

# THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

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## \$3.5 Million Bond Warrant Vote Set for March 14

More than 60 Bradford residents turned out on Saturday, February 17 for a Bond Hearing to consider details of the \$ 3.5 million warrant article being proposed for Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 14. The proposal is the outgrowth of two years of studies by the Needs Assessment Committee (NAC) to respond to identified needs to construct a new building for deteriorating and dangerous town sheds, a new police station to replace the current substandard facility and to renovate and restore the historically important Bradford Town Hall that will accommodate renovated town offices and restored second floor space for the cultural, educational and recreational needs of the town.

### History of the NAC:

The NAC met in 2005 and 2006 and proposed a \$2.8 warrant article that would have moved the town sheds , police department and town offices to the Valley Transportation complex on Rt. 114. This effort was defeated. The measure failed for four reasons; it would have removed a taxable

property from the tax rolls, would have required the purchase of additional land, would have shifted the focus of smart growth away from a downtown in need of attention and would have effectively abandoned the beautiful and historic Town Hall which is on the National Register of Historic



*Don Jackson, Ruth-Ann and John Harris and Marlene Freyler share a laugh during a Needs Assessment Committee meeting*

Buildings. Town Hall remains one of the most valuable pieces of town property in Bradford (\$743,700).

### Current Plan

The NAC reconvened in April, 2006, with many new and several former members, to continue to consider plans for the town's neglected infrastructure. Many talented and experienced

townspeople, including construction engineers, grant writers, an economist, small business owners, a historian and others, have met regularly and often for the past year. Architects, engineers and historical resources specialists were consulted and input from town workers, the police department and administrative personnel contributed to the final plans being presented to the public for consideration this year.

The current plan, unanimously approved by the NAC and the selectmen addresses concerns that contributed to the failure of the previous plan. This proposal utilizes existing town owned property near the transfer station where the town sheds and the police department will have separate facilities with shared septic and water for added economy. It preserves the centrally located town hall as a multifaceted center for civic and cultural use.

### Financing:

The committee sought favorable financing packages to minimize the impact on taxpayers' pocketbooks. Interim financing at 4.5% during the construction phase insures that we will pay interest only on funds that have been drawn down. At the completion of construction in early 2009, the Town will begin making fixed semiannual payments for the life of the long-term loan. If we choose a 20 year loan at 4.5% from commercial banks, the tax

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### **From the Editors**

by Dorothy & Gerry Monigan

With Punxsutawney Phil and Valentine's Day behind us, it's time to look ahead to the big event: Town Meeting. Last year, Bradford residents turned out in a big way to vote on the future of Town Hall, and the proposed purchase of the Valley Transportation property was voted down. That sent planners back to the drawing board, because the problem still loomed. Town Hall is in bad shape and getting worse, and even if it were refurbished, it still would be inadequate for housing the police and transportation departments, as well as the town offices. That's the bad news. The good news is that we have town officials and volunteers who have worked diligently on a solution. They've come up with a new plan, and we suggest you read about in this March edition of The Bridge. This is a major issue for the future of our town, and we owe it to one another to get involved, or at the very least, to make informed decisions. One thing is for sure: If we do nothing, the problem will only get worse. So, please, become part of the solution. Learn the pros and cons of what's being proposed, and show up on March 14 for Town Meeting to help decide the issue. We're hoping this year's turnout is even bigger than last year's. And we're betting it will be.

Sincerely,

Dorothy and Gerry

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impact on a \$250,000 home in 2009 will be \$ 281 and will decline annually to \$193 in 2028, the last year of the loan. If we choose a 30 year loan, at 4.125% from the USDA, the impact in 2009 will be \$215 and will decline to \$121 in 2039 when the bond is retired. If costs are less than expected or grants obtained to cover some costs, the total amount borrowed will be reduced accordingly. In addition, it is reasonable to expect that \$100,000 to \$200,000 in historic preservation grants will be available to apply to the restoration needs of the second floor of town hall. Any grants received would lower the \$3.5 million dollar cap and funds would not be charged interest until the money is used. Careful attention to the bidding process will further reduce the tax burden and lessen the \$3.5 million dollar number. The \$3.5 is an absolute cap with contingencies built in to avoid cost overruns.

**Access:**

Some concern has been expressed regarding the Rt. 103 access to the proposed police and town shed buildings. The NAC is working with the Department of Transportation to gain access through the state owned right of way for access to the project. The process of negotiating has been moving ahead smoothly and DOT officials have assured the committee that the agency will do whatever is needed to facilitate access as quickly as possible so that town emergency services are accommodated as needed. This is not a major issue and should not impact the voter's commitment in considering this project.

**Conclusion:**

The NAC has worked with due diligence to develop a thoughtful, responsible plan that addresses our

neglected and deteriorating infrastructure while utilizing a prudent monetary approach to financing a much needed construction project. Taxpayers all, the NAC members have taken a practical and responsible financial approach, in a favorable construction market, towards repairing Bradford's neglected infrastructure while seeking to preserve the charm and rural character that makes Bradford a place where people want to live. Approving this bond issue will have a positive impact for decades to come.

It was noted at the Bond Hearing that many people living here now have never enjoyed the second floor activities held on our historic Town Hall stage. Children's parties and graduations, town plays and dances, theater productions and other events are no longer possible because of safety and fire concerns. Utilizing this simple but beautiful space again will invigorate the town and bring us together as a community with shared interests.


Please stop by Town Hall and look at the notes, pictures and architectural plans that are on display for public viewing in the meeting room. Financial details, the rationale for choosing this plan over all others considered and a glimpse of the past and future uses of the town facilities are offered for consideration.

Please attend the great democratic event of the year, unique to New England, Town Meeting, on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, 7:00PM at KRES/Bradford. **Free babysitting will be available from 6:45 to 9:30PM. Please come and vote at Town Elections, Tuesday, March 13, 2007, KRES/Bradford, 8:00AM to 7:00PM.**

If you would like more information, please contact Eileen Kelly, Acting

Committee Chair (938-2779) or Don Jackson, Assistant Committee Chair (938-2975). Or, attend a weekly NAC meeting, (all are welcome), on Thursdays at 7:00PM in our historic Town Hall.

**A St. Patrick's Day Corned-Beef-and-Cabbage Dinner with assorted homemade pies will be held at The First Baptist Church of Bradford on Saturday, March 17, 2007 at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$8.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for Children. For info, call 938-5313.**



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# Letters to the Editor

To the Editors,

Rounding third and heading home. If it is all in the timing, your Needs Assessment Committee will recommend going for home now. If not now, when?

For the past decade, the Town's many boards and committees have been talking about just what we're talking about now - doing something to provide adequate accommodations for the highway, police, and town offices. Neither the deteriorating conditions of these facilities nor the lack of financing for their improvements have been to the benefit of the Town, so, if not now, when?

Sure we can hold off, but when will we face up to addressing these needs? Only ten years ago, Warner built its highway garage at less than half what this same building will cost Bradford in today's dollars. If we hold back another one, five, or ten years, where will we be? Whether the Budget Committee can see it or not, it would be far wiser to be paying off the debt for today's costs rather than the payment in the future as costs continue to escalate.

The need is here and now. I hope that the Town will at last meet this need.

Dick Keller

To the Editors:

Residents of Bradford face a decision at the upcoming Town Meeting that will affect the Town in a very meaningful way for years to come, and one which represents an opportunity for making Bradford a more vibrant community in which to live and a better and safer place to raise a family. Warrant article #3 calls for a \$3.5 million bond issue to build a new highway garage and salt shed, a new police station, and for renovation of the Town hall.

The most important aspect of this Article is the elimination of risk and potential liability that the Town currently faces. Not only is the Highway garage in a state of disrepair, but it presents a health and accident-prone environment for highway workers. The police "station" is not in compliance with police safety standards, and officers, visitors and offenders are confined to cramped, inadequate quarters presenting potentially dangerous situations. Any tax increase, when compared with a possible liability suit from the injury or death of a Town employee or the "wrongful injury" of an arrested person, would pale in the face of the cost of legal fees and any damages awarded.

In comparison, the enhancement of the Police Department would make Bradford a safer place to raise our children, and would present a professional face to criminals. Increased capabilities by the Highway Department would improve their ability to keep Bradford in good repair. Those factors, which improve the community, are an inducement for new businesses and individuals to move to the Town, all of which would increase the tax base.

Bradford voters have a choice - Upgrade Bradford's capability to be a vibrant, dynamic town, or wait until the time comes when it is only an embarrassment to its citizenry. Seems the former option is a better choice than the latter.

Yours truly,  
Robert Manchester

*To the Editors:*

Did you know that:

- \* Firefighters in Bradford get paid \$10 a year?
- \* It figures out to less than 84 cents a month?
- \* The \$10 paid to each firefighter is only so that a Firefighter's medical bills are covered by the town insurance in case of injury in service?
- \* A firefighter who attends the scheduled trainings and meeting donates about 10 hours of service a month to the town?
- \* These ten hours are not including any calls?

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\* Firefighters are on call all the time they are in town or nearby?

\* Many Bradford firefighters lose wages when they leave their jobs to answer a call?

\* In 1993, the citizens of the Town of Bradford moved into compliance with NH RSA 154:1 by voting that the fire department could choose a form of fire department organization different from those set forth in paragraph I, including the election of fire chief, fire officers or firefighters, or all such persons, by the firefighters?? {NH RSA 154:1:III

{<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/xii/154/154-mrg.htm>}

\* Most of the vehicle maintenance is voluntarily provided by three professional mechanics who are on the fire department?

\* Firefighters are grateful for all the support given in the past?.

\* Firefighters would appreciate the continued support of the Town?

\* The median expected salary for a typical Firefighter in the United States is \$38,293? {Salary.com (<http://www.salary.com>)}

\* The firefighters are unanimously opposed to Warrant Article 11?

\* The petition to place Warrant Article 11 on the ballot was never submitted to any Bradford firefighter?

\* The firefighters would appreciate if you would vote "NO" on Article 11 at Town Meeting on March 14th?

Yours truly,  
Laurie Brown

Dear Editors:

I would like to clarify two points that Fire Department officials have been presenting during the recent discussion of Warrant Article #11, which would have the Selectmen appoint the Fire Chief.

They have been repeatedly quoted claiming that the warrant article was launched by me to be vindictive. This is completely false. In fact, I had tabled the notion of a warrant article, until I was approached by five citizens who wanted to take the issue on. I decided to join this coalition of residents who felt this article would be good for Bradford. I helped with the work involved, including collecting signatures.

Secondly, they have been repeatedly quoted as claiming that "some individuals" do not want to follow fire safety guidelines put forth by the state. This is also completely false. In the project they are referencing, I hired an engineering firm to oversee all the codes, including safety codes required by the state and local authorities. This company came to an impasse with the Fire Department regarding the interpretation of a specific code. They

solicited interpretations from additional sources including the State Fire Marshall's Office, PSNH, and numerous additional experts in the field; all disagreed with the Fire Department's interpretation. My company's effort has always been to comply with safety guidelines, not to usurp them.

Warrant Article #11 puts the accountability of the Fire Department squarely where it should be - with the Selectmen. They are elected to run the town and should do so. I hope you will follow Newbury's lead, as they are embracing this same warrant article as a positive step forward. A "Yes" vote on Warrant Article #11 will insure future accountability. Please note: this warrant article will be a paper ballot vote.

Sincerely,

Stephen Manley

Dear Editors,

I believe we need accountability through checks and balances in all regulatory matters concerning the town. The Fire Chief is currently elected by the volunteer firefighters. I and others who started the petition for Warrant Article #11 feel that it would be better for Bradford to choose the option in RSA 154:1 I (b) which requires appointment by the Board of Selectmen. I believe this is appropriate because the Fire Chief is mandated by state statute to perform a regulatory role much like the Building Inspector, who currently is accountable to the

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Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen has the primary responsibility for governance of the Town of Bradford, and this certainly should include the safety issues addressed by the Fire Code.

I have the greatest respect and admiration for the Fire Department and all the great people who volunteer their time and effort for our safety. I simply believe that this is a better form of government. I believe it is critical that all regulatory positions be accountable to someone who is elected by the voters in the town and that no regulatory position should be exempt from the pressures that are brought to bear by the voters.

Warrant Article #11 does not propose a change in personnel, but rather a change in the process with which the Town of Bradford fulfills this vital position. A "Yes" vote will allow the full body of citizens a greater influence to choose the right leaders which ultimately affect the town and increases the accountability of this regulatory position. Newbury has the same warrant article being brought before their town meeting, with the full support of the Newbury Fire Chief, and it has little or no opposition from anyone. I hope that the citizens of Bradford will come to the town meeting and vote "Yes" on this ballot vote for Warrant Article #11.

Sincerely,  
Fred Hubley

To The Editor:

I am writing concerning the recent controversy regarding the relationship between the Bradford Fire Department and the Bradford Rescue Squad, which is centered on ongoing concerns about leadership, responsibility and accountability. Folks need to know that the issue is not about supporting the brave firefighters who protect us and endanger their lives when called to duty. We are all grateful for their unselfish protection and volunteer efforts. Equally important is the selfless dedication to duty of the members of the Bradford Rescue Squad. These two organizations should be able to work together as two independent but cooperative agencies in responding to the needs of our citizens. The real issue before the people of Bradford on March 14 is one of accountability of a fire chief. Should one person who runs the department, makes and enforces policy, collects funds and decides on the fate of various business and other projects in town, be required to have oversight by the selectmen who run the town? If a citizen or other volunteer group wishes to appeal a fire chief's decision and does so successfully and the fire chief does not feel bound to respect that decision, where is the oversight and enforcement that would provide fairness in the process? An arbitrary decision by one town official with no oversight is bad business for all the citizens of Bradford. Come to Town Meeting on March 14. Listen to the point of views of the parties involved

in the current debate and weigh in with your vote.

Sincerely,  
Laurie Methven

Dear Editors,  
Bradford has been in compliance with NH RSA 154:1 since 1993, when the citizens voted that the fire chief, officers, firefighters, or all such persons, be elected by the firefighters (NH RSA 154:1:III). NH RSA 154:5 states the fire chief shall be technically qualified and have the ability to command firefighters and hold their respect and confidence. The firefighters are the most qualified to determine who has the qualities needed to be chief.

A town may change the organization of its fire department. The change shall not take effect until one year following such vote (NH RSA 154:4) <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/>.

The response to the petition:

1. The Town pays for fire and safety equipment. - Fire chiefs shall have the authority and the control of all fire apparatus and equipment used to put out fires (NH RSA 154:2: I). The Fire Department must comply with budget regulations as do all town departments.
2. The Town is liable for any claims. - The Town's insurance carrier has no preference of how the Chief is elected.
3. Fire and safety questions would be resolved in a timely manner. - That

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currently happens, although consulting with the State Fire Marshall's Office takes time.

4. Selectmen would have oversight on training. - The State Division of Fire Standards and Training has the legal oversight for training.

5. Selectmen could act as arbitrators in resolving disputes.- The fire chief shall have the authority to enforce any local or state laws or rules pertaining to fire safety (NH RSA 154:2: II). The State Fire Marshall is the appellate agency. The Selectmen cannot interfere with the exercise of functions which by statute are delegated to other officials.

*Knowing the Territory* (a Selectman's handbook).

Please show the Fire Department your support and join us in voting "NO" on Warrant Article 11 at Town Meeting on March 14th .

Thank you from the Members of the Bradford Fire Departmen

Dear Editors:

In advance of this month's Town Meeting (March 14), the Committees for the Bradford Area Community Center (BACC) and Bradford Parks & Recreation are urging fellow citizens to VOTE "YES" ON WARRANT ARTICLE 15. Warrant Article 15 enjoys the support of the Bradford Budget Committee and Town Selectmen.

Currently, the Parks & Recreation Department Director and the BACC

Director are two separate, part-time positions, with 10 hours/week budgeted for the Parks & Rec Director and 20 hours/week for the BACC Director. Warrant Article 15 would combine the two job descriptions into a single full-time position. Besides combining the two jobs into a single budget item, Warrant Article 15 would expand the budgeted hours for the new, joint-Directorship by 5 hours/week (from 30 to 35 hours/week).

In our opinion, the potential budget impact of employee benefits (assuming the new Director requires benefits through the Town) and modestly expanded hours would be greatly offset through increased efficiencies and expanded services to the community. Under the current arrangement, Parks & Rec activities peak in the summer and Parks & Rec budget hours typically run out by October. By combining the positions and slightly expanding the budgeted hours, activities and services for both Parks & Rec and the BACC can be offered more consistently throughout the entire year.

With the impending retirement of long-time BACC Director, Jarna Perkins, now is an ideal time to combine the Parks & Rec and BACC Director positions. By consolidating resources and coordinating planning through a single office, both Parks & Rec and the BACC will be better positioned to more effectively serve the needs of the community.

Yours truly  
Martha Barron

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**No Planning or Zoning Board of Adjustment notes this month**

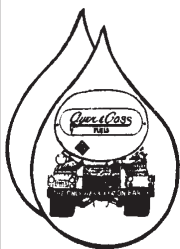
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To the Editor

Please vote for Mike Quinn, Selectman and "write in" George Cilley for Budget Committee. George's family has been in town since 1822. He is a man of integrity who has a good sense of town history. George is active in the church, and I've had the pleasure of serving on a committee with him at Bradford Center. George is an asset to any board and is running as a write-in for Budget Committee.

Mike Quinn has a young family, drives for the Bradford Rescue Squad, is on the Needs Assessment Committee and is the Former Editor of the Bradford Bridge. Mike currently writes a Bradford column for the Argus Champion and works for the Granite State Independent Living Foundation. Mike helped out the Bridge in a time of need when our editor had passed away and we were in danger of folding. Thanks to his stewardship, the Bridge continued to be published in a rocky year. He has good judgment and is an excellent candidate for Selectman.

The town of Bradford is lucky to have two fine candidates for office. Please join me in voting for Mike Quinn, Selectman and George Cilley, a write in for Budget Committee.

Mary Keegan-Dayton  
Bradford

*To The Editors:*

I regret to announce that I must withdraw my candidacy for the Planning Board due to conflict with my new job. I would like to make some points as to planning.

Developers should ideally seek out partially logged lots or open fields to plan a subdivision if they must. Compromises can be achieved and more development that is compatible

to Bradford's environment can occur. Uncontrolled development is like a cancer that never stops growing - next thing we know, there is a K-Mart on Route 103, Home Depot on 114, Burger King on Main Street, the covered bridge is replaced by a Jiffy Lube and the Bradford Pines become a parking lot. It happens fast - hello, Newark, New Jersey!

Don't get me wrong, development is good if done intelligently. I hope that whoever wins the Planning Board seats will endeavor to cap some of the subdivision development and concentrate more on upgrading the town of Bradford itself with nicer shops, new facilities, and maybe a coffee shop like they have in Warner. A good coffee shop would attract patrons from Newbury and possibly Henniker and Sutton, maybe even feature a small gallery of local artists and photographers. I am sure the people of Bradford would love to walk down Main Street and be able to stop into a nice coffee shop, sit down, eat some pastry, and even possibly enjoy some music. How about that? Bradford doesn't need 20,000 new cookie cutter homes with fenced-in yards, the generic deck, grill, and barking dogs. That life is for the suburbs, not a traditionally rural, historic, town like Bradford.

Sincerely,

Jeff Aarons





# Bradford Happenings

## St. Patrick's Dinner at First Baptist Church

A gala St. Patrick's Day Corned-Beef-and-Cabbage Dinner with assorted homemade pies will be held at The First Baptist Church of Bradford on Saturday, March 17, 2007 at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$8.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for Children. For info, call 938-5313.

## Fells Native Plant Information Session-Free to all

On Tuesday, March 27, from 12:30-1:30pm, The Fells partners with The New England Wildflower Society in offering two new Certificates in Native Plant Studies, Field Botany, and Native Plant Horticulture/Design. NEWFS Education Director, Greg Lowenberg, outlines the program for all interested amateur and professional gardeners. Courses will be offered at the Fells as well as other venues throughout New England.

Meet at The Fells Gatehouse, 456 Route 103A, Newbury, New Hampshire.

Advance registration appreciated - call 603-763-4789, ext 3.

## Friday Movie Special at Mt. View Senior Center

On Friday, March 30, 10:30 am, the Mountain View Senior Center will show "An Inconvenient Truth," the first of a two-part series in celebration of Earth Day. Come see the movie, think about what is happening to our earth, then come to our First Friday Brunch on April 6 with your questions. Speaker Ted Leach from the NH Carbon Coalition will talk about global warming from a New Hampshire perspective. Don't miss this rare opportunity! Both programs are open to the community. Reservations are a must because space is limited. Call 938-2104 to reserve space.

## Amateur Radio Event

On Sunday, March 18, 2007, The Contoocook Valley Radio Club will hold its annual Hamfest at the Henniker Community School from 8 am to 2 pm. Features will include speakers, Amateur Radio License examinations, indoor vendor tables, HT raffle, door prizes, and refreshments. The school is located on Western Avenue, west of the blinking light on Rte. 114 in the center of Henniker. Signs will indicate the entrance to parking behind the school. Talk-in on 146.895 MHz (-600 Hz: PL 100 Hz); call W1CPL. More information is available from Jim, NS1E, at (603) 428-7436 or at [www.k1bke.org](http://www.k1bke.org).

## Two Events Planned by S. Newbury Union Church

A St. Patrick's Day Flea Market & Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, March 17, from 9 am to 2 pm, at the Union Church (corner of Sutton & Village Roads, off Rte. 103). Also coffee...donuts...chowder...pot o' gold raffle - something for everyone. \$1 off purchase if wearing GREEN! Handicapped accessible. Call 938-5369 for more information.

On Sunday, March 25, a Town-wide Easter Egg Hunt will be held from 1-3 pm, snow/rain or shine, at Newbury Town Hall, sponsored by South Newbury Union Church. There will be lots of eggs to find. Also, a visit from the Easter bunny...crafts...face painting...hot chocolate...juice...and cookies. Bring a basket to gather your eggs. Join in the fun! For more information, call 938-2064.

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## KRES at Bradford School Spelling Bee

On Wednesday, January 31, the following fourth and fifth grade students took part in the annual KRES at Bradford School Spelling Bee:

Travis Newman, D. J. Heiner, Braxton Smith, Karissa Petit, Haley Andersson, Stephen Pulaski, Nadia Crainich, Mitchell Brewster, Brianna Critch, Shannon McIntyre, Harry Gross, Amanda Dugas, Kyle McNeil, Drake von Kanneurff, Alyson Sinatra. In order to prepare for the spelling bee, these students gave up several lunch recesses to practice with Kathy McKenna, who is the Reading Specialist at Bradford and also the Spelling Bee Coordinator.

The school spelling bee is the first step in the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee. The winner will represent KRES at Bradford in the area spelling bee in Concord, NH, on Saturday, March 10. Area and



Haley Andersson, Spelling Bee Winner

state-wide spelling bees are sponsored by The Manchester Union Leader and the New Hampshire Sunday News.

Haley Andersson (at left), who is a fourth grade student in Mrs. Sweet's class, will be representing KRES at Bradford at the Concord Area Spelling Bee. Alyson Sinatra, who is also a fourth grade student in Mrs. Sweet's class, was the runner-up. Haley Andersson won the KRES at Bradford Spelling Bee after 12 rounds by correctly spelling the word "pilot."



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# KRSD School News

## Bradford KRES News Mary Keegan-Dayton

Two quarters make 50 cents, four quarters make a dollar. This is some of the learning going on in Beth Fenton and Lauren Wittel's first-grade classes. Money math. Part of the NH Grade Level Expectations (GLE) is for first-graders to demonstrate an understanding of monetary value by knowing the names and values for coins; penny, nickel, dime, quarter. In addition students need to know how to add collections of these coins together to a sum no greater than \$1.00.

Fenton and Wittel make it fun. Together, the two first-grade classes spend math time in January getting a strong foundation in money. Then for three weeks in February, the first-graders cooperatively run Snack Shop, a hands-on project that culminates their money math unit. It is the brain child of two retired Bradford teachers, Deb Cossingham and Judy Wilson, who designed a hands-on, multi-level, math program called M+M Math for a graduate school project at Antioch thirteen years ago. Snack Shop sells snacks to students and teachers. "Each first grade student is assigned a day to work at the shop, and three days to stock, bake, and set up. Counting earnings and advertising are both part of the duties," according to Fenton. Parent volunteers like Susan Montminy and Beth Von Beren help at the shop. Everyone loves Snack Shop. Raisins, animal crackers, granola bars, and homemade baked goods are sold each morning. The "take" varies. Parents bake or donate items for Snack Shop and assist in and out of the classroom counting change with students. Everything costs 50 cents. Students line up in the hallway awaiting their turn to buy

a snack. "It's awesome," said third-grader Adam Cahill. Austin Hogancamp thinks they should sell candy, and Harrison Sneck wants to see healthier foods. Mr. Spadaro can often be seen buying pickles at Snack Shop; Mrs. Wittel likes the string cheese.

The first-grade teachers see much improvement in the money math skills of their students after the January lessons, counting change at home, and Snack Shop work. Students keep a running record of the profits from Snack Shop, and in the past, monies earned were donated to the school library for new books. Students working cooperatively in small groups and learning new math skills...that's what M+M Math is all about.

## School District Report John Steiner

This month, I was asked to review the highlights of the Deliberative Session held on January 20 at the High School. A crowd of over 100 attendees listened to presentations on the budget, reserve funds, the proposed teacher contract, and a petitioned warrant article. While the budget received some discussion, the majority of the time was spent discussing Article 2, the proposed teacher contract. Last month I explained why we should all support Article 2...and here's more information that came up at the meeting.

Without passage, KRSD's starting salaries:

- drop from the 51<sup>st</sup> to the 33<sup>rd</sup> percentile statewide
- are \$79 higher than Claremont
- are \$1500 Lower than Berlin
- are \$2728 lower than Plymouth

This puts us in an even deeper hole and makes it difficult to attract, and ultimately retain, good teachers.

Article 6 is a citizen petition that would change our charter, adding a new layer to how the budget is crafted. Presently, school administrators look at the needs of the district and make requests. These requests are carefully studied by the Board and the Board adopts a budget. Next, the Budget Committee examines the budget and arrives at its own number. These numbers are then debated by the public before the final vote. It's a realistic process with human involvement. Article 6 would add a random number based on the previous year's budget with little or no regard to the actual needs of the district in that given year. Plus, a quirk in voting means that as few as 26% of the voters could choose this number... and it becomes the budget! Please keep sanity in the process and vote "No" on Article 6.

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# Candidates for Town Offices

## Selectman for 3 years - vote for 1

- Michael Quinn
- Charles Meaney III

## Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 years - vote for 1

- Everett Kittredge

## Trustee of Brown Memorial Library for 3 years -vote for 2

- Robert Manchester
- Penny Ulrich

## Scholarship Committee for 3 years - vote for 1

- Lynne Edwards
- Mary Keegan-Dayton (write-in)

## Budget Committee for 3 years - vote for 2

- Marlene Freyler
- Jane Lucas
- George Cilley (write in)

## Planning Board for 3 years - vote for 2

- Jeffrey Aarons (withdrawn)
- Edythe Craig
- Marcia Keller

## Zoning Board for 3 years - vote for 2

- Mildred Kittredge
- Brooks McCandlish

## Cemetery Commission for 3 years - vote for 1

- Carey Rodd

To provide the community with information on the year's candidate for town offices, the *Bridge* asked each candidate to answer four questions:

- 1) Why are you running for office?
- 2) In your opinion, what is the most important issue Bradford today?
- 3) What approach will you employ to address issues facing Bradford?
- 4) What professional/personal experiences do you possess that will enhance your candidacy?

### Mike Quinn - Selectman

1. I'm running for office to ensure that Bradford continues to grow while maintaining its heritage and character; to bring new business into Bradford and expand the tax base; and to give all residents the opportunity to make their voices heard.

2. The most important issue facing Bradford is the need for more resident input and feedback. From the Selectmen to town boards and committees, every government body must proactively reach out to residents and solicit their opinions. Posting

meeting notices is no longer an effective tactic—we have to give people a reason to take time out of their busy schedules to attend.

3. My ACT plan is based on three priorities: Attracting visitors to Bradford—especially Main Street; Creating a business-friendly environment; and Transforming town government so that more residents participate.

4. As a senior manager for a statewide non-profit organization, my responsibility is to support our consumers, be a steward of contributor funds, and operate the business efficiently and ethically. Those skills transfer well to the job of Selectman. On a personal note, Amy and I cannot imagine a nicer place to live and raise a family!

### Charles "Chip" Meany - Selectman

1. A feeling of civic responsibility and a desire to serve the community that I have resided in for over 30 years.

2. In my opinion, the most important issue facing Bradford today is the disenfranchisement of a large portion of the citizens. There is a strong need to put greater faith in the governing boards of the community and less power in the hands of special interest groups.

3. I would attempt a greater outreach to the citizens and a more user-friendly approach to the decision-making process.

4. BA, History, New England College President, Bradford Fish & Game Club, 5 yrs

Building Inspector, Town of Bradford, part time, 10 yrs

Code Enforcement Officer, full time, Town of Weare

Adjutant/Paymaster Dillon Detachment Marine Corps League

Service Officer American Legion Post 65



**Everett Kittridge - Trust Fund Trustee**

1. Volunteer public service is both a privilege and a responsibility in our society.
2. Education funding and the view tax.
3. Applied common sense coupled with skepticism.
4. Prior experience as a trustee, long-time citizen of Bradford, on good terms with integers.

**Robert Manchester - Library Trustee**

- 1) To assist in keeping our library vibrant and to aid in adding additional programming and resources.
- 2) Tax issues regarding new building/quarters for police, town hall, highway.
- 3) Concerning the library I will try to learn from current trustees and act accordingly to enhance the library's value.
- 4) Thirty plus years business experience, research/archival skills, grant writing.

**Penny Ulrich - Library Trustee**

1. I am running for Library Trustee because my two sons and I like to use the Library, and I would like to be more involved in the programs.
2. I think the most important issue facing the Library is to get more families to use it and to expand the children's programs.
3. We need to find out more about what the community wants at the Library and go from there.
4. I was a teacher for several years and now have two boys who love the Library.

**Lynne Edwards Scholarship committee**

I am volunteering to be on the committee.

Scholarships are very important to our youth who have the desire to further their education and need the assistance to do so. They need the chance to enhance their education by being able to afford it. These students in our town should be recognized.

**Mary Keegan-Dayton - Scholarship Committee**

1. I have been serving on the Scholarship Committee for 2 years and would like to continue. I am a write-in candidate.
2. The most important issue for the Scholarship Committee is raising the amount of principle so that we may increase the scholarship award. Presently, one \$500 scholarship is awarded yearly to a citizen in town.
3. Funding for the scholarship comes from private donations and fundraising efforts. Interest on the principal is used for the yearly award and is managed by Bradford's Trustees of the Trust Funds. We would like to increase the principal by seeking additional private donations and increasing our fundraising efforts.
4. I have a Masters Degree in Education and am a Reading Recovery Teacher at KRES at Bradford. I have a daughter in college and understand the financial burdens of higher education.

**Marlene Freyler - Budget Committee**

1. I am running for office because I care about Bradford and the residents who live here and would like to represent their opinions.
2. There are many issues facing Bradford, and one of those issues is whether they are going to be able to

live here, and will they be able to keep their property for their children or for their own retirement? I would like to be able to help them have a voice in what their taxes will be.

3. I will listen to their needs and their questions and try to represent them to the best of my ability.
4. I have lived in Bradford for the last 35 years and have been a resident of New Hampshire all my life. I have owned my own businesses for the past 40 some years, so I do know something about budgets and long-range planning.

**Jane Lucas - Budget Committee**

1. Since December, 2006, I have been filling a vacancy and feel I can use my experience to serve on this committee.
2. Balancing tax revenues with the Town and School system needs. A solution is needed (and soon) to improve or replace the Road Crew Building, Police Station, and Town Offices. Spending on this project needs to be very clear to the Townspeople. Also, the reassurance on what has been or will be done needs to be clear to achieve the best solution for keeping costs as low as possible.
3. Assist Selectmen, Departments and other Committees in controlling spending and exploring new concepts to reduce costs.
4. Professionally: Having worked as a Department Manager, Plant Superintendent, and Plant Manager, I have experience working with department and facility budgets. Monitoring spending and variance reporting gives me a good background in preparing and reviewing budgets. My responsibilities included working with Vendors and Suppliers to receive the best costs without sacrificing quality.

Candidates - cont'd from page 15

Personal: My family has lived in town for more than 30 years. I have been a taxpayer for 20 years and want to be involved in the Town's future.

### **George Cilley - Budget Committee (Write-in)**

1) For many years I have been intrigued with the Town Budget Committee as to its importance to the Town of Bradford, and now I have the time to invest in it.

2) The most important issue facing the Town today is making the workplaces of our town employees healthy and safe without spending any more money for band-aid fixes.

This is also important from another perspective that for at least two years, the town has known of these deficiencies; if they are not corrected, it makes the Town negligent, and there is no insurance for negligence.

4) I have served on the Needs Assessment Committee for eleven months. I still am, or have been, on the Board of Trustees for both the First Baptist Church and the Center Meeting House in Bradford. This, along with a career of managing dairy farms, has given me the knowledge and capability of recognizing needs and solving problems.

### **Marcia Keller - Planning Board**

1. Over the past few years, the Bradford Planning Board has worked to improve the service it provides to the town and those wishing to build or develop land in the Town by revising the regulations, updating the Master Plan, and engaging professional assistance when needed. I would like to continue to help with this effort.

2. For the Planning Board, the most important issue is to begin

implementing the recommendations contained in the Master Plan.

3. The Planning Board will review the Zoning Ordinance, seek input from the public, and propose changes to be acted upon by the voters that are necessary.

4. More than 70 years connection with Bradford as a summer and a year-round resident, professional experience as a municipal planner with the State of New Hampshire, and years of service on the Bradford Planning Board.

### **Edythe L. Craig - Planning Board**

1. I am running for the office because I have enjoyed serving in this capacity for a number of years and feel as if my knowledge of the history of the Planning Board's activities and actions in the past is helpful in understanding new requests. I would like to be a party to the decisions made in response to the growth of our town.

2. The most important issue in our town is how to keep our taxes within the affordability of our residents while providing the facilities that are needed to keep our services up to expected standards.

3. The Planning Board has only its own business to address, and I am concerned that the cost of changing property ownership is a real burden to some who need to make changes in order to afford to keep a corner of their Bradford heritage/property.

4. My profession did not prepare me for this job, but my years of ownership in Bradford (47 years) and resident (27-1/2 years), and a number of years on the Planning Board under the leadership of three different good chairmen, I believe qualifies me for the position.

### **Milly Kittredge - Zoning**

#### **Board**

1. State statutes allow the Board to administer a needed appeal process for the individual.
2. Growth - consistent, orderly, and fair.
3. Attempt a balance of individual property rights with local and state laws.
4. Member of Zoning Board for 6+ years.

### **Brooks McCandlish - Zoning Board**

- 1) I am running for this office because I like the town of Bradford.
- 2) The most important issues facing Bradford concern how we meet demands of and adapt to the changing world.
- 3) To address issues facing the Zoning Board of Adjustment, I would strive to employ fairness and consideration to all parties.
- 4) I am a licensed professional forester, 54 years old, 23 years as a resident of Bradford. I have served on the Town's Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Board of Library Trustees.

### **Carey Rodd - Cemetary Commission**

- 1) I enjoy town history and learning about the people who lived here in the past.
- 2) The town's biggest challenge will be preserving its New England character while preparing for the future.
- 3) We need to encourage the younger families in town to be involved in Bradford's historical and cultural assets
- 4) An interest in genealogy is useful for studying Bradford's cemeteries. Tom Riley has been creating a computer data base for the cemeteries and our goal is to eventually make the information available online.

# Warrant Articles

Town of Bradford  
State of New Hampshire

Town Warrant

The Polls will be open from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm on March 13, 2007.

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Bradford Elementary School on Old Warner Road in Bradford on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, to act on the following articles:

- 1.. To choose all necessary Town officials for the ensuing year.
2. To adjourn the meeting until Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at 7:00 pm, at the Bradford Elementary School on the Old Warner Road. The raising of money and remaining articles in the Warrant to be taken up at the adjourned meeting. Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the Budget Committee.
3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate Three Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000) to construct a new police station highway garage, salt shed, and to renovate the Town Hall building, including town offices, sprinklers throughout and elevator access to the second floor. This will also provide for the issuance of not more than Three Million, Five Hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) of bonds or notes for this purpose. This warrant will also authorize the Selectmen as agents to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. Paper Ballot

required. Two- thirds vote to pass. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend. Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non recommendation of the budget committee.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Five Hundred Seventy One Thousand, Seven Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$1,571,780) for the general municipal operation. This article DOES NOT include amounts appropriated by other warrant articles. (Majority vote required)

Executive	103,115.00
Elections and Vital records	4,225.00
Financial Administration	79,790.00
Revaluations	29,677.00
Legal	17,000.00
Employee Benefits-excludes elected officials	177,947.00
Planning and Zoning	23,860.00
General Government Buildings	40,787.00
Cemetery	17,212.00
Insurance	58,500.00
Other General Government	23,816.00
Police Department	257,876.00
Fire Department	86,100.00
Rescue Services	12,250.00
Building Code Department	13,875.00
Emergency Management	1,000.00
Highway Department	343,093.00
Bridge Maintenance	100.00
Street Lighting	3,700.00
Solid Waste Collection	50,093.00
Solid Waste Disposal	62,950.00
Inoculations	1,000.00

Welfare Administration	3,640.00
Welfare Vendor Payments	20,000.00
Parks and Recreation	19,966.00
Library	54,694.00
Patriotic Purposes	15,500.00
Community Center	45,229.00
Other Conservation	785.00
Interest on T.A.N.	4,000.00
Total	1,571,780.00

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for continued work by the Needs Assessment Committee and provide funds for engineering and technical assistance for town improvement projects. This is a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the funds are spent or December 31, 2012. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to fund the Town Facilities Capital Reserve Fund. This article will be withdrawn if Article 3 passes. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to fund the Highway Garage Capital Reserve Fund. This article will be withdrawn if Article 3 passes. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to fund the Police Facility Capital Reserve Fund. This article will be withdrawn if Article 3 passes. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.



## Warrants - continued

- 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to begin repairs and upgrade on the Town Sheds at their current location. This will be null and void if Article 3 passes and is designated a special warrant article for this warrant. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.
- 10.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Bradford Planning Board to adopt regulations to require preliminary conceptual consultation review of subdivisions pursuant to RSA 674:35, I and preliminary conceptual consultation review of site plans pursuant to RSA 674:43, I.
- 11.** To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with RSA 154:1:I(b), to establish the following organizational structure for the Town of Bradford Fire Department: A fire chief shall be appointed by the Board of Selectman, with firefighters appointed by the Board of Selectman, upon recommendation of the fire chief. By Petition. Majority vote required.
- 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) for the purpose of providing matching funds for any grants that may become available to the Town of Bradford. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the funds are used or on December 31, 2012. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.
- 13.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict 30% of the revenues collected from the town's recycling efforts to expenditures for the purpose of equipment and programs related to recycling. Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Recycling Revolving Fund, separate from the general fund; Revolving Fund shall not exceed \$15,000 and any revenue from recycling that would cause the balance in the Recycling Revolving Fund to exceed \$15,000 shall be deemed general fund revenue. Further, to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend the revenue deposited in the Recycling Revolving Fund. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.
- 14.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95 to restrict revenues collected from programs offered by the Parks and Recreation Department to expenditures for the purpose of funding such programs. Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund, separate from the general fund. Further, to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend the revenue deposited in the Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.
- 15.** To see if the Town will vote to combine the positions of Parks and Recreation Director and Community Center Director into one full time position and increase the budget by Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000) to cover nine months of additional wages and employee benefits for the expanded position. This article will be designated a special warrant article for this warrant. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.
- 16.** To see if the Town will vote to include the Town Clerk/Tax Collector (an elected official) in any salary considerations granted to town employees and to raise and appropriate Nine Hundred and Six Dollars (\$906.00) in 2007 to fund this increase. This article will be designated a special warrant article for this warrant.
- Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.
- 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$2,750.00) for Bradford, Newbury, Sutton Youth Sports. This article will be designated a special warrant article for this warrant. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.
- 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for infrastructure improvements for the Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports non-profit organization. Proposed improvements include the construction of a maintenance/storage facility at Warren Brook Park, safety fencing for the softball field, roof repairs on the Elementary School dugouts at Brown Shattuck Field, a new well at Warren Brook Park, aeration and fertilization to all athletic fields, maintenance on the mowing equipment and improvements to parking at Warren Brook Park. By Petition. Selectmen do not recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.
- 19.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to fund the Fire Department Building repair fund. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.
- 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to fund the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve. This sum is to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount is to be raised by taxation. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.
- 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Ambulance Capital

Reserve Fund. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the Town Emergency Repair Capital Reserve Fund. This sum is to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount is to be raised by taxation. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the purpose of road sealant. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the funds are spent or December 31, 2012. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$644,000) for the replacement of the Jones Road Bridge (#141/137) and acquisition of easements for the project. The replacement is part of the municipal bridge replacement program with state reimbursement of eighty percent (\$582,400) and with Sixty-One Thousand, Six Hundred Dollars (\$61,600) to be raised by taxation. The total cost of this project is \$728,000 with \$84,000 previously raised by taxation. This is a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the funds are spent or December 31, 2012. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$646,040 to replace the West Meadow Bridge (#099/120) under the municipal managed bridge program with money received from the Federal Emergency Management Act (\$71,942), the State of NH Municipal managed bridge program (\$401,869) and the balance One hundred thousand four hundred and sixty seven dollars (\$100,467) to be

raised by taxation. This is a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the funds are spent or December 31, 2012. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**26.** To see if the Town will accept the parcel identified as Map 6 lot 93B (.13 acres) from the owners, David and Donna Duren to correct the intersection at Center Road and Cheney Hill Road and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 (Three Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars) to cover surveying and legal costs. This article is designated a special warrant article for the purpose of this warrant. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**27.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$8,000 (Eight Thousand Dollars) for the repair of the abutments on the West Meadow Bridge (#098/117). The town has received the sum of \$6,869 (Six Thousand, Eight Hundred Sixty- Nine Dollars) from FEMA for this repair in 2006, with the balance of One Thousand, One Hundred and Thirteen Dollars (\$1,113) to be raised by taxation. This is a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the funds are spent or December 31, 2012. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$62,000) to apply the final coat of paving on the portion of Center Road repaired in 2006. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the funds are spent or December 31, 2012. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**29.** To see if the Town will withdraw Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) from the Town Facility capital reserve for the purpose of installing a phone system to connect all town departments. This

article will be designated a special warrant article for the purpose of this warrant. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**30.** To see if the Town will withdraw One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Dollars (\$119,000) from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve fund for the purpose of purchasing a new 6-wheel dump truck. This article will be designated a special warrant article for the purpose of this warrant. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**31.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand, One Hundred Dollars (\$9,100) to purchase a plow and accessories for a new 6-wheel dump truck. This article will be designated a special warrant article for the purpose of this warrant. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**32.** To see if the Town will vote to create a Road and Bridge repair capital reserve fund with the Selectmen as agents to expend and to raise and appropriate Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to fund this reserve. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**33.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the Town portion of the Lake Host Boat Launch program. This article will be designated a special warrant article for the purpose of this warrant. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**34.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to be added to the Gravestone Repair Expendable Trust. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**35.** To see if the town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Bradford. These actions include:

**Warrants**

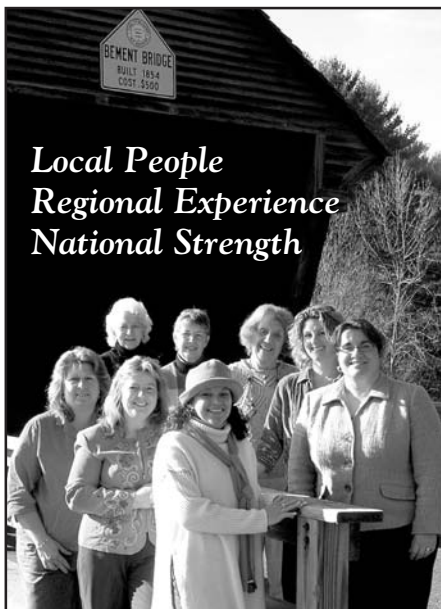
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1. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.

2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies, thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the Town of Bradford encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions. By Petition.

36. To see if the Town will vote to accept reports of the Town Officers and to transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.



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# Library Lantern

*by Meg Fearnley*

Thanks to a tech-savvy volunteer, Brown Memorial Library now has wireless Internet access during library hours. Feel free to bring in your laptop and use the Internet at any comfortable library spot!

We had a great turnout for our February book sale. Thank you to all of the people who took away boxes of books and gave us generous donations in return.

Join us on Friday, March 2 at 7:00 pm as we compare the book to the movie version of *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. Bill Warnken of Newbury will lead the discussion. This program is made possible in part by a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council. The March international movie on Friday, March 16 at 7:00 pm is from the Czech Republic. This movie takes a humorous look at aging.

Planning ahead? The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on

Saturday, April 7! Also, we will present a children's poetry program on Saturday, April 14 at 10:00 am, and the April 6th book-to-movie discussion will be on *My House in Umbria* by William Trevor (copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk).

Here are some of the books added to your library in February:  
For adults:

- A Thousand Years of Good Prayers* by Yiyun Li
- Death of a Maid* by M.C. Beaton
- You, On a Diet* by Michael Roizen
- Hide* by Lisa Gardner
- About Alice* by Calvin Trillin
- The Myth of Progress* by Tom Wessels
- The Iraq Study Group Report*
- For children and youth:
- Forever in Blue* by Ann Brashares
- The Terrible Storm* by Carol Otis Hurst
- Move!* by Steve Jenkins
- The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart



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# Obituaries

## Marlene R. Scribner

Bradford – Marlene R. (Hersey) Scribner, 68, of Cilley Lane, died Friday, February 2, 2007, at home. She was born in Concord in 1938, the daughter of the late George W. and Grace (Woodward) Hersey. Marlene was raised in Sutton Mills and graduated from New London High School in 1956. Mrs. Scribner had been a teacher's aide and reading aide. She volunteered for the Kearsarge Area Preschool and the Special Needs Program.

Mrs. Scribner had been a member of the First Baptist Church of Bradford since 1962. She was a former choir member, Sunday School and Bible School teacher.

Members of her surviving family include her husband of 49 years, Karl Scribner of Bradford; a son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Annmarie Scribner of Fremont; a daughter and son-in-law, Leisa Scribner-Quinn and Rick of Farmington; a foster grandson, Justin of Derby, CT; five step-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; a brother, Malcolm Hersey of Supply, NC; two sisters, Marilyn Abelli of Tewksbury, MA, and Marsha Rand of Meriden, CT; and nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Memorial donations may be made to The First Baptist Church, POB 57, Bradford, NH 03221, or to Lake Sunapee Region VNA, POB 2209, New London, NH, 03257.

## Edith Blake Gaudes

Edith Blake Gaudes, 88 the last surviving child of Blake's Creamery founders, Edward C. and Gertrude Blake, died peacefully on February 15, 2007, at the Arbors of Bedford, NH.

She was born on March 12th, 1918. She resided her entire life in Manchester, and at her summer home in Bradford on Lake Massasecum, her "Favorite place on Earth."

She graduated from Colby Junior College where she excelled as an equestrian. She was a homemaker, world traveler, gourmet cook, as well as being an accomplished genealogist. She was an avid golfer having won many club championships.

She had served on the board of Directors of Blake's Creamery and the VNA, as well as being an active member of Molly Stark Chapter, DAR, The Society of Mayflower Descendants, Ruth Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, The Magna Charta Dames, New England Women, and the NH Historical Society.

Her community service included many decades with the Elliot Hospital Senior Associates, the FISH organization, as well as the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary. She was an active member of the Bedford Presbyterian Church where she was involved with the Ladies Circle.



She was pre-deceased by her husband of 60 years Harold, in 1997. The family includes Barbara and Thomas Francis of Litchfield, CT, David and Martha Gaudes, Bill and Susan Gaudes and Karen and Russell Jache, all of Bedford, NH, Linda J. Gaudes of Manchester, NH, and 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A memorial Service will be held on Sunday, March 11, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. at the Bedford Presbyterian Church, 4 Church Road, Bedford, NH, 03110. Memorial contributions can be made to the Bedford Presbyterian Church.

## Candace R. Evans

Bradford – Candace R. "Candy" (Genstil) Evans, 54, of Rowe Mountain Road, died Tuesday, January 30, 2007, at the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association's Hospice House.

Memorial donations may be made to the Sisters of The Precious Blood, 700 Bridge Street, Manchester, NH, 03104.

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## BRADFORD WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

◆ For the next month, the BWC will be selling flower bulbs for Spring planting. Several members have order forms so get your beautiful selections now. Call Jackye, 938-5951, for info.

◆ The BWC Cookbook is being reprinted and should be available soon.

◆ It is time to submit applications for the BWC 2007 Scholarship. This is open to any female attending college or starting college from Bradford, Sutton, or Newbury. Application deadline is April 30, 2007. For an application or information, call Jackye Pehrson, 938-5951.

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## First Baptist Church News

From Lynne E. Hubley

Godspell Musical Rehearsals: The Godspell rehearsal schedule for March is every Sunday from 12 noon until 3:00 pm in the sanctuary.

Mom's Bible Study: The Mom's Bible Study meets every Wednesday morning from 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. in the Fiske House. Child care is available.

Men's Fellowship: The men will meet at the home of Fred Hubley on Wednesday, March 7, and Wednesday, March 28, at 7:00 pm for an evening of pool, refreshments, and fellowship.

Thursday Study Group: Beginning Thursday, March 15, the Thursday

Study Group will be discussing the book "And the Angels were Silent" by Max Lucado. The group meets every Thursday from 12 noon - 1:00 pm.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner: On Saturday, March 17, at 5:30 pm, we will have a corned-beef-and-cabbage dinner, including assorted home-made pies. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under.

Food Pantry: The March distribution date for the food pantry is Wednesday, March 21 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Food can also be obtained by calling the church office at 938-5313.



On February 6th in the Bradford Town Hall, Sue Blothenburg of Public Service of New Hampshire presented the Henry Backdrop Restoration Project a \$500 donation to help restore the 9' x 13' historic theatrical painted backdrop found in Town Hall in the spring of 2006. Standing in the photo are: (l-r) Selectman Andrew Pinard, Sue Blothenburg, Susie Janicki, Carol Troy, Amy Blitzer, and seated, Milly Kittredge. Contributions from businesses and individuals toward the \$6,000 goal will be publicly acknowledged when fundraising efforts are completed in April 2007. Squares of the backdrop (1' x 1') at \$25 at square foot are still available. Volunteers who want to participate in the restoration should contact Audrey V. Sylvester at 603/938-5948 or Ruth-Ann Harris, at 603/938-2660.  
*Photo by Audrey Sylvester*

# Outside

By J. Ann Eldridge

I was quite young, perhaps ten, when I found the head.

I had by that point seen a few grainy, gruesome horror films on the sly but my imagination could not grasp an explanation for the sight of the severed head of a goldfinch impaled on the barbed wire fence at the bottom of the field. It must have been spring; the goldfinch was in his bright courtship attire. I must have looked anxiously over my shoulder.

It was a decade or so later that I read about shrikes and another decade or two before I saw one. This winter again there is a northern shrike singing in the field across the road. Its scientific name, *Lanius excubitor*, translates to 'butcher watchman'. Carolus Linnaeus, that famed fuser of taxonomy, gave this bird its name of 'watchman'. Linnaeus was lauded for developing a logical, double name system for describing the relationships among plants based on similarities in their reproductive structures. He was apparently more patient in observing the minutia of flora rather than fauna, because he concluded that the shrike was taking its sentinel stance at the tops of bushes, poles, and trees to forewarn little birds of the approach of a hawk.

Shrikes may indeed be watching for hawks in their own self-interest, but they also have a culinary interest in the songbirds. This revelation has been utterly horrifying to some bird lovers. A close look at a shrike reveals an unusual head-to-body-size ratio and a distinct raptor hook to the bill. Sweet little birds sometimes overlook this as well. It is said that the shrike will even lurk in the underbrush beckoning curious birds with pleading murmurs.

It was an unfamiliar voice that drew my attention to the shrike, a series of not quite melodic phrases that go nowhere and seem not to repeat. "If perseverance deserved success, the shrike would take high marks as a singer," wrote Frank Chapman in 1825. It is written that both sexes will sing and, come to think of it, I wonder why this bird would be singing at all given that its breeding home is so far to the north?

This wolf in sheep's clothing has the delicate feet of any perching bird. It is the element of surprise and a swift knock on the back of the head that secures a meal for the shrike.

The word 'shrike' has the same Anglo Saxon root as 'shriek', though whether the shriek comes from the shrike, the victim, or the horrified bird fancier is not clear.

"One has to have something of the savage in him to enjoy thoroughly the study of the shrike. As a matter of fact, the close daily observance of the bird involves some little sacrifice for the person whose nature is tempered with mercy. The shrike is essentially cruel. It is a butcher, pure and simple, and a butcher that knows no merciful methods in plying its trade. More than this, the shrike is the most arrant hypocrite in the whole bird calendar. Its appearance as it sits apparently sunning itself, but in reality keeping sharp lookout for prey, is the perfect counterfeit of innocence." This tirade from Edward Brayton Clark in 1901.

The older nature books are full of such calumny directed at this hunter. However, the shrike gives chase solely for the purpose of culling the not-so-fleet creatures to secure food. These writers choose to forget that a human hunter often kills for mere sport or trophy. And then there is the appalling development of the mass-production of chickens. It's a good thing for us that birds can't write. It isn't every year that one can find a shrike in a New England pasture. "Like the bold Norse robber barons of old, these birds come down from their Northern wilds to prey on Southern wealth," wrote Ora Willis Knight in 1908. Ornithologists report that it is mostly the immature shrikes with faint barring of the breast that wander south in the fall and depart in the spring. In times of cyclical rodent crash in Canada, even more birds will visit and these may travel even farther south into the U.S. At this time of year, this northern shrike is sating him or herself mostly with rodents.



On their home grounds in the northern summers, the shrike is also known as grasshopper hawk, cricket hawk, or mouse hawk, acknowledging the main staples of their diet. They can also take a few snakes and frogs. Like a storefront butcher, a male shrike may exhibit the charming strategy of hanging a flamboyant display of fresh kill in a thorn bush or shrub to impress a prospective mate with his powers of providence. In lean times food may be similarly cached, and this is probably the circumstance I witnessed so many years ago. If you should be lucky enough to glimpse one of these gray northern visitors, wish him or her well on the northern passage come spring. Certainly we have mice to spare here this winter.

# Transfer Station News

by Ken Anderson

## Why Recycle?

Recycling services are available to over 95% of citizens, yet many people still don't recycle. Are you one of them? People are motivated to recycle when they understand the benefits, which include:

- Extending the life of a landfill
- Making a contribution toward a better environment
- Reducing pollution and conserving non-renewable resources
- "Doing the right thing"
- Helping local groups and businesses create jobs
- Supporting the economy and the community
- People are motivated to recycle if they know what to do, such as:
- How to prepare materials for collection
- Having clear instructions about where the depots are
- If they feel the process is convenient

## What Does Recycling Mean?

- People saving their recyclables
- The materials being collected and prepared for market
- Industries buying those materials back
- Transporting shipments of materials to buyers
- People buying new products that have been made from recycled materials

## Is Recycling the Only Answer?

- No! Remember the three R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
- By all means, recycle, but do these things first:
- Reduce the amount of waste you generate
- Think before you throw it away. Can it be repaired or used again by someone else?
- Compost organic food and yard wastes

- Use both sides of a sheet of paper (we use paper so often for printing from the computer – save discarded copies and reuse them on the other side before recycling)
- Don't buy products that are overpackaged
- Purchase refillable products or products in recyclable containers
- Avoid disposable items such as diapers, paper napkins, and cups
- Purchase durable and disposable goods

Keep looking for ways to minimize waste to reduce your impact on the environment

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# Classifieds

For Sale:

1994 Chevy Blazer, 4WD, 123,000 Miles, 6 cyl, 4.3 Liter Vortex engine. Has new ball joints, but needs bearings. \$800. Call Sue, 938-2766.

For Sale:

Beckett oil burner - Model AF.40 to 3.00 gallons per hr. 56,000 to 420,000 BTU / hr input. Use in warm air furnace or boiler also maple sugaring \$85.00. Call 938-2303.

Dog sled style - cargo carrier - for snowmobile — \$100.00. Call 938-2303.

For Sale: Small Kenmore apartment size refrigerator. Excellent condition, hardly used, chestnut brown. Has freezer and vegetable bin. Perfect for dorm or studio. Asking \$125. or BRO 938-2603



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