

# The Bradford Bridge

COMMUNITY NEWS *for* NEIGHBORS *by* NEIGHBORS

## Bradford Town Hall – Moving Forward

A Discussion Concerning the Options and Costs

**When:** Thursday, February 8, 6 PM

**Where:** Bradford Area Community Center Senior Room

**Who:** Bradford Community: Residents, Tax Payers, Voters

**What:** Discussion facilitated by Architect Jay Barrett on Options and Costs

Be part of an important and comprehensive discussion about the future of the Bradford Town Hall. Architect Jay Barrett will present as many as five options, along with the costs and reasons pro and con, available to the town to house the municipal functions of Bradford's local government. Mr. Barrett organized this discussion in order to fully inform the citizens of Bradford about the many aspects of this project, past and present, and to explore the best way forward. Every citizen should become informed and understand the basis for the decision made by the Board of Selectmen regarding the 2018 Town Meeting warrant article for funding renovations to the Town Hall.

Come, participate, be part of this discussion.

## Positions Open

Positions open for election of town officers at March 13, 2018 Town Election:

**Moderator**  
*for 2 years, 1 opening*

**Selectman**  
*for 3 years, 1 opening*

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector**  
*for 3 years, 1 opening*

**Treasurer**  
*for 3 years, 1 opening*

**Supervisor of the Checklist**  
*for 6 years, 1 opening*

**Trustee of the Trust Funds**  
*for 3 years, 1 opening*

**Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library**  
*for 3 years, 2 openings*

**Scholarship Committee**  
*for 3 years, 1 opening*

**Budget Committee**  
*for 3 years, 2 openings*

**Planning Board**  
*for 1 year, 1 opening*

**Planning Board**  
*for 3 years, 2 openings*

**Zoning Board**  
*for 3 years, 1 opening*

**Cemetery Commission**  
*for 3 years, 1 opening*

File declarations for candidacy at the Bradford Town Clerk's Office during the following hours:  
February 1, 8am - 12/1 - 4pm  
February 2, 3 - 5pm



## Town Meeting Dates & Times

**Thursday, February 8, 6 pm,**  
Town Hall Presentation by Architect Jay Barrett, BACC, Senior Room

**Monday, February 12, 6 pm,**  
Bond Hearing, BACC, Senior Room

**Tuesday, February 13, 6 pm,**  
Budget Hearing, BACC, Learning Room

**Monday, February 26, 6 pm,**  
Second Budget Hearing, if needed, BACC, Youth Room

**Saturday, March 3, 1:30-3:30 pm,**  
Tours of Town Hall, to see work done to date

**Saturday, March 10, 1:30-3:30 pm,**  
*Snow Date – Tours of Town Hall*

**Saturday, March 10, 10 - Noon,**  
Candidates Forum, BACC, Senior Room

**Tuesday, March 13, 8 am - 7 pm,**  
Voting for Town Officers, BACC, Learning Room

**Wednesday March 14, 7 pm,**  
Town Meeting, KRES

*BACC:*  
*Bradford Area Community Center*



## Snowshoe for Scholarship

Saturday, February 17, 11:00 am  
At the Home of Mary & Bliss Dayton  
See page 17 for details



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(closed 12 Noon - 1 PM)  
Friday: 8:00 AM - Noon

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Thursday: 8 AM - 12 PM/ 1 PM - 4 PM

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### PLANNING BOARD HOURS

Office hours Tuesdays 12:30 - 4:30

*Town offices are temporarily located at  
Bradford Area Community Center, 134 East  
Main St. P.O. Box 436. Bradford, NH 03221*

## Letter from the Editor

Here are just some of the things to look for this month:

**Town meeting dates.** Find out what's going on with **budgets** and **bonding BEFORE** town meeting. Go to a meeting, become informed, and be a voice in a small group.

### Get out in Bradford.

Put on some snowshoes and help raise some funds for the Bradford Town Scholarship fund at the **Snowshoe for Scholarship Fund-raiser**. Catch some fish with the **Bradford Fish and Game Club** at the ice fishing derby. To kick off your winter break bring the family to the **Bradford Parks and Rec Winter Carnival**.

### For your fireside reading:

Ann Eldridge outlines some of the things you'd need to know to be an adorable chickadee in **Outside**. In **Oh the Places They'll Go** find out what life is like for Bradford's own Paddy Dayton as he works to rebuild schools and hope in earthquake-devastated Haibung, Nepal. Laurie Farrell, DVM, demystifies rabies in **Tragedy Due to Rabies**.

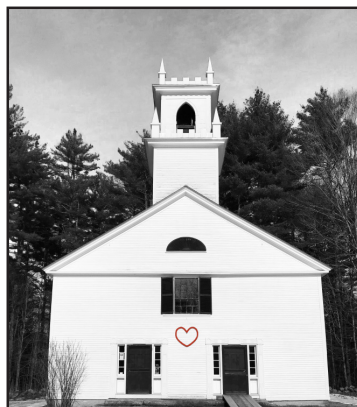
**Bradford Oddities** tells why there is a "bump" in Bradford's boundary with Newbury; **Cornerstones** reminds us of a soda fountain and how a clock came to be in the Bradford Community Church; and learn a way to eat those rutabagas by making the delicious-sounding *Vegetable Soup with Orzo* recipe from **Local Feast**.

**And much more.** We hope these pages help you stay informed about and interested in happenings in our town.

To keep your hard-earned dollars working even harder **please support our advertisers and your local businesses.**

In this month of hearts and valentines, the words of Henry David Thoreau: *There is no remedy for love but to love more.*

*Kathleen Bigford, Editor*



### BRADFORD CENTER MEETINGHOUSE

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*See page 19 for details*



## Town Hall Progress Report: From the Ground Up



The rumors about my discontinuing monthly articles for *The Bridge* were obviously premature. But wait, I was the one that started the rumors, wasn't I? The fact is, I could not resist writing one for January and now here we are, closing in on February 1st. The one for March, coming just before the Town Meeting, might happen as well.

On to business. It was a pleasure the other day to drive by the Town Hall toward dusk and see second floor lights on. For a moment, I was taken back to the "old days" when it was common to have activities in that wonderful building at all hours of the day. A nice bit of nostalgia!

We will have an opportunity to learn about the progress of the restoration on two occasions coming up soon. The first is on February 8th when Jay Barrett, our architect, will be conducting a forum to explain where we are and the wisdom of various options going forward. It will be at 6:00 PM at the Community Center. The second will be on March 3rd when Jay will conduct tours of the building to show it off face to face. Having just recently gone through the building myself, I know there is nothing like a personal visit. The magnitude and complexity are striking, and it is hard to connect its appearance now with my memory

of Bobcats burrowing under the building during the early days of restoration. There is now a room in the Southwest corner of the building, where there was nothing before and the full foundation is in place, including an elevator base (still no wet bar for the Moderator, though). The basement is particularly impressive—there are steel beams everywhere, along with support posts and a forest and a half worth of two by tens and two by twelves holding things up square and secure. You leave with the impression that it's a very good thing the work was done and not put off for a few more years. As my late electrician used to say about my old house, "It was staying up out of habit." I think the Town Hall's habit might have been about to leave town. It was a real treat to see the interior and the sheer quantity of the work Liam and the Trumbull-Nelson crew have done. I urge everyone to take a tour.

There may be some "alternate plans" on the Town Meeting Warrant this year. The Budget Committee has voted to support the expenditure of \$150,000 to make sure that the Town Hall remains safe, secure and protected for the next year but not to be spent on continuing the restoration for now. That would apparently include some insulating and heating at a low level.

The other approach – the one the Selectmen unanimously favor – is to request passage of a bond to cover the costs of completing the project. Even that would still not include finishing off the second floor, but it would get the town offices back in the building. By the time you read this, the Town Meeting Warrant may be published and you'll know more than I do now.

See you next month. Maybe. Probably.

*Brackett Scheffy for the Town Hall  
Restoration Oversight Committee*

## Recording Secretary Position

The Selectmen are accepting applications for a Recording Secretary. This position currently serves the Planning Board, Zoning Board, Select Board and Budget Committee; however, the position could be shared by two people. Responsibilities include minute taking and transcription in accordance with the Rules of Procedure and applicable state laws, posting notices and agendas, written and verbal correspondence, keeping financial records, purchasing supplies, filing, tape recording and assisting Town officials and the public with access to the Boards' files.

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

Position averages between 2 and 7 hours per week, though there will be weeks where as many as 15 hours are worked. Availability in the evening is required.

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

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## Town Board Reports

### Board of Selectmen

**Town Hall** The Selectmen affirmed that Architect Jay Barrett is the point person for Town Hall, letting him explain the technical aspects of the project, the finances and problems.

**Funding** The Board of Selectmen after careful consideration of the Budget Committee's recommendation regarding funding of Town Hall renovations, sent a letter to the BC outlining the reasons for following a different course of action. The Board will present a warrant article for a bond in the amount of approximately \$960,000. This sum represents the balance needed to complete the first floor of Town Hall and move the town offices back into the building. They feel that the extensive renovations are a prudent investment in Bradford's future. The building is a valuable asset and will serve as an important community facility for many years to come. The choice to spread the payments into coming years allows the future generations using the Town Hall to bear a share of its cost.

**Building Permits** The Selectmen reviewed Bradford's Building Code Ordinance and the consequences of not getting a building permit, including RSA 676:17 Penalties and Remedies. They voted to ask the code enforcement officer to enforce the process and penalties currently in place. Offenders will be notified that enforcement of penalties will begin on February 1, 2018.

**Cooperative Extension Representative** Jared Reynolds offered assistance in the areas of business retention and expansion and community development.

**Pre-Payment of 2018 Property Taxes** The Selectmen affirmed that the Town of Bradford has historically accepted tax pre-payments and will continue to do so. They will review on a case by case basis any requests for the refund of prepaid tax.

**Highway Department** Chairman John Pfeifle noted that the Road Crew had been doing an excellent job on the roads; much improved over years past.

The Board extended a warm thank you to Emma Dubaere who baked cookies for the Road Crew.

### Zoning Issues

The Board requested an update on the former Bruss building at 114 East Main Street with regard to its lack of a building permit and certificate of occupancy. The building inspector has been in touch with the owner but has not seen paperwork yet.

Consistent enforcement of the temporary sign ordinance was discussed in view of the temporary signs around town for Sweet Beet.

### Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

The CIP sub-committee discussed a variety of funding methods for the Town Hall, from 'mothballing' while setting money aside over a period of years to a bond to complete the work now underway. The committee voted to propose "mothballing" the building to prepare a savings plan for financing, with would not require a bond. The vote was 3 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain.

The Committee then discussed alternate ways to invest trust funds to generate increased returns. The BNSYS (Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports) and Cemetery Trust Funds were mentioned as possible trust funds to begin to understanding this approach. A presentation on this subject will be given at the Library at 7 PM on Friday, February 16.

### Zoning Board of Adjustment

**Variance** Application submitted by the Dunne family to subdivide property on Bible Hill Road, Map 7/Lot 20, to provide separate tax cards for the two homes on the lot. The house was built in 2002. A special exception was granted in 2002 allowing a second home on the lot.

Brackett Scheffy noted how well maintained this class VI road is and gave his opinion that this will not change anything other than the tax map. He also suggested that a waiver of liabilities be filed under RSA 674:41,I (c) (3) with the state. This RSA states the town will not be liable for maintenance of the road, including any damages resulting from road use, including police, fire, ambulance, and

school bus transportation.

Abutter Carolyn Stiles mentioned past/present issues with the road due to the Dunne maintenance, but did not object to the subdivision.

Comments from the Conservation Commission: State advises against house construction on Class 6 roads for reasons of sprawl and liability and Bradford's zoning provides for subdivision of land on Class 6 only into large lots for forestry and agriculture. The BCC expressed disappointment in repeated failures of town authorities to consider the long range effects of fragmentation of potentially valuable wildlife habitat, forestry and agricultural reserves, and opportunities for viable recreation industry.

The BCC letter reinforces the issues of 2 homes on 1 property, and recommends it not be a practice in the future.

Public meeting was closed, the Board discussed the request, reviewed the variance criteria and voted 5 – 0 to grant the variance.

**Alternate** Ken Parys offered to serve as an alternate to the ZBA and was appointed by the Board.

**NFI License Review.** Zoning Board received an application initiated by NFI to offer transitional housing to adults; some with disabilities at a residential facility on Route 103. Discussion determined that no change in use of the facility has occurred and NFI remains in compliance with Zoning Regulations. The application was approved, signed, and forwarded to NFI.

### Planning Board

**Subdivision** Application for a subdivision of property on Bagley Hill Road Map 3/Lots 55 & 56, owned by Nate Kimball. The application was approved, but the Board confirmed that a street plan would be required when a house is built on the 'rear lot' created by this subdivision.

**Planning Board Chair** Pam Bruss was elected to this position following the resignation of Erich Caron.

**Site Plan Review** A public hearing was held on the application for a



Commercial Junk Yard, on 1.4 acres of a 123 acre parcel, located off of County Road, Map 9/Lot 45 owned by William Heselton. The use was approved by Special Exception by the ZBA on October 12, 2016. Public comments were received both in support and in opposition. After deliberation, the Planning Board voted to continue the hearing to a Special Meeting on February 6th at 7 PM to allow time to consider the information and gain advice from DES and an outside expert.

**Capital Improvements Program (CIP)**  
The Board discussed the current 6 year plan and the CIP guidelines that provide long-term benefits to the tax rate based on capital expenditures for each department. There were no comments. After deliberation, the vote was to approve the Town of Bradford Capital Improvements Program 2018-2023. Selectman Representative Sonny Harris abstained.

Due to the lateness of the hour, further business was postponed to the next regular meeting on February 13. The

meeting adjourned at 11:30 PM.

**Conservation Commission  
Bradford Hazard Mitigation  
Committee** George Beaton volunteered to attend the next meeting.

**Eagle Scout Project** Scout Brady Lombard has changed the direction of his project. He will focus on constructing an information kiosk on the Bradford segment of the rail trail. Commission members applaud his dedication to the Scouts and our community.

**Library Trustees  
Librarian** Advertising the position of Library Director should be done in February or March 2018 in view of the retirement of Librarian Meg Fearnley. They discussed the need to advertise the position on state library website. Meg passed out library job descriptions and ideal hours for the future and noted that there may be a need for additional Library Assistants.

*Minutes of all meetings are on file at the Town Office and online at [bradfordnh.org](http://bradfordnh.org).*

## Senate Race



A delegation of eight adventurous New Hampshire residents, including Bradford residents Eileen Kelly (rear, far right) and Rep. Beth Rodd (back row, 3rd from left) traveled to Birmingham, Alabama to assist with the Senate race between Republican Roy Moore and Democrat Doug Jones. For the first time in a quarter of a century, Alabama sent a Democrat, Doug Jones, to the US Senate.

### THE FUTURE OF BRADFORD'S FINANCES hosted by the Capital Improvement Program Committee

Learn the facts about Bradford's financial situation and examine a proposal for sound financing



Friday, February 16th  
6:30 pm  
Brown Memorial Library

*Light refreshments and hors d'oeuvres by "Feast of NH"*

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## Outside

At the age of twelve I landed a high-paying job housecleaning for the elderly Miss Mason. Her home was quiet, orderly, and perfectly clean already by my standards. From every wall, nook, pillow, and vase beamed the cheerful image of a Black-Capped Chickadee – the muse and mascot of her solitary life. All of these required my weekly dusting.

It is said that humans are emotionally programmed for attraction to creatures with bright eyes and large heads – not unlike our own babies. The adorableness of the chickadee tribe is universally accepted and their skulls are in fact 50% larger than birds of similar size. A chickadee's brain, about the size of a garbanzo bean, is larger than that of a swallow or flycatcher's, for example. But it's not brain volume that makes a genius, it's how many neurons you can stuff into a cortex-like structure. Many species of birds pack an astonishing neuron density, at least similar to what is found in primates. (Note: humans are primates.) It's no small feat to migrate hundreds or thousands of miles but it is also an accomplishment to survive the winter. Chickadees living in harsher environments are more neuronically endowed than relatives in cushier locations.

What follows is just some of what you would need to know to be an adorable chickadee:

How to recognize your mate, your flock leaders especially respective to your gender, and the changing pecking order (males, females, and sub-adults appear identical to humans).

Know your spring/summer and fall/winter territory boundaries and yell as appropriate at any incursions by neighboring chickadees.

Cache thousands of food items in multiple locations and remember where they are in six months. (To



practice: hide your car keys in the woods for a few months and then go find them.)

Also note where others have hidden food.

Be able to rapidly take advantage of novel food sources.

Rapidly catch on that bugs and ripe fruit don't keep well in warm weather – and store appropriate food in fall for winter use.

Call often to stay in touch with your seasonal flock. Accept most other migrating or local species into the flock. There is security in numbers and they may locate additional food sources for you. They will use your louder voices to stay in touch with each other. (As in: if lost, go find a flock of loud chickadees and I'll meet you there.)

Be accomplished at 'vocal learning'. (Humans generally have this one down already.) Most species (for instance a fox or a frog), rely on instinctive sounds for their communication. You, however, will listen to only your relatives and practice the local dialect of the enormous chickadee vocabulary. Chickadees have 'one of the most sophisticated and exacting systems of communication of any land animal'.\* Their language has syntax – specific rules – and different

meanings if reordered. Chickadee vocalizations distinguish where a perceived threat is coming from, what it is, and what degree of threat. Local birds can interpret this. (Humans could too, if so inclined.)

Know where to call and when – from a perch for better acoustics, a higher pitch in a congested city park, earlier if you live near an airport, et cetera.

Practice 'regulated hypothermia' on winter nights by lowering body temperature and metabolism in general. This is important. You will need to consume many times more calories on winter days to maintain your high activity level and high daytime body temperature and still make it through the longer nights. You will need to find some protected crevice or hole to sleep in and expect that your tail may be a bit out of shape in the morning because of it. Winter survival rates are low in most years.

Come spring, know how to excavate a cavity in an appropriate tree, remembering to carefully remove all wood chips to another location. Understand all nesting requirements as dictated by gender.

And you should be able to recognize other specific individuals of your own and other species and your previous interactions with them. You would know Miss Mason (see opening paragraph) by her face and you would probably like her very much.

*\*The Genius of Birds by Jennifer Ackerman*

*Ann Eldridge*

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## Legislative Report

Our first two legislative sessions in January were devoted to voting on bills retained from the 2017 calendar and studied over the summer. As we begin the second year of the term, we are being presented with legislation that is new, already exists and needs modification, or addresses changing policy norms. Our members, from both sides of the aisle, are devoted to representing our constituents and work hard to come to consensus on controversial bills, which we are sometimes but not always able to do.

A sampling of bills includes:

SB 193. A bill that passed the Senate and the House relating to school vouchers. Proponents believe that broadening educational opportunities outside of our public-school systems provide diversity in school choice. Opponents decry the draining of public funds into private, home-schooled and religious school coffers. Stay tuned for a legal battle.

HB 587 and SB 224. These bills would ban “Conversion Therapy”, an attempt to change sexual orientation. Conversion therapy has been disputed as illegitimate by psychologists and other mental health professionals. A reconsideration of the failure to ban this therapy will be coming to the House floor soon.

HB 656. The legalization of marijuana passed the House by a 207 to 139 vote. Now it’s off to the Senate and onto the Governor’s desk. There are many hurdles ahead for this bill.

HB 592 and HB 559. Energy efficiency. The House voted to defeat HB 592 and approve HB 559. The passage of HB 559 increases funding for the low-income energy efficiency program and municipal energy projects.

HB 628. The House approved a Family and Medical Leave bill, funded by employee contributions of about \$5/week. The bill contains an opt-out provision for those who do not wish to participate.

These are only a few of the bills that have been presented this session but there are plenty of other pieces of legislation that are fascinating, technical, judicial, family related and concerning health and human services among others. If you have a particular interest in any category of legislation, please contact me for additional information. As always, if you would like to come to a session or participate in any aspect of the legislative process, please contact me.

*Rep. Beth Rodd  
Merrimack District 6,  
Bradford/Henniker  
Tel. (603) 496-0307*

## Town of Bradford

### Notice of Public Bond Hearing

Monday, February 12, 6 pm  
Bradford Area Community Center

Pursuant to RSA 33:8-a, a public hearing will be held to hear details of the proposed issuance of the following BOND:

A BOND to complete the renovations, begun in 2017, of the existing Bradford Town Hall necessary to prepare the first floor for occupancy by the town offices and to provide needed meeting space. The exact amount of the bond is yet to be fully determined, but is estimated at \$960,000.

Questions should be addressed to the Selectmen’s Office at 603-938-5900.

## Town of Bradford

### Budget Committee Notice of Public Hearing

Tuesday, February 13, 7 pm  
*and if needed on*  
Monday, February 26, 7 pm  
Bradford Area Community Center

For the purpose of open disclosure and discussion on the proposed 2018 budgets prior to the Budget Committee’s recommendation of the same, per RSA 32:5.

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# Library Lantern

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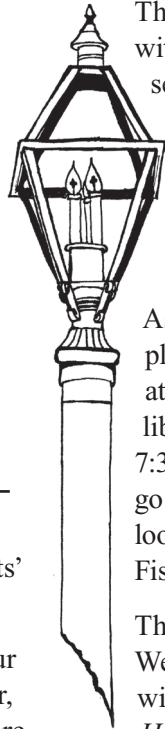
### Library Hours:

Monday 10:00am – 8:00pm  
Wednesday 10:00am – 7:00pm  
Saturday 10:00am – 3:00pm  
Sunday 11:00am – 3:00pm

The library is open on Presidents' Day, Monday, February 19.

Come in and take a gander at our display cases. Our ace organizer, Leslie Grey, discovered a treasure trove of library ledgers, correspondence, and albums dating back to 1892 (the year the library was established in Bradford). Someone meticulously cut out every local obituary and pasted them into an album. It makes for fascinating reading (don't work in a sawmill!). If you would like to take a closer look at anything in the displays, please ask at the desk and we will gladly retrieve the item for you.

Speaking of treasures, if you have a mini-pirate at home, have them come into the library during February for our Library Self-Guided Treasure Hunt. Youngsters can pick up clues at the circulation desk and search the library high and low for buried treasure!



This month's book display Blind Date with a Book will have book matches selected "just for you". Pick up a wrapped book for a chance to discover something new. And remember the librarian's rule... read at least 50 pages before you think of giving up!

As I write this article there are still plenty of spaces left in the Intermediate Fly Tying Course offered at the library every Monday evening 5:30-7:30 through February 12. To register, go to <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us>, look under Fishing, then "Let's Go Fishing" for registration details.

This month's book discussion is on Wednesday, February 21 at 7pm. We will share our impression of *The History of Wolves* by Emily Fridlund. This novel is not about wolves...directly.

Here's a list of some new titles added in January:

### For Adults

*The Night Market* / by Jonathan Moore

*Halsey Street* / by Naima Coster

*Megafire* / by Michael Kodas

*Tell me More* / by Kelly Corrigan

*Radio Free Vermont* / by Bill McKibben

### For Children

*On a magical do-nothing day* / Beatrice Alemagna

*Snow & Rose* / written and illustrated by Emily Winfield Martin

*The explorer* / Katherine Rundell

*Another way to climb a tree* / Liz Garton Scanlon

*The boy and the whale* / Mordicai Gerstein

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## Are you caring for someone with memory loss who could benefit from social interaction?

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*My late husband Don, who loved to kid around, always had a good time at the respite program.*

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—Joan Lamson

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## New Library Exhibit

The Bradford Art Group announces Brown Memorial Library's first exhibition in the New Year, Places in the Heart, acrylic paintings by Alan Zola Shulman.

Alan Shulman began finger painting at the age of two. His parents started taking him to New York City art museums almost as soon as he could walk the galleries. He remembers that he was entertained by Van Gogh, De Chirico, Benton, O'Keefe, Kandinsky, Magritte, and Dali. He is inclined to create paintings that become stories, explicit or implied whether they are about places, persons, events, or ideas. His work can range from environmental, economic or historical commentaries, to portrait and landscape images which he hopes will prompt the viewer to ask questions.

For the last twenty-one years, Alan has lived in New London within view of Mount Sunapee. Among the paintings included in this exhibit are his interpretations of: Sunapee Harbor, New London Town Hall, and A Musterfield Kind of Day. The exhibit continues through March.

The barrier-free Brown Memorial Library, located at 78 West Main Street in Bradford, NH is open: Mon. 10 - 8; Wed. 10 - 7; Sat. 10 - 3; Sun. 11 - 3. For Info Call: 938-5562.

## How Far Do We Go?



*It was good to visit Phyllis and Brian Wilcox in their new home in Parkland, Florida. Katie Betz and Phyllis Wilcox pore over the contents of the Bradford Bridge on a hot and sunny day.*

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## Oh, The Places They'll Go!



*Paddy and Alyssa with the early stages of a build in the background.*

Since October of last year Paddy Dayton, a native of Bradford, and Alyssa Riley have been working with All Hands and Hearts – Smart Response in and around Haibung, Nepal on a project to rebuild schools destroyed by an earthquake and aftershocks in 2015. Here is the result of our email interview.

### ***What attracted you to this project?***

On our travels we wanted to experience the world and contribute to it in some small ways. We were looking to explore Asia and interact with its culture in an intimate way. When we heard about All Hands and Hearts it seemed like a great way to experience Nepal. The project also appealed to our love for mountains, Paddy's interest in construction and Alyssa's desire to be somewhat handy with a hammer.

### ***How severe was the damage in Haibung? What are the current living conditions?***

The earthquake in 2015 struck Nepal hardest in two areas, Gorkha and the Sindhupalchok regions. We are living in Haibung, which is a village in the Sindhupalchok region where about 109,000 people were affected. Currently we still can see the damages caused by the 6.7 magnitude aftershock that did most of the destruction. Though some houses may have been removed, the people who lived in them remain without proper homes. Many community mem-

bers live in CGI (corrugated galvanized iron) structures with tarps as roofs. Most of the local schools collapsed creating educational displacements or lack of provided schooling.

### ***What are the children doing while the school is under construction? Are there classes for them?***

The children are subject to a few different circumstances while their future schools are under construction. Some have a temporary learning center located farther away than the original school that would otherwise be used for some other community purpose. Another organization has helped communities put up one building in which students from 2 or 3 buildings will study. This forces a lot of classes outside which makes education impossible in bad weather. Less fortunate students may not attend school at all due to their location and lack of current facilities.

### ***You're working 10-hour days, six days a week. Describe a working day.***

A typical volunteer's day will start at 7:30 on-site where we start with a morning briefing describing the work day. Then everyone is divided into their teams of around 5 people with one volunteer to lead them through their days task. As we are building according to earthquake-resistant designs, the day's work will typically involve mixing mortar, cutting bricks, bending rebar, tying rebar, or doing some carpentry with formwork. Every team works with the local Nepali workers on site, the project coordinator (my role), and a Nepali engineer who is also always present in case anyone needs additional support. We have an hour for lunch where we eat dhal baht [steamed rice and cooked lentil soup], work the afternoon, then go back to the base at 4, and have some free time before a community meeting at 6pm. As a staff member, my days are the same except for a staff meeting at 5:30pm and a few other weekly meetings that might be around dinner time.

### ***When will the school be completed? Will you be there when it is?***

There are 4 different projects currently active. Three of them operate out of our main base while the other has its own satellite base about 2 hours' drive (8 miles) away. I will be here for the finishes of the 2 schools where I've been coordinating. The first one finishes January 24th and the other March 21st. These schools I'm working on don't take very long because we reuse the steel structure and most of the foundation and build around them. The main project and biggest school is an entirely different style of build without anything preexisting, taking about 9 months and finishing the end of April. For all finishes, there is a handover where the community and volunteers gather to celebrate.

### ***Describe the construction team. Countries volunteers come from? Male/Female ratio? Age of volunteers? Do you all use a common language?***

Volunteers come from all over the world. Most commonly we live with people from the UK, India, Malaysia, France, Spain, the US and many other countries. Many languages are known but everyone speaks English. Volunteers all live on base and stay for an average 1 week to 1 month, but many extend their stay as they get attached to the project. There are 50 or so volunteers living together at once and all between the ages of 18 to late 60's. There is a balanced ratio of male to female, but, typically, there are more ladies than guys.

### ***Is there anything you learned while you were growing up that helped prepare you for this work?***

Working for Old Hampshire Design was helpful in providing me with basic carpentry skills and other useful construction knowledge. Growing up in a rural town such as Bradford gave me appreciation and readiness to live outside in cold elements. Swimming in Lake Massesecum prepared me for



enduring cold bucket showers as a means of bathing. Frequent camping adventures up Pickett Hill helped my navigation and tent-pitching skills, and sailing around the different regional lakes has helped me learn some great knots.

*If you had to describe this experience in one word or one phrase, what would it be?*

Never underestimate the power of a small group of people that all share a common goal.

Well done Paddy and Alyssa! Thank you for giving us a glimpse of what life is like after a natural disaster and how volunteers come together to give people hope in a devastated landscape.

*Kathleen Bigford*

### Cell Phone Service Update

The saga of getting cell service into Bradford continues. Contacting the owner of the tower did not produce positive results, however, one has to remain hopeful. One of the Selectmen is in touch with the CEO of Verizon and that, too, is taking time. Options are being considered to help move this along, Alas, to date, this is still in the “trying to make it happen” mode.



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### Bradford Oddities



Have you ever looked at a map of Bradford and wondered about the distinct jog in the town line with Newbury? Local historian, Perry Teele, has done extensive research on all our town's properties and he has found the answer. In 1859, Jonathan Peaslee petitioned Governor Ichabod Goodwin to have the line moved because it ran across his kitchen table!

*Send your questions about boundaries and landmarks to [bradfordbridge345@gmail.com](mailto:bradfordbridge345@gmail.com) and we'll ask the expert!*

### Kearsarge Food Hub Takes on 2018

Well, well, well, here we are in 2018! It's going to be a great year, we can feel it.

There is a lot going for us as we charge into the new year - our goals are focused and our vision is clear!

This year our energy will be spent mostly on Sweet Beet Market, Sweet Beet Farm, and the Bradford INNovation Project. We envision our community of Bradford, and surrounding towns, with more access to local goods and more opportunities for community connections. Sweet Beet Market will continue to bring in new farmers and new products to round out the shelves and provide education and guidance for our shoppers. Sweet Beet Farm will continue to hone in on what it grows best and provide the market with what it needs most, exploring permaculture and holistic techniques along the way.

And the old Bradford Inn will open this year with the amenities promised from our fundraising campaign. The ultimate goal of Phase One of this project is to get a shared-use commercial kitchen, café, bakery and community event space going on the first floor to work alongside Sweet Beet Market. This plan is subject to many factors, both foreseeable and unforeseeable, as these projects always are! We will keep you posted every step of the way.

And, perhaps above all, we are very much looking forward to kicking off the summer season with a big Thank You party for all those who contributed to the Bradford INNovation Fundraiser last year.

Stay tuned in, there is so much to come!



## Sweet Beet Market

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**Wednesday 2pm-6pm**  
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**Sunday 10pm-4pm**





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## Bradford's Cornerstones in the 21st Century



### Soda Fountain

Yes, Bradford did have a soda fountain, but it is now a missing cornerstone. In the late 1930's Vera (Cofrin) Cressy established a soda fountain in the white building at the corner of East Main Street and Route 103. The ice cream parlor originally occupied one half of the front portion of the building and had "ice cream chairs and tables" as well as four stools at the fountain. Specialties of the house included the five cent ice cream cone and twenty-five cent banana splits. Girl Scouts from Camp Wabasso in Sutton were allowed to walk, a then much less traveled Route 114, to the store for candy, postcards, and ice cream.



Many stories are told about the "old days" at the soda fountain, including one from 1992 when a young man came into the store with his girlfriend, pointed to the fountain and said, "See, I told you there was a fountain!" They stood and looked at the fountain for a moment, turned on their heels and walked out the door.

The soda fountain continued as a feature of what was re-named Dodge's,

a combination hardware and all-purpose store. When Bernie & Debbie Lamach were the proprietors, it was a favorite meeting place for a group of Bradford men who gathered there each morning for coffee and chat.

Sadly, a subsequent owner sold the original equipment shortly before the store closed. Now it is vacant and waiting for its next role as a community gathering place for Bradford.

### Bradford Baptist Church

Further along on West Main Street, just beyond Route 103 is a classic New England white-spired church. This meetinghouse was dedicated on July 7, 1830. As the congregation grew so did the building. A bell was placed in the steeple during renovations in 1856 and the vestry was added in 1872. By 1902, the vestry was enlarged, a kitchen was added and electric lights were installed. Soon the stoves were banished and a wood burning hot air furnace was placed in a partial basement. Major renovations in 1906 included hardwood floors, pews, wainscoting and steel walls and ceiling. The Hibbard Memorial Porch, named for Lillian Goddard Hibbard was added in 1928.

Another feature of the building, the Town Clock, is owned and maintained by the Town. This was installed in 1915 with money raised, in part, by the railroad station agent at that time, L. L. Smith. He wanted people getting off the train in Bradford to see the time of day and the church steeple was the most prominent location. The First Baptist Church allowed its bell tower to become home for the clock and provides access for the Town employee who faithfully keeps it wound. Church and Town also share the parking lot – again owned and maintained by the Town and used by all.

The building has undergone major repairs in the years since it was selected as a Bradford Cornerstone. The ceiling under the bell tower was reinforced and metal roofing was put in place. But-

tresses installed to correct buckling of the outer walls caused by the 1906 renovations were removed and the problem was solved by cables across the sanctuary and the installation of "I" beams.

The adjoining building was acquired by the Church and, over the years, has been renovated to be used for offices, church school classrooms, and for many years has been the location of the Bradford Food Pantry that serves those in need in the community.

In 2016 the congregation voted to change the name to reflect its role in the Town and the fact that it serves people from all denominations and backgrounds. The Bradford Baptist Church is now Bradford Community Church.

Thanks to the many people who have supported the church over the years and continue to do so. This Cornerstone is well cared for and will continue to play a vital part in the Bradford Community.

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## Local Feast

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### Soup



The cold months are upon us, and nothing is more satisfying than a piping hot bowl of soup. It's all the encouragement we need to slurp our way through the chilly, winter days. Whether you're a chicken noodle kind of soup lover, or a creamy-broccoli-cheddar fan, is there anything better than cozying up to the fire with a giant bowl of soup while the snowflakes fall outside the window? I doubt it.

I made this soup this week, a mine-strone of sorts, with the sweetness of butternut squash, made substantial enough for a main course with little beads of orzo pasta. A soup of diced vegetables is the best way of using up a bag of odd vegetables. If you can wait, I like it almost more the following day, when the jumble of vegetables has spent the night in the fridge and the pasta has thickened the texture. There is a great taste that develops overnight. Served with some rustic bread, there's nothing better.

*Barbara Bridgewater*

*Barbara Bridgewater and Tracey Quigley operate a local personal chef and catering service, Feast of New Hampshire, feastofnh.com.*



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## Vegetable Soup with Orzo

Swap vegetables as the need takes you. Carrots instead of rutabaga; zucchini for butternut; a leek in place of onion. Whatever you have on hand or looks good in the market.

Serves 6

Onion 1 medium  
Rutabaga 1 cup diced  
Celery 1 rib diced  
Olive oil 3 tbsps  
Butternut squash or pumpkin  
1½ cups diced  
Rosemary 1 tsp leaves

Garlic 4 cloves  
Thyme 10 sprigs  
Tomatoes 3 large, chopped small  
White wine ½ cup  
Vegetable stock 4½ cups  
Green beans 1½ cups chopped  
Orzo ⅓ cup

Peel the onion and rutabaga. Cut them and the celery, into small dice.

Warm the olive oil in a deep heavy-based pan over a medium heat, then add the chopped vegetables, stirring them to coat with oil.

Peel the pumpkin or butternut, discard the seeds and fibers, then cut into small dice and add to the pan.

Peel and finely slice the garlic.

Finely chop the rosemary, add to the pan with the garlic, a pinch of salt and the sprigs of thyme, then leave to cook for 5 minutes, stirring regularly.

Chop the tomatoes into small pieces then add to the pan, with the white wine.

Pour in the stock, lower the heat so the soup simmers gently, then partially cover with a lid and leave to cook for 30 minutes until the rutabaga and butternut squash are soft enough to crush easily between your finger and thumb.

Cut the green beans into short lengths then add to the pan, with the orzo. Turn the heat up and leave to cook for 10 minutes until the pasta is tender and almost soft.

*Check the seasoning - you will need pepper and a little salt - and serve.*

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## Tragedy Due to Rabies

I just returned home from a wonderful warm and sunny week in Florida, where I was visiting my Dad. When I got home, I received an email from him. I was assuming that it would be some sort of dig about how warm he was while I was shoveling snow. But, instead, he sent me a very sad article about a 6-year-old boy who had just died of Rabies, after being scratched by a bat. Rabies is a virus that has been around for a long time, yet its transmission and course of disease seems to be confusing to many. Let's try to demystify this deadly virus.

Rabies is a viral disease of mammals; therefore, if you are a fish, reptile, amphibian or avian, you cannot get this disease (although this will not stop a rabid animal from wanting to kill you.) There are several strains of the virus including the dog strain (no longer in the U.S.), fox, raccoon, skunk and bat. Vaccines given to people and animals protect against all variants.

The first rabies vaccine was developed in 1885 by Louis Pasteur and Emile Roux and was used that same year on a 9-year-old boy to save him from contracting the disease after being mauled by a rabid dog.

The first commercial vaccine was produced in the early 1950's against the dog strain. This was developed to protect HUMANS. (If dogs don't get rabies, they cannot transmit it to people – remember *Old Yeller*?) Today, the main reason to vaccinate pets is to protect US.

In the early 1970s, hunters from the Carolinas went down to Georgia and Florida to trap raccoons and bring them north to repopulate the hunting areas. Many of these raccoons were incubating rabies. This propelled the raccoon strain of rabies quickly up the east coast. Since 1992, the fox, bat and raccoon variants have been documented in New Hampshire. Only 1

human case has been documented in New Hampshire. since 1996, and that was a person who had been bitten by a rabid dog while traveling in Nepal.

There are 2 presentations of rabies: The “dumb” form and the “rage” form. Animals can show either. I have worked with both forms in raccoons in the “dumb” form, they just curl up in a ball and act depressed, and cute.

Here is how the disease progresses in, for example, a raccoon, or dog, cat or horse:

1. The raccoon is bitten by a rabid animal.
2. The Rabies virus enters the wound through infected saliva.
3. The virus incubates near the wound site, then migrates through the body via nerves to the spinal cord, organs and brain. During this 3-12 week time frame, the raccoon does not show signs of illness. UNTIL,
4. The virus reaches the BRAIN. Now it is home! It multiplies rapidly, passes to the salivary glands and starts seeking out a new victim. The raccoon will be dead within a week. It is at THIS time that the raccoon will start showing signs of rabies such as numbness, inability to swallow, and dementia.

Once the virus enters the nervous system and brain, the victim WILL die. This disease is 100% fatal. However, if the victim is vaccinated, it is almost sure to survive. There has been no vaccine treatment failure in humans since 1979 IF post exposure vaccines are given promptly.

In New Hampshire, raccoons are the primary reservoir for rabies, followed distantly by bats, foxes, skunks and coyotes. The house cat accounts for 50% of rabies diagnosed in domestic animals, mainly because owners do not have them vaccinated appropriately. The incubation time for showing signs of rabies is typically 30-45 days. Africa's dog variant has a 6 month incubation time!

This is why, if your pet is bitten by a suspect rabid animal, State Law requires a 45-day quarantine. If your dog BITES a person, the quarantine time is only 10 days. Remember, the dog can't give the person rabies until the virus is in the dog's saliva/brain. If the virus is in the brain, the dog will die within 7 days. The only way to test for rabies is to test brain tissue.

New Hampshire documents about 25 confirmed cases of rabies a year. 92% of these are in wild animals because we vaccinate our domestic animals. To try to reduce rabies in wildlife, baits have been used. This has helped some, but some baits can be harmful to humans, so they are mainly used in rural areas. Most HUMAN cases of rabies are from bats, mainly because the bite is so small, it can easily go unnoticed.

Use caution. If there is any chance of exposure to a bat, contact your health provider. If you MUST handle suspect wildlife (animal control officers, wildlife rehabilitators, etc.), wear waterproof gloves! If your pet is bitten/has a wound, wear gloves when cleaning or inspecting the wound or if there is any saliva.

The father of the 6-year-old boy who died of rabies knew that the boy had been scratched. He correctly washed the wound, but, sadly, he did not go to the doctor. His son was crying and afraid that he might have to get “shots”. He WOULD have gotten shots. They would have saved his life.

Laurie Farrell, DVM



## Recycling Paper

When the residents of Bradford bring all of their mixed paper to Bradford Transfer and Recycling Station, it is a win-win situation for taxpayers and the environment. Mixed paper consists of anything that rips: magazines, catalogs, envelopes, newspapers, food boxes, grain bags, etc. Recycled mixed paper is chipped and pulped and used to make game boards, egg cartons, gift boxes, etc.

If you have any questions about mixed paper or its recycling, Ken and I can help you. One ton of mixed paper takes up 3.3 cubic yards of space in the compactor. Last year Bradford shipped 45.81 tons of mixed paper. You can see that, at \$68.00 per ton, adding mixed paper to the trash contents in the compactor would greatly increase Bradford's shipping costs (tipping fees) and reduce the income Bradford would receive from shipping its mixed paper for recycling. Bradford received \$1,907.95 for the 45.81 tons of mixed paper that it shipped out last year plus the compensation that is due for the additional 20 tons of mixed paper that was shipped out recently.

The definition of carbon footprint is the total set of greenhouse gas emissions caused by an individual, event, organization, or product. More and more people are coming to like the idea of lightening their carbon footprint. Making a ton of paper from trees uses a lot of water and chemicals and about 17 trees, so recycling our mixed paper helps to reduce our carbon footprint. This win-win situation gives financial and ecological benefits to every resident in Bradford.



*Lois Kilnapp,  
Transfer Station Manager*

## From the Selectmen's Office

### Photos and Submissions for 2017 Town Report

It's that time of year. The Selectmen's Office is gathering information for the 2017 Town Report. If you have photos of the Town's faces, places or events that you would like to share, please forward them to administrator@bradfordnh.org. Old and historic photos are welcome, too. Be sure to include the photographer's name (if known) so proper credit can be noted.

Similarly, if you represent a local organization and would like to submit an update of your 2017 activities for the Town Report, please forward it to administrator@bradfordnh.org. Please include photos of your organization's 2017 events, as well!

Submissions must be received by February 9th.

### Residents of the Town of Bradford,

The Bradford Supervisors of the Checklist will hold a Public Session on Saturday, March 3, 2018 between 11 and 11:30 AM at the Community Center (Youth Room) to make corrections to the checklist and accept new registrations.

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

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Supervisors of the Checklist,

*Judy Marshall  
Jackye Pearson  
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★ **February 13, 2018:** *Applied Behavior Analysis with Dabney Kelsey, BCBA & Hillary Foster, RBT*  
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★ **March 13, 2018:** *Transition Beyond High School with Terry Ohlson-Martin, NH Family Voices*  
Time: 6:30-8:00pm, Location: KRHS Library, Sutton

★ **April 3, 2018:** *Executive Functioning: How to help your child become the Boss of their Brain with Northstar Educational Services*  
Time: 6:30-8:00pm, Location: Simonds Elementary Library, Warner

★ **May 8, 2018:** *Anxiety in Children/Adolescents with Christine Miller, LICSW*  
Time: 6:30-8:00pm, Location: KRMS Library, Sutton

*Please join us for this informative series inspired by your survey results!*

The KRSD Parent Partnership Team welcomes you to join one or all events in this series. There will be a 60-minute presentation with the specialist(s) followed by a 30-minute Q&A with our KRSD Parent Ambassadors!

The goal of the Family Partnership Team to help families connect with the school district, to create positive connections between families, and to support the Kearsarge District's efforts to gain valuable family and community feedback regarding our students' needs, in order to continue to work collaboratively towards the KRSD vision: Inspiring learners, committing to community, contributing to a dynamic world.

**For more information, please contact Becky Forrestall, KRMS Associate Director of Student Support: [rforrestall@kearsarge.org](mailto:rforrestall@kearsarge.org) Or visit us on Facebook at Kearsarge Regional School District-SAU 65, or at [www.kearsarge.org](http://www.kearsarge.org)**

#### **KRSD CALENDAR**

##### **DISTRICT WIDE**

School Board Meetings:  
2/8 & 2/22 at 6:30pm

NO SCHOOL:  
Winter Recess 2/23-3/2  
(classes resume 3/5)

##### **KRHS**

2/1 Poetry out Loud  
2/1 Math Meet  
2/1 -2/3 Jazz All State Festival  
2/9-2/11 Project Climb trip  
2/10 Dance Team Invitational  
2/22 Book Awards Selection

##### **KRMS**

2/1 Math Meet @ Woodstock  
2/6 Winter Activities #5  
2/6 Open Rehearsal-Band 6  
2/8 8<sup>th</sup> Grade parent/student night @ KRHS course selection  
2/16 Activity night/Parent Social (Student Council)

##### **KRES at NEW LONDON**

2/1 Kearsarge Math League  
2/2, 2/9, 2/16 Winter Activities  
2/5-2/6 Star testing  
2/5 & 2/19 Environmental Club  
2/6 PTO Meeting  
2/23 DARE Program for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

##### **SIMONDS SCHOOL**

2/1 PTO Meeting  
2/1 Family Lunch  
2/19-2/23 Spirit Week  
2/23 Winter Carnival

##### **KRES at BRADFORD**

2/2 Winter Activities  
2/3 ChiPS Dodge Ball Tournament  
2/17 ChiPS Winter Fun Day  
2/21 ChiPS Meeting  
2/23 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 24hrs of Space

##### **SUTTON CENTRAL**

2/7 Winter Activities (Make-up day)  
2/21 PTO Meeting





**Bradford Community Church**

88 West Main St, Bradford, NH  
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**February 2018 Events**

**Sunday Worship Services and Kingdom Builders (Sunday School)**– 10AM every Sunday.

**Youth Group**– Saturday, February 3 at 8AM to travel to Rise Again to hand out mittens, hats, coats to refugees. Regular Meetings– Sunday, February 11 and 18 at 11:30AM - 1PM.

**Mom’s Group**– Wednesdays at 9:30 - 10:30AM in the church office building. No meeting on February 28.

**Bible Study**– 1 Samuel – Thursday evenings at 6:30PM in the church office building.

**Community Meal**– Will be served at Winter Carnival on Brown Shattuck February 24 at 1-5PM. Hotdogs, chili and more.

**The Bradford Food Pantry**– Open February 21 at 5:30-6:30PM.

**“Drawing Near to God”**– Service of Worship, Prayer and Communion by intinction. Come and prepare your heart for the 40 days of Lent that lead up to the Easter Celebration. Tuesday, February 13 at 7PM.

**New Small Group**– The Daniel Plan– 40 days to a healthier life. Beginning February 16 at 6PM in the youth room in the undercroft of the church. Call to register.

**Snowshoe for Scholarship Fundraiser February 17**

The Second Annual Snowshoe for Scholarship Fundraiser is on Saturday, February 17th at 11 am. Whether you are a seasoned expert or are strapping on snowshoes for the first time, this event is for you. This fundraiser is all about having fun and raising money for a great cause.

The Bradford Scholarship Committee invites you to come snowshoe on a guided tour at the home of Mary and Bliss Dayton, 241 County Road in Bradford. Snowshoers will be hiking on Finn’s Trail, a one-mile moderate loop that travels toward the base of Pickett and Jericho Hills with stunning views toward Alder Plains and the Sunapee Range.

Call 938-2868 to reserve a spot. The cost is \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a family, payable by cash or check at the event. All levels of snowshoers are invited.

Participants should bring their own equipment and are encouraged to come at 11:00 a.m. to warm up by the wood stove before the trek. The guided hike starts promptly at 11:30 a.m. Upon return, hot soups and chili will be served for lunch with desserts and hot cocoa included. This awesome event is a great opportunity to get together with neighbors. All proceeds go to the Town Scholarship Fund. Last year, we raised \$875 with 33 participants on a beautiful, sunny winter day.

Originated in 1964, the scholarship fund has provided financial support each year to a Bradford resident who is pursuing post-secondary education. The Scholarship Committee is looking to build the fund principle, so it will generate more income for long term sustainability. If you cannot attend the Snowshoe Fundraiser but wish to donate to the fund, you can do so by sending your contribution to: The Town of Bradford Scholarship Fund, P. O. Box 436, Bradford, NH 03221.

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# Community Events Calendar

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.

## FEBRUARY 2018

### Thursday, February 1st

1:00 pm Mahjong Group  
7:00 pm Town Budget Committee

### Friday, February 2nd

8:45 am MVSC Fitness  
11:30 am First Friday Brunch

### Monday, February 5th

8:45 am MVSC Fitness  
1:00 pm Bridge Group  
5:30 pm Selectmen's Meeting  
5:30 pm Fly-Tying, BML

### Tuesday, February 6th

10:00 am Quilting Group  
12:00 pm Senior Dining  
12:30 pm Mahjong Group  
2:00 pm Watercolor Class

### Wednesday, February 7th

11:30 am First Friday Brunch  
6:00 pm Yoga  
7:00 pm Zoning Board

### Thursday, February 8th

12:00 pm Senior Dining  
12:30 pm Mahjong Group  
4:30 pm BACC/P&R Committees  
5:00 pm Architect Review Town Hall

### Friday, February 9th

8:45 am MVSC Fitness

### Sunday, February 11th

1:00 pm Birthday Party

### Monday, February 12th

8:45 am MVSC Fitness  
1:00 pm Bridge  
5:30 pm Selectmen's Meeting  
5:30 pm Fly-Tying, BML

### Tuesday, February 13th

*Early Happy Valentines Day!*

10:00 am Quilting Group  
12:30 pm Mahjong Group  
12:00 pm Senior Dining w/special guest  
2:00 pm Watercolor Class  
7:00 pm Rural Heritage Connection  
7:00 pm Planning Board

### Wednesday, February 14th

1:00 pm Kniting Group  
6:00 pm Yoga

### Thursday, February 15th

11:00 am Blood Pressure Clinic, MVSC  
12:00 pm Senior Dining  
12:30 pm Mahjong Group  
5:00 pm Friends of BACC/P&R Committees  
7:00 pm Town Budget Committee  
*(if needed)*

### Friday, February 16th

8:45 am MVSC Fitness  
9:30 am Foot Care Clinic by LSVNA,  
*call for appt. at 526-4077*  
10:00 am Friday at the Movies  
12:00 pm Senior Dining Brunch  
6:30 pm CIP presents Bradford Finances, BML

### Saturday, February 17th

11:00 am Snowshoe for Scholarship,  
Home of Mary & Bliss Dayton

### Sunday, February 18th

7:00 am Ice Fishing Derby, FGC

### Monday, February 19th

Presidents Day  
Senior Center: CLOSED  
Brown Memorial Library: OPEN

### Tuesday, February 20th

10:00 am Quilting Group  
12:00 pm Senior Dining  
12:30 pm Mahjong Group  
2:00 pm Watercolor Class

### Wednesday, February 21st

10:30 am Blood Pressure Clinic  
by LSVNA  
6:00 pm Yoga  
7:00 pm Book Discussion, BML,  
*The History of Wolves*

### Thursday, February 22nd

12:00 pm Senior Dining  
12:30 pm Mahjong Group

### Friday, February 23rd

8:45 am MVSC Fitness

### Saturday, February 24

1:00 pm Winter Carnival, Brown  
Shattuck Park

### Monday, February 26th

8:45 am MVSC Fitness  
1:00 pm Bridge Group  
5:30 pm Selectmen's Meeting

### Tuesday, February 27th

9:30 am Foot Care Clinic by LSVNA,  
*call for appt. at 526-4077*  
10:00 am Quilting Group  
12:00 am Senior Dining  
12:30 pm Mahjong Group  
2:00 pm Watercolor Class  
7:00 pm Planning Board

### Wednesday, February 28th

6:00 pm Yoga



### Calendar Abbreviation Key

**BACC** – Bradford Area Community Center

**BBC** – Bradford Baptist Church

**BML** – Brown Memorial Library

**FGC** – Fish & Game Clubhouse  
Gillingham Drive

**KAP** – Kearsarge Area Preschool

**KRES** – Bradford Elementary School

**MVSC** – Mountain View Senior Center

**TH** – Bradford Town Hall

**ZBA** – Zoning Board of Adjust

## Ongoing Events

Children's Storytime - Mondays 10am at BML

Cemetery Commission – 2nd Thursday at 6PM, Call 938-2119 for info

Conservation Commission – 3rd Tuesday at 7PM, BML

Fish and Game Club – 1st Tuesday 7PM at Fish and Game Club

First Friday Bunch – 11:30AM at MVSC, reservations appreciated  
call 938-2104 for info

Historical Society – Tin Shop, East Main Street, open by appointment.  
Please call 938-2078.

Library Trustees – 1st Wednesday at 6PM, BML

Planning Board – 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7PM, BACC

Rural Heritage Connection – 2nd Monday, 7PM, BACC

Selectmen's Meeting – Every Monday 5:30PM, BACC

Zoning Board – 1st Wednesday, 7PM, BACC

## Bradford Events

### Brown Memorial Library – Kid’s Play Group, Mondays at 10:30am.

Join the fun at the new Play Group at the Library on Mondays at 10:30 am, following Story Time at 10:00 am. Open to all ages. Snacks and activities to share.

### Bradford Center Meetinghouse – Valentine’s Raffle Fundraiser

Support the Bradford Center Meetinghouse. Funds raised will help cover costs of repainting the steeple. \$5 per entry. First prize: String Art of NH with heart on Bradford, by local artist Kati Beaton. Second prize: Local goods gift basket. Drawing Feb 14. Info: 938-2017 or 603Leah@gmail.com. Stop in to Sweet Beet Market to see prizes and get your tickets!

### Bradford Scholarship Committee – Snowshoe for Scholarship, Saturday, February 17, 11:00 am.

Snowshoers of all levels and ages are invited to the home of Mary and Bliss Dayton, 241 County Road in Bradford, for a moderate hike followed by a delicious lunch of soups, chili, breads, hot cocoa and desserts. Cost is \$20 for single adult and \$30 for a family. Proceeds go to the Bradford Scholarship Fund. Call 938-2868 to reserve a spot.

### The Bradford Fish and Game Club – Kid’s Ice Fishing Derby on Lake Todd, Sunday, February 18, 7:00 am.

Children 15 years old and under are invited to compete but we invite the entire family to come out to the lake for a great day of fun on the ice. Free registration begins at 7:00 AM at the clubhouse at 89 Gillingham Drive, across the road from the lake. Kids can start fishing anytime after registration but all fish must be back to the clubhouse by 1:00 PM for measurement! Awards ceremony shortly thereafter. Breakfast and lunch are provided free of charge. Assistance to bore holes in the ice is available. Please see our website, [bfandg.com](http://bfandg.com) for more information. We hope to see you there!

### Bradford Parks and Recreation – Winter Carnival, Saturday, February 24, 1:00 – 5:00 pm.

Kick off February vacation with a fun filled afternoon at Brown Shattuck Field on Saturday, February 24, 2017 1:00-5:00 PM. Activities include ice skating, sledding, snow ball throw game, scavenger hunt, snow painting craft, and more. There will be a snowman building and decorating contest, bring something fun to dress up your snowman or use the items we provide. The Bradford Community Church and Bible Hill Farm will be on site serving lunch. For dessert you can make a s’more by the campfire. This event is free and fun for all.

Parks and Rec set out planning Winter Carnival as a fun way to bring folks together for a winter community event. The response from the community has been wonderful and the event continues to evolve and grow as more people get on board. Tom and Tricia Dunne of Bible Hill Farm reached out to us and will be bringing their mobile pizza oven and passing out free pizzas. The Bradford Community Church will be at the field hosting their monthly Outreach Meal by serving a free lunch. This type of support and involvement from the community is what will make Winter Carnival a success.

If you would like more information about how to be involved in Winter Carnival please contact: Devin Pendleton at 603-715-6809 or [devinpendleton505@gmail.com](mailto:devinpendleton505@gmail.com).

Parks and Recreation is actively seeking new members. If you are enthusiastic about your community and would like to get involved please contact Karen Hambleton at [administrator@bradfordnh.org](mailto:administrator@bradfordnh.org) or 938-5900 for more information.

## Area Events

### Warner

#### Mainstreet Bookends

Sunday, February 4, at 4 pm, BookEnds BookGroup will discuss *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah.

Friday, February 9 at 4 pm, Celebrate Poetry Month.

Sunday, February 11 at 2 pm, Jamie Saynen discussing and signing his new book *You Had a Job for Life*.

#### MainStreet Warner, Inc.

Friday, February 9 at 7 pm, Presenting Movie Night - “Look and See; A Portrait of Wendell Berry” A suggested donation of \$5 at the door to go toward the work of MainStreet Warner, Inc., and Jim Mitchell Community Park.

#### Schoodac's Coffee Shop

Open Mic every Sunday noon to 5 pm.



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## Out and About



Photo by Marcia Keller

The brief January thaw melted much of the snow, resulting in a quick rise in the level of Lake Massasecum. That water froze as the temp dropped. As the water receded, ice skirts formed around the trees. This one was found in the Keller's yard.

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

Kathleen Bigford



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With the birds in  
Lucasville

The family of Jane Miele Lucas would like to express special thanks to Chadwick's Funeral Home, Pastor Lynne Hubley & Bradford Community Church, Joe Torro of Bradford Village Inn (old Candlelight), the staff at Concord Hospital, Family Tree in Warner and to those who sent a note, flowers, food, donated to BWC Scholarship or just had our family in their thoughts. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Our Mother, also a Sister, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Aunt and Friend will be forever in our hearts.



### FREE VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (VOC) WATER SAMPLE



The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) MtBE Remediation Bureau recently mailed letters to Bradford residents in the vicinity of Main St/Water St/NH Rt 103/NH Rt 114/Greenhouse Lane. These properties have been identified as being served by private wells and located in an area that is **potentially** vulnerable to gasoline contamination. **NHDES does not know whether gasoline components, such as methyl tertiary butyl ether (MtBE) have impacted these private wells.** Laboratory analysis of the drinking water is the only way to find out.

For a limited time, the NHDES MtBE Remediation Bureau is extending this invitation to **all** Bradford residents that have a private well. Testing private wells provides valuable information to homeowners and allows NHDES to screen a broader area for potential MtBE impacts. NHDES staff will collect the sample, transport it to a NH certified laboratory and provide homeowners with a copy of the results. **This work will be performed at no cost**, due to a MtBE settlement fund resulting from a lawsuit pursued against gasoline manufacturers. More information can be obtained from the NHDES website at: <https://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/mtbe/index.htm>.

Additional testing of private wells is recommended every 3-5 years in order to understand common problems with drinking water quality. Due to settlement fund restrictions, NHDES can only pay for a MtBE-related VOC analysis. If you elect to have additional analyses added, you will need to pay for those analyses. For more information on these additional testing options and recommended frequency please visit the NHDES website at: [https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/well\\_testing/documents/well-testing.pdf](https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/well_testing/documents/well-testing.pdf)



If you are a property owner in Bradford and interested in having your private well tested by NHDES, or if you have questions about the Program, contact Deb Loiselle (Sampling Program Supervisor) at 603-271-8483 or [deborah.loiselle@des.nh.gov](mailto:deborah.loiselle@des.nh.gov)

