hub Named Lake  
Sunapee Chamber  
of Commerce 2022  
Business of the Year**

Kearsarge Food Hub is honored to have been named the 2022 Business of the Year by the Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce. This award is for any status organization, including nonprofit like us. Here's what the chamber had to say about our work at the awards ceremony:

“A business with such selfless dedication to its community. Working tirelessly to grow a hyper locally supplied market and cafe with multi acre farm during an incredibly difficult time to run a profitable restaurant, solely in an attempt take all profits and return them directly to the community through food donation, most importantly in the form of healthy meals, accessible 24/7, free of charge, for anyone suffering from food insecurity.

Nominated in almost every category this evening, the work of the team at the Kearsarge Food Hub is unlike any other. From seeing a need for change and education to creating an absolutely incredible space in Bradford and becoming a resource for so many.

What Kearsarge Food Hub offers is more than the fruits and veggies at Sweet Beet Market or a tea and scone at their new Sweet Beet Cafe... it's a NEW way of life – a NEW way to connect with your neighbors – a NEW way to look at local food – a NEW way to change the world around you. There is nothing more powerful than that.”

We're so very heartened that our community nominated us, and the LSRCC board voted us Business of the Year. We're also thrilled to be in the company of the outstanding individuals and organizations who were recognized for their work at the awards ceremony. We look forward to another great year of community service and learning as we grow!

Please contact Hanna Flanders for more information: [hanna@kearsargefoodhub.org](mailto:hanna@kearsargefoodhub.org)



# BRADFORD COMMUNITY EVENTS

*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.*

**Wednesday, March 1**

- 1:00 pm Yoga
- 4:30 pm Girl Scouts
- 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
- 6:00 pm Jeff Snow performs Celtic Music, BML
- 7:00 pm Zoning Board

**Friday, March 3**

- 8:45 am Strong Living Exercise

**Saturday, March 4**

- 11:00 am Supervisors of The Checklist

**Monday, March 6**

- 8:45 am Strong Living Exercise
- 10:00 am Storytime, BML
- 1:00 pm Bridge Group
- 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
- 6:00 pm Kristen Mahaly from Nourish: "Reducing Inflammation", BML

**Tuesday, March 7**

- 10:00 am Quilting Group
- 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
- 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
- 6:00 pm Eco. Development Committee

**Wednesday, March 8**

- 1:00 pm Yoga
- 4:30 pm Girl Scouts
- 5:00 pm Cemetery Committee
- 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
- 6:00 pm Steve Hale: Open World Explorers Backyard Birding in Spring (Steve returns to discuss birds!), BML

**Thursday, March 9**

- 5:30 pm Parks & Rec

**Friday, March 10**

- 8:45 am Strong Living Exercise

**Saturday, March 11**

- 10:00 am Candidate Forum, BACC

**Monday, March 13**

- 8:45 am Strong Living Exercise
- 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, March 14**

- 7:00 am Bradford Town Elections, Voting until 8:00 pm, BACC

**Wednesday, March 15**

- 9:00 am LSVNA Wellness Check, MVSC
- 11:30 am Footcare Clinic, MVSC
- 1:00 pm Yoga
- 4:30 pm Girl Scouts
- 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
- 7:00 pm Town Meeting, KRES 163 Old Warner Road

**Friday, March 17**

- 8:45 am Strong Living Exercise

**Saturday, March 18**

- 11:00 am Pete & Natalia share their recent travel experience to Ukraine through stories and pictures, BML

**Monday, March 20**

- 8:45 am Strong Living Exercise
- 10:00 am Storytime, BML
- 1:00 pm Bridge Group
- 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
- 6:00 pm Kris Foss: Introduction to Herbalism, BML

**Tuesday, March 21**

- 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, March 22**

- 1:00 pm Yoga
- 4:30 pm Girl Scouts
- 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
- 7:00 pm Book Group: "Eileen" by Ottessa Moshfegh

**Friday, March 24**

- 8:45 am Strong Living Exercise

**Monday, March 27**

- 8:45 am Strong Living Exercise
- 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, March 28**

- 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, March 29**

- 1:00 pm Yoga
- 4:30 pm Girl Scouts
- 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

**Friday, March 31**

- 8:45 am Strong Living Exercise

**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



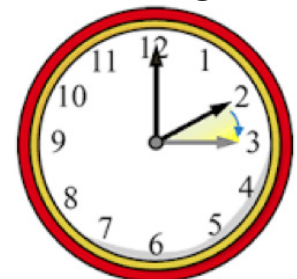
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## Bradford Community Church March Events

Interim Pastor, Lynne Hubley. Our Sunday Services start at 10am. Communion Service is held on the First Sunday of the month. Sunday School meets in the Friendship Room for ages 4-12 after the *Time With God's Children* during worship service. Bible Story and crafts. Office hours are Wednesdays 9am to 2pm.

In February we received donations to support the victims in the earthquake in Turkey through Samaritan's Purse.

Bible Studies: Tuesday mornings at 10am *The Word of God* in the office building and on Wednesday nights *Study of Genesis* from 6-7pm in the Friendship Room at Church.

Prayer Gathering to pray for our church, community, and world the last Sunday of every month 8:30-9:30am in the office building.

AA meets every Sunday night at 7pm in the Friendship Room.

The Bradford Community Food Pantry is open the 3rd Wednesday of every month, 5:30-6:30pm in the church office building (located to the right of the church), if you need help between our open times, please call the church office (603-938-5313) for an appointment.

Donations needed are: tuna, juice, peanut butter, and soups and can be dropped off during office hours (Wednesdays 9am-2 pm) or in the collection box outside the office door at 88 West Main Street, Bradford NH.



## BRADFORD EVENTS

**Wednesday, March 1, 6:00 pm. Jeff Snow: *The Softer Side of Celtic* at Brown Memorial Library.** The instruments' magical sounds, vocals, and Jeff's love and knowledge of his Scottish heritage create a delightful program of traditional and original tunes and songs. Info at: [www.brownmemoriallibrary.org](http://www.brownmemoriallibrary.org).

**Monday, March 6, 6:00 pm. Reduce Inflammation Through Holistic Nutrition and Lifestyle at Brown Memorial Library.** Join Nourish Owner and Board Certified Holistic Nutritionist, Kristen Mihaly, for a discussion and Q&A. Info at: [www.brownmemoriallibrary.org](http://www.brownmemoriallibrary.org).

**Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 11:00 am. The Bradford Democratic Party Caucus will take place at the home of Beth Rodd, 105 Marshall Hill Road, Bradford.** All registered Democrats in Bradford are eligible to vote in the caucus election for Bradford Party officers. For info: Eileen Kelly at 603-938-2779 or email at [ekelly@mcttelecom.com](mailto:ekelly@mcttelecom.com).

**Monday, March 20, 6:00pm. Introduction to Herbalism at Brown Memorial Library.** Learn how to use herbs in your home daily, including teas, tinctures, and oils. Kris Foss is a resident of Bradford and an herbalist and owner of Moon

Mama Herbs, an apothecary and gift shop in Newbury. Info at: [www.brownmemoriallibrary.org](http://www.brownmemoriallibrary.org).

**Begins Thursday, March 30, 6:15 pm. Yoga Nidra Journeys with Tara at Evergreen Studio.** In this 8-class series, that meets every other week, we will delve into the practice and the state of Yoga Nidra. Info at: [www.taramahady.com/yoga-nidra-journeys](http://www.taramahady.com/yoga-nidra-journeys).

**Sunday, April 2, 11:00 am. Kids Yoga with Leah at Evergreen Studio.** We will find movement and stillness in fun and familiar postures, explore our breath, and practice meditation techniques. This class is designed for ages 3-10 but all are welcome. Info at: [www.evergreenhealingarts.org](http://www.evergreenhealingarts.org).

**Saturday, March 18, 10:00 am. Mt Kearsarge Indian Museum Maple Day in Warner.** Free outdoor demonstrations, a raffle, maple baked goods, and maple syrup for sale. Info at: [www.indianmuseum.org/calendar/2023/3/18/maple-day](http://www.indianmuseum.org/calendar/2023/3/18/maple-day).

**Sunday, March 19, 12:00 pm. Maple Syrup Tasting Event at Warner Town Hall by the Warner Historical Society.** Info at: [www.warnerhistorical.org](http://www.warnerhistorical.org).

**Fridays, March, 6:30 pm. Indoor Pickleball at Simonds School in Warner.** For more information, download the app Team Reach, enter the name WarnerNHPB to check on player numbers, and add your name in advance.

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**Town of Bradford**  
**March 14, 2023 Election**  
**Declared and Write-in Candidates**  
**as of February 20, 2023**  
**Official Sample Ballot, Page 17**

*When voting take this page or a photo on your phone.*

**Selectman for 3 years – (vote for 1)**

**Spencer Wyand**  
**Marlene Freyler**

**Budget Committee for 3 years – (vote for 2)**

**Write-in Candidates: Tim McKenna, Laurie Colburn,**  
**Dawn E. Gezelman**

**Budget Committee for 1 year – (vote for 1)**

**Write-in Candidate: Kimberly Firth**

**Cemetery Commission for 3 years – (vote for 1)**

**No candidates**

**Planning Board for 3 years – (vote for 2)**

**Katie Olohan**

**Planning Board for 1 year – (vote for 1)**

**Shanna Griffin**

**Scholarship Committee for 3 years – (vote for 1)**

**Mary Keegan-Dayton, Mary-Chris Duncan,**  
**Shanna Griffin**

**Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years – (vote for 1)**

**Thomas Marshall**

**Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library for 3 years – (vote for 2)**

**Mary Keegan-Dayton, Laura Beaton**

**Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 years – (vote for 1)**

**No candidates**

**Trustee of the Trust Funds for 2 years – (vote for 1)**

**No candidates**

**Zoning Board for 3 years – (vote for 2)**

**Jim Varney**  
**Write-in Candidates: Bruce Gezelman,**  
**Kelly McCaskill**

**Zoning Board for Two Years – (vote for 1)**

**Laura Beaton**

**Kearsarge Regional School Board Representative**

**Eric Gregoire**

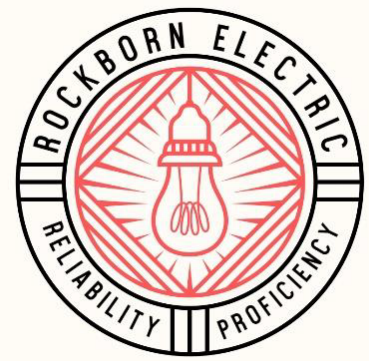


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