

The Bradford Bridge

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Center Meeting House – 2017 Marked the 30th Year of the Christmas Pageant at the Bradford Center Meeting House. Photo Credit: Trinity Bigford

New Hours

New Town Clerk/Tax Collector hours as of January 1st, 2018.

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	8-12/ 1-4
Wednesday	12-6
Thursday	8-12/ 1-4
Friday	Closed
Saturday	2nd & 4th 9-Noon

Melissa Cloutier
Town Clerk/Tax Collector
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Kearsarge Regional School District

The 2018 Kearsarge Regional School District Deliberative Session will be held Saturday, January 6th at 9AM at Kearsarge Regional High School in North Sutton, NH. The warrant can be found at <http://www.kearsarge.org/next-school-board-meeting-agenda/deliberative-session-january62018>

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:

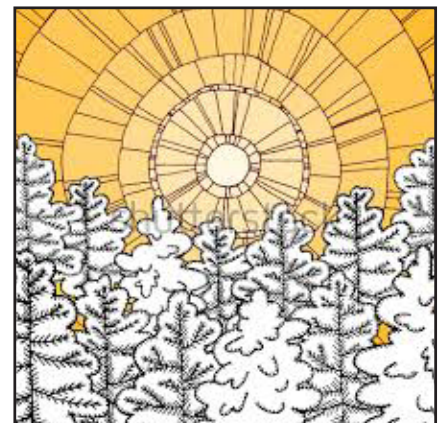
- Wednesday, Jan 24, 12- 6PM
- Thursday, Jan 25, 8AM-12/ 1- 4PM
- Saturday, Jan 27, 9AM-12PM
- Tuesday, Jan 30, 8AM-12/ 1-4PM
- Wednesday, Jan 31, 12-6PM
- Thursday, Feb 1, 8AM-12/ 1- 4PM
- Friday, Feb 2, 3-5PM

Town Boards and Committees Seeking Members

The Board of Selectmen is actively seeking individuals to serve on a variety of Boards and Committees including: Main Street Revitalization Committee, Economic Development Committee, Parks and Recreation Committee, Bradford Revolving Loan Fund Committee and an Employee Benefit Review Committee. There are openings on other boards and committees as well. Appointments are annual and occur in April. For more information, please email: Karen Hambleton Town Administrator
administrator@bradfordnh.org

Bradford Winter Carnival Parks and Recreation

Mark your calendars for Bradford's own Winter Carnival – February 24th! Parks and Rec is doing something new this winter. Bradford's Winter Carnival to be held at Brown Shattuck Field on Saturday, February 24th from 1:00-5:00 pm. Activities include ice skating, sledding, snowman building and family friendly games on the field. Warm up by the fire and enjoy some hot cocoa and a snack.





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THE FIRM DEADLINE FOR ALL ADS AND ARTICLES IS THE 20TH OF THE MONTH.

Town Offices

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

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

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Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 8 AM - 12 PM/ 1 PM - 4 PM
Wednesday: 12 PM - 6 PM
Thursday: 8 AM - 12 PM/ 1 PM - 4 PM
Friday: Closed
2nd & 4th Saturday: 9 AM - Noon

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 6. Bradford, NH 03221

Letter from the Editor



*A new year is born
As the old one fades away
More softly through time*

Dear Reader,

Happy New Year!!

As 2018 begins, I would first like to thank Marcia Keller for the hard work and guidance she has given as editor and a member of the Board of the Bradford Bridge since it first appeared in 1992. Marcia has decided it is time to turn her attention to the many other things that fill her life. Thankfully, she will remain on our advisory board and write articles as she pleases; however, I will be carrying on the editing.

Marcia, the Advisory Board joins me in thanking you for your knowledge of the details of town governance that contributed to our readers' understanding of the way things get done in Bradford and in New Hampshire. Your explanation of both town and school district issues has informed our decisions. Whether or not you agreed with those decisions, you have always wanted the best for our town.

Your encouragement and mentorship as I become familiar with editing has been so appreciated. It has been a pleasure and I will still rely on, and look forward to tapping, your expertise.

On another topic, as you peruse this issue of The Bridge, please give added attention to the articles about the Town Hall. Important decisions about the future of this iconic building will be made in the next few weeks. As Brackett says at the end of "From the Ground Up," the selectmen are looking for input now rather than at the town meeting. Additional information on the options being considered is outlined in "Town Board Reports". If you have ideas, opinions, or questions about the tax impact of the options, contact information can be found on page 3.

As 2017 ends and 2018 begins here's hoping that all your promises, hopes and dreams for the new year are realized.

As always, thank you to our faithful advertisers and readers.

Kathleen Bigford, Editor

Town Hall Progress Report: From the Ground Up



It's no accident that professionals are in demand, particularly for a project as large as the restoration of our Town Hall. Because of their experience, they know fire and building codes, make better decisions and are much better able to plan and to predict costs and consequences. In short, they eliminate a lot of surprises, especially the unpleasant variety.

That is precisely the way the work on the Town Hall is unfolding. About half a year ago, we hired Jay Barrett as our architect. He quickly assembled some other professionals – engineers, mostly – and then a highly qualified general contractor in Trumbull-Nelson (T-N.) There was some financial pain involved in the switch from a well-meaning but inexperienced group doing the planning to an experienced and professional group. The transition might be looked at as a costly one but in fact, it just made the costs of doing a good job apparent now instead of later, after tens if not hundreds of shoes have dropped. From the present vantage point of having plans and good cost estimates in hand, it is interesting to note that the total project cost is not far from what was predicted several years ago.

Part of the pleasure of watching the assembled professionals work is that their experience makes the path forward clear. It has been unfolding over the last couple of months that T-N has been working on site just as all these planners said it would. As a result of “frontloading” the planning instead of doing it on the fly as the work progressed, it is already clear that the work planned to be done by the end of February will be done by the end of February. Imagine!

The work to be complete by Town Meeting includes all the remaining concrete work, including pouring the basement floor; all the new rough carpentry and structural upgrading necessary to correct some serious problems with the second floor and roof. This work is not obvious as one drives by the Town Hall these days, but it will provide the base upon which to build the more cosmetically appealing aspects of the restoration in the future.

All the work that will be completed by the end of February will not make the Town Hall usable in even a limited manner, much as we might wish otherwise. But it will represent substantial progress toward such use. The Board of Selectmen, the THROC and numerous volunteers will be working on the next question: What to propose to the Town Meeting in March. We would love to have your input now rather than wait for it at the Town Meeting itself. Please email any one of the following with your ideas:
Karen Hambleton,
administrator@bradfordnh.org
Brackett Scheffy,
brackettscheffy@tds.net
Harry Wright, handswright@tds.net
The decision as to what to propose will have to be made within the next very few weeks. Stay tuned.

*Brackett Scheffy for the Town Hall
Restoration Oversight Committee*

Letter to the Editor

Grateful Neighbor,

Last week's snow storm arrived the same time I had a fibromyalgia flare up. I could barely get upstairs let alone shovel snow. Day one, day two...still not able to do it. On day three my neighbors, who I know would be mortified if I used their names-- let's call them K & JB, noticed I was still snowed in. JB called to see if I was OK and told me she had shoveled and freed my car so I could at least get out if I needed to. She said she was about to call the police to do a wellness check! Yesterday, I finally felt well enough so I went out to finish the job – the job made so much easier because two people on my street were looking out for me.

K & JB, thank you from the bottom of my heart. You'll never know the gratitude I feel for your actions but mostly I am honored you cared enough to make sure I was doing alright. It is nice to know I have two more guardian angels looking out for me.

Merry Christmas and Seasons Greetings to you and to all the good neighbors out there. Blessed be!

Susie Janicki



Town Board Reports

Board of Selectmen

Town Hall: Architect Jay Barrett submitted a letter indicating he had donated 26 hours of unbilled time to the Town Hall for a total of \$3,250. Selectmen agreed with his recommendation to move forward with the project at this time without a Clerk of the Works.

The most recent update on progress was presented to Selectmen by Jay Barrett on December 18. He outlined the work currently being done by the General Contractor, Trumbell-Nelson within the funds on hand of \$509,235 and detailed the work that will be required before the first floor can be occupied for town offices. This next phase of the work would cost \$950,000 and two options were presented. A bond in that amount approved at the March 2018 Town Meeting would result in completion of that phase in the fall of 2018.

The second approach would be to set aside an appropriate sum each year until sufficient funds were available to complete the work. If that were the chosen option, he outlined seven steps to accomplish this at a cost of \$125,000-\$150,000, which would need to be carried out in 2018 to protect the building from further deterioration. Much of this work would be of long term, permanent value to the building. The building would need to be kept heated each winter to a minimum of 45 degrees and would cost around \$20,000 per year.

The Selectmen discussed possible options to fund the work needed to return town offices to the Town Hall.

LCHIP: Selectmen sent a letter to the Board of Directors outlining the work done to date and how the funds from the LCHIP grant will be used. They requested an extension of the grant period until December 2018.

Rail Trail Project: Chris Gamache from the NH Bureau of Trails told Selectmen the Bradford project was chosen for funding because it benefits a wide group of diversified users and provides for safe passage across Lake Todd. Selectman John Pfeifle said the Board supports the project as a way to improve the town and attract people to Bradford.

Eagle Scout Projects: Selectmen approved the proposal by Brady Lombard to construct a kiosk at the Tilly Wheeler Trail with information about the Rail Trail.

Another Eagle Scout project planned by Jacob Long would provide a storage bin for toys at French’s Park and also deal with maintenance of the drainage system at the Park.

MtBE Remediation: Deb Loiselle discussed the history of MtBE and the negative health effects when it gets into drinking water. Funds resulting from legal actions were put into a collaborative fund dedicated to sampling private wells. She suggested that some properties in Bradford could be tested. The selectmen supported this. The process for notifying residents could take place in December.

Cell Tower: Sue McKeivitt updated the Board on her attempts to work with the owner of the tower to get cell service on it. Jim Bibbo updated the Board on his attempts to work through Verizon. Suggestions ranged from taking the tower down, giving it more time and taking the tower down. No decision was made.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Selectmen accepted the resignation of Camila Devlin’s and appointed the current deputy, Melissa Cloutier, Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Amelia Dohrn was appointed Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

Plowing Craig Road: The Highway Department expressed safety concerns about plowing Craig Road.

The status of the road and whether to plow or not is under discussion.

Planning Board

Personnel: Erich Caron notified the Board that he will resign from the Planning Board at the end of December 2017. Bob Close informed the Board that he will not be running at the next election. Garrett Bauer is up for election and there will be a seat to replace Bob Close.

Board Secretary Molly Hopkins tendered her resignation.

Zoning Proposal: Erich Caron is working on the shooting range and hunting preserve proposal. The Board would like to have this on the upcoming ballot. A Public Hearing will be required.

Budget: The Board voted to increase the budget request by adding \$2,000 for conferences for training of new members, \$5,000 for the second half of the Master plan, and \$1,500 for Web consultant/Tax map work.



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Site Plan: The Public Hearing on the site plan for a junk yard on the County Road property owned by Churchill Heselton Map 9/Lot 45 was rescheduled for January 23, 2018.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Application Accepted: The Board reviewed and accepted Thomas Dunne’s application for a variance to subdivide a 4.23-acre parcel on the Class 6 portion of Bible Hill Road Map 7/Lot 20. A Public Hearing is scheduled for 7:00 PM January 3, 2018.

Administrative Appeal: The Public Hearing on the appeal from the Planning Board’s approval of a home business to manufacture ammunition on Fortune Road was opened. Mr. Croto requested that a full Board hear the case, and the appellants, David and Michele Halsted, agreed. The hearing was continued to March 7, 2018.

Extension: The Board approved a request from Heselton’s attorney for an extension until April 4, 2018 for the Special Exception for a Junkyard on County Road.

Sign Ordinance: Letters will be sent to the owners of Twigs Firewood and Compassion Vet advising both businesses that they must apply for variances if they wish to keep their signs as they are.

Alternate: Heather Weed submitted her resignation as an alternate to the Board.

Minutes of all meetings are on file at the Town Office and online at BradfordNH.org. See Town Hall – Moving Toward Re-Occupancy 12.18.17 for full report from Architect.



Green Ribbon



Life Scout Brady Lombard of Troop 96 in Bradford discusses his proposal for an Eagle Scout project along Bradford’s segment of the rail trail, a vision to create a four-season recreational pathway and green ribbon winding from Concord to Lake Sunapee. Selectmen approved Brady’s proposal to construct a kiosk at the Tilly Wheeler Trail with information about the Rail Trail.

Another Eagle Scout project planned by Jacob Long will provide a storage bin for toys at French’s Park and deal with maintenance of the drainage system at the Park.

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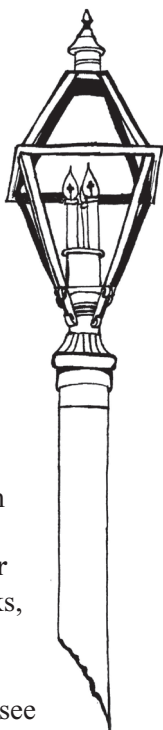
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Brown Memorial Library

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Library Hours:

Monday 10:00am – 8:00pm
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Saturday 10:00am – 3:00pm

Happy New Year to all our library patrons!

New books, audiobooks, and videos are always being added to your library. Come in for a visit, see what is new, and take home some free entertainment.

Fly Tying Class. Interested in advancing beyond your basic fly tying skills? The NH Fish and Game Department's Let's Go Fishing Program is offering free 3-evening Intermediate Fly Tying classes January 29, February 5, and 12. This class is great for tyers who've taken our beginners class and are looking to take on the next challenge in fly tying; or for individuals with 2 or more years experience tying.

All patterns taught are effective in New Hampshire waters. Our goal will be to tie two flies each evening allowing tyers to hone their skills.

Date	Pattern
January 29	<i>Winnepesaukee Smelt</i>
February 5	<i>Meredith Tandem</i>
February 12	<i>Deer Hair Alder Fly</i>

The course will be instructed by master fly tyer and Let's Go Fishing instructor Scott Biron. The course will be held from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Brown Memorial Library. Pre-registration is required and will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. The course is limited to 10 participants per class, ages 15 and older with 2 years experience tying. All program materials and equipment will be provided. Tyers wanting to use their own vice and tools are encouraged to bring them. To sign up, visit www.fishnh.com/fishing/lets-go-fishing.html and select "View the Current Class Schedule," then "View Upcoming Events."

New Hampshire Fish and Game's Let's Go Fishing program has taught thousands of children and adults to be safe, ethical and successful anglers. Find out more at www.fishnh.com/fishing/lgf-schedule.html. The program is federally funded through the Sport Fish Restoration Program.

Library Closed. The library is closed on Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 15.

Book Discussion. Join our book discussion group. We meet every third Wednesday evening at 7pm. This month we share our impressions of *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese on January 17th. Check our website at brownmemoriallibrary.org where we will post next month's title.

New Books for adults:

Elmet

by Fiona Mozley

The People vs. Alex Cross

by James Patterson

Prairie Fires: the American dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder

by Caroline Fraser

The River of Consciousness

by Oliver Sacks

Under a Pole Star

by Stef Penney

Tamed and Untamed

by Sy Montgomery

For children:

Another Way to Climb a Tree

by Liz Garton Scanlon

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Real-Life Santa Helps Lake Sunapee VNA and Others



Press Release: December 1, 2017

Bradford, NH – For the past thirty-one years Hal Liberty (85 years young!) of Bradford, NH has been making traditional wooden toys to brighten the holidays for New Hampshire children. Last November the New Hampshire House of Representatives even awarded Hal a special “Declaration” for his remarkable service to others. This year, the kindness continues. Hal and his “assistant toymakers” (many of whom are special needs children and adults) made 1,300 wooden toys including doll cradles, airplanes, tractors, and cars. Beneficiaries of these wonderful toys include CHaD, Claremont Soup Kitchen, Willey Perra Christmas Program, Hillsborough Food Pantry, Franklin Food Pantry, Keene homeless shelter, Jaffrey Chamber & Food Pantry, CHiPs, Bradford/South Newbury Food Pantry and refugees living in the Concord area! Lake Sunapee Region VNA is also a grateful recipient, being given more than 50 of Hal’s creations this year to distribute as part of the “Kearsarge Kids Christmas Program”. We thank Hal for his extraordinary giving spirit and for bringing joy to countless families.

How Far Do We Go?

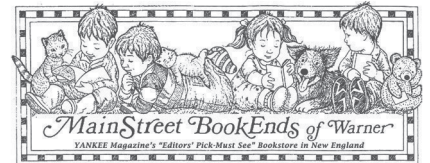
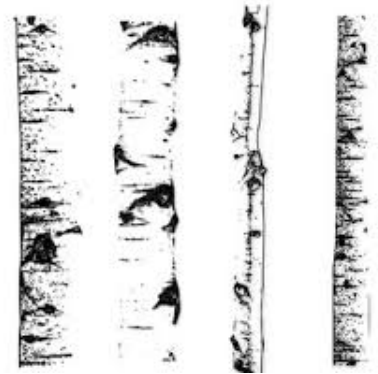


Kathleen Bigford enjoying The Bridge on a bridge in Venezia, Italy.

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Local Feast

*Seasonal Recipes from
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Ginger

Ah! It's flu season. If you feel the sniffles coming on or are trying to shake a winter cold, then try adding Ginger to your dishes. Ginger is the wunderkind of medicinal plants and has been used for 1000's of years in traditional Asian foods. It adds flavor and dimension to foods and is also a huge source for anti-inflammatory, antibacterial and vitamin richness.

Ginger has been proven to be a powerful treatment for nausea, morning sickness, and motion sickness. There is nothing more soothing to an upset stomach than a warm cup of ginger tea. The studies touting the benefits of ginger are prevalent enough that many doctors recommend the use of ginger over prescription medications for nausea. For pregnant women who are suffering from severe cases of morning sickness and do not want to take medications, ginger offers safe, effective relief from their symptoms. Ginger is also excellent for getting rid of gas and abdominal pain due to intestinal spasms.

Ginger comes fresh, dried, preserved, pickled, candied, and powdered. In any form, ginger brings with it a subtle warmth rather than heat, with it's peppery, slightly sweet flavor and spicy aroma. Unpeeled Ginger can be stored in the fridge for 3 weeks or in the freezer for 6 months. Ginger is a crucial member of the holy quintet of spices with cardamom, cloves, nutmeg, and cinnamon. It's wonderful in both sweet and savory dishes. Sliced or shredded, use it in a stir fry. Grate it into a marinade for chicken or pork that is to be grilled or roasted. Try finishing a dish by cutting off a small square of ginger, squash it in a garlic press and squeeze hard and use the small amount of juice to brighten up a piece of chicken or fish before serving.

Recently I was so excited to find fresh ginger for sale at Sweet Beet Market. Can you believe it's grown right here in NH? So, I decided to make the most of it and try out these recipes. I soon found myself adding ginger to almost every dish I was making. No need any more to have that neglected hunk of ginger at the back of the fridge.

Ginger Tea

Just add boiling water to a mug with a slice or two of orange or clementine, a squeeze of fresh lemon and few slices of fresh ginger. Just the steam alone feels like it will heal a cold.

Honey, Lemon & Ginger Cough Drops

Ingredients:

½ cup honey, 2 Tblsp fresh lemon juice, 1 tsp fresh grated ginger

Instructions:

Mix all ingredients together in a medium-sized, deep saucepan.

Heat to boiling over medium-low heat, stirring often to prevent burning. The mixture will foam up the sides of pan, so take pan off heat briefly to allow foam to subside, then place pan back on heat to continue cooking. You may have to turn heat down to low to prevent honey from burning.

Use a candy thermometer and heat to 300°F degrees, remove from heat and allow to cool for a couple of minutes until thickens slightly.

Put tea-spoons of the mixture onto parchment paper. Allow to cool until drops are hard.



Ginger Snap Cookies

Ingredients:

1 cup unsalted butter (softened)
¾ cup white sugar
¾ cup dark brown sugar
1 egg
1½ cups all-purpose flour
pinch of salt, ½ tsp baking powder, 1 tsp nutmeg, 1 tsp ground cloves, 2 tsp cinnamon,
3 tsp ground ginger

Instructions:

- In a large bowl, beat together the butter and sugars until light and creamy. While constantly whisking, slowly add the beaten egg just a little bit at a time.
- Sift together the flour, baking powder, salt and spices into another bowl then carefully stir these ingredients into the butter, sugar and egg mixture.
- Roll out the mixture to the thickness of a quarter, between two sheets of greaseproof paper, then place the whole lot in to the fridge and rest for a couple of hours.
- When you are ready to cook the cookies, heat the oven to 350°F and grease a baking sheet with a little butter. Cut the dough with a small round cookie cutter. Place the cookies on the baking sheet leaving plenty of space around each biscuit as they will spread.
- Bake for 10 minutes in the preheated oven. Once cooked, remove from the oven. As the biscuits will be soft at this point, carefully remove from the baking sheet and leave to cool on a wire cooling tray. Miraculously, the biscuits will harden up, and when completely cold have a perfect snap. Eat when cold.

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



Out and About

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.

In early November Bradford first graders were out and about helping "put the beds to bed" at Sweet Beet Farm.

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Bradford's Cornerstones in the 21st Century

Bement Bridge

The Bement Bridge is the third one to cross the West Branch of the Warner River and serve as a connector between the 'downtown' district and the old center. When the first bridge was constructed in 1790, the thirty-pound cost was to come from the 'penny tax' – one penny per acre of land in Bradford to be used for bridge and road construction. Instead, the inhabitants voted at town meeting to construct the bridge themselves with selectmen furnishing the rum. This bridge stood until 1818 when it was voted to build a new bridge near Samuel Bement's. In 1854 the town voted to rebuild "Bement Bridge" and authorized the selectmen to borrow money for this purpose. The sign posted at the north portal of the bridge sets that amount at \$500.

Extensive repairs were made in 1969, including a new roof and frame, concrete footings, facing of the abutments, siding, some truss members and the bottom chord. The Bement Bridge was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976.

In 2012 a new metal roof was installed along with repairs to the roadway. That same year former Town Administrator Cheryl Behr prepared an application for one of the final federal grants offered by the National Historic Covered Bridge Preservation Program. Word was received at the August 6, 2012 Selectmen's meeting that Bradford received a grant in the amount of \$772,000 - \$616,600 from federal funds, \$123,520 from state aid and \$30,880 from Town funds. The grant covered the cost of the design for rehabilitation and repair efforts to address the overall deterioration of the bridge. In 2016 the engineering firm Hoyle, Tanner & Associates reported that additional work was needed to complete the restoration. Town

Meeting appropriated a portion of Bradford's share in 2017. The engineering design is underway and construction is scheduled for the summer of 2018.

Thanks to the grant writing skills and the determination and perseverance of Cheryl Behr to secure the necessary federal and state funds, this Cornerstone will be protected for the next one hundred years.

Brick Mill

A grist mill and grain store were built by John Gregg around 1800 at the west end of Main Street. A dam at the outlet of Todd Pond provided the power for the mill. In 1895, dynamos were installed to produce electricity. Several businesses occupied the mill during the twentieth century, some taking advantage of the power supplied by the dam. Today the mill is a private residence. The Town can only encourage the owner to preserve the appearance of the building that is part of Bradford's history and exemplifies mill buildings of its era.

The importance of the mill over the years as a commercial venture has relied on the dam the provided water power to grind grain and water power for electricity. Attention is now focused on the dam itself, which acts to control the water level of what is now Lake Todd. Liability for a potential failure of the dam led to the organization of the Lake Todd Village District in 2004, allowing property owners to obtain insurance as a designated municipality. Major repairs were carried out in 2011/2012, when side-walls were raised to channel more water over the dam. Funds for this work and other necessary maintenance is raised by the taxes paid by the residents of the Village District. In this way, the dam will be there if, at any time in the future, someone wishes to design and install the mechanism necessary to re-activate the mill.

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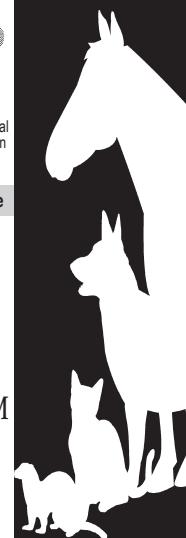
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Tax Reform and the 2018 Forecast

Happy New Year! As we start the year off many of us are trying to assess the impact of the tax reform bill. The National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) fought hard to retain the benefits of home ownership. Areas of specific concern were preserving the capital gains exclusion, protecting the mortgage interest deduction and state and local tax deductions, though both were reduced. The impact could be greater for New Hampshire with our high number of second home sales. The reduction in the effective rate of tax on business income earned by independent contractors will lower the taxes of many real estate professionals, which is a positive outcome. Overall, the reviews are mixed and we will have to see how it all plays out.

As for the real estate market nationwide, industry experts agree that purchases will increase in 2018 and beyond through 2020, with growth of around 2% in new and existing home sales in 2018 and a decline in refinancing to about 25% of the mortgage market. The uptick in interest rates is a factor, with a prediction that a 30-year fixed rate loan will rise to 4.6% in 2018. It could go over 5% in 2019, yet remain historically low levels and very favorable. Low inventory will remain a challenge for homebuyers and first-time buyers and millennials are the most impacted by the lack of affordable housing across the country and here in New Hampshire. Housing prices are expected to climb more than 4% in 2018. All of this creates a sense of urgency for buyers and a strong market for sellers. The overarching trend for our state according to the New Hampshire REALTORS® trade association, is the number of homes for sale has been fewer in most locales and those homes have been selling in fewer days for higher prices. From my experience

since last spring, this is the case in Bradford and surrounding towns, too. The data compiled for single family homes as of November, 2017 has new listings up 2.2%, pending sales up 19.1%, the median sales price up 8.4% to \$267,750 and the months supply of inventory down 24.4%. For condos, new listings were up 7.9%, pending sales increased 9.3%, the median sales price was up 5.3% to \$200,000 and the months supply of inventory decreased 31.4%. Updated figures since my last article show the number of residential sales (single family, condo, manufactured homes) through October 31, 2017 at 19,902, an increase of 1.8% from a year ago, and the total dollar volume of the number of sales cited is \$5.6 billion, up 8%. The total number of land sales was 1,403.

Russ Thibeault, President and Founder of Applied Economic Research says the New Hampshire economy is in a sweet spot right now, with unemployment among the lowest in the country and the only dark cloud on the horizon might be the constraint on the labor force when you don't have the manpower to fill the available jobs. Thibeault warns that we are not building enough housing and affordability will remain a problem, not just for buying but also for renting. Other experts cite that 2017 was also a robust year for commercial real estate both in industrial and multi-family sales, particu-

larly in the southern part of the state and on the seacoast. The state finished the fiscal year with a surplus of \$135 million allowing for replenishment of the "rainy day" fund and additional support for road and bridge construction and reducing opioid addictions, a problem that is so prevalent throughout the country and we hear about on a daily basis. Electricity remains very expensive and what will happen with Northern Pass will be at the forefront again in 2018. While all of the above data can show a variety of trends and possibilities both positive and negative, one thing is for sure. New Hampshire has a wonderful quality of life to offer and people will continue to live here and move here in 2018 and beyond.

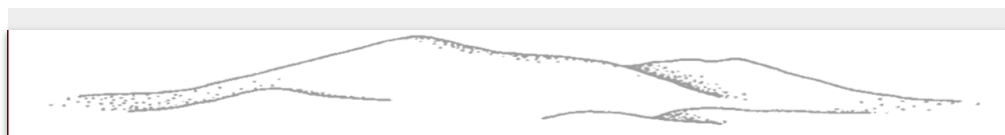
There are 21 active and 6 pending residential listings ranging in price from \$89,000 to \$2.20M, 15 active and 2 pending land listings ranging in price from \$18,000 to \$349,000, 1 active commercial listing priced at \$545,000 and 0 pending and 4 active and 0 pending multi-family listings ranging in price from \$194,900 to \$215,000. Two of the active residential listings are foreclosures.

Laura Hallahan – Broker



Recent Sales in Bradford

- **69 Center Road, 1986 Ranch on 5.19 acres for \$186,000**
- **103 Johnson Hill Road, 1988 Cape on 2.30 acres for \$247,000**
- **65 Gillingham Drive, 1976 Manufactured Home on 1.60 acres for \$50,000**
- **244 Cressy Road, 1975 Saltbox Cape on 2.664 acres for \$220,000**
- **338 E. Washington Road, 2002 Timber Frame Cape on 156 acres for \$1,050,000**
- **Lot 3 West Road, corner of West Meadow, 3.65 acres of vacant land for \$25,000**
- **0 West Road, corner of Old Mountain, 16.8 acres of vacant land for \$36,000**



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JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Kearsarge Regional Middle School has begun the work of implementing competencies across all subjects. The Competency School Improvement Group (one of seven SIGs at KRMS) began by developing a common understanding and definition of Competency-Based Education. The group looked at examples from schools across New Hampshire and the region. The working definition that guides the KRMS competency work is, “Competencies describe the knowledge, skills and behaviors students apply to demonstrate their understanding.”

The Competency SIG has identified a three to five year timeline for implementing competency-based education at KRMS. The first step of that plan is the introduction of the KRMS Habits of Mind, “In pursuit of personal and academic excellence, KRMS learners are **respectful, responsible, and resilient.**”

The KRMS Habits of Mind describe the attributes KRMS students develop to become successful learners. Each of the three habits, respectful, responsible, and resilient, is tied to traits of the KRMS learner and will be reported in each quarter. Students will be given feedback by each of their teachers using the KRMS Habits of Mind Rubric. A student’s Habits of Mind scores will reflect the growth they have made in each class and trait during that quarter. Descriptions of each of the Habits of Mind have been given to students and displayed throughout the school. Teachers and administration are using the language of the Habits of Mind to support students to be successful at KRMS and activities were held at the start of the school year in each cluster to introduce the Habits of Mind to students.

KRMS Learners are **respectful** members of the KRMS community when they are caring and communicate effectively. A caring person is kind, encourages and supports others, includes everyone, apologizes when necessary, and is an upstander. An effective communicator actively listens, thinks before speaking, and expresses their feelings appropriately.

KRMS Learners are **responsible** for their success as a learner when they collaborate and are dependable. Collaborators share their ideas, choose appropriate means of communication, participate fully and mindfully in class, and do their jobs. Dependable learners are on time and prepared for class, stay on task, own their actions, and are honest.

KRMS Learners are **resilient** and persevere to produce high quality work and demonstrate creative thinking. A perseverant learner asks for help, accepts feedback, is flexible, learns from mistakes, and doesn’t give up. Creative thinkers find innovative solutions, demonstrate open mindedness, take appropriate risks, ask questions, and solve problems.

The KRMS Competency SIG met with teachers from Kearsarge Regional High School to ensure that the work to develop competencies at KRMS supports the work already underway at KRHS. As a result, the KRMS Habits of Mind supports the 21st Century Skills implemented at KRHS.

The implementation of competency-based education at KRMS will be a long journey but one that will ultimately benefit our students. There will be opportunities in the process for parents to learn about competency-based education and how it will benefit their children.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Paterson, Principal
Paula Mercier, Assistant Principal
Rebecca Forrestall, Associate Director of Student Service

KRSD CALENDAR

DISTRICT WIDE

School Board Meetings on
January 4th, 6th, 18th @6:30

Annual KRSD Meeting @ KRHS
on January 6th @ 9:00

NO SCHOOL: New Year’s Day
January 1st and Martin Luther
King Day Jan. 15

1/26 End of Quarter 2 &
Semester 1

KRHS

1/11 AP/Running Start Parent-
Student Info Night

1/17 SAT

1/25- 28 Harvard Model UN

KRMS

1/5 Activity Night/Parent Social
7:00 – 9:00

1/18 Spelling Bee 1:30-2:30

1/25 Drama Production 7:00

KRES at NEW LONDON

1/3-1/5 Star Testing

1/8 & 1/22 Enviromental Club

1/17 Spelling Bee

1/24 & 1/25 Geo Bee

1/25 Thursday’s Child @ NL Inn

SIMONDS SCHOOL

1/3 Family Lunch 12:15-1:00

1/3 PTO Meeting 6:30

1/19 Spelling Bee 1:20

KRES at BRADFORD

1/17 ChiPS Meeting 6:30

1/24 Spelling Bee

1/29 All Grades Recognition
Assembly

SUTTON CENTRAL

1/17 PTO Meeting 6:30

1/18 Spelling Bee 8:20

Obituaries



Al Norton-McGonnigal

Alan (Al) W. Norton-McGonnigal died on Nov. 20, 2017, at home at age 76, surrounded by his loving family and two devoted dogs. He was born on December 12, 1940 in Weymouth, MA, the son of Thomas and Marion (Sweet) McGonnigal. Alan grew up in Hull, MA. Hull always occupied a special place in his heart. His family relocated to Quincy, MA, where he graduated from Quincy High School at the age of 17 and with his parent's consent, enlisted in the Air Force.

In 1961, he became an Air Force Pararescueman, or "PJ," and completed the two-year course known as "Superman School." He qualified as a Paramedic, Emergency Room Triage and Charge Nurse, Physician's Assistant and achieved an RN degree. He was stationed at US and overseas bases – assignments in Germany attached to the German Air Force. In 1969 he volunteered to go to Vietnam and while on a rescue mission, his helicopter was shot down and he broke his neck. He recovered, returned to the US to continue a medical career, retiring from the Air Force in 1978. He moved back to Massachusetts where he met the love of his life, Lillian Norton in 1982. Married in 1983 they moved to Sunapee, NH in 1986 where they ran a bed and breakfast for seven years. Alan became a

Physician's Assistant at a Newport hospital. They sold the B&B and moved to Bradford. Alan owned a deli, was a 911 Operator in Concord, and Manager of the Concord Area Meals On Wheels Program. He retired in 2010.

Alan was an avid history buff, enjoyed lively political discussions, loved photography, cooking, camping, was an expert shooter and knowledgeable collector of firearms. He loved his wife, family, friends and his country.

He is survived by his wife Lillian Norton-McGonnigal of Bradford; children Anne-Marie McGonnigal of Bronxville, NY and Paul McGonnigal of Portland, ME; his sister Helen Schrier of Grand Rapids, MI; nieces, nephews and their families. Alan was predeceased by his parents Thomas & Marion McGonnigal, sisters Margaret "Peggy" Hassan, Janet Boone, Susan McGonnigal and brother, Thomas McGonnigal.

A full military honor service will be held in the spring. To sign an online guestbook please visit:
www.chadwickfuneralservice.com.

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The Bradford Bridge welcomes obituaries of your loved ones. Please submit them to us by the 20th of each given month.
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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.

JANUARY 2018

Monday, January 1st

NEW YEAR's DAY Observed!
Mt. View Senior Center Closed
No Meals on Wheels Today
Library Closed

Tuesday, January 2nd

8:45 AM Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
10:00 AM Stitches from the Heart
12:00 Noon Senior Dining
12:30 PM Mahjong Group
2:00 PM Watercolor Class
5:30 PM Selectmen Meeting

Wednesday, January 3rd

6:00 PM Yoga
7:00 PM ZBA

Thursday, January 4th

12 Noon Senior Dining
1:00 PM Mahjong Group

Friday, January 5th

8:45 AM Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
11:30 AM First Friday Brunch – 50/50 raffle and door prizes. Historian Calvin Kickerbocker, "Montgomery Ward and Sears Roebuck, the Hundred Year War,"

Saturday, January 6th

9:00 AM KRSD Deliberative Session – KRHS, Sutton, NH

Monday, January 8th

8:45 Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
1:00 PM Bridge Group
5:30 PM Selectmen Meeting

Tuesday, January 9th

10:00 AM Stitches from the Heart
12 Noon Senior Dining
12:30 PM Mahjong Group
2:00 PM Watercolor Class
7:00 PM Planning Board

Wednesday, January 10th

1:00 PM Knitting Group
6:00 PM Yoga

Thursday, January 11th

12 Noon Senior Dining
12:30 PM Mahjong Group
5:00 PM BACC/P&R Committees

Friday, January 12th

8:45 Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness

Monday, January 15th

Martin Luther King Holiday
Senior Center Closed
No Meals on Wheels today
Library Closed
1:00 PM Bridge

Tuesday, January 16th

10:00 AM Stitches from the Heart
12 Noon Senior Dining
12:30 PM Mahjong Group
2:00 PM Watercolor Class

Wednesday, January 17th

6:00 PM Yoga
7:00 PM Book Discussion, BML

Thursday, January 18th

11:00– 12 Noon LSVNA BP Clinic
12 Noon Senior Dining
12:30 PM Mahjong Group

Friday, January 19th

8:45 AM Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
9:30– 11:30 AM LSVNA Foot Care Clinic
North Ridge Senior Housing
10:00 AM Friday at the Movies: UNLEASHED with Kate Micucci
12 Noon Senior Dining
1:00 PM Mahjong Group

Monday January 22nd

8:45 AM Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
1:00 PM Bridge
5:30 PM Selectmen Meeting

Tuesday, January 23rd

9:30– 11:30 AM Foot Care Clinic
Warner Pharmacy. Call 526-4077.
10:00 AM Stitches from the Heart
12 Noon Senior Dining
12:30 PM Mahjong Group
2:00 PM Watercolor Class
7:00 PM Planning Board

Wednesday, January 24th

10:30– 12 Noon BP Clinic
Warner Senior Room LSVNA
6:00 PM Yoga

Thursday, January 25th

12 Noon Senior Dining
12:30 PM Mahjong Group

Friday, January 26th

8:45 AM Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness

Monday, January 29th

8:45 AM Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
1:00 PM Bridge
5:30 PM Selectmen Meeting
5:30– 7:30PM Fly-Tying Class, BML

Tuesday, January 30th

10:00 AM Stitches from the Heart
12 Noon Senior Dining
12:30 PM Mahjong Group
2:00 PM Watercolor Class

Wednesday, January 31st

6:00 PM Yoga

Help us to bring friends and neighbors together in our town! If you would like to add items to this Community Events Calendar, contact the Bradford Bridge. bradfordbridge345@gmail.com

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 Community Church
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January 2018 Events

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

Youth Group- 11:30AM - 1PM every Sunday (Except January 7th).

Donations- Looking for donations of warm hats, gloves, mittens and socks for the homeless. Traveling to Rise Again Homeless Mission on Saturday January 6th at 8AM to help distribute warm clothing.

Community Meal- January 20th at 5-6PM. Come and get to know your neighbor. Crockpot meals and Mac n' Cheese for kids. FREE!

The Bradford Food Pantry- Open January 17th at 5:30-6PM.



Bradford Winter Carnival Parks and Recreation

Mark your calendars for Bradford's own Winter Carnival— February 24th! Parks and Rec is doing something new this winter. Bradford's Winter Carnival to be held at Brown Shattuck Field on Saturday, February 24th from 1:00-5:00 pm. Activities include ice skating, sledding, snowman building and family friendly games on the field. Warm up by the fire and enjoy some hot cocoa and a snack.

At the last Bradford Parks and Recreation meeting, December 14th, we voted in 2 new members: Devin Pendleton, and Jason Allen. The week before Jim Valiquet, Jason Allen and a few other volunteers set up the ice skating rink and it is ready to go!

If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Devin Pendleton at 603-715-6808 or devinpendleton505@gmail.com

Lead Poisoning



Although fishing with lead has been banned in NH, four of the six loons treated at Wings of the Dawn in Henniker, NH suffered from lead poisoning due to the use of lead sinkers and jigs on fishing tackle. The lead on fishing tackle is responsible for nearly half the deaths of adult loons in New Hampshire, reducing the bird's population in the state by 43 percent. Wings purchased five metal boxes with slots for the collection of lead fishing tackle. These boxes are securely placed at the Bradford, Henniker, Hillsborough, Warner and Weare transfer stations. Wings plans on purchasing more boxes and distributing them throughout NH. Each box costs \$40.00. Donations to offset the cost can be sent to:

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A full house of families braved the snow to greet Santa at Brown Memorial Library in Bradford. Treats were provided by the Bradford Women's Club and Tall Pines Realty. Members of the KRHS Choir led caroling at the tree-lighting outside. Here, Santa gets a letter and a hug, the best gift of all.

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