

Town of Bradford New Hampshire



Annual Reports of the Town
For the year ending December 31, 2022

Cover photo: Bobcat on Marshall Hill

Anonymous

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We are on the unceded land of Nd'akinna which has long served as a site of meeting for Abenaki people from Pagôntegok (Contoocook), O'quasskikonaquan (Newbury) and beyond for thousands of years. Nebizonbik (Bradford Springs) provided healing waters and people exchanged goods at the village site behind Lake Massasecum, calling this land home. The town of Bradford honors, recognizes, and respects these Abenaki, as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we gather today. In that spirit, today we will begin by acknowledging that we are guests in this land. We need to respect and help protect the lands within our use and share of the bounty with our Abenaki partners today.

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of the
Selectmen and Other Offices
of the
Town of Bradford, New Hampshire
for the year ending
December 31, 2022
&
Vital Statistics
for the year ending
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We dedicate this Town Report to two special women

Louise Clark and Devin Pendleton

Louise (Weezie) Clark first visited Bradford in 1959 when she and her husband George bought property that had once been the town poor farm.

With their family of five children, they were drawn to the beauty of the area and the opportunity for outdoor recreation, especially skiing at Mt Sunapee. After George passed away, Weezie made Bradford her permanent home and enjoyed having most of her family close by. She was an active community member, supporting restoration at Bradford Center, and joining many activities at the Bradford Area Community Center and Brown Memorial Library. She was proud to be the holder of the Town's Boston Post Cane for nearly a decade. And, she was delighted to ride across the newly restored Bement Bridge in a horse-drawn carriage to cut the ribbon at the bridge's reopening in 2021. She was quiet and caring but knew how to have fun. She lived independently and joyfully for 101 years. Her positive spirit continues to inspire others.



The cream always rises to the top! This is certainly true of a young mom who has worked tirelessly for the community of Bradford. Devin Pendleton has served as a member of the Library Board of Trustees as well as treasurer of the Parent Teacher

Organization for Bradford Kearsarge Regional Elementary School. Devin has parceled out time to create well-attended, unique, and fun events. As the Parks & Recs Chair, she has been the driving force behind events like the Holiday Lights Contest, the Jingle Bus (including the giant snow globe photo opportunity), the Bradford Celebration Day Festivities, the Community Involvement Fair, the Bradford New Year's Day Polar Plunge, among others. It is always a pleasure when she brings her unique ideas to the Select Board. Her hard work creates joy and strengthens our community. We thank Devin, her family, and her extraordinary posse of volunteers for sharing time, skills, and talents. We cannot wait to see what she has planned for 2023!

Thank you, Devin!

Our Community Together



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**2022 DIRECTORY OF OFFICIALS
ELECTED**

Moderator

Bruce Storm term expires 2024
Jarna Perkins pro tem

Selectmen

Marlene Freyler term expires 2023
Mary Ellen Pfeifle term expires 2024
Beth Downs term expires 2025

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Erica Gross term expires 2024

Town Treasurer

Marilyn Goldberg term expires 2024

Supervisors of the Checklist

Tom Marshall term expires 2023
Judy Marshall term expires 2024
Kristine Foss term expires 2028

Trustees of the Trust Funds

George Cilley term expires 2023
Harold Wright term expires 2024
Vacant

Trustees of Brown Memorial Library

Caitlin Banaszak term expires 2023
Laura Beaton term expires 2023
Maria Storm term expires 2023
Jason Grey term expires 2024
Devin Pendleton term expires 2025
Robin Steiner term expires 2025
Beth Von Beren term expires 2025

Scholarship Committee

Mary Keegan Dayton term expires 2023
Devin Pendleton term expires 2024
Kathleen Bigford term expires 2025

Cemetery Commission

Jarna Perkins term expires 2023
Marlene Freyler, Chairman term expires 2024
Erica Gross term expires 2025

Police Department

Edward Shaughnessy, Chief

Full Time Officers:

Neil Flanagan, Sergeant

Glen Drewniak, Master Patrolman

Jacob Hubbard, Patrolman

Part Time Officers:

Michael Adam

Joseph McCormack

Kevin Faria

William Graham

Hank Thomas

Carolyn Valiquet, Secretary/PT Officer

Transfer Station

Transfer Station Manager

Transfer Station Attendant

Lois Kilnapp

Ken Anderson

Conservation Commission

J. Ann Eldridge, Chair

Meg Fearnley, Treasurer

Patricia Furness, Secretary

Brooks McCandlish

Nathanial Bruss

George Beaton

Doug Southard

Seth Benowitz, Alternate

Scott MacLean, Alternate

Parks and Recreation

Devin Pendleton, Chair

Joel Banaszak

Jonathan Roy

Katie Olohan, Secretary

Bruce Edwards

Brown Memorial Library Staff – Appointed by Library Trustees

Ellen Barselle, Director

Laurie Buchar, Children’s Librarian

Seth Benowitz

Ellie Brown

Kate Cusick

Deborah Gregory

Connie Scheffy

Jillian Welch

Joy Baker, Custodian

Fire Department

Bryan Nowell, Fire Chief

James Raymond, Deputy Fire Chief

Carl Goldberg, Captain

Steve Hansen, Lieutenant

Stephen Snyder, Lieutenant

Robert Green, Lieutenant

Forest Fire Warden

Steve Hansen

Emergency Management Coordinator

Bruce Edwards

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

Walter Royal

Road and Bridge Repair Committee

Steve Hall, Chair

Marlene Freyler, Selectman’s Representative

Laurie Colburn

Nate Kimball

Gary Perkins

Jim Pickman

Economic Development Committee

Scott McCaskill, Chair
Mary Ellen Pfeifle, Selectmen’s Representative
Matt Monahan, Central NH Regional Planning
Jim Bibbo
Stan Ovrevik (resigned)

Laurie Colburn
Kris Foss
Joe Torro
Libby Curtis Webb
Barbara Bridgewater, volunteer

Energy Committee

Sandra Bravo, Chair
Susan Reeder Moss, Secretary
Mary Ellen Pfeifle, Selectmen’s Representative

Kathleen Bigford
Laura Ryder
Jenny Locke Howley

Political Committees

Republican–Steve Pierce

Representative to Kearsarge Regional School Board
Representative to Municipal Budget Committee

Democrat–Eileen Kelly

Eric Gregoire
James V. Bibbo III

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTARY

The Town of Bradford saw its first all-woman Select Board in 2022. It was also a year of rampant inflation and supply chain issues which affected all of us. There were high gas, oil and food prices, none of which we were prepared for. The Selectmen's Office worked tirelessly to secure fixed pricing on our oil, propane, and electricity in an effort to keep costs at a minimum. Fortunately, the extra effort was successful.

The Town continues to be proud of the restoration of the Bement Bridge. Hoyle Tanner and Associates received two engineering awards for their work on the bridge. The Town received a 2022 Preservation Achievement Award from the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance for the bridge citing "the commitment of the small town of Bradford, population 1,650, to save a rare resource, develop a comprehensive rehabilitation plan, and implement creative engineering solutions to meet 21st century needs." The Preservation Alliance also used a fascinating shot of the interior of the bridge in their 2022 annual appeal drive materials.

With the passage of the Town Hall restoration bond, planning began immediately. We had hoped to restart construction in the fall, however, it had to be pushed back until January 2023 as pricing and system details were still being finalized. Michael Bruss was hired as the Town's Owner's Project Representative in November and got right to work reviewing the minute details of the project. We are convinced the Town will be impressed with the results of the Town Hall renovation when it is complete in 2023.

In March of 2022, Bryan Nowell became our new Fire Chief. He has been instrumental in re-engaging former members and recruiting many new members to his department. Bryan's monthly reports keep us informed and up to date on the happenings within our Fire Department. He has been successful in obtaining grants to defray the cost for equipment his department needs.

Ed Shaughnessy became Bradford new full-time Police Chief January 1, 2022. Later in the year, Neil Flanagan was promoted from Master Patrolman to Sergeant. We also welcomed Officer Jake Hubbard to the department. Chief Ed Shaughnessy received grants for installing tablets and AEDs (automated external defibrillators) in the cruisers. He also secured a 50/50 grant for body cameras.

The Transfer Station made the Concord Monitor in October. The article highlighted the hard work of Manager Lois Kilnapp educating residents and sharing her knowledge to recycle just about anything. We are fortunate to have her and Ken Anderson keeping our Transfer Station up-to-date and running efficiently.

Steve Hall and the crew at the Highway Department completed some paving and chip sealing projects as outlined in our 10-year road plan. They worked extensively on East Washington Road this year. Other projects included West Meadow Road, Johnson Hill Road, Cochran Hill and County Road. The Road Committee will meet in the new year to plan the 2023 Road repairs projects.

Erica Gross hired Anne Kratz in October to be the Town's Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

The Primary Election and General elections went well and experienced higher-than-normal turnout. We thank everyone who helped make voting run smoothly in Bradford.

Parks and Recreation had a fantastic year. Swimming lessons had more interest than were spaces available. The September Bradford Celebration Day had fun events like the sold-out chicken BBQ at the Fire Station, the Dunk Tank, the Grilling competition, vendors and family fun at Brown Shattuck. The celebration culminated with an amazing show of fireworks at dusk. The Jingle Bus and the Holiday lights decorating contest were again a popular event. Admission to the Jingle Bus was the donation of a food item and as a result, the antique Fire Truck was filled to the brim with canned goods for the Food Pantry.

We extend our appreciation to Bradford’s residents, whose contributions are essential to making our town such a fantastic place to live and call home. The support, engagement, and energy we have seen from our townspeople in 2022 has prompted even more community pride and has inspired us all.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradford Select Board

Marlene Freyler, Chair

Mel Pfeifle

Beth Downs



Photo by Kathleen Bigford

Town of Bradford
State of New Hampshire

Warrant of Town Meeting March 8th, 2022 - Minutes

The Polls will open at 8:00 am, and not close earlier than 7:00 pm, on March 8th, 2022.

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

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

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

Total Votes Cast: 320 (32 were absentee ballots cast)

Budget Committee 3 years (vote for 2)

Justin Dohrn 45 Elected

Sonny Harris 5 Elected

Cemetery Commission 3 years (vote for 1)

Erica Gross 293 Elected

Moderator 2 years (vote for 1)

Bruce Storm 282 Elected

Planning Board 3 years (vote for 2)

Carol Troy 269 Elected

Laurie Colburn 61 Elected

Planning Board 1 year (vote for 1)

Laurie Colburn 203 Elected (accepted 3 year term)

Sonny Harris 37 Elected

Scholarship Committee 3 years (vote for 1)

Kathleen Bigford 220 Elected

Kimberly Rowley 59

Selectmen 3 years (vote for 1)

Douglas R. Southard 83

Doug Troy 93

Beth Downs 128 Elected

Supervisor of the Checklist 6 years (vote for 1)

Kristine Foss 265 Elected

Town Clerk/Tax Collector 2 years (vote for 1)

Paula Aliano 34
Erica Gross 268 Elected

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

Devin Pendleton 253 Elected
Robin Steiner 51 Elected

Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library 2 years (vote for 1)

Beth Von Beren 50 Elected

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

Robin Steiner 6 Elected

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

Harold Wright 278 Elected

Zoning Board 3 years (vote for 2)

Brooks McCandlish 273 Elected
Ken Parys 47 Elected

KEARSARGE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELECTION, March 8, 2022

For Moderator for 1 year (vote for 1)

Derek Lick 242 Elected

Question 1 To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty-Two Million Two Hundred Seventy Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Four Dollars (\$22,270,344.00)** for the purpose of financing the renovation and construction costs of a STEAM (*Science, Technology, Engineering, Applied Arts, & Math*) wing at the Kearsarge Regional High School, **Twenty-Two Million Two Hundred Seventy Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Four Dollars (\$22,270,344.00)** of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the School Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project, including, but not limited to, New Hampshire Department of Education School Building Aid estimated to be in the amount approximately thirty percent (30%) of the eligible project costs, and to use such funds to reduce the amount of bonds or notes issued for the project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the School Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the School Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto; and further to raise and appropriate the additional sum of **Five Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars (\$556,759.00)** for the first year’s payment on the bond. (3/5 ballot vote required). **(School Board Recommends 8-0) (MBC Recommends 7-1)**

Yes 148 No 148

Question 2 To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the **Municipal Budget Committee’s recommended amount of Forty-Seven Million, One Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand, Four Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars (\$47,172,492.00)** for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the District. The **School Board** recommends **Forty-Seven Million, One Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand, Four Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars (\$47,172,492.00)**. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. This warrant article asks the voters to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, the salaries of School District Officials and Agents, and for the statutory obligations of said District, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State sources, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the Selectmen of each of the Towns of Bradford, New London, Newbury, Springfield, Sutton, Warner, and Wilmot, the amount to be raised by taxation by said towns. **(School Board Recommends 8-0) (MBC Recommends 8-0)**

- A. **\$47,172,492.00 for the proposed Operating Budget recommended by the School Board**
- B. **\$47,172,492.00 for the proposed Operating Budget recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee**

A. 178 B. 97

Question 3 To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost item included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Kearsarge Regional School Board and Kearsarge Regional Educators Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2022-23	\$432,569
2023-24	\$464,065
2024-25	\$449,928

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$432,569.00** for the 2022-23 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. **(School Board Recommends 8-0) (Municipal Budget Committee Recommends 8-0)**

Yes 208 No 85

Question 4 To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to **\$25,000.00** to be placed in the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund, established in 2008 within the provisions of RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of emergency funding of unforeseen Special Education costs incurred by the District, with such amount to be funded from **unassigned fund balance (surplus funds) remaining** on hand as of June 30, 2022. **(School Board Recommends 8-0) (MBC Recommends 8-0)**

Yes 223 No 73

Question 5 To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to **\$35,000.00** to be placed in the School Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of repair, unanticipated utility costs, and maintaining the school buildings and equipment, with such amount to be funded from **unassigned fund balance (surplus funds) remaining** on hand as of June 30, 2022. **(School Board Recommends 8-0) (MBC Recommends 8-0)**

Yes 233 No 64

Election officials present at the March 8, 2022 Town Election:

Moderator: Bruce Storm Assistant Moderator: Jarna Perkins

Town Clerk: Erica Gross Deputy Town Clerk: Ian Foss

Supervisors of the Checklist: Judy Marshall, Jacqueline Pehrson and Sandy Paul

Selectmen: Andrew Pinard, Marlene Freyler and Mel Pfeifle

Ballot Clerks: Mary Derry, Denise Renk, Maria Storm, Tandy Hartford, Eileen Kelly and Thomas Marshall.

Counters: Beth Rodd, Steve Pierce, Tandy Hartford, Garry Kalajian and Eileen Kelly.

The count ended at 10:00 pm and the results were announced.

Article Two: To adjourn the meeting until Wednesday, March 9th, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School on Old Warner Road in Bradford. Raising the money and remaining articles in the Warrant will be taken up at the adjourned meeting.

The meeting reconvened on March 9th at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School on Old Warner Road in Bradford.

Andrew Pinard, Select Board Chair, thanked all for braving the storm and coming down. He stated “I would like to begin by thanking the Police, Fire and Rescue, our neighboring communities and local citizens who responded to the tragic fire that occurred last Thursday at 2345 State Route 114, the bus barn. Our thoughts are with the victims and their families; we wish them well and hope they fully recover. We are deeply appreciative of the individuals who went in harm’s way to go and extricate the two gentlemen who were trapped. Thank you.”

Andrew also extended a deep gratitude to Jim Raymond, our interim Fire Chief, for all that he has done and his team, Fire and Rescue Department. He then introduced our incoming Fire Chief, Mr. Bryan Nowell and our newly elected Moderator, Mr. Bruce Storm.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, opened the meeting at 7:10 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Bob Selig. The Moderator stated that he realizes that he has substantial shoes to fill and will strive to serve this body in its 236th session with hopefully a successful semblance of the

leadership provided for so many years by Brackett Scheffy. He too will make it his foremost duty to ensure the fair and civil engagement around the issues facing our town.

The Moderator explained that Robert's Rules of Order will continue to provide our deliberations with a broader context. We are also helped with extensive requirements and guidance required by state law.

The Moderator thanked the Candidates who ran in the Elections. The Elections results were then read.

Matt Baronas, Regional Planner at the Central NH Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC), gave a presentation on the Bradford Road Surface Management System Program (RSMS) 2022.

Using the SADES mobile mapping and assessment tool, CNHRPC was able to determine the condition and severity of defects in our road surfaces. The assessment data collected was used to develop a pavement improvement plan based on road priority and pavement condition for years 2022 through 2028.

Laurie Colburn asked how long this program has been available for use in towns.

Matt Baronas stated that this program has been in use for about 8 years with many improvements.

Andrew Pinard, Select Board Chair, gave a presentation on the Town Hall Restoration – Article Three.

He stated that the proposal has not changed from what was presented in 2018. This proposal differs only in the cost due to overall inflation as well as the funding mechanism. Interest rates are beginning to climb; taking advantage of favorable interest rates is a substantial factor in why this proposal is being presented now.

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) recommends saving \$150,000.00 each year toward building a bank of funds to accomplish this project. The scale of the proposal was reviewed and with a large proposal such as this, the inflation cost of the project itself actually exceeds the rate of savings over time. Even increasing the annual savings to \$300,000.00 and projecting out 20 to 30 years, it would take 18 years to actually accumulate enough funding to renovate the building, assuming that the cost of the project be maintained.

Exploring a twenty-year bond, we would be looking at an annual payment of approximately \$150,000.00 as opposed to a savings amount of \$150,000.00. If we were to go this route, we would have full use of the facility within two years rather than waiting eighteen years to potentially save enough to complete the project. Additionally, the facility would have no use and we yet would still be maintaining it at a very basic level.

The Town has a completed set of architectural drawings and will use Jay Barrett, Architect, and Trumbull-Nelson Construction Company. The project itself will be overseen by a Clerk of the Works and could begin as early as late fall 2022.

Trumbull-Nelson has provided a solid estimate of \$2,522,000.00 to which the Town has added and additional \$78,000.00 for architect fees, Clerk of the Works and contingency expenses. Total of \$2,600,000.00.

All previous funds that were raised were used to lift the building, construct a full foundation and complete major structural reinforcement work all in preparation for the next phase.

Article Three: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,600,000.00) (gross budget) for the purpose of completing the renovation and restoration of the Historic Town Hall at Map 16 Lot 92. This project will complete the renovation of the Town Hall. Further to authorize the issuance of not more than Two Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,200,000.00) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33). Further to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds and notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof. Further, the amount of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) will come from the 2013 Town Hall Restoration Fund, the amount of Two Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$243,000.00) will come from the 2019 Town Hall Repair and Renovation Fund and the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) will be raised by general taxation. The Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. This article requires a paper ballot and three-fifths vote.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Three and asked for a motion to accept the article. Andrew Pinard moved to approve Article Three and was seconded by Beth Downs.

The Moderator opened the floor for discussion. No discussion.

Ballot boxes were opened for voting at 7:51pm. Voting closed at 8:51pm. There were 132 votes cast. A three-fifths majority vote of 60% was required to pass the article. The vote was 71%.

Article Passed Yes 94 No 38

Article Four: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Four Hundred Seventy Thousand One Hundred Three Dollars and Seventy-Eight Cents (\$2,470,103.78) for general municipal operations. This article does not include amounts appropriated by other warrant articles. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend \$2,473,579.78. Budget Committee recommends \$2,470,103.78.

	<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>
1. Executive	219,013.44	219,013.44 <i>Passed</i>
2. Elections & Vital Statistics	11,239.00	11,239.00 <i>Passed</i>
3. Financial Administration	106,391.00	106,391.00 <i>Passed</i>
4. Revaluations	28,700.00	28,700.00 <i>Passed</i>
5. Legal	30,000.00	30,000.00 <i>Passed</i>

6. Employee Benefits	1.00	1.00 <i>Passed</i>
7. Planning & Zoning	21,476.00	18,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
➤ Tandy Hartford asked why this line has essentially doubled since 2021.		
➤ Pam Bruss answered that help is needed to assist the board. Work is not being completed due to the lack of help. The additional funding is needed to attract the right help.		
➤ Brooks McCandlish asked for all those interested to please step up and serve the various boards.		
8. General Gov	84,300.00	84,300.00 <i>Passed</i>
9. Cemetery	25,000.00	25,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
10. Insurances	91,700.00	91,700.00 <i>Passed</i>
11. Other General Gov	6,050.00	6,050.00 <i>Passed</i>
12. Police Department	595,007.86	595,007.86 <i>Passed</i>
13. Fire Department	148,450.00	148,450.00 <i>Passed</i>
14. Rescue Services - FAST	8,780.00	8,780.00 <i>Passed</i>
15. Rescue Services – Contract	57,200.00	57,200.00 <i>Passed</i>
16. Building Code Department	26,550.00	26,550.00 <i>Passed</i>
17. Civil Defense	500.00	500.00 <i>Passed</i>
18. Highway Department	658,347.82	658,347.82 <i>Passed</i>
19. Bridges	1.00	1.00 <i>Passed</i>
20. Street Lighting	2,200.00	2,200.00 <i>Passed</i>
21. Solid Waste Collection	96,565.76	96,565.76 <i>Passed</i>
22. Solid Waste Disposal	23,600.00	23,600.00 <i>Passed</i>
23. Inoculations	1.00	1.00 <i>Passed</i>
24. Welfare Administration	7,467.85	7,467.85 <i>Passed</i>
25. Welfare Payments	29,520.00	29,520.00 <i>Passed</i>
26. Parks and Recreation	19,508.05	19,508.05 <i>Passed</i>
27. Library	82,560.00	82,560.00 <i>Passed</i>
28. Patriotic Purposes	18,000.00	18,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
29. Community Center	22,450.00	22,450.00 <i>Passed</i>
30. Other Conservation	1,000.00	1,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
31. Long Term Notes	48,000.00	48,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
32. <u>Interest on TAN notes</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>4,000.00 <i>Passed</i></u>
Total	\$ 2,473,579.78	\$ 2,470,103.78 <i>Passed</i>

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Four and asked for a motion to accept Two Million Four Hundred Seventy Thousand One Hundred Three Dollars and Seventy-Eight Cents (\$2,470,103.78) for general municipal operations. Andrew Pinard moved to approve Article Four at Two Million Four Hundred Seventy Thousand One Hundred Three Dollars and Seventy-Eight Cents (\$2,470,103.78) and was seconded by Laurie Colburn.

Article Passed with a count of raised hands.

Chris Frey moved to take up Article #5 after the vote results for Article #3 had been received. The Motion to take up Article #5 later was seconded by Andrew Pinard.

Motion Passed with a count of raised hands.

Article Five: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) to fund the 2019 Town Hall Repair and Renovation Expendable Trust Fund. This article is null and void with the passage of Article Three. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article #5 is null and void due to the passage of Article #3.

Article Six: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Five Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$505,000.00) to purchase a new Class A pumper with equipment. This appropriation will come from the 2006 Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Further, this will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2027. (Majority vote required). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Six and asked for a motion to accept the article. Andrew Pinard moved to approve Article Six and was seconded by Marlene Freyler.

Laurie Colburn, Budget Committee, stated that the Budget Committee does not recommend this purchase. They feel that with a new Fire Chief starting soon, it would be best if he got the lay of the land and was allowed to determine what he wants to do with the Fire Department.

Jim Raymond, Interim Fire Chief, said he has faxed all the Fire Truck information to the new Chief. He stated that if we order the truck tomorrow, it will take two years to have it completed. He also reminded everyone that each year we wait, the price goes up.

Chris Frey stated that this \$505,000.00 estimate is only good until the end of March.

Pam Bruss asked the new Fire Chief to respond to this.

Mark Goldberg said that it was unfair to put the new Fire Chief in this position as it will take him time to become acclimated.

Marlene Freyler, Selectmen, stated that the new Fire Chief is aware of all the costs. She also stated that if we want mutual aid from other towns, as was needed last week, then it would be unfair of us to send a truck that doesn't work. *Article Passed with a count of raised hands.*

Article Seven: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00) to fund SCBA Bottle Replacement. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2027. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Seven and asked for a motion to accept the article. Harry Wright moved to approve Article Seven and was seconded by Carl Goldberg.

Harry Wright asked what the definition of SCBA is. Mark Goldberg said that SCBA stands for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus. He added that last year we approved half of them, now we are replacing the other half. *Article Passed with a count of raised hands.*

Article Eight: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$230,000.00) to purchase a new 10-wheel dump truck with equipment. This appropriation will come from the 2020 Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) with the balance of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000.00) to be raised by taxation. Further, this will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2027. (Majority vote required). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Eight and asked for a motion to accept the article. Andrew Pinard moved to approve Article Eight and was seconded by Beth Downs.

Article Passed with a count of raised hands.

Article Nine: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to fund road maintenance, preservation and paving. This appropriation will come from the 2019 Roads and Bridges Expendable Trust Fund. Further, this will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2027. (Majority vote required). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Nine and asked for a motion to accept the article. Andrew Pinard moved to approve Article Nine and was seconded by Marlene Freyler.

Andrew Pinard, Select Board Chair, commented that this funding supports the road work proposed in the Road Management Plan presented earlier.

Dave Camire Sr. said that he lives near a bridge which was costly to put in. He stated that the concrete on the bridge is deteriorating and for years he has asked the Selectmen and the Highway Department to fix this but no one is taking care of it. He asked why residents should keep paying for maintenance when the bridge isn't being addressed, and that is just one bridge. He indicated the same is true for the roads; we are spending money but they are really not getting fixed. He feels we need professional pavers to do the work on the roads.

Andrew Pinard, Select Board Chair, stated that if we don't appropriate funds, we don't do anything.

Dave Camire Sr. said he feels the Town is getting funds but isn't doing anything with them.

Andrew Pinard, Select Board Chair, explained that these funds will be used for paving projects as well as road and bridge work in accordance with the Road Management Plan that was presented earlier.

Dave Camire Sr. reiterated his concern about the condition of the Town's bridges.

Pam Bruss, Planning Board Chair, stated that she agrees with those comments and added that we have not had a good plan in the past. She said the Town has been working with Steve Hall, Road

Agent, and that the plan has improved immensely. The Road Maintenance Plan has been incorporated into the CIP (Capital Improvement Program), a process guided by the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission, at the amounts that the Plan proposes. She stated that \$100,000.00 is not a randomly chosen amount. The CIP Committee has strongly suggested that this work be outsourced. Doing so is more efficient; costs can be held down and it will be done correctly. The CIP now includes maintenance, which it had not before.

Steve Hall, Road Agent, stated that he agrees with Dave. He explained that there are only four individuals on the highway department and sometimes other priorities redirect their attention. Currently, there is a pallet of concrete preservative to be put on the bridges, however, the crew just hasn't had the time to get it done. He apologized for that and reiterated that there is only a four-person crew. He added it is on the list and he hopes to get it done.

Article Passed with a count of raised hands.

Article Ten: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to purchase a used brush chipper. Further, this will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2027. (Majority vote required). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Ten and asked for a motion to accept the article. Beth Downs moved to approve Article Ten and was seconded by Marlene Freyler.

Article Passed with a count of raised hands.

Article Eleven: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to fund miscellaneous Highway projects. Further, this will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2027. (Majority vote required). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Eleven and asked for a motion to accept the article. Beth Downs moved to approve Article Eleven and was seconded by Marlene Freyler.

Chris Frey asked why this fund was needed. He stated that we have the General Operating Highway Fund which is \$600,000.00; that the Town has put money into other areas to do all kinds of road repairs and he wonders why we need a third repair account. He feels it gets difficult to track how much has been spent and for what. He suggested having a couple of buckets of money so that residents know where it is spent.

Steve Hall, Road Agent, explained that he understands Chris's confusion, but the buckets are all accounted for. Anybody can go into the Selectmen's Office and check at any time. He stated the reason he is asking for this money is that there are several needs. Many of the Town's signs are not compliant with DOT regulations. The Highway Department needs a new well as the existing well is contaminated and full of sand. There are also a lot of guardrails in town that need to be repaired. The Highway Department also needs to get its generator, purchased five years ago, hooked up. These projects will be paid for with this \$25,000.00 article.

Laurie Colburn, Budget Committee Chair, stated that the Budget Committee was very sensitive to making sure that they were not funding special, onetime projects in the General Operating Budget. She indicated that the Budget Committee wanted to keep the General Budget to maintenance and routine things that needed to run the town.

Article Passed with a count of raised hands.

Article Twelve: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum Forty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$49,000.00) to purchase and outfit with equipment a new Police Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV). This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2027. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Twelve and asked for a motion to accept the article. Andrew Pinard moved to approve Article Twelve and was seconded by Marlene Freyler.

Andrew Pinard, Select Board Chair, stated that he wanted to speak to this. The Select Board had discussed funding some of this purchase out of the Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund. This had inadvertently been omitted in writing the Article. To maintain the same net financial effect, he suggested striking Article Eighteen.

Bliss Dayton asked if this is a new vehicle or a replacement.

Ed Shaughnessy, Police Chief, answered that this will be a replacement for the 2014 sedan. The Town received approximately \$4000.00 for the last sedan that was brought to auction.

Article Passed with a count of raised hands.

Andrew Pinard, Select Board Chair, interjected that he wanted to be sure that it was clear on what he had suggested. He said he would like to make a motion to rescind Article Eighteen. Since this SUV is being fully funded by taxation, additional funds do not need to be placed in the Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund as would be done by Article Eighteen.

Andrew Pinard, Select Board Chair, moved to rescind Article Eighteen as it is not needed.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, called for a second to approve this motion. Beth Downs, Budget Committee, seconded.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, asked for discussion. No discussion. The moderator called for a vote.

Motion to rescind Article Eighteen Passed with a count of raised hands.

Article Thirteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to fund the 2015 Town Equipment Repair Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Thirteen and asked for a motion to accept the article. Andrew Pinard moved to approve Article Thirteen and was seconded by Beth Downs.

Article Passed with a count of raised hands.

Article Fourteen: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing 2015 Town Equipment Repair Expendable Trust Fund, created at the Town Meeting in 2015, such that in addition to funding major repairs to the Town's vehicles and heavy equipment, this fund may also be used to purchase equipment. Further, to rename this fund the 2015 Town Equipment Repair and Purchase Expendable Trust Fund and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend. (Two-thirds vote required). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Fourteen and asked for a motion to accept the article. Andrew Pinard moved to approve Article Fourteen and was seconded by Beth Downs.

Andrew Pinard, Select Board Chair, explained that there had been an accident with a dump truck in which the truck had been totaled by the insurance company. The Town had to purchase a used truck from the Operating Budget because this fund had been restricted to funding repairs only. Expanding the use of this fund to include both repairing and purchasing equipment allows the Town more flexibility in replacing equipment that is damaged. This change is not intended to allow the Select Board to buy whatever they want, whenever they want. It is intended to be an insurance policy that the voters have put in place to address circumstances like this.

Chris Frey asked for clarification. He asked whether it was, or was not, to be used for replacing equipment like the truck that had just been replaced, assuming there was enough money in the fund.

Andrew Pinard, Select Board Chair, stated that we would be able to if it is changed.

Chris Frey said that he doesn't want them to be able to do that. He suggested there is a possibility that we will do some repairs, then perhaps spend some money on equipment and all of a sudden find there are some repairs needed and there won't be sufficient funding to support them. He feels that if the Town starts taking money for two different things out of the same fund, it will run into problems. He stated he will be voting against the article.

Andrew Pinard, Select Board Chair, answered that it is not intended for huge capital purchases. This could also be used for fire equipment that is damaged in the course of business. It is a fund that could be used across all departments.

Mark Goldberg said that he is not against it. He suggested that previous Select Boards may have allowed the fund to be used for items other than what the Town was initially told the fund would be used for. He expressed concern in the trustworthiness of the Selectmen to stand by what they say. *Article Passed with a count of raised hands.*

Article Fifteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to fund the 2019 Road and Bridge Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Fifteen and asked for a motion to accept the article. Andrew Pinard moved to approve Article Fifteen and was seconded by Beth Downs.

Andrew Pinard, Select Board Chair, explained that Article Nine removed \$100,000.00 from this fund to work on roads in 2022. With this article, the Town is putting \$100,000.00 back into the fund, in accordance with the CIP, to continue saving for future efforts.

Article Passed with a count of raised hands.

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

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Sixteen and asked for a motion to accept the article. Andrew Pinard moved to approve Article Sixteen and was seconded by Beth Downs.

Andrew Pinard, Select Board Chair, explained that, once again, this is an example of replacing what we have used. The Town has appropriated money out of this fund to purchase the new dump truck (Article Eight). This article replenishes the funds for future use.

Article Passed with a count of raised hands.

Article Seventeen: To see if the Town will vote to establish an Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of funding emergency road, culvert and bridge repairs. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) to be placed in this fund and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Seventeen and asked for a motion to accept the article. Andrew Pinard moved to approve Article Seventeen and was seconded by Beth Downs.

Andrew Pinard, Select Board Chair, reminded the voters that we had a substantial amount of flooding recently that resulted in a lot of damage. The Town did not qualify for FEMA reimbursement funding for the expenses incurred. Creating this emergency fund is an opportunity to self-insure against future circumstances like this and allow us to have funds available to cover these types of unexpected repairs.

Article Passed with a count of raised hands.

The results of Article #3 (Town Hall ballot vote) were read.

Andrew Pinard, Selectman, noted that we had previously passed over Article Five and that with the passage of Article Three, Article Five is null and void.

Ann Eldridge moved to restrict reconsideration of Article Three and was seconded by Sandra Wright.

Andrew Pinard, Selectman, explained that to restrict reconsideration of the article ensures that we will not revisit this article later in this meeting.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, called for a vote on the motion to restrict reconsideration of Article Three. *Restriction of reconsideration passed with a count of raised hands.*

A five-minute intermission was taken.

Harold Wright stated that he had been involved in the Town Hall Restoration Project since 2011 and wished to thank everyone who voted for it. He believes that over time, it will be a really wonderful venue for the town. In fact, once the second floor is complete, he believes the town could have a magic show or Odds Bodkin telling stories there.

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

It was noted that Article Eighteen had been rescinded in the discussion following the passage of Article Twelve.

Article Nineteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) to fund the 2008 Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Nineteen and asked for a motion to accept the article. Andrew Pinard moved to approve Article Nineteen and was seconded by Beth Downs.

Article Passed with a count of raised hands.

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

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Twenty and asked for a motion to accept the article. Andrew Pinard moved to approve Article Twenty and was seconded by Beth Downs.

Article Passed with a count of raised hands.

Article Twenty-One: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to fund the Conservation Fund overseen by the Conservation Commission. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Twenty-One and asked for a motion to accept the article. Andrew Pinard moved to approve Article Twenty-One and was seconded by Beth Downs.

Article Passed with a count of raised hands.

Article Twenty-Two: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to fund the 2020 Fire Equipment Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Twenty-Two and asked for a motion to accept the article. Andrew Pinard moved to approve Article Twenty-Two and was seconded by Beth Downs.

Article Passed with a count of raised hands.

Article Twenty-Three: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to fund the 2002 Gravestone Repair and Preservation Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Twenty-Three and asked for a motion to accept the article. Andrew Pinard moved to approve Article Twenty-Three and was seconded by Beth Downs.

Article Passed with a count of raised hands.

Article Twenty-Four: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Long-Term Planning Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of funding long-term planning efforts. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in this fund and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Twenty-Four and asked for a motion to accept the article. Andrew Pinard moved to approve Article Twenty-Three and was seconded by Beth Downs.

Devin Pendleton asked if this was for the Master Plan.

Laurie Colburn, Budget Committee, explained this was intended to put funding in place in the event that the Town decided that it wanted to bring in resources to help the Town plan for future needs.

Article Passed with a count of raised hands.

Article Twenty-Five: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Matching Funds for Grants Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of providing matching funds for grants. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in this fund and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Twenty-Five and asked for a motion to accept the article. Andrew Pinard moved to approve Article Twenty-Five and was seconded by Beth Downs.

Andrew Pinard, Selectman, added that this idea was brought up by the Fire Department at a joint meeting of the Select board and the Budget Committee. The Fire Department was looking to identify matching funds for a grant. Rather than tying these funds to a specific grant that may or may not get funded, the intent is to establish a fund that could be used for any potential funding matches needed to obtain a grant, whether it is for the Fire Department, the Planning Department or Parks and Rec. Departments seeking to use these funds would need to seek approval from the Select Board.

Article Passed with a count of raised hands.

Article Twenty-Six: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve created in 1960. Said funds, with accumulated interest to the date of

withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Twenty-Six and asked for a motion to accept the article. Andrew Pinard moved to approve Article Twenty-Six and was seconded by Beth Downs.

Andrew Pinard, Selectman, noted that less than a dollar remains in this fund. Approximately \$.10 remains. *Article Passed with a count of raised hands.*

Article Twenty-Seven: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993. Said funds, with accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Twenty-Seven and asked for a motion to accept the article. Andrew Pinard moved to approve Article Twenty-Seven and was seconded by Beth Downs.

Andrew Pinard, Selectman, noted that approximately \$9.69 remains in this fund. *Article Passed with a count of raised hands.*

Article Twenty-Eight: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the 1994 Cemetery Maintenance Capital Reserve Trust Fund, created at the Town Meeting in 1994, so that the fund which was originally established as a non-expendable general trust fund for the purpose of cemetery maintenance, shall now be used as an expendable trust fund for the purpose of cemetery maintenance. Further, to name the Cemetery Trustees as agents to expend. (Two-thirds vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Twenty-Eight and asked for a motion to accept the article. Andrew Pinard moved to approve Article Twenty-Eight and seconded by Beth Downs.

Marlene Freyler, Selectman, stated the reasoning behind this request is that currently, the Cemetery Trustees are able to expend only the interest generated by the fund. Changing the purpose of this fund allows the Trustees to use the whole fund to help maintain the Town's cemeteries. She explained this will allow the Town to do more maintenance in the cemeteries.

Mark Goldberg asked how much is in the fund now.

Marlene Freyler answered that she thinks between \$60,000.00 and \$70,000.00.

Karen Hambleton, Town Administrator, answered that there is approximately \$77,000.00. *Article Passed with a count of raised hands.*

Article Twenty-Nine: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) to support CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) of New Hampshire. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Twenty-Nine and asked for a motion to accept the article. Andrew Pinard moved to approve Article Twenty-Nine and was seconded by Beth Downs.

Stephen Pierce asked why the Town is taking tax money and placing it into an account that the Town has no control over. He said he felt that a trial balloon was being sent up for the Town's citizens, to determine how far they can be stretched, to constantly fund things that aren't germane to our property taxes.

Andrew Pinard, Selectman, replied that this request from CASA is the result of CASA providing assistance to more than five children in our community last year. He added that this request is similar to the services we provide to needy citizens in our community, such as the CAP (Community Action Program), the Senior Center and the VNA (Visiting Nurse Association). Andrew stated that CASA serves a population that needs our protection and deserves our support. The amount raised in this article equates to about \$.60 on the tax bill for a \$200,000.00 home.

Article Passed with a count of raised hands.

Article Thirty: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000.00) for the purpose of implementing energy saving measures to reduce the annual energy consumption of the Highway Garage as outlined in the Energy Audit Report Sponsored by Eversource Energy dated February 9, 2021. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2027. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Thirty and asked for a motion to accept the article. Andrew Pinard moved to approve Article Thirty and was seconded by Beth Downs.

Doug Troy asked what the expected payback period is on this.

Susan Moss, Bradford Energy Committee, explained that the NH Saves Program has been reinstated. This work would be eligible for 35% rebate at the completion of the work.

Sandra Bravo, Bradford Energy Committee, added that the annual return on investment is about 8 years. However, that figure was calculated when oil was \$2.00 a gallon and that cost has since risen. The rebate amount would be about \$4,500.00.

Article Passed with a count of raised hands.

Article Thirty-One: To see if the Town will vote to commit to a community-wide goal of transitioning to 100 percent reliance on renewable sources of electricity by 2030 and renewable sources of fuel for heating and transportation by 2050. The Bradford Energy Committee recommends residents approve this Article and commits to using fiscal prudence and affordability as criteria for evaluating and recommending potential energy projects to help Bradford achieve these goals in the coming years. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Thirty-One and asked for a motion to accept the article. Andrew Pinard moved to approve Article Thirty-One and was seconded by Beth Downs.

Article Passed with a count of raised hands.

Article Thirty-Two: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to fund the 2006 Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Thirty-Two and asked for a motion to accept the article. Beth Downs moved to approve Article Thirty-Two and was seconded by Jen Richardson.

Pam Bruss, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee, stated that the CIP had recommended this appropriation at \$200,000.00 and wondered why it had been reduced.

Andrew Pinard, Selectman, stated that based on the funding appropriated in this meeting, if someone made a motion to amend the amount up to \$200,000.00, it would not invoke the 10% rule. He added that it would obviously impact the tax rate.

Mark Goldberg moved to amend Article Thirty-Two from \$100,000.00 to \$200,000.00 as was recommended in the original CIP plan.

Carl Goldberg, seconded the motion.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, called for a vote to amend Article Thirty-Two from \$100,000.00 to \$200,000.00. *Amendment Passed with a count of raised hands.*

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read the new article as follows:

Article Thirty-Two: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) to fund the 2006 Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend. *Article Passed with a count of raised hands.*

Andrew Pinard, Selectman, asked all to please pay attention to the Dedication page and the Select Board report in the 2021 Town Report. The past two years have been challenging with the pandemic and many transitions. This year, the Town has a new Police Chief, Mr. Ed Shaughnessy, and a new Fire Chief, Mr. Bryan Nowell. He expressed his appreciation to the voters, the Budget Committee and the CIP Committee for their work on the budget.

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

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Thirty-Three and asked for a motion to accept the article. Andrew Pinard moved to approve Article Thirty-Three and was seconded by Beth Downs. *Article Passed with a count of raised hands.*

Bruce Storm adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Bradford Board of Selectmen,

Andrew Pinard, Chairman

Marlene Freyler, Selectman

Mary Ellen Pfeifle, Selectman

A true copy attest:

Official Town Warrant and Minutes for the Election on March 8, 2022 and Meeting on March 9, 2022.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Erica Gross".

Erica Gross
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR COMMENTARY

What a busy year 2022 turned out to be!

After a year and a half serving as the Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Ian Foss decided to join the world of banking. It was sad to see him leave but nice to know that he is pursuing his goals.

There were several great responses to the deputy job posting and we found a real gem. Anne Kratz joined the office in mid-October and has managed to get her DMV and boat training completed.

This year we held three elections: the Town Election, the State Primary, and the State General Election. Right before the State Primary, our Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Selectboard, and my office made the difficult decision to return to hand-counting votes. This was due to a recalibration of all electronic voting machines by the State. When we completed our tabulator testing, prior to the Primary Election, we found that the machine was so sensitive that most of the ballots were being forced into the hand-count bin. It was decided that hand-counting would serve as the most efficient process for our town.



Helen Lynam

Photo by Anne Kratz

On November 26th, our office had the honor of presenting the Boston Post Cane to our 26th recipient: Helen Lynam. Over 40 people came to the ceremony, making it a very special day.

I would like to remind everyone that if you change your address, drop or add a P.O. Box, please remember to contact our office so that your tax records can be updated.

As always, I would like to thank all of our Townspeople for being so kind and appreciative.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Gross

Office Hours:

Monday CLOSED

Tuesday 8:00-12:00 & 1:00-4:00

Wednesday 12:00-5:00

Thursday 10:00-7:00

Friday CLOSED

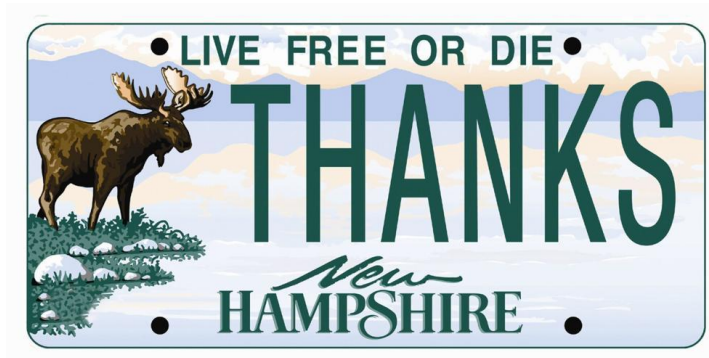
TOWN CLERK RECEIPTS • JANUARY 1, 2022 – DECEMBER 31, 2022

<u>TOWN CLERK SERVICES</u>		<u>NET</u>
2022 CIVIL FORFEITURE		375.00
ATV REGISTRATION		1,729.00
BAD CHECK FEE		20.00
CHECKLIST		400.00
HUNTING/FISHING LICENSE		1,234.50
MARRIAGE LICENSE		725.00
MISCELLANEOUS		5.00
SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATION		774.00
UCC FILING		1,110.00
VITAL STATISTICS		910.00
VOIDS/CREDITS		-10.00
TOTAL	\$7,272.50	<u>\$7,272.50</u>

<u>DOG LICENSES</u>		
NEW		697.00
RENEWAL		2,582.50
LICENSE TRANSFER		1.50
TOTAL	\$3,281.00	<u>\$3,281.00</u>

<u>DMV TRANSACTIONS</u>		
BOAT		5,790.94
MOTOR VEHICLES		555,418.06
TOTAL	\$561,209.00	<u>\$561,209.00</u>

TOTAL TOWN CLERK ACTIVITY \$571,762.50



Schedule of Credit and Debit Cards 2022			
Month	Clerk	Taxes	Total
January	\$7,685.74	\$8,531.44	\$16,217.18
February	\$6,823.14	\$14,898.16	\$21,721.30
March	\$14,040.78	\$16,951.24	\$30,992.02
April	\$12,161.93	\$5,574.10	\$17,736.03
May	\$15,113.69	\$50,840.43	\$65,954.12
June	\$12,127.49	\$136,732.29	\$148,859.78
July	\$18,208.43	\$49,989.01	\$68,197.44
August	\$13,935.76	\$18,374.19	\$32,309.95
September	\$10,186.66	\$0.00	\$10,186.66
October	\$14,062.60	\$1,439.53	\$15,502.13
November	\$13,702.86	\$42,861.12	\$56,563.98
December	\$7,589.76	\$191,164.84	\$198,754.60
TOTALS	\$145,638.84	\$537,356.35	\$682,995.19

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Town	\$59,870.69	\$75,590.57	\$80,245.58	\$138,843.00	\$136,137.43	\$145,638.84
Tax	\$18,980.26	\$39,487.61	\$242,990.60	\$359,991.26	\$449,282.82	\$537,356.35
Total	\$78,850.95	\$115,078.18	\$323,236.18	\$498,834.26	\$585,420.25	\$682,995.19



Knights Hill Trail

Photo by Joshua Keeley

TOWN OF BRADFORD

Collections Summary Year To Date for FY2022

Requested by Erica -- 01/02/2023 at 11:19 am

Warrant	Beginning Balance	Committed & Supplemented	Abated	Decded	Collected		Prior Yr. Credits Assigned		Balance Due	Errors
					Principal	Int/Pen	Principal	Int/Pen		
2018L01	3,151.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	157.37	32.63	0.00	0.00	2,993.84	0.00
2019L01	71,768.24	0.00	0.00	72.54	67,485.95	18,356.66	0.00	0.00	4,209.75	0.00
2020L01	87,522.53	0.00	0.00	68.89	22,095.41	4,583.77	0.00	0.00	65,358.23	0.00
2021J01	7,736.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,736.71	0.00
2021L01	0.00	103,986.37	0.00	71.38	38,282.60	1,714.79	0.00	0.00	65,632.39	0.00
2021P01	84,494.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	84,494.39	7,197.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2021P02	400,848.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	400,843.46	5,269.98	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2021T01	1,679.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,679.20	20.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2022G01	0.00	234.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	234.32	0.00
2022P01	0.00	2,996,149.00	121.00	15.00	2,932,438.86	1,842.14	2,149.90	3.00	61,424.24	0.00
2022P02	0.00	3,199,928.00	0.00	0.00	2,816,064.47	5.47	237.00	0.00	383,626.53	0.00
2022T01	0.00	28,213.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,213.94	0.00
	657,200.74	6,328,511.63	121.00	227.81	6,363,541.71	39,023.79	2,391.90	3.00	619,429.95	

Summary

	Principal	Int/Pen	Total
Prior Year Unassigned Credits:	6,363,541.71		371.17
2022 Unassigned Credits:	39,023.79		24,905.08
Total Unassigned Credits:	24,905.08		25,276.25
Total Refunded Credits:	6,427,470.58		0.00
Total Refund Abatements:	6,427,470.58		600.67
Total Prior Year Deletions:	(0.00)		0.00
Gross Receipts Year To Date:	6,427,470.58		0.00

**SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION
2022 ASSESSED VALUATION**

Value of Land	Acres	Valuation
Current Use	16,418.26	\$1,129,912.00
Residential	3,651.74	\$96,548,900.00
Commercial	<u>216.38</u>	<u>\$3,571,500.00</u>
Total Taxable Land	20,286.38	\$101,250,312.00
Non-Taxable Land	1,895.18	\$4,395,500.00
Value of Buildings		
Residential		\$134,642,500.00
Manufactured Housing		\$1,197,400.00
Commercial		<u>\$11,381,600.00</u>
Total Taxable Buildings		\$147,221,500.00
Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings		\$6,903,900.00
Public Utilities		\$4,364,700.00
Total Valuation Before Exemptions Allowed		\$252,836,512.00
Less Elderly Exemptions		\$380,000.00
Less Disabled Exemptions		\$50,000.00
Less Blind Exemptions		\$0.00
Solar Energy Systems		\$80,475.00
Wind Powered Energy Systems		<u>\$10,000.00</u>
Valuation on which tax rate is computed		\$252,316,037.00

CURRENT USE REPORT

Type	Acres	Total
Farm Land	618.08	\$207,474.00
Forest Land	11,459.29	\$785,364.00
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	3,218.45	\$112,956.00
Unproductive Land	523.67	\$11,454.00
Wet Land	598.77	\$12,664.00

Total number of acres Exempt under current use	16,418.26 acres
Total number of acres receiving 20% recreation adjustment	8,376.93 acres

TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

	Prior Year 2021	Approved for 2022
Town	8.95	9.35
Local School	10.79	11.63
State School	1.83	1.25
County	<u>2.34</u>	<u>2.46</u>
Total Tax Rate	\$23.91	\$24.69
Total Town Appropriations		\$6,545,354.00
Total Revenues and Credits		4,052,485.00
Less Fund Balance Voted Surplus		0.00
Less Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		200,000.00
Add Overlay		20,223.00
War Service Credits		<u>47,400.00</u>
Net Town Appropriations		\$2,360,492.00
Lake Todd Village District: Tax Rate		0.00
Valuation		<u>\$7,931,400.00</u>
Net Appropriation		\$0.00
School Appropriations – Local		\$4,083,136.00
Less Education Grant		(838,933.00)
Less State Education Tax		<u>(308,793.00)</u>
Net School Appropriations		\$2,935,410.00
Education Tax		\$308,793.00
County Tax Assessment		\$619,532.00
Total of Town, School & County		\$6,224,227.00
Less War Credits		(47,400.00)
Village District Commitment		<u>0.00</u>
Property Taxes to be Raised		\$6,176,827.00

PROOF OF TAX

	Net Assess Val	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax	247,951,337	1.25	\$308,793.00
All Other Taxes	252,316,037	23.44	<u>\$5,915,434.00</u>
			\$6,224,227.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Town of Bradford Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2022

Preliminary Figures

Assets

Account Number / Description	Balance
01-1013-0000 Petty Cash	200.00
01-1013-0001 LSB savings account	6,463.56
01-1014-0000 Lake Sunapee Operating Acct	1,497,139.69
01-1081-0000 Property Tax Receivable/Credits	537,724.37
01-1081-0015 Property Taxes Overpayment	1,188.93
01-1083-0000 Yield Tax Receivable	28,213.94
01-1085-0000 Excavation Tax	234.32
01-1111-0000 Tax Liens Receivable	35,012.11
01-1311-0000 Due from Other Funds	206,982.70
01-1311-0004 A/R Credit Cards	(10,569.16)
01-1311-0011 Transfer Station Revolving Fund	(25,000.00)
Total Assets	\$2,277,590.46

Liabilities, Net Assets and Current Activity

Liabilities

Account Number / Description	Balance
01-2020-0000 Accounts Payable	85,564.13
01-2035-0000 Accrued Payroll-Retirement	(14.36)
01-2039-0000 Accrued Payroll-Disability	628.56
01-2075-0000 Due KRSD	989,203.16
01-2078-0000 State of NH - DMV	(2,049.50)
01-2431-0000 Encumbrance Control	47,334.59
01-2441-0000 Reserve for Encumbrances	(47,334.59)
Total Liabilities	\$1,073,331.99

Net Assets

Account Number / Description	Balance
01-2531-0000 Unreserved Fund Balance	913,334.78
Total Net Assets	\$913,334.78

Current Activity

Net Revenue / (Expense)	\$290,923.69
Total Liabilities, Net Assets and Current Activity	\$2,277,590.46

The Town is audited annually by Roberge & Company PC. CPA.
Our 2022 audit will be posted on our website when available.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022**

Audited Balance as of 12/31/2021		\$357,360.44
Town Clerk	\$427,465.12	
Tax Collector	\$5,787,348.86	
Selectmen's Office	\$2,840,879.36	
Invoice Cloud	<u>\$711,447.25</u>	
Total Remitted	\$9,767,140.59	\$9,767,140.59
Bar Harbor Bank Interest	<u>\$975.01</u>	
	\$975.01	\$975.01
Returned Checks	(\$2,363.48)	
Void Checks	\$4,303.84	
Miscellaneous	<u>(\$15.00)</u>	
	\$1,925.36	\$1,925.36
TAN to General Fund	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
General Fund to Savings	\$0.00	
Funds from Savings	\$0.00	
Disbursements		
Payroll	(\$888,742.08)	
Accounts Payable	(\$7,476,799.80)	
ACH Fleet Debit WEX	(652.49)	
941 Tax Payments	(\$191,816.03)	
Transfers to State MV	<u>(\$148,996.32)</u>	
	(\$8,707,006.72)	<u>(\$8,707,006.72)</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/2022		\$1,520,394.68

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022**

Individual Account Activity

Conservation Fund	
Balance 12/31/2021	\$ 14,523.45
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	(0.00)
Interest Earned	7.27
Balance 12/31/2022	\$ <u>14,530.72</u>
Conservation Commission	
Balance 12/31/2021	\$ 1,239.64
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	(0.00)
Interest Earned	0.12
Balance 12/31/2022	\$ <u>1,239.76</u>
Conservation Fund (CD)	\$ 5,772.29
Opened 10/2006 Principal only	
Balance on 10/20/2022	
Conservation Fund (CD)	\$ 52,023.27
Opened 8/2018	
Balance on 12/31/2022	
Parks and Recreation	
Balance 12/31/2021	\$ 22,793.92
Deposits	910.00
Withdrawals	(230.16)
Interest Earned	2.31
Balance 12/31/2022	\$ <u>23,476.07</u>
Planning Board	
Balance 12/31/2021	\$ 1,521.51
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	(0.00)
Interest Earned	0.00
Balance 12/31/2022	\$ <u>1521.51</u>
Ambulance Billing	
Balance 12/31/2021	\$ 61,018.42
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	(0.00)
Interest Earned	30.52
Balance 12/31/2022	\$ <u>61,048.94</u>

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022**

Continued

Town of Bradford	
Money Market Savings	
Balance 12/31/2021	\$ 6,462.91
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	(0.00)
Interest Earned	.65
Balance 12/31/2022	\$ <u>6,463.56</u>
Town Hall Project*	
Balance 12/31/2021	\$ 3,608.63
Deposits	5,254,528.43
Withdrawals	(5,089,447.95)
Wire Transfer Fees	(30.00)
Interest Earned	332.07
Balance 12/31/2022	\$ <u>168,991.18</u>

* This checking account was opened in May 2017 to accommodate the withdrawals from the Town Hall bond in order for checks to be issued and was subsequently used for pay-outs of the funds for buttoning up the Town Hall. This account will continue to be used for future Town Hall renovation work.

Town Hall CDAR (Certificate XXX4005)	
Beginning 8/25/2022	\$ 2,200,000.00
Withdrawal	2,202,279.50
Interest	2,279.50
Balance	\$ <u>0.00</u>

Closed and deposited into the Town Hall Project Account

Town Hall CDAR (Certificate XXX8883)	
Beginning 9/22/2022	\$ 800,000.00
Withdrawal	803,998.93
Interest	3,998.93
Balance	\$ <u>0.00</u>

Closed and deposited into the Town Hall Project Account

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022**

Continued

Town Hall CDAR
(Certificate XXX8743)
Principal \$1,385,000.00 on 9/22/22
Maturity 3/23/23 6 month Certificate

Town Hall CDAR
(Certificate XXX5442)
Principal \$400,000.00 on 12/29/22
Maturity 6/29/23 6 month Certificate

Town Hall CDAR
(Certificate XXX5272)
Principal \$250,000.00 on 12/29/22
Maturity 1/26/23 4 week Certificate



Chris Way Maintaining the Town Clock

Photo by Karen Hambleton

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

		FMV	Additions	Income	Withdrawals	Change in	FMV
		1/1/2022				Value	12/31/2022
Cemetery Trustees:							
1905	Cemetery Care Funds	\$ 475,745.00	\$ 3,855.56	\$ 5,858.20	\$ -	\$ (71,921.76)	\$ 413,537.00
1994	Cemetery Maintenance Funds	\$ 77,875.91	\$ 13,355.23	\$ 1,183.83	\$ -	\$ (9,112.00)	\$ 83,302.97
2002	Gravestone Repair	\$ 3,026.03	\$ 500.00	\$ 23.11	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,549.14
Bradford Scholarship Committee:							
1964	School Scholarship Funds	\$ 14,084.13	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 267.17	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ (1,063.08)	\$ 13,238.22
Trust Fund:							
1929	French's Park Fund	\$ 6,187.22	\$ -	\$ 87.85	\$ -	\$ (1,003.27)	\$ 5,271.80
Library Trustees:							
1907	Library Funds	\$ 18,898.38	\$ -	\$ 506.23	\$ (506.23)	\$ (2,216.25)	\$ 16,682.13
Selectmen:							
1960	Highway Dept	\$ 0.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (0.10)	\$ -	\$ -
1991	Repair Town Buildings	* \$ 20,398.53	\$ -	\$ 155.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,554.37
1993	Ambulance	\$ 9.69	\$ -	\$ 0.08	\$ (9.77)	\$ -	\$ -
1997	Town Facilities and Bldg Capital Reserve	\$ 31,193.04	\$ -	\$ 238.32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,431.36
2002	Police Facility Capital Reserve	\$ 72,431.55	\$ -	\$ 553.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 72,984.95
2003	Fire Dept Repair Maint and Imp	* \$ 10,402.13	\$ -	\$ 79.47	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,481.60
2004	Park and Rec Building Fund	* \$ 17,596.97	\$ -	\$ 134.45	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,731.42
2006	Fire Dept Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve	\$ 571,089.44	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 729.52	\$ (492,620.00)	\$ -	\$ 279,198.96
2006	Main Street Improvement	* \$ 125,289.70	\$ -	\$ 357.05	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125,646.75
2007	Emergency Bridge Repair	* \$ 395.05	\$ -	\$ 3.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 398.07
2008	Revaluation	\$ 9,546.70	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 72.86	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,619.56
2009	Salt & Fuel	* \$ 12,064.90	\$ -	\$ 92.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,157.08
2010	Communications Equipment	* \$ 15,453.73	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 118.04	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,571.77
2013	Independence Day Celebration	\$ 5,115.43	\$ -	\$ 39.09	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,154.52
2013	Town Hall Restoration	* \$ 7,257.17	\$ 1,168.00	\$ 55.45	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,480.62
2015	Town Equipment Repair & Purch Exp Trust	* \$ 81,506.13	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 435.66	\$ (32,950.00)	\$ -	\$ 68,991.79
2019	Road and Bridge Exp Trust	* \$ 197,791.75	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 802.16	\$ (125,066.72)	\$ -	\$ 173,527.19
2019	Town Hall Repair and Renovation	* \$ 250,268.74	\$ -	\$ 1,641.85	\$ (48,000.00)	\$ -	\$ 203,910.59
2020	Highway Dept. Heavy Equipment	\$ 104,026.78	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 756.71	\$ (100,000.00)	\$ -	\$ 104,783.49
2020	Fire Equipment Expendable Trust	* \$ 1,001.12	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 15.93	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,017.05
2021	Police Vehicle Capital Reserve	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 152.53	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,152.53
2022	Emerg Road and Bridge Repair Exp Trust	* \$ -	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,000.00
2022	Long Term Planning Exp Trust	* \$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
2022	Matching funds for Grants	* \$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
Total of All Trust Funds		\$ 2,148,655.32	\$ 507,828.79	\$ 14,360.00	\$ (801,152.62)	\$ (85,316.36)	\$ 1,784,374.93
* Funds Expendable by the Select Board							



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Town of Bradford
Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures
January 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2022

Acct Number / Description	Additional Appropriations	Adopted Budget	Available	Actual Expenditures	Encumber	Surplus (overdraft)
4130 Executive		\$219,013.44	\$219,013.44	\$181,949.69		\$37,063.75
4140 Elec, Reg & Vital Stat		\$11,239.00	\$11,239.00	\$8,499.45		\$2,739.55
4150 Financial Admin		\$106,391.00	\$106,391.00	\$96,883.79		\$9,507.21
4152 Reval of Property		\$28,700.00	\$28,700.00	\$24,889.88		\$3,810.12
4153 Legal		\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$20,562.00		\$9,438.00
4155 Employee Benefits		\$1.00	\$1.00	\$0.00		\$1.00
4191 Planning & Zoning		\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$7,877.93		\$10,122.07
4194 Gen Govt Bldgs		\$84,300.00	\$84,300.00	\$78,605.59		\$5,694.41
4195 Cemetery		\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$22,032.36		\$2,967.64
4196 Insurances		\$91,700.00	\$91,700.00	\$85,065.39		\$6,634.61
4199 Other Gen Govt		\$6,050.00	\$6,050.00	\$8,140.35		(\$2,090.35)
4210 Police Dept		\$595,007.86	\$595,007.86	\$565,673.04		\$29,334.82
4220 Fire Dept	encumbered	\$35,079.00	\$148,450.00	\$183,529.00		\$20,430.83
4225 Rescue Squad - FAST		\$8,780.00	\$8,780.00	\$4,350.30		\$4,429.70
4226 Rescue Services - Henniker		\$57,200.00	\$57,200.00	\$94,957.00		(\$37,757.00)
4240 Building Dept		\$26,550.00	\$26,550.00	\$23,602.25		\$2,947.75
4290 Emergency Management		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00		\$500.00
4312 Highway Dept		\$658,347.82	\$658,347.82	\$696,948.31		(\$38,600.49)
4313 Bridges		\$1.00	\$1.00	\$0.00		\$1.00
4316 Street Lighting		\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,047.35		\$152.65
4323 Solid Waste Collection		\$96,565.76	\$96,565.76	\$92,828.02		\$3,737.74
4324 Solid Waste Disposal		\$23,600.00	\$23,600.00	\$26,622.57		(\$3,022.57)
4415 Innoculations		\$1.00	\$1.00	\$0.00		\$1.00
4441 Welfare		\$7,467.85	\$7,467.85	\$7,423.92		\$43.93
4445 Welfare Payments		\$29,520.00	\$29,520.00	\$19,652.00		\$9,868.00
4520 Parks & Recreation		\$19,508.05	\$19,508.05	\$13,208.87		\$6,299.18
4550 Library		\$82,560.00	\$82,560.00	\$82,560.00		\$0.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes		\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$18,522.61		(\$522.61)
4589 Community Center		\$22,450.00	\$22,450.00	\$26,383.20		(\$3,933.20)
4619 Other Conservation		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		\$0.00
4711 Long Term Notes		\$48,000.00	\$48,000.00	\$48,000.00		\$0.00
4723 Interest on Tan Notes		\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,129.84		\$1,870.16
Operating Budget		\$2,470,103.78	\$2,505,182.78	\$2,423,513.88	\$0.00	\$81,668.90
4902-7410 Highway Misc Projects		\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$2,650.00		\$22,350.00
4902-7600 Town Equip Expendable Trust	\$ 32,950.00	\$0.00	\$32,950.00	\$32,950.00		\$0.00
4902-7600 Town Equip Expendable Trust - appropriation		\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00		\$0.00
4903-7201 Highway Building - Energy Efficiency		\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$0.00		\$13,000.00
4912-0001 Conservation Fund		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		\$0.00
4913-3000 Highway Equipment- chipper		\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$39,770.00		\$230.00
4913-3000 Highway Equipment- new truck		\$230,000.00	\$230,000.00	\$230,000.00		\$0.00
4913-3290 CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)		\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00		\$0.00
4913-6000 Revaluation Capital Reserve - CRF		\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00		\$0.00
4913-6002 Communications Capital Res - ETF		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00		\$5,000.00
4913-7001 Police SUV		\$49,000.00	\$49,000.00	\$41,986.00		\$7,014.00
4913-7011 Police Equipment -grant funded	\$33,546.82	\$0.00	\$33,546.82	\$33,546.82		\$0.00
4913-7013 Fire Dept Equip -grant funded	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00		\$0.00
4913-7013 Fire Dept Equip - SCBA 2021	\$19,703.00	\$0.00	\$19,703.00	\$15,445.00		\$4,258.00
4913-7013 Fire Dept Equip - SCBA 2022		\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$0.00		\$24,000.00
4913-7013 Fire Dept Equip - appropriation		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		\$0.00
4913-7021 Long-Term Planning ETF - appropriation		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00		\$0.00
4915-7403 Highway Heavy Equipment - CRF		\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00		\$0.00
4915-7501 Road and Bridge - Cochran Hill	\$30,620.00	\$0.00	\$30,620.00	\$30,620.00		\$0.00
4915-7501 Road and Bridge Exp Trust - paving		\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00		\$0.00
4915-7501 Road and Bridge - paving over	\$25,066.72	\$0.00	\$25,066.72	\$25,066.72		\$0.00
4915-7501 Road and Bridge Exp Trust - appropriation		\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00		\$0.00
4915-7502 Emergency Road and Bridge Exp Trust - appro		\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00		\$0.00
4915-9302 Fire Heavy Equip - fire truck		\$505,000.00	\$505,000.00	\$492,620.00		\$12,380.00
4915-9302 Fire Heavy Equip CRF - appropriation		\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00		\$0.00
4915-9308 Gravestone Repair		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00		\$0.00
4915-9324 Matching Funds for Grants ETF - appropriation		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00		\$0.00
4913-7200 Town Hall Restoration		\$2,600,000.00	\$2,600,000.00	\$51,288.72		\$2,548,711.28
Total Warrants	\$191,886.54	\$4,075,250.00	\$4,242,136.54	\$1,627,543.26	\$0.00	\$2,614,593.28
5000-0015 County Tax		\$0.00	\$619,532.00	\$619,532.00		\$0.00
5000-0017 Lake Todd Dist		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
5000-0016 Kearsarge School Dist		\$0.00	\$3,244,203.00	\$3,244,203.00		\$0.00
5000-8001 Tax abatements (overlay used)		\$0.00	\$19,846.30	\$19,846.30		\$0.00
Total Miscellaneous			\$3,883,581.30	\$3,883,581.30		\$0.00
Grand Total		\$6,545,353.78			\$0.00	\$2,696,262.18

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4130 Executive			4152 Revaluation of Property		4210 Police Dept	
01-4130-1100 FT Salaries		\$110,975.89	01-4152-1200 PT Wages-Assessing	\$0.00	01-4210-1000 Salaries	\$166,769.91
01-4130-1201 PT Budget Sec		\$629.00	01-4152-3900 Tax Map Updated	\$4,202.88	01-4210-1200 PT Wages	\$11,093.72
01-4130-1300 Elected Officials		\$9,000.00	01-4152-3901 Contract Services	\$17,533.00	01-4210-1205 Wages-Police Secretary	\$10,707.94
01-4130-1400 PT Wages		\$6,871.26	01-4152-3902 Timber Monitor	\$715.00	01-4210-1206 Wages-On Call	\$13,619.17
01-4130-1401 Budget Comm Expense		\$119.50	01-4152-6204 Assessing software	\$2,439.00	01-4210-1211 Wages-PT Administration	\$91,600.55
01-4130-2100 Health Insurance		\$25,521.04	TOTAL 4152 Revaluation of Property	\$24,889.88	01-4210-1212 Wages-PD Detail	(\$1,466.17)
01-4130-2150 Life Insurance		\$113.10			01-4210-1213 Wages-PD Detail Town	\$0.00
01-4130-2160 Short Term Disability		\$315.96	4153 Legal		01-4210-1400 Overtime	\$17,431.66
01-4130-2190 Dental Insurance		\$1,518.31	01-4153-3201 Counsel Fees	\$20,562.00	01-4210-2100 Health Insurance	\$63,299.38
01-4130-2200 Payroll Taxes		\$9,752.13	01-4153-3202 Damage Fees	\$0.00	01-4210-2150 Life Insurance	\$330.00
01-4130-2300 Retirement		\$4,752.79	TOTAL 4153 Legal	\$20,562.00	01-4210-2160 Short Term Disability	\$931.25
01-4130-2400 Conference		\$330.00			01-4210-2190 Dental Insurance	\$4,666.56
01-4130-3410 Telephone		\$1,067.17	4191 Planning & Zoning		01-4210-2200 Payroll Taxes	\$6,068.13
01-4130-3420 Computer Equipment & Supp		\$0.00	01-4191-1200 PT Planning Wages	\$0.00	01-4210-2300 Retirement	\$99,006.79
01-4130-3422 Software Support		\$4,941.18	01-4191-1201 PT Zoning Wages	\$100.00	01-4210-2400 Conferences	\$678.91
01-4130-4001 Copier Contract-service		\$0.00	01-4191-2200 Payroll Taxes	\$7.65	01-4210-3201 Legal Fees-Counsel	\$2,070.00
01-4130-4500 Printing		\$1,400.06	01-4191-2400 Conferences - Planning	\$0.00	01-4210-3410 Telephone	\$6,658.87
01-4130-5600 Association Dues		\$1,765.00	01-4191-3901 Circuit Rider	\$5,650.00	01-4210-3422 Software Support	\$700.00
01-4130-6000 Supplies		\$1,470.06	01-4191-5600 Dues & Subscriptions	\$1,994.00	01-4210-3902 Hospital blood draw	\$108.00
01-4130-6250 Postage		\$929.38	01-4191-6002 Supplies - Planning	\$88.78	01-4210-3903 Animal/Vet	\$70.00
01-4130-6901 Advertising		\$191.38	01-4191-6003 Supplies - Zoning	\$37.50	01-4210-3904 Dispatch	\$11,301.60
01-4130-6902 Mileage		\$211.48	01-4191-6200 Zoning Seminars	\$0.00	01-4210-4100 Electricity	\$2,229.36
01-4130-7401 Equipment Purchase		\$75.00	01-4191-6250 Postage	\$0.00	01-4210-4301 Repair-Radios	\$270.00
TOTAL 4130 Executive		\$181,949.69	TOTAL 4191 Planning & Zoning	\$7,877.93	01-4210-4302 Repairs-Computer	\$2,065.98
					01-4210-5600 Dues & Subscriptions	\$1,971.16
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistic			4194 Gen Govt Bldgs		01-4210-6000 Supplies	\$2,529.87
01-4140-1200 PT Wages-Ballot Clerks		\$976.45	01-4194-1200 PT Wages	\$518.40	01-4210-6001 SOU	\$3,000.00
01-4140-1301 Supervisors Wages		\$4,157.89	01-4194-2200 Payroll Taxes	\$39.65	01-4210-6004 Supplies-Training	\$1,840.23
01-4140-1303 Moderator Wages		\$679.99	01-4194-3410 Telephone	\$2,919.33	01-4210-6005 Supplies-Uniforms	\$2,989.00
01-4140-2200 Payroll Taxes		\$318.12	01-4194-3901 Contract Services	\$25,814.89	01-4210-6006 Police equipment	\$13,258.88
01-4140-6000 Supplies		\$2,367.00	01-4194-3902 Copier Contract	\$610.26	01-4210-6250 Postage	\$426.54
TOTAL 4140 Election, Registration & VS		\$8,499.45	01-4194-4001 Copier Contract - Services	\$2,169.83	01-4210-6350 Gasoline & Oil	\$11,559.70
			01-4194-4100 Electricity	\$1,795.04	01-4210-6600 Vehicle Repairs	\$4,048.06
4150 Financial Administration			01-4194-4110 Heat/Oil	\$11,738.47	01-4210-7500 Rental & expenses	\$13,036.49
01-4150-1200 PT Wages		\$37.50	01-4194-4300 Repairs & Maintenance	\$650.00	01-4210-9314 Copier	\$451.82
01-4150-1202 Deputy TC/TC Wages		\$15,000.00	01-4194-4302 Town office upgrades	\$0.00	01-4210-9316 Protective Vests	\$349.68
01-4150-1203 Deputy Treasurer Wages		\$108.00	01-4194-4303 Town Hall Repairs & Expense	\$1,248.92	TOTAL 4210 Police Dept	\$565,673.04
01-4150-1304 Wages-TC/TC		\$38,743.00	01-4194-4310 Town Landscaping	\$6,500.25		
01-4150-1305 Wages-Treasurer		\$6,712.68	01-4194-6000 Supplies	\$1,112.60	4220 Fire Dept	
01-4150-2200 Payroll Taxes		\$4,626.85	01-4194-6001 Computer repairs	\$23,119.95	01-4220-1200 PT Wages	\$32,010.00
01-4150-2400 Conferences		\$80.00	01-4194-9311 Town Clock	\$368.00	01-4220-1211 Wages - Administration	\$32,655.00
01-4150-3010 Audit Fees		\$13,004.72	TOTAL 4194 Gen Govt Bldgs	\$78,605.59	01-4220-2200 Payroll Taxes	\$4,947.45
01-4150-3011 Trustee of Trust Funds		\$187.50			01-4220-3410 Telephone	\$1,813.96
01-4150-3410 Telephone		\$275.24	4195 Cemetery		01-4220-3421 Software	\$920.00
01-4150-3422 Software Support		\$6,086.00	01-4195-1208 Wages-Town Landscaping	\$21,788.70	01-4220-3901 Contract Services	\$480.00
01-4150-3901 Lien Search		\$875.00	01-4195-3906 Contract Services-Plumbing	\$0.00	01-4220-3904 Contract Services-Dispatch	\$17,930.00
01-4150-5600 Association Dues		\$40.00	01-4195-4100 Electricity	\$194.72	01-4220-3914 Contract Services-Maint	\$1,154.08
01-4150-6000 Supplies		\$2,243.99	01-4195-6000 Supplies	\$48.94	01-4220-4100 Electricity	\$4,566.74
01-4150-6008 Clerk election expense		\$4,295.58	TOTAL 4195 Cemetery	\$22,032.36	01-4220-4301 Repairs & Maint - Radios	\$0.00
01-4150-6250 Postage		\$3,447.30			01-4220-4303 Repairs & Maint - Vehicles	\$11,950.07
01-4150-6902 Mileage		\$0.00	4196 Insurances		01-4220-6000 Supplies	\$2,255.02
01-4150-6903 Fees & Licenses		\$685.43	01-4196-2500 Unemployment Comp	\$152.75	01-4220-6005 Supplies-Uniform/Prot Cloth	\$37,888.68
01-4150-7401 Equipment Purchase		\$435.00	01-4196-2600 Worker's Compensation	\$40,312.35	01-4220-6300 Repairs & Maint - Equipment	\$5,341.43
TOTAL 4150 Financial Administration		\$96,883.79	01-4196-4800 Property Liability	\$44,600.29	01-4220-6350 Gasoline	\$3,881.23
			TOTAL 4196 Insurances	\$85,065.39	01-4220-6800 Equip Purchase-Hoses	\$0.00
					01-4220-6900 Training	\$182.50
			4199 Other General Govt		01-4220-7300 Repair & Maint - Bldg	\$4,343.12
			01-4199-3904 Milfoil remediation	\$1,580.00	01-4220-7301 Repairs & Maint - Hydrants	\$0.00
			01-4199-3910 Contract Services-Env Test	\$4,940.35	01-4220-7401 Equipment Purchases	\$778.89
			01-4199-6207 Sanitation Units	\$1,350.00	TOTAL 4220 Fire Dept	\$163,098.17
			01-4199-9313 French's Park Testing	\$270.00		
			TOTAL 4199 Other General Govt	\$8,140.35		

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4225 Rescue Squad			4316 Street Lighting			4589 Community Center		
01-4225-4303	Repairs & Maint - Equipment	\$86.94	01-4316-4100	Electricity	\$2,047.35	01-4589-3410	Telephone	\$1,890.74
01-4225-4304	Service Contracts	\$1,453.54	TOTAL 4316 Street Lighting			01-4589-4100	Electricity	\$6,014.84
01-4225-4305	Continuing Education	\$962.96				01-4589-4110	Heat-Propane	\$4,619.94
01-4225-4306	Oxygen	\$310.64	4323 Solid Waste Collection			01-4589-4300	Landscaping	\$3,294.50
01-4225-6000	Supplies	\$1,004.25	01-4323-1100	Wages-FT	\$43,909.06	01-4589-6000	Supplies	\$1,183.79
01-4225-6903	Fees & Licenses	\$0.00	01-4323-1200	Wages-PT	\$25,567.50	01-4589-7200	Alarm System	\$1,552.50
01-4225-7401	New Equipment	\$531.97	01-4323-2100	Health Insurance	\$8,976.58	01-4589-7300	Repairs & Maint & testing	\$1,058.99
TOTAL 4225 Rescue Squad		\$4,350.30	01-4323-2150	Life Insurance	\$96.36	01-4589-7301	Maintenance septic	\$427.50
			01-4323-2160	Short Term Disability	\$297.27	01-4589-7303	Maintenance furnace & stove	\$1,018.27
4226 Rescue - Contract Services			01-4323-2190	Dental Insurance	\$1,037.52	01-4589-7304	Generator/elevator/ansul/air	\$3,007.83
01-4226-3500	Contract Services Henniker	\$84,957.00	01-4323-2200	Payroll Taxes	\$5,314.71	01-4589-7306	Pest Control	\$1,174.30
01-4226-3600	Henniker Ambulance C/R	\$10,000.00	01-4323-2300	Retirement	\$1,325.00	01-4589-7307	Alarm/trash/telephone	\$1,140.00
TOTAL 4226 Rescue - Contract Services		\$94,957.00	01-4323-3410	Telephone	\$2,122.55	01-4589-7401	Equipment Purchase	\$0.00
			01-4323-4100	Electricity	\$1,539.78	TOTAL 4589 Community Center		
4240 Building Dept - Code Enforcement			01-4323-4303	Repairs & Maintenance-Equip	\$1,279.12			
01-4240-1200	Wages-PT	\$20,237.50	01-4323-5600	Dues & Subscriptions	\$218.30	4619 Other Conservation		
01-4240-2100	Health Officer	\$469.10	01-4323-6000	Supplies	\$448.38	01-4619-2400	Conferences & Seminars	\$120.00
01-4240-2200	Payroll Taxes	\$1,548.28	01-4323-6001	Stain Building	\$0.00	01-4619-5600	Dues & Subscriptions	\$250.00
01-4240-6000	Supplies	\$112.01	01-4323-6350	Equipment Fuel	\$695.89	01-4619-6800	Supplies-Educational	\$415.00
01-4240-6171	Education	\$65.00	01-4323-7300	Repairs & Maintenance-Bldg	\$0.00	01-4619-9320	Trail Development	\$215.00
01-4240-6902	Mileage	\$1,025.36	TOTAL 4323 Solid Waste Collection			TOTAL 4619 Other Conservation		
01-4240-6906	Fees & Licenses-Code Enf	\$145.00						
TOTAL 4240 Building Dept - Code Enforceme		\$23,602.25	4324 Solid Waste Disposal					
			01-4324-3914	Contract Services-MSW	\$17,845.24	4711 Long Term Notes		
4290 Emergency Management			01-4324-3915	Contract Services-Comp Serv	\$4,125.00	01-4711-0001	Long Term Notes	\$33,802.33
01-4290-6000	Supplies	\$0.00	01-4324-3916	Contract Services-C&D Disp	\$912.00	01-4711-0002	Interest on Long Term Note	\$14,197.67
TOTAL 4290 Emergency Management		\$0.00	01-4324-3919	Contract Services-Glass Rem	\$3,740.33	TOTAL 4711 Long Term Notes		
			TOTAL 4324 Solid Waste Disposal			\$48,000.00		
						4723 Interest on Tan Notes		
4312 Highway Dept			4415 Inoculations					
01-4312-1100	Wages-FT	\$218,677.22	01-4415-3500	Inoculations	\$0.00	01-4723-8100 Interest on Tan Notes \$2,129.84		
01-4312-1200	Wages-PT	\$21,070.00	TOTAL 4415 Inoculations			\$2,129.84		
01-4312-1201	Outside Services	\$0.00				4902 New Equipment - HW Exp Trust		
01-4312-1400	Wages-Overtime	\$21,612.17	4441 Welfare					
01-4312-2100	Health Insurance	\$73,394.43	01-4441-1200	Wages-PT	\$6,868.44	01-4902-7410	New Equipment	\$2,650.00
01-4312-2150	Life Insurance	\$335.10	01-4441-2200	Payroll Taxes	\$525.48	01-4902-7600	Equipment Repair Expendable Tru	\$49,950.00
01-4312-2160	Short Term Disability	\$889.09	01-4441-6000	Welfare admin supplies	\$30.00	TOTAL 4902 New Equipment - HW Exp Trust		
01-4312-2190	Dental Insurance	\$4,867.21	TOTAL 4441 Welfare			\$52,600.00		
01-4312-2200	Payroll Taxes	\$19,994.39				4912 Transfers to Special Rev Funds		
01-4312-2300	Retirement	\$4,546.36	4445 Welfare Payments					
01-4312-2400	Conferences & Seminars	\$240.00	01-4445-3900	Vendor Payments	\$4,350.00	01-4912-0001 Transfer to Conservation \$1,000.00		
01-4312-3410	Telephone	\$2,109.30	01-4445-3908	Contract Services-CAP	\$10,500.00	TOTAL 4912 Transfers to Special Rev Funds		
01-4312-3901	Contract Services-General	\$5,997.00	01-4445-3909	Contract Services-VNA	\$4,802.00	\$1,000.00		
01-4312-3907	Contract Services-Tree Removal	\$0.00	TOTAL 4445 Welfare Payments			4913 Capital Project Funds		
01-4312-3912	Contract Services-Blasting	\$0.00						
01-4312-3913	Contract Services-Drug Testing	\$745.00	4520 Parks & Recreation					
01-4312-4100	Electricity	\$2,622.72	01-4520-2200	Payroll Taxes	\$2,697.00	01-4913-3000	Highway equipment	\$272,770.00
01-4312-4300	Repairs & Maintenance-Tires	\$4,089.00	01-4520-3901	PT Wages	\$206.31	01-4913-3920	CASA (Court App Spec Advocate)	\$750.00
01-4312-4303	Repairs & Maintenance-Equipment	\$54,969.92	01-4520-4300	Repairs & Maintenance	\$108.45	01-4913-6000	Revaluation Capital Reserve	\$6,000.00
01-4312-4307	Repairs & Maintenance-Bridge Rep	\$819.35	01-4520-6000	Supplies	\$756.96	01-4913-6002	Communications	\$5,000.00
01-4312-4400	Equipment Rental	\$11,437.27	01-4520-6800	Special Events	\$590.25	01-4913-7001	Police Cruiser	\$41,986.00
01-4312-6000	Supplies	\$14,659.25	01-4520-7000	BNSYS	\$2,750.00	01-4913-7011	Police Equipment	\$33,546.82
01-4312-6005	Supplies-Uniforms	\$8,563.16	01-4520-7009	Boat Launch	\$6,000.00	01-4913-7013	Fire Dept Equipment	\$66,445.00
01-4312-6006	Supplies-Chains & Blades	\$10,470.48	01-4520-7401	Equipment Purchases	\$99.90	01-4913-7021	Long-Term Planning ETF	\$10,000.00
01-4312-6007	Winter Salt & Spring Repairs	\$24,861.96	TOTAL 4520 Parks & Recreation			01-4913-7300	Culverts and Catch Basins	\$30,620.00
01-4312-6008	Supplies-Road Signs	\$394.35				01-4913-9300	Road work	\$125,066.72
01-4312-6009	Supplies-Culverts	\$6,231.75	4550 Library			30-4913-7200	Town Hall Restoration	\$51,288.72
01-4312-6010	Supplies-Gravel	\$25,080.00	01-4550-6000	General Appropriation	\$82,560.00	TOTAL 4913 Capital Project Funds		
01-4312-6011	Supplies-Road Patch	\$43,430.89	TOTAL 4550 Library			\$643,473.26		
01-4312-6012	Dust Control	\$4,605.00				4915 Capital Reserve		
01-4312-6300	Maintenance & Repairs/Inspections	\$791.88	4583 Patriotic Purposes					
01-4312-6350	Equipment Fuel	\$41,364.35	01-4583-6000	Supplies-Markers/Flags	\$401.86	01-4915-7403	Highway Heavy Equip	\$100,000.00
01-4312-7300	Repairs, Maint-Bldgs	\$7,081.94	01-4583-6802	Parade Expenses	\$5,005.75	01-4915-7501	Road and Bridge Expendable Trust	\$100,000.00
01-4312-7312	New Equipment	\$60,100.50	01-4583-6803	Departmental-Fireworks	\$11,400.00	01-4915-7502	Emergency Road and Bridge Repai	\$35,000.00
01-4312-9500	Storm Damages	\$897.27	01-4583-6804	Police Detail	\$1,715.00	01-4915-9302	Fire Dept Heavy Equipment	\$692,620.00
TOTAL 4312 Highway Dept		\$696,948.31	TOTAL 4583 Patriotic Purposes			\$500.00		
						01-4915-9324	Matching Funds for Grants ETF	\$10,000.00
4313 Bridges						TOTAL 4915 Capital Reserve		
01-4313-3901	Contract Services-Bridges	\$0.00				\$938,120.00		
TOTAL 4313 Bridges		\$0.00				5000 Miscellaneous Expenses		
						01-5000-0015 County \$619,532.00		
						01-5000-0016 Due to KRSD \$3,244,203.00		
						01-5000-0017 Lake Todd Village District \$0.00		
						01-5000-8001 Abatement-Previous Yr Taxes \$19,846.30		
						TOTAL 5000 Miscellaneous Expenses		
						\$3,883,581.30		



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Proposed Budget

Bradford

For the period beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023

Form Due Date: **20 Days after the Annual Meeting**

This form was posted with the warrant on: ____ February 27, 2023 ____

BUDGET COMMITTEE CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Name	Position	Signature
Laurie Colburn	Chairperson	
Beth Downs	Selectman's Representative	
Jennifer Richardson	Vice Chairman	
Justin Dohrn		
Kimberly Firth		
Timothy McKenna		

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Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Actual Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2022	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Not Recommended)
General Government								
4130-4139	Executive	05	\$181,950	\$219,013	\$220,118	\$0	\$220,118	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	05	\$8,499	\$11,239	\$4,100	\$0	\$4,100	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	05	\$96,884	\$106,391	\$106,625	\$0	\$106,625	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	05	\$24,890	\$28,700	\$28,600	\$0	\$28,600	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	05	\$20,562	\$30,000	\$26,000	\$0	\$26,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	05	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	05	\$7,878	\$18,000	\$15,500	\$0	\$15,500	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	05	\$78,606	\$84,300	\$121,100	\$0	\$121,100	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	05	\$22,032	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
4196	Insurance	05	\$85,065	\$91,700	\$95,800	\$0	\$95,800	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	05	\$8,140	\$6,050	\$8,700	\$0	\$8,700	\$0
General Government Subtotal			\$534,506	\$620,394	\$651,544	\$0	\$651,544	\$0
Public Safety								
4210-4214	Police	05	\$598,647	\$595,008	\$599,026	\$0	\$599,026	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	05	\$262,405	\$214,430	\$287,150	\$0	\$287,150	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection	05	\$23,602	\$26,550	\$26,550	\$0	\$26,550	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	05	\$0	\$500	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal			\$884,654	\$836,488	\$912,727	\$0	\$912,727	\$0

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Highways and Streets								
4311	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	05	\$852,635	\$783,348	\$735,386	\$0	\$708,186	\$27,200
4313	Bridges	05	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	05	\$2,047	\$2,200	\$2,300	\$0	\$2,300	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$854,682	\$785,549	\$737,687	\$0	\$710,487	\$27,200
Sanitation								
4321	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	05	\$92,828	\$96,566	\$94,600	\$0	\$94,600	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	05	\$26,623	\$23,600	\$26,000	\$0	\$26,000	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal			\$119,451	\$120,166	\$120,600	\$0	\$120,600	\$0
Health								
4411	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	05	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
Health Subtotal			\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
Welfare								
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	05	\$7,424	\$7,468	\$7,468	\$0	\$7,468	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	05	\$20,402	\$30,270	\$30,270	\$0	\$30,270	\$0
Welfare Subtotal			\$27,826	\$37,738	\$37,738	\$0	\$37,738	\$0

Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Actual Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2022	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Not Recommended)
Culture and Recreation								
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	05	\$13,209	\$19,508	\$19,509	\$0	\$19,509	\$0
4550-4559	Library	05	\$825,600	\$82,560	\$82,560	\$0	\$82,560	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	05	\$18,523	\$18,000	\$19,400	\$0	\$19,400	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	05	\$26,383	\$22,450	\$30,700	\$0	\$30,700	\$0
Culture and Recreation Subtotal			\$883,715	\$142,518	\$152,169	\$0	\$152,169	\$0
Conservation and Development								
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	05	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal			\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
Debt Service								
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	05	\$33,802	\$24,000	\$89,539	\$0	\$89,539	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	05	\$14,198	\$24,000	\$119,461	\$0	\$119,461	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	05	\$2,130	\$4,000	\$2,100	\$0	\$2,100	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Subtotal			\$50,130	\$50,130	\$211,100	\$0	\$211,100	\$0

Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Actual Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2022	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Not Recommended)
Capital Outlay								
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$905,431	\$848,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$54,897	\$2,613,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay Subtotal			\$960,328	\$3,461,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Agency Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Budget Appropriations					\$2,824,566	\$0	\$2,797,366	\$27,200

Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022 (Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	10	\$32,000	\$0	\$32,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose:</i> 2023 Revaluation				
4210- 4214	Police	12	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500	\$0
		<i>Purpose:</i> Purchase Communication Equipment for Police Dept				
4220- 4229	Fire	11	\$7,000	\$0	\$7,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose:</i> Purchase Communication Equipment for Fire Dept				
4312	Highways and Streets	09	\$380,000	\$0	\$380,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose:</i> Fund Road Maintenance, Preservation and Paving				
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	08	\$404,000	\$0	\$404,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose:</i> Purchase new John Deere Grader				
4903	Buildings	25	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000
		<i>Purpose:</i> Energy Efficiency Measures at the Fire Department				
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	24	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
		<i>Purpose:</i> Raze the Masonic Building				
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	14	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose:</i> Highway Dept Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve (2020)				
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	15	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose:</i> Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve (2006)				
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	17	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose:</i> Communication Capital Reserve Fund (2010)				
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	20	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose:</i> Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Trust Fund (2021)				

Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 Recommended	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 Recommended	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Not Recommended)
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	13	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Road and Bridge Expendable Trust Fund (2019)</i>					
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	16	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Fire Equipment Expendable Trust Fund (2020)</i>					
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	18	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Town Equipment Repair and Purchase Expendable Trust Fund (2015)</i>					
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	19	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Town Equipment Repair and Purchase Expendable Trust Fund (2015)</i>					
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$1,159,500	\$75,000	\$1,159,500	\$75,000

Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 Recommended	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 Recommended	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Not Recommended)
4619	Other Conservation	21	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: Conservation Land Protection Fund</i>					
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0

Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	05	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	05	\$28,214	\$15,000	\$15,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax		\$234	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	05	\$32,317	\$30,000	\$30,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
Taxes Subtotal			\$60,765	\$47,000	\$47,000
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	05	\$18,877	\$18,000	\$18,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	05	\$412,208	\$410,000	\$410,000
3230	Building Permits	05	\$29,528	\$25,000	\$25,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	05	\$3,722	\$3,200	\$3,200
3311- 3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal			\$464,335	\$456,200	\$456,200
State Sources					
3351	Municipal Aid/Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	05	\$147,775	\$145,000	\$145,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	05	\$295,312	\$89,000	\$89,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	05	\$690	\$680	\$680
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		\$60,825	\$0	\$0
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources Subtotal			\$504,602	\$234,680	\$234,680

Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	05	\$24,965	\$22,000	\$22,000
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services Subtotal			\$24,965	\$22,000	\$22,000
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	05, 08	\$18,710	\$63,000	\$63,000
3502	Interest on Investments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3503-3509	Other	05	\$71,519	\$15,000	\$15,000
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal			\$90,229	\$78,000	\$78,000
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	08, 10, 11, 12	\$592,620	\$126,500	\$126,500
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds	09	\$158,017	\$100,000	\$100,000
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal			\$750,637	\$226,500	\$226,500
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	08, 19, 09	\$0	\$137,000	\$137,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$200,000	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal			\$200,000	\$137,000	\$137,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$2,095,533	\$1,201,380	\$1,201,380

Budget Summary

Item	Selectmen's Period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended)
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$2,824,566	\$2,797,366
Special Warrant Articles	\$1,159,500	\$1,159,500
Individual Warrant Articles	\$1,000	\$1,000
Total Appropriations	\$3,985,066	\$3,957,866
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$1,201,380	\$1,201,380
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$2,783,686	\$2,756,486

Town of Bradford
State of New Hampshire

Town Warrant of Town Meeting March 14th, 2023

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Article Twenty-One: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to fund the Conservation Fund overseen by the Conservation Commission. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

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

* Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

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

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

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

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

Bradford Board of Selectmen,

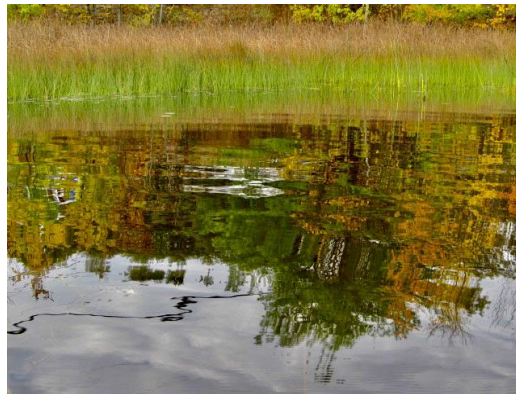
Marlene Freyler, Chairman
Mary Ellen Pfeifle, Selectman
Beth Downs, Selectman

NOTES

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Map/Lot	Value	Map/Lot	Value
01/26 Forest Brook	500	01/42 Pleasant View Road	5,200
2/103 Burial Hill Cemetery	800	3/29 Sunny Plains Cemetery	900
3/53 Union Cemetery	800	03/107 Jones Road	11,300
3/110 Transfer Station	318,400	4/7 West Road	20,000
4/9 Fortune Road	21,600	5/68* Off East Washington Road	7,900
5/69* East Washington Road	1,400	5/74* West Road	5,100
5/75* West Road	93,700	5/81 95 West Road	146,000
5/94* West Meadow Road	16,700	5/99 West Meadow Road	21,600
6/17 Center Road	133,900	6/22 Presbury Cemetery	400
6/31 West Road	25,000	6/48 West Road	11,600
6/93 Cheney Hill Road	8,900	6/94 Cheney Hill Road	34,500
6/102 Route 114 & Jones Road	189,900	6/111 Howlett Cemetery	400
6/117 Meeting House (land)	81,000	7/23 Marshall Cemetery	200
7/43 Howlett Road	34,000	9/5-1 East Washington Road	21,400
9/9 Durrell Cemetery	0	9/20* West Road	13,600
9/22* West Road	22,100	9/23* West Road	17,000
9/52 Dunfield Road	34,300	11/8 Forest Street	6,500
11/43 Massasecum Avenue	0	11/50 New Pond Cemetery	900
11/62* State Route 114	17,700	11/63 Old Pond Cemetery	600
12/13* East Washington Road	24,000	12/15* East Washington Road	12,600
12/16* Conservation Commission	6,100	12/17* Washington T/L	57,300
13/15* Conservation Land	34,500	13/32* Off East Washington Road	3,800
14/15 County Road	1,281	16/40 Lake Todd	77,200
16/60* Old Railroad Bed	4,100	16/75 Public Library	693,000
16/80* Route 103	11,700	16/85 Pleasant Hill Cemetery	800
16/87 89 West Main Street	291,900	16/88 Fire Station	433,500
16/92 Town Hall	818,900	17/9 Bradford Community Cent	783,800
17/12 Main Street (land)	112,400	17/53 Town Highway Garages	513,700
18/9 Breezy Hill Road	140,000	20/19 Park Lot Foot Path	29,000
21/21 French's Park	696,300	23/14 Ryan's Way/Boat Launch	215,000

* Under Stewardship of the Conservation Commission



Monet Lake

Photo by Sue McKeVitt

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Serving on Bradford’s 2022 Budget Committee were Laurie Colburn (Chair), Jen Richardson (Vice Chair), Justin Dohrn, Kimberly Firth, Tim McKenna and Beth Downs as the Select Board’s representative. Town Administrator Karen Hambleton, as always, was a huge contributor to the budgeting process and deserves a BIG THANK YOU for all her contributions!

The Committee again interviewed various Department Heads to understand the details behind each department’s budget request for 2022. We also met with School Board Representatives, Eric Gregoire and Jim Bibbo, as well as Energy Committee Representative Sandra Bravo, to review how the school system budget and Energy Committee recommendations would affect Bradford’s 2023 appropriation request.

The Budget Committee relies on each department to develop a budget based upon fixed costs and estimates to complete planned objectives that effectively maintain town services at reasonable costs. The committee reviews these submissions individually, as well as collectively, to understand the bottom-line impact.

2023 has been a challenging year to prepare for. Increases in the cost of goods and services, not to mention basic utilities, are driving increased demands on the General Budget.

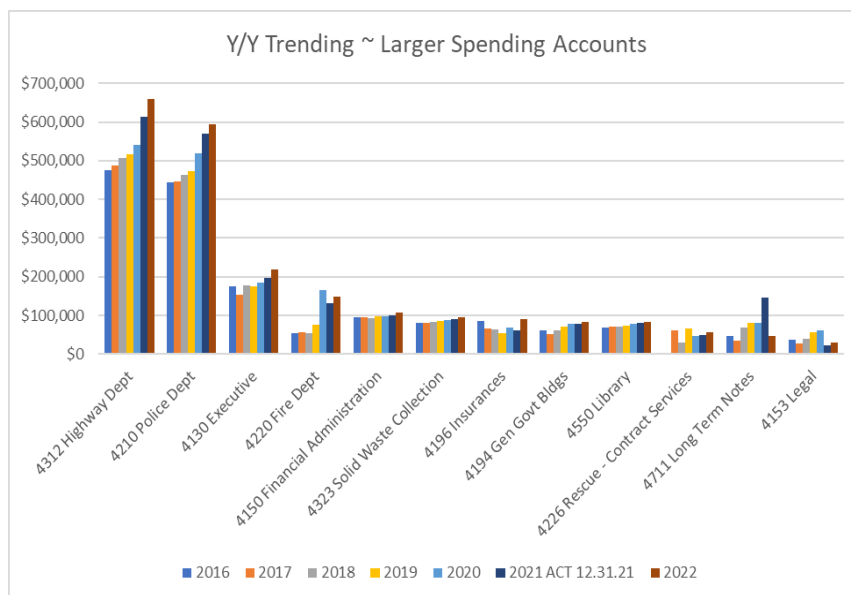
Additionally, there has been an increased focus on building up the Fire Department membership, ensuring those resources are properly outfitted and trained, as well as addressing deferred maintenance at the Fire Station.

We also anticipate a 68% increase in the Henniker Rescue related expenses for 2023.

At the time of this report, the Committee is still reviewing the final budget recommendation with the Highway and Fire Department. Both departments are projecting increases that the Committee would like to review in more detail.

The Budget Committee has 3 open positions in the upcoming election, and we encourage all interested volunteers to run for a seat. This is a great way to get involved in your community, and an opportunity to understand all the nuances and costs involved in running a Town. We welcome engagement from varied experiences to continue making Bradford a fantastic place to live.

Submitted by
Laurie Colburn



BRADFORD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) is an appeals board. Its purpose is to provide fairness and flexibility to the Town's zoning ordinance, since each situation is unique, and no set of rules can fairly cover all circumstances.

In accordance with State law, the ZBA may:

- Grant *Variances* to allow a use of a property which would otherwise be *prohibited* by the Zoning Ordinance if the Board determines that five statutory criteria are met;
- Grant *Special Exceptions* for activities *permitted* by the Zoning Ordinance if specific conditions spelled out in the Zoning Ordinance are met;
- Hear and decide appeals to decisions related to the Zoning Ordinance made by the Planning Board, the Select Board, and/or other Town boards and officers.

In 2022 the ZBA considered applications for two variances and one special exception. After public hearings and consideration of the evidence presented in relation to the ordinance and the statutory requirements, the ZBA made the following decisions:

- A variance was granted with conditions on 24 East Shore Drive, Map 22 Lot 13, providing relief from setbacks requirements to allow an attached garage to an existing, non-conforming house. Conditions included measures to increase filtration and reduce direct runoff into Lake Massasecum.
- A special exception was granted as presented on 443 Rowe Mountain Road, Map 10 Lot 31-A, allowing a porch to be built on the front of an existing house on a non-conforming lot to be built closer than 50 feet from the edge of the roadway, but not closer than the road setback of other houses in the immediate neighborhood.
- A variance was granted as presented on 80 Gillingham Drive, Map 2 Lot 108, allowing construction of a 6 by 16 foot addition on the side of a camp on a non-conforming lot not closer than 50 feet from the shoreline of Lake Todd, and not closer to the edge of the roadway than other structures in the immediate neighborhood.

Copies of Bradford's Zoning Ordinance, the application forms for variances and other appeals, meeting minutes and agendas, and the ZBA Rules of Procedure are all available online at www.bradfordnh.org, as well as at the Town Office. Anyone with questions about the ZBA or the appeal process is encouraged to contact a member or alternate, or come to a regularly scheduled meeting.

The ZBA consists of five elected members and up to five appointed alternates. Alternates and prospective members are needed; please contact current or past members, or let the Town Office know if you might be interested. The ZBA holds regular meetings at 7 PM, on the first Wednesday of each month.

2022 Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Brooks McCandlish, Chair
Ken Parys, Vice-Chair (through March)
Beth Downs (through March)
Nathaniel Bruss

William Duffy
Denise Renk (appointed)
Douglas Southard (appointed)

BRADFORD PLANNING BOARD

The Bradford Planning Board meets once a month, on the 4th Tuesday of each month, and holds subcommittee meetings on different topics of responsibilities, as needed. This year, the Planning Board had a Capital Improvement Program Subcommittee and a Shoreland Protection Subcommittee. All meetings are posted and open to the public.

2022 was another busy year for the Planning Board.

Outlined below is a brief summary of applications put forth to the Board in 2022:

- Lot Line Adjustment preliminary consultation for Map 2 Lot 65, and Lot 60.
- Site Plan Review for Kristen Mihaly, 9 Old Sutton Road, Map 2 Lot 113.
- Lot Line Adjustment for Mike Fournier, 74 Davis Road, Map 22 Lot 16. and Lot 17.
- Lot Line Adjustment for Carey Rodd, 105 and 109 Marshall Hill Road, Map 2, Lot 80 and Lot 81.
- Wetland Conditional Use Permit Application for Eversource Energy, 3410 Distribution Line Structure Removal Project.

Other projects included:

- Adoption of Capital Improvement Program for 2023.
- Several informal discussions with property owners regarding potential projects and applications.
- Research and first draft of a potential surface water protection ordinance for Town Meeting 2024.
- Table of uses public hearing and referral to 2023 Town Meeting for consideration.
- Review and recommendation of new Planning Board fees for the Board of Selectmen.
- Feedback and consultation, as needed, to the Economic Development Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

Bradford continues to face changes in demographics, economics, as well as improvements to infrastructure throughout the town. There are more young families, businesses, and developments in town. We hope that all members of our community will support this sustainable growth and be active participants in the discussions as these efforts move forward. We need more involvement to make this vision grow. Please consider your role and support by getting involved.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Bruss, Chair

BRADFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

The Bradford Energy Committee (BEC) has pursued a variety of initiatives in 2022 in support of our mission statement, which is to assist the Town and residents in reducing energy consumption thereby saving money, conserving natural resources, and reducing our use of fossil fuels. The BEC, with support from the Select Board and Budget Committee, submitted two energy goals to the Town Warrant, both of which were approved by the voters in March 2022:

***Article 29:** To see if the Town of Bradford will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000 for the purpose of implementing energy saving measures to reduce the annual energy consumption of the Highway Garage as outlined in the Energy Audit Report Sponsored by Eversource Energy dated February 9, 2021.*

***Article Thirty:** To see if the Town of Bradford will vote to commit to a community-wide goal of transitioning to 100 percent reliance on renewable sources of electricity by 2030 and renewable sources of fuel for heating and transportation by 2050. The Bradford Energy Committee recommends residents approve this Article and commits to using fiscal prudence and affordability as criteria for evaluating and recommending potential energy projects to help Bradford achieve these goals in the coming years.*

Accordingly, the Town hired Shakes to Shingles to weatherize the Highway garage. The Town will receive an incentive of \$4,316 from NHSaves upon completion of the project. Due to scheduling and budget constraints, this work will be performed by June of 2023. The NHSaves program provides financial and technical assistance to residents, municipalities, schools and others.

The BEC communicated to residents and others about a wide variety of energy related topics through The Bradford Bridge, attendance at various Town Select Board meetings and events, and in person. Topics included:

- Municipal solar rooftop opportunities;
- Updates on residential and municipal weatherization opportunities;
- Liaison to NHSaves for existing buildings and the Town Hall Renovation;
- Ways to reduce plastics use;
- Dissemination of an energy conservation and renewable energy plan for Bradford to achieve its energy goals;
- Electric bikes;
- Program and funding opportunities through various federal, state and local agencies and laws including American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the Inflation Reduction Act, Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA), Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. (CAP), Eversource and others;
- Updates on the changing federal energy credit for residential solar installations;
- How heat pumps work;
- How to shop for electricity;
- Information for those needing help with high energy and fuel costs;
- Cosponsor with the Library of the film “Microplastic Madness” and discussion session;

- Tabling and sponsoring a “green” project at Sweet Beet Family Day on July 2nd;
- Tabling at the Bradford Town Day celebration in September and marching in the parade;
- Cosponsor with the Library of a NHSaves Button Up (Energy Efficiency) Workshop in November;

In September, the BEC welcomed its newest member Jenny Locke Howley, with expertise in climate change and public health. Both Jenny and Kathleen Bigford were accepted into the Vital Communities Climate Leadership Academy program. Participants must select an energy related project to work on during the sessions. Jenny is working on a Community Power initiative which would allow the Town to procure electricity on behalf of its residents. Kathleen is working with Revision Energy on determining the feasibility of developing a solar installation on Town-owned property. After receiving disappointing news that the Eversource infrastructure could not support a one-megawatt solar facility at the Transfer Station, the team is assessing other Town-owned property for development of a smaller solar facility.

To raise awareness of energy issues and initiatives, members of the BEC participate in discussions, actions, work groups, meetings, conferences, etc., with Kearsarge Climate Action, other local Energy Committees, Vital Communities, Citizens Climate Lobby, Clean Energy New Hampshire, Ten Towns, Ten Actions and others. Members toured a 100 kw solar facility constructed this year at the Blodgett Landing wastewater treatment facility in Newbury. This facility, built by Revision Energy, was constructed at no cost to the Town, which will have the option to purchase the facility at a discounted rate in a number of years. We continue to look for additional opportunities to bring renewable energy to our community. Let us hear from you with your concerns and suggestions for moving forward in 2023. Thank you!

Committee Members: Sandra Bravo (Chair), Kathleen Bigford, Sue Moss, Laura Ryder and Jenny Locke Howley



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Economic Development Committee has been meeting once a month, considering possible ways to promote business and other kinds of economic development in Bradford. Topics covered this year have included: extension of the ERZ and 79-E tax incentive zones that were established over the last two years, the possibilities of public/private partnerships for developing and managing some of the town's properties, the impacts of different kinds of development on tax rates, and the difficulties of attracting new businesses to the town. We discussed possible uses for the Town Hall, the former Naughton property, and other town properties. We hosted presentations from the New Hampshire Division of Economic Development, the Department of Business and Economic Affairs, and from Plan NH on their charrette program.

Meetings are open to the public. We have had several that were well-attended. Public input is valuable, as it allows us to better understand and appreciate the concerns residents have regarding different aspects of development.

Current Committee members are Scott McCaskill (Chairman), Jim Bibbo (Vice-Chairman), Mel Pfeifle, Joe Torro, Kris Foss, Libby Webb, and Matt Monahan (CNHRPC). If you are interested in joining, and reside in Bradford or own a business here, contact Karen Hambleton at the Select Board Office.

Scott McCaskill
Chairman, Bradford Economic Development Committee

TIF FINANCING DISTRICT

At a special Town Meeting in September of 2009, the Town voted to implement a Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) plan to improve the Downtown Area. The incremental taxes raised by the improvements to this area will provide funds for infrastructure improvements in the future.

Unfortunately, to date, the Downtown Area has not seen the growth anticipated and has not generated the incremental tax revenue to add to this fund. The TIF will run for 20 years, and as the Town grows, the monies raised will be put aside for Main Street improvements.

CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Trustees of the Cemetery Commission thank Jane Lucas and her helpers for placing flags at the Veterans' graves for Memorial Day. The fifth graders from the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School at Bradford helped place the Veterans' flags at Sunny Plain Cemetery with Commander Charles Trowbridge of the American Legion. Commander Trowbridge also placed a Christmas wreath under the Sunny Plain sign during the holidays.

The Baptist Church Cemetery fence along the road, was repaired by Dave Camire. We thank Dave for donating his time and materials.

FVB Landscaping kept the cemeteries well maintained this year. Fritz and his crew did major clean up in Sunny Plain and Pleasant Hill Cemeteries. In Sunny Plain Cemetery, many dead stumps, bushes and young trees were removed, opening up the cemetery. Pleasant Hill had a small, overgrown section of the cemetery. Thanks to the efforts of Gary Perkins, graves were discovered and uncovered in that section. Gary also took on the task of turning on and off the water on and off at Sunny Plain Cemetery this year.

This year, Keith from Cornerstone Cemetery Services, completed repairs at ten of the cemeteries. Baptist Church Cemetery had 9 repairs; Pleasant Hill had 10 repairs; Old Pond, 3 repairs; New Pond, 8 repairs; Old Burial Ground, 1 repair; and Presbury had 13 repairs. Keith also repaired a few smaller stones not on the list, at no expense to us.



Presbury Cemetery Fallen Stone, Before and After Repair

Cemetery Trustees:
Marlene Freyler
Jana Perkins
Erica Gross

Lot Size:
10x5 Single \$400.00
10x10 Double \$500.00
10x20 Four \$600.00

- Includes ground maintenance
- Must be a Bradford resident

BRADFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Staffing changes had the most impact at the Bradford Police Department in 2022. Effective January 1st, Edward Shaughnessy was promoted to Chief of Police. Chief Shaughnessy started with the Department in 2005 as a patrolman and rose through the ranks of Master Patrolman, Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant, to Chief of Police. Detective Kevin Faria, hired in 2015, left his full-time position in Bradford to work for the Sutton Police Department. Master Patrolman Neil Flanagan, hired in 2013, was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Officer William Graham, retired from the New Hampshire State Police, was hired as a part-time officer. In July, we welcomed Officer Jacob Hubbard as our newest full-time officer.

The Bradford Police Department had a busy year. The department responded to a total of 5,412 calls for service. This continues the steady increase seen over the past couple of years; 2021 (5,339 calls) and 2020 (3,541 calls). The increase can be attributed to active patrolling, directed patrols, business checks and radar/motor vehicle law enforcement.

This year, an emphasis on researching and obtaining grants fitting the needs of our department was a key effort, and a successful one. We were able to secure grants for new tablets to be installed into the police vehicles. Having tablets in the vehicles have enabled officers to enter their calls and motor vehicle stops on the spot, thus allowing them to spend more time in the community and less time inside the station. Officers are also able to check the prior history of a person, contact homes of loose/found canines and retrieve business or homeowner contact information while on scene of an alarm. These tablets have improved our proficiency and visibility. Another successful grant application allowed us to put AED's (Automated External Defibrillator) in each police vehicle as well as the station. The AED is a critical piece of life



saving equipment used to help patients suffering from sudden cardiac arrest.

Officer Jacob Hubbard successfully completed the N.H. DARE Officer Training and will be assuming the role of D.A.R.E instructor for 5th grade students at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School - Bradford. Sergeant Neil Flanagan attended a week-long first line supervisory course to help in his new role. Next year, he will be taking a week-long leadership course conducted by the FBI.

Officer Hubbard Delivering Meals Photo by Ed Shaughnessy

Once again, the Bradford Police Department partnered with The Appleseed Restaurant to provide over 300 meals to local families to enjoy on the Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We also continued our phone calls to the elderly, those living alone, those with special needs/medical conditions, etc., in times of inclement weather. If you would like to be on the list, or want to recommend someone be added, please call the station (938-2522) and provide the officer on duty with a name, address and phone number as well as any pertinent information about the home or person. It is our pleasure to serve the citizens of Bradford.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Bradford Police Department,

Edward Shaughnessy, Chief of Police

POLICE DEPARTMENT 2022 ACTIVITY

Assaults	3	Suspicious Persons	61
Trespass/Burglary	5	Road Hazard/Obstruction	95
Theft	22	Paperwork Service	72
Fraud	18	VIN Verification	21
Stalking/Harassment	4	Pistol Permits	12
Vandalism	4	911 Hang up	6
Sex Offender Registration	13	Records Request 91-A	14
Domestic Violence	8	Follow Up Investigation	51
DUI	1	Administrative Functions	132
Noise Complaint	9	Property Found/Returned	32
Suicide	1	Arrests	47
Mental Health	9	Welfare Check	25
Disorderly Conduct	1	Directed Patrols	646
Littering/Illegal Dumping	6	Untimely Death	3
Runaways	2	Civil Standby	50
MV Accidents	47	Animal Nuisance	77
MV Stops	434	Community Policing	23
MV Unlock	16	Fire/Rescue Aid	104
Parking Violations	20	Mutual Aid	120
Building Checks / Alarms	2955	Citizen Assist	186
		All Other Issues	57

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE 5412



Sergeant Neil Flanagan, Chief Edward Shaughnessy, Chief Bryan Nowell, EMT Emily Roy and Lieutenant Steve Hansen at the 29th Annual Fire Service & Emergency Medical Services Awards and Recognition Presentation

Photo supplied by Bryan Nowell

BRADFORD FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

The Bradford Fire Rescue received 218 calls for emergency assistance in 2022, a 1.4 percent increase over the previous calendar year. The Fire Rescue Department would like to thank the Town for their support of the Department, specifically their financial support to replace the Department's primary attack engine and to upgrade our firefighter breathing apparatus. The Department was also able to purchase nine sets of structural turnout gear as most of the gear was beyond its 10-year life expectancy.

In March, just after Town Meeting, I took over as the Fire Chief. I would like to thank and recognize Deputy Chief James Raymond who served as interim Chief from November 2021.

The most notable incident for the Department took place on March 3 at 10:35 AM. Emergency responders were called to 2345 Route 114 in Bradford for a report of an explosion of a building at Student Transportation of America, formerly Valley Transportation. Fire crews arrived to find heavy fire and smoke, and worked to find the two people reportedly trapped inside. Firefighters found the bus company employees. The fire eventually went to five alarms, drawing many towns from the surrounding areas to assist. After a thorough investigation, it was determined that a propane vapor cloud was released from one of the propane powered school buses that was being worked on at the time of the explosion. The propane vapors were ignited by an undetermined ignition source, which caused the explosion and fire.

Several individuals were recognized for their acts of heroism and duty, going above and beyond: Bradford Fire Department members Steven Hansen, Emily Roy, Dave Camire and Chris Aikins, as well as Bradford Police Chief Edward Shaughnessy and Sergeant Neil Flanagan. Phillip Biron from the Sutton Fire Department was also recognized. Jeff and Derek Sykes of Sutton, Debra Dimond of Weare and Joshua Raney of Newport also jumped into action to help the two men trapped inside. A huge thanks to everyone that jumped into action to help the two individuals trapped as well as to help suppress the fire.



The Fire Department had a very successful year. It began with the Town voting to fund a new Fire engine. The contract was awarded to Greenwood Emergency Vehicles, LLC and the design was completed. The Town should see the new truck by 2024/2025. The Department also replaced our self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) that aged out of compliance.

We switched our Fire and EMS reporting system over to a free system offered by the State. Not only have we improved how EMS and fire incidents are reported, as required by the State of

New Hampshire, but we have eliminated the expense of the old system. The Department also applied for, and received, a grant from the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery. The Fire Department was awarded \$50,000 which allowed us to update our Rescue squad equipment, our monitor/AED, and our automated CPR device.

After several serious and complicated motor vehicle accidents, it was suggested that we should look at the Department's extrication equipment. We saw how Henniker's extrication tools worked on several of our accident scenes, it was determined that we should explore updating ours. After training and researching equipment, we decided to go with the same equipment as Henniker. The Bradford Fire Rescue Association offered to purchase the equipment and donate it to it to the Town -a donation worth \$48,000.



Mark Dowd, Steve Hansen and Bobby Green with the new extrication tools Photo by Kathleen Bigford

The Fire Department recruited six new members in 2022. We have been continuing to recruit new members as well as retain our current members. Recruitment and retention are a big issue for small towns, as well as throughout New Hampshire and the United States. Several members acquired new levels of certification 2022. Firefighter Mark Dowd completed his Firefighter 1 certification; Felicia Starr completed her Emergency Responder certification, and EMT Emily Roy is wrapping up her Advanced EMT class.

The Fire Department was very active with the community this year and participated in the following events.

- Parks and Recreation Fireman Muster
- Story time at the Library
- Fire Department Chicken BBQ at the Bradford's Celebration Day
- Staffed the Fireworks display for the Bradford Celebration Day
- Food drive for the Bradford Food Pantry

- Help host the Jingle Bus at the Fire Department
- Help staff the first Polar Bear plunge of 2023
- Regular reports sent to the local papers
- Smoke detector and battery collection for homes without supplies
- Red Cross blood drive

All places of assembly were inspected and permitted for 2022. Forest Fire Warden Hansen issued fire permits for all outside fires when the ground wasn't covered with snow.

The Town of Bradford is in its eighth year contracting ambulance services with Henniker Fire Rescue. Both Henniker Rescue and the Bradford Fire Department feel this relationship positively impacts both towns. We are reviewing and updating the contract to see how it might be improved.

2022 was a very busy and successful year for the Fire Department. As Fire Chief, I look to carry that momentum forward into 2023. There are many challenges to overcome in 2023, whether it be financial, equipment availability, recruitment and retention of firefighters and EMS personnel, or the health care issues that we are dealing with as a state and nation.

Bradford Fire Rescue is pleased to serve the town and will continue to provide the level of service that citizens expect. We appreciate the support of our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Nowell
Fire Chief

Synopsis of Major Calls:

126 EMS Calls	7 Motor Vehicle Accidents
18 False Calls	5 Structure Fires
16 Service Calls	4 Brush Fires
14 Good Intent Calls	1 Vehicle Fires
10 Hazardous Conditions (no fire)	15 Provided mutual aid to other towns
8 Severe Weather & Natural Incidents	6 Received mutual aid from other towns

Bradford Fire Rescue Department:

Chief – Bryan Nowell	Neil Donnenfeld	Brooks McCandlish
Deputy Chief – James Raymond	Justin Dohrn	Alan McCartney
	Mark Dowd	Nate Nichols
Captain – Carl Goldberg	Bruce Edwards	Matt Ordway
Lieutenant – Steve Hansen	Matt Gerald	Parker Resling
Lieutenant – Steve Snyder	Mark Goldberg	Emily Roy
Lieutenant – Bobby Green	Robert Green	Felicia Starr

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

This year was another year where we observed wet weather in early spring followed by rapid drying and drought conditions which extended through the summer for much of the state. Drying conditions in early May led to large fire growth on numerous fires which required multiple days to extinguish and firefighter response from local, state, and federal agencies. Wildfire activity continued through the summer months where dry conditions led to more multi-day fires. Fires burned deep into the ground, requiring firefighters to establish water supplies and to spend days digging out all the hot spots.

This fall we had multiple fires started by the careless disposal of woodstove ashes. Before dumping your woodstove ashes, you should place them in a covered metal container until they are out cold. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildfire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

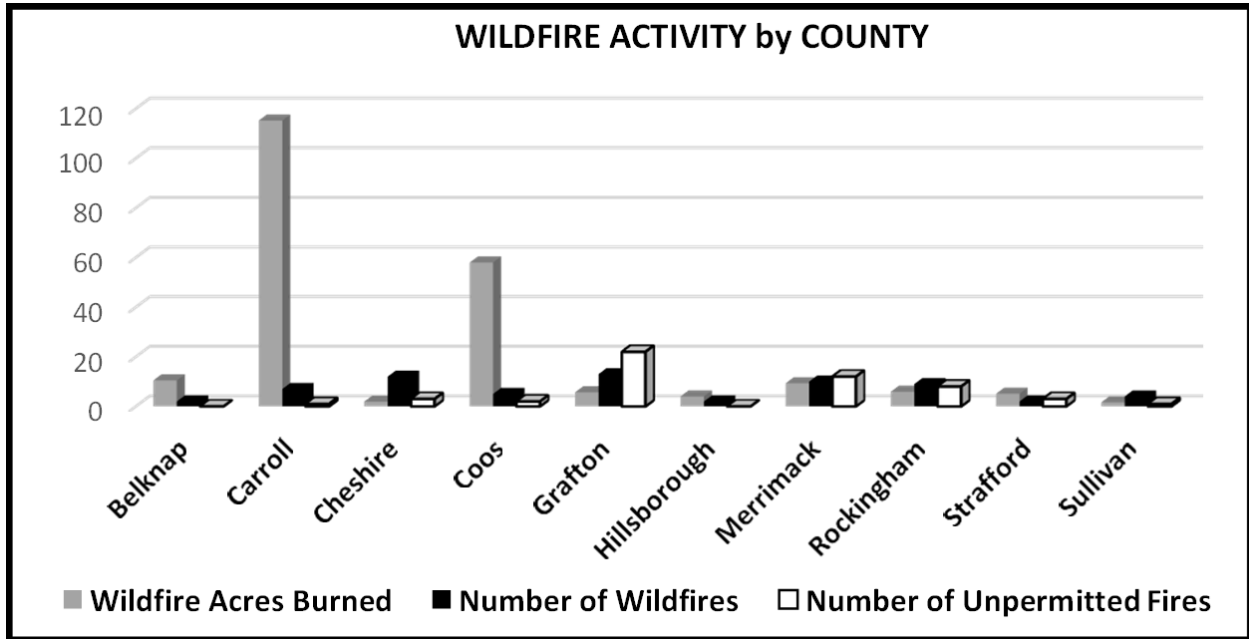
The long-lasting drought effects in Rockingham County are showing some minor signs of improvement but a good portion of Rockingham County remains in moderate drought and much of the state is still in the abnormally dry category. While the drought conditions have improved, we expect some areas of the state may still be experiencing abnormally dry or drought conditions this spring. For this reason, we ask everyone to remember Smokey's message about personal responsibility and follow his ABC's: Always **Be Careful** with fire. If you start a fire, put it out when you are done. **"Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"**

As we prepare for the 2023 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting www.NHfirepermit.com. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services. You are encouraged to contact the local fire department for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information, please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nh.gov/nhdfl/. For up-to-date information, follow us on Twitter and Instagram: **@NHForestRangers**



2022 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 1, 2022)



Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2022	66	217	52
2021	66	86	96
2020	113	89	165
2019	15	23.5	92
2018	53	46	91

* Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

CAUSES of FIRES REPORTED											
Railroad operations & maintenance	Firearm & explosives use	Undetermined	Recreation & ceremony	Debris & open burning	Natural	Other causes	Power generation, transmission, distribution	Smoking	Arson	Misuse of fire by a minor	Equipment & vehicle use
1	3	21	4	60	7	5	7	1	2	1	3

BRADFORD HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Bradford Highway Department was very busy in 2022. We would like to have done more, but we ended up running out of time. Using resources we had available, we pulled rocks from Day Pond Road, East Shore Drive, and Forest Street. We ditched the upper end of Day Pond Road, the upper end of East Shore Drive, Forest Street, Fairgrounds Road to West Meadow Road, Johnson Hill Road (the seasonal section), County Road up to the four-way junction, and the entire length of East Washington Road. Gravel, from our own crushed material, was added to East Washington Road, Blaisdell Lake Road, Deer Valley Road to the top of the hill, West Meadow Road, County Road, and Johnson Hill Road to Woodview Heights. We graded all of the dirt roads, added calcium chloride and then rolled them (with a rented roller) for compaction. This helps hold the roads together longer with less dust and fewer pot holes.



2007 International 10-Wheel Truck Photo by Justin Fitzgerald

Using a contractor, we swept some of the roads. Where possible, we did some ourselves. We used our paver and roller to shim with asphalt Pleasant View Road, Center Road, East Washington Road, West Road, Breezy Hill Road, and Bacon Road. We also shimmed spots on Cressy Road, Jones Road, West Road, and Fairgrounds Road.

We rebuilt a culvert header on a 3-foot pipe on Pierce Road and extended a cement pipe on Pleasant Valley Road. In both of these locations, the road was narrow and falling in with no ditch present. We added a culvert on Blaisdell Lake Road and reworked another pipe on the same road. A ditch and two new cross pipes, one with a catch basin, were completed on Marshall Hill. Culverts were reworked and catch basins were added at the end of West Main Street (at the bridge). To complete the project, Cochran Hill was paved.

Working with the Town Forester, Brooks McCandlish, it was agreed to have 3 acres clear cut on the Transfer Station property. This will allow us to produce material for gravel, winter sand and stone for wet spots in the spring. A local logger cut the acreage, stumped and ground the brush and stumps, then stock piled the grindings for future use. We rented a 330 excavator with a hammer to break up big rocks to add material for crushing. This added to our stock pile and we ended up having 3500 yards of gravel crushed for use on our dirt roads, thus avoiding the need to purchase material. Following our road preservation plan, we chip sealed Pleasant View Road, a section of Fairgrounds Road, a section of Massasecum Lake Road and the section of Center Road from the covered bridge to Jones Road.

Early in the year, we purchased a new-to-us used 2007 International 10-wheel truck to replace the one totaled in an accident. Our new Freightliner 10-wheel truck with sander, plow, and wing

arrived just in time for winter. It has been a great addition to our fleet for hauling gravel, plowing and sanding. Its larger capacity has cut down on the time needed and number of trips traveled in town. Also, we were fortunate to have Alan Piroso, a qualified highway worker, join our group as a part-time person to help with projects, daily routine if needed, and snow plowing. Welcome aboard Al.



2023 Freightliner 10-Wheel Truck

Photo by Justin Fitzgerald

To keep our equipment in respectable and operable condition, we ended up sand blasting and painting a sander and a dump body. We also had five vehicles undercoated at Charlebois to protect them from rust and the elements. We try to do as much in-house work as time allows to keep costs at a minimum.

I would like to say Thanks to the Highway Department Employees, both full and part time, as well as all other departments and the Town's voters and supporters.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Bradford Highway Department,

Steve Hall
Road Agent



Cochran Hill Culvert Photo by Karen Hambleton

BRADFORD TRANSFER AND RECYCLING CENTER

The Bradford Bridge has been instrumental in promoting our successful recycling programs at the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center. Every article that we submitted to our town's magazine was welcomed and emphasized some aspect of recycling. In truth, the Bradford Bridge is an educational tool that is read and appreciated by many in Bradford. And, we clearly see this devotion at the Transfer Station.

Ken and I are pleased to announce that 2022 has been the absolute best year for food recycling participation. Food is heavy! Keeping food out of the municipal waste compactor saves tax dollars for Bradford residents. Also, keeping food out of the municipal waste compactor reduces unpleasant odors that can be bothersome for us and for the residents bringing their waste and recyclables. Many residents--perhaps 50 percent of those using the Transfer Station--are using bags that are made from cornstarch and plant-based materials. These bags are 100 percent compostable and make the composting process at the Transfer Station easier and more pleasant. Did you know that hair is compostable? It is a slow-release nitrogen fertilizer. One woman in Bradford brings bags of dog hair to add to our compost container. Residents place the unopened all-compostable bags of plant and food wastes in the compost container. In addition, we have had increased recycling of metals and used oil as a result of residents reading our articles in Bradford's magazine.

Photo by Lois Kilnapp



The Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center is the social hub in town! Residents enjoy meeting friends and neighbors, and many linger to chat. Ken and I extend our appreciation to the Bradford Bridge for all that they do to promote recycling, which in turn, makes everyone's experience at the Transfer Station more efficient and pleasant.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Kilnapp, Manager




Northeast Resource Recovery Association

"Partnering to make recycling strong through economic and environmentally sound solutions"

BRADFORD, NH, TOWN OF CONGRATULATIONS FOR BEING SUCH ACTIVE RECYCLERS!

Below please find information on the positive impact your recycling has had on our environment. The recyclable materials listed below were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products through your non-profit recycling organization, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

RECYCLABLE MATERIAL	2022 RECYCLED AMOUNTS	ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT! Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of recycling materials rather than manufacturing products from virgin resources.
ALUMINUM CANS	10,320.00 LBS	 You conserved enough energy to power about 0.87 homes for a year!
GLASS	117,200.00 LBS	 You conserved the equivalent of about 5,286.84 gallons of diesel being consumed!
SCRAP METAL	116,151.00 LBS	 You conserved enough energy to drive a car about 130,777.08 miles!

AVOIDED EMISSIONS



Recycling uses much less energy than making products from virgin resources, and using less energy means fewer greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere.

By recycling the materials above, you avoided about **636,532.92 lbs. of carbon dioxide emissions**. This is the equivalent of removing about **62.77 passenger cars** from the road for an entire year.

**The above data was calculated using the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Waste Reduction Model (WARM).

2101 Dover Road, Epsom, NH 03234 | 603.736.4401 |  info@nrrarecycles.org |  www.nrrarecycles.org |  /NRRAreycles

BUILDING INSPECTOR

The Town of Bradford had another busy year in 2022. We issued 85 permits for a total of \$5,443,767.00 in construction value and \$29,527.50 in collected fees.

We thank all of our citizens for being mindful of the Town's building regulations. If you have any questions, please reach out and we will answer your questions.

10	New Homes
15	Barns, Sheds and Garages
1	Additions
15	Remodel/Renovations
3	Roof Replacements/Repairs
9	Heating and Electrical Services
15	Generator and Solar Array Installations
8	Porches and/or Decks
2	Demolitions
5	Miscellaneous
1	Foundation
1	Modular Classroom

Walter Royal
Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer



Bradford Rail Station

Shared by Bradford Historical Society

BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

This year was marked by a slow thaw from our stay-at-home lifestyle due to COVID-19. Our town returned to some semblance of normalcy this year. Our story hour returned and was led by wonderful volunteer, Mariah Storm, until Children's Librarian, Laurie Buchar, returned formally to work on January 24th. Kids slowly started coming back to the library, and how lovely that was to see!

Programming didn't return to normal until after the winter months. With the help of the Friends of the Brown Memorial Library, we held one virtual program, African American Soldiers & Sailors of New Hampshire during the American Revolution, through NH Humanities Council. Summertime allowed more flexibility in programming as the programs were held outside. Our summer reading program, Oceans of Possibilities, included four programs and a reading incentive program that encouraged kids to read for prizes and an end of the year raffle.



We continued the tradition of having our annual Plant & Book Sales for Memorial Day and Bradford Independence Day held in September. Donations from these sales make a positive impact to our budget and help us to have money for additional programming or other library needs. A huge thank you to the volunteers that help with these sales; Janet Sillars, Brooks McCandlish, Patty Furness, Friends of the Brown Memorial Library, and the Brown Memorial Library Trustees.

We also had a great turnout for the annual Easter Egg Hunt, helped again by the Fourth Grade class of Bradford Elementary. Halloween was a beautifully mild fall day and in turn we had a large turnout of people in creative costumes. Trick or Treaters came pick a book from our outside book carts! Stories with Santa was a bit of a nail-biter this year in that we didn't find "Santa"

until the last minute. Thank you to Bliss Dayton for acting in the role of this popular figure.

We had staff changes this year that included the departure of much-loved librarian, Maggi Ainslie, who was a fixture at Brown Memorial Library for many years. She continues to be missed, but is enjoying her official retirement in Hillsboro, NH. Seth Benowitz is our newest employee and we welcome him to our library community! Our current library staff is a great mix of people with a general interest in reading, library activities, and being with people. Without their attention to detail and assistance in running the library, the library wouldn't run as efficiently as it does!

I tried to provide a variety of programming that would suit different interests. Programs this year were academic, artistic, entertaining, and hands on. We laughed, learned, and made art all with the help of great performers, artists, and educators.

Programs of 2022:

- African American Soldiers & Sailors of New Hampshire during the American Revolution (February)
- Easter Egg Hunt (April)
- Memorial Day Plant, Book, & Bake Sale (May)
- Steve Blunt / musician & storyteller (July)
- Robert Rivest / Mime (July)
- Children's Museum of NH / Arts & Crafts (July)
- Squam Lake Science Center / Aquatic Creatures (July)
- Making Sense of Karl Marx (August)
- Jody Crotty / Certified Animal Communicator (August)
- Caterpillar Lab (September)
- Poetry Tasting in Two Parts (September)
- Back to School Braid Night (September)
- A Walk Back in Time: Secrets of Cellar Holes / Adair Mulligan (October)
- Halloween Crafts (October)
- Buildwave (November)
- Granite State Gallery / NH Art & Artists / Jane Oneail (December)
- Winter Backyard Birds / Steve Hale (December)
- Winter Art Series: three programs with Anne Kratz. (December)

This year we added 634 adult books, 420 children's books, and 129 DVDs!

Trustees of Brown Memorial Library:

Devin Pendleton, Chair
Laura Beaton, Secretary
Jason Grey, Treasurer
Caitlin Banaszak
Robin Steiner
Maria Storm
Beth Von Beren



Photo by Laurie Buchar

Librarians and Staff:

Ellen Barselle, Director
Laurie Buchar, Children's Librarian
Seth Benowitz
Ellie Brown
Kate Cusick

Deborah Gregory
Connie Scheffy
Jillian Welch
Joy Baker, Custodian

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY 2022

Revenues

Town Appropriation	82,560.00
Donations	
Book sales	4,453.75
Other	3,067.24
Non-resident fees	24.00
Copier Receipts	317.23
Interest	
Craigie/Bibbo Fund	11.79
Payson Fund	10.03
Town-Held Funds	506.35
Special Projects Fund	9.58
Operating Funds	2.30
Total Revenues	\$90,962.27

Expenditures

	Category Totals	From Donated Funds	From Appropriation
Accounting	971.69	0.00	971.69
Books & Materials	12,440.20	0.00	12,440.20
Computer Equipment	1,403.99	0.00	1,403.99
Dues/Education	668.69	0.00	668.69
Furnishings/Fixtures	0.00	0.00	0.00
Maintenance	5,725.00	0.00	5,725.00
Mileage	116.47	0.00	116.47
Programs	6,322.44	0.00	6,322.44
Publications and notices	0.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies & Postage	1,890.45	0.00	1,890.45
Digitizing	1,407.06	0.00	1,407.06
Utilities			
Electric	2,025.47	0.00	2,025.47
Internet	870.00	0.00	870.00
Oil	2,362.62	0.00	2,362.62
Telephone	478.68	0.00	478.68
Payroll Expenses	45,773.43	0.00	45,773.43
Total Expenditures	\$82,456.19	\$0.00	\$82,456.19

BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY Fund Report 2022

Town-Held Funds

(for books & technology)

Balance 1/1/22	\$993.78
Interest	506.35
Transfers	0.00
 Balance 12/31/22	 \$1,500.13

Special Projects Fund

(for library purposes)

Investments

Balance 1/1/22	\$50,000.00
Unrealized gain/(loss)	(4,926.25)
Realized gain/(loss)	0.00
Dividends & Interest	864.02
Balance 12/31/22	\$45,937.77

Savings

Balance 1/1/22	\$17,429.50
Interest	9.58
Donations	7,520.99
Copier Receipts	317.23
Non-Resident Fees	24.00
Transfers	0.00
Balance 12/31/22	\$25,301.30

Craigie/Bibbo Fund

(for children's books & materials)

Balance 1/1/22	\$6,516.43
Interest	11.79
Deposit	593.00
Transfers (books)	0.00

Balance 12/31/22	\$7,121.22
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Payson Family Fund

(for books and technology)

Balance 1/1/22	\$5,314.13
Interest	10.03

Transfers (books)	0.00
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Balance 12/31/22	\$5,324.16
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Photo by Ellen Barselle

FRIENDS OF THE BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Formed in 1989, the Friends of Brown Memorial Library’s mission is to create interesting and support in the library by sponsoring cultural and educational programs and activities for people of all ages. Extending library services, encouraging literacy, and working with library trustees to raise finds to benefit the library.

The Friends in 2022, organized the traditional East Egg hunt with the help of many volunteers including the 4th grade classes at Bradford Elementary School filling more than 800 eggs for the hunt. The Friends sponsored a zoom presentation from NH Humanities, by Glen Knoblock entitled African American Soldiers and Sailors of New Hampshire During the American Revolution". The Friends gave the library \$1,500 to spend on programs of their choice throughout the year.

The Friends Board lost long time member Connie Brookes who moved from Bradford in 2022. Her tireless work and support for the Friends and the library will be deeply missed. We will need more volunteers moving forward to fill that gap!

Year End Financials January 1 – December 31, 2022

Income

Corporate Contributions	\$200.00	
Individual Contribution	\$500.00	
Membership Dues	\$10.00	
Event Income	\$77.00	
 Total Income		 \$ 787.00

Expense

Easter Event	\$81.00	
Other Events	\$1,500.00	
Speakers/Programs	\$200.00	
 Total Expense		 \$1,781.00

Total Assets End of 2022	\$2,546.00
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PARKS AND RECREATION

Bradford Parks and Recreation had another great year. We had a lot of fun trying out new programs such as the Wilderness Survival course and the Egg my Yard Fundraiser.



This year we formed a great partnership with Bradford Fire and Rescue. In August we teamed up with the Bradford Fire Department to host the Junior Fire Muster. Kids got to explore the fire trucks, play games in fire gear, and at the end we turned the fire truck into an epic sprinkler that soaked everyone! In December, we co-hosted the Jingle Bus at the Fire Station. We collected food for the Bradford Food Pantry and were able to collect

enough to fill the antique fire truck! We look forward to more collaborations with the Fire Department in 2023.

Bradford Celebration Day on September 24, 2022 was great fun for the Town. The day was action packed with a vendor fair, FD chicken BBQ, parade, live music, children's activities, and fireworks.

We continue to offer summer swimming lessons put on by the YMCA at French's Park. Scholarships for families that need assistance covering the cost of swim lessons are available.

Bradford Parks and Recreation is always happy to hear from you as to what types of events, activities, and recreation opportunities you would like to see in Bradford. We look forward to being able to offer more programming in 2023 and your feedback ensures we are doing things the community is interested in.

Follow us on Facebook, Town of Bradford NH Parks and Rec, to get up to date information on upcoming events.



Wilderness Survival Photo by Devin Pendleton

BRADFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Bradford established a conservation commission in 1970. The purpose of a conservation commission, as defined by state law, is to compile an inventory of the Town's watersheds and other natural resources, to become familiar with the ever-changing State and Federal regulations concerning them, and to advise the Select Board, Planning Board, and other local committees and boards on environmental issues. A conservation commission is a valuable source of information for the other municipal organizations all of which have other primary responsibilities.

The Conservation Commission was still concerned about offering public programs this year but here are the highlights of what the Commission accomplished in 2022:

A great deal happened at the Bradford Bog conservation area. A new sign was installed at the Springs site acknowledging native Abenaki culture and history in this area. Dr. Heidi Asbjornsen at UNH will be conducting research with Abenaki and grad students on Atlantic White Cedar regeneration and incorporating native knowledge and perspective. Another grad student, at Antioch College, studied species of wild bees at the bog. She will be giving a public presentation on her findings in the spring;

- Accepted the donation of two lots totaling 42.7 acres from Cynthia Langley. These lots are landlocked and damp, increasing protection of the wetland and watershed of Hoyt Brook. Many thanks to Brackett Scheffy for his help.
- Researched Planning and Zoning Board requests for information about projects potentially impacting the town's natural resources.
- Coordinated the fifth year of the Adopt-a-Road Program to monitor Class VI Road conditions.
- Reviewed DES and Shoreland applications.
- Continued to work closely with Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust, including conserving a 71 acre property to be kept in forestry that will protect the headwaters that run into the Bradford Spring Site and the Bog. This property will be open to the public for passive recreation.
- Continued data collection in the Warner River watershed. Volunteers will be pursuing long term information on Hoyt Brook and other volunteers will continue to be involved with the Warner River Local Advisory Committee.



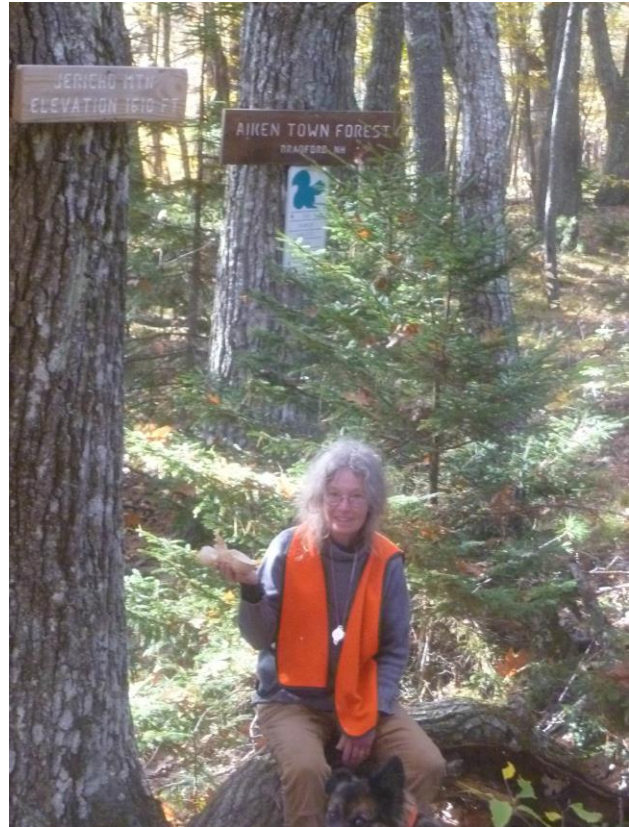
Sampling in Hoyt Brook

Photo by Rebecca Herman

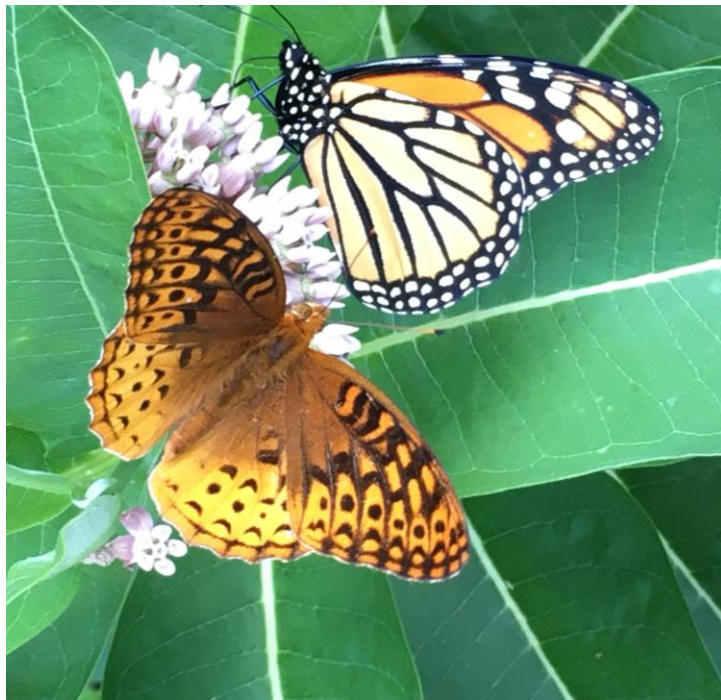
The Commission has a Facebook page: look for 'Bradford Conservation Commission'. It includes all sorts of information on upcoming programs in the area, wildlife sightings, and other topics of outdoor interest.

The Natural Resource Inventory is a resource for town planners and public alike. It is available on the town's website www.bradfordnh.org and at Brown Memorial Library. We welcome comments and corrections. Trail maps will be updated and made available at Brown Memorial Library and Sweet Beet Market.

Conservation Commission meetings are open to the public and are held at 7 pm on the third Tuesday of every month, usually at Brown Memorial Library. If you have questions or concerns about wetlands, wildlife, plants, pollution or lake front issues, contact a commission member or email to: BCC@bradfordnh.org.



Ann Eldridge Holding a Mushroom Photo by George Beaton



Great Spangled Fritillary and Monarch Butterfly Photo by J. Ann Eldridge

Members: J. Ann Eldridge – Chair
Meg Fearnley – Treasurer
Patty Furness – Secretary
Brooks McCandlish
George Beaton
Nathaniel Bruss
Doug Southard

Alternates: Scott MacLean
Seth Benowitz

AUSBON SARGENT LAND PRESERVATION TRUST

The mission of the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (Ausbon Sargent) is to protect the rural landscape of the twelve towns of the Mt. Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee region. This area includes the towns of Andover, Bradford, Danbury, Goshen, Grantham, New London, Newbury, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner, and Wilmot. Since our founding in 1987, Ausbon Sargent has completed 163 projects and protected 13,345 acres – including sixteen working farms and over eight miles of lake frontage. All of these conservation lands provide for some public benefit and two-thirds of these properties offer public access.

Quality of life is very important to the residents of New Hampshire and the state consistently ranks in the top ten as one of the best places to live in the United States. Contributing to this ranking are our clean water, scenic places, and our opportunities for outdoor recreation. Open spaces also contribute significantly to the economic well-being of the State and our communities.

Ausbon Sargent has had a busy year celebrating 35 years of land conservation! We completed three land projects, with several more projects in different stages of completion, purchased the Ausbon Sargent office building, and returned to more regular events and hikes. The new land projects make up 207 acres of land that is now protected, and are located in the towns of Goshen, Newbury, and Bradford.

There is a lot going on in Bradford lately, when it comes to land protection! The owners of the 91.9-acre “Bravo” property on Howlett Road donated a conservation easement to the land trust on December 22, 2022. The easement will help nurture the significant wildlife habitat that exists on the property, the good forestry and agricultural soils, and will protect a couple of brooks that flow into Lake Massacum. This property was identified in the Town of Bradford’s master plan as an important property to protect, which was just one of the reasons Ausbon Sargent felt it was a good project.



A view of the 91.9 acre Bravo property Photo courtesy of Kristy Heath

Fundraising for the Bradford Bog Headwaters project is currently underway. This 71-acre property is crucial to the protection of the Bradford Bog, which is a rare Atlantic Cedar Bog, the Abenaki healing springs site, and the Merrimac River watershed. The property will eventually be owned by the land trust, and the plan is to manage the land forever, while sharing its resources with the abundant wildlife that call it home. This property will be recreation.

Updates on this project can be found on our website at www.ausbonsargent.org. Special thanks to the Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford and the Bradford Conservation Commission for their collaboration with the land trust on this important project.

This year, we were able to bring back a few more of the events we hold to connect with, educate, and thank our members and volunteers. Our first event of the year was a “Farm and Forest Tour” at the Messer Farm in February. Over 100 participants came on snowshoes and skis to explore the trails at the Messer Farm. We held hikes in Andover, Sutton, Springfield, and New London, hosted our traditional volunteer appreciation gathering at LSPA, and our Annual Meeting in October at the New London Historical Society. The progressive dinner was essentially a “farm to table” meal in a bag, which included ingredients from local farms and businesses along with recipes to create a delicious dinner at home. Participants were happy to support the land trust and have a night off from wondering “what’s for dinner?!” The land trust also celebrated the retirement of two staff members, and welcomed two new staff members, who fit in wonderfully. It has been a time for growth and change as we keep moving forward in our mission!

Ausbon Sargent is thankful to have the assistance of over 200 volunteers who help with easement monitoring, committee support, and clerical work. If you would like to join us in our work to protect these special places, there are many ways to get involved: you could become a conservation easement donor, volunteer your time to the organization, encourage the town officials throughout our 12-town region to conserve our rural character by supporting land conservation, and if you are not already, you can become a member of Ausbon Sargent.

Our website (www.ausbonsargent.org) indicates which of the land trust’s protected properties have trails open to the public for hiking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing, and includes trail maps, printable hiking challenges, and driving directions. Be sure to look under the heading “Connect with the Land” for these details. For information on all of Ausbon Sargent’s protected properties, please visit our website and join our email list. Find us on Instagram and be sure to “Like” us on Facebook!

It has always been a pleasure to work with the Town of Bradford Conservation Commission. We look forward to future events, collaborations, and land projects with you!

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Stanley
Executive Director

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BRADFORD COMMUNITY GARDENERS

The Bradford Community Gardeners (BCG) is a group of town residents who wish to enhance the beauty of our town by working on gardens in the downtown area. We are not a formal garden club, just a friendly group of volunteers who believe that the beauty of flowers can contribute to town pride, positive spirit, and the health of the environment. And, we like an excuse to work together, soak up some sunshine, and get our hands dirty too!

The colorful gardens at the two traffic triangles at the intersection of Routes 103/114 were especially eye-catching this year, beginning with daffodils in May, iris in June, and a mix of annuals and perennials through the rest of the growing season. Most of us have seen Lois Kilnapp and Barb Southard at work here in this labor of love. Amazingly, this year, there were still flowers in bloom in November. A huge thank you to them for transforming an important crossroads in Bradford.



Garden in the 103/114 Triangle Photo by Susan Moss

New this year were nine self-watering planters, donated to the BCG by the Woodward and Ellie James Foundation. This was an experiment in how to manage the far-flung whiskey barrels placed at the rail trail benches at Lake Todd, Town Hall, BACC, and the BHS without constantly lugging endless jugs of water. The geraniums were provided, again, by Sandra and Harry Wright, after overwintering them at their home. We learned that there is such a thing as “too wet” for geraniums, and we have plans for mixing in some thirsty varieties next year to keep everything in balance. We are also looking to try another approach to the planters at the Bement Bridge, as this past summer’s strong storms constantly toppled them down the embankment. Like all gardeners, we are looking forward to the next season with hopes of what can be better! Your suggestions are welcome too.

Elsewhere, we tended the gardens at the Bradford Historical Society, the Little Library planter, and the lilies at the Tall Pines turnout. In the fall, more daffodils were planted at the base of our four new town-line signs, on Routes 103 and 114, and along the rail trail by Lake Todd.

Many generous donations of plants, bulbs and other needed materials from residents and local businesses make all of this possible at no cost to the town. We are a friendly group and we are seeking others who might want to join us. Even if you are not a gardener, we welcome you in the coming season. You can learn. There are many simple tasks to be done at various points in the growing season, and we can always find ways to use more hands!

The Bradford Community Gardeners:

Bindy, Teresa and Mike Bryant, Yvette Desmaris, Claire and Mike James, Lois Kilnapp, Kim Lowe, Susan Moss, Barb Southard, Maria Storm, Carol Troy, Sandra and Harry Wright.

BRADFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Bradford Historical Society (BHS) was officially formed in 1978. Growing from the original History Committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen in 1961. Their purpose was to gather and preserve pictures and memorabilia of the town. BHS continues that mission seeking to collect, preserve and display information and artifacts from Bradford's past and present, continually adding to the historical record of Bradford. The Society strives to promote a better understanding of our town's history through research, preservation, and education. BHS is a (501)(c)(3) nonprofit all volunteer organization and we are gratefully supported by donations, memberships and grants. Our meetings are open to everyone.

The Society owns and maintains the Old Post Office building, Blacksmith's Shop and Corn Crib situated on town land on East Main Street. This land was designated in 2005 and revised by warrant in 2012 to consist of 3.6 acres as a cultural center for the town. BHS owns the property adjoining, known as the 'Tin Shop' this building serves as our main hub.



In 2022, BHS held meetings, programs, and events throughout the year. These included a talk by Pamela Weeks who presented her quilt program. BHS had met with Pam previously so she could take a look at our quilt collection. Two of our civil war quilts were included in her latest book

“Portable Patchwork”. We also received a quilt from the 1970's from a teacher that used to teach in Bradford. It was made by her students for her as a leaving gift. With help from our board of trustees and members, all names on the quilt have been found.

Volunteers helped create a permanent exhibit of the Carr store featuring original shelves, a replicated counter and the original cash register on display.

2022 saw Vice-President Harry Wright undertake a project to record histories of people of Bradford. So far five have been completed and can be read on our website. Next year we hope to continue the project. We also have plans to transfer older histories on tape from the collection to an online platform so they can be enjoyed and preserved for the future.

BHS took part in the Bradford Celebration Day and, while a quiet event, we met some new guests and shared our buildings. BHS also took part in the Bradford Holiday light display in December and were happy to sponsor the main prize for 2022.

Donations continue to come in for the collection which we appreciate. During 2022, some of the highlights included the coronet of Byron Cressy (see photo) and music and papers from his family. A desk and clock and papers of Joshua Eaton from his house in Bradford donated by a relative in Sunapee, and a large display from Dodge's store found in the attic of a house on East Main Street.



2022 Board of Trustees

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Marge Cilley - Events Chair
George Cilley
Harriet Douglass
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Sandra Wright – Membership Chair
Mary Derry
Sandy Paul



Photo supplied by Sonny Harris

BRADFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Visit Bradford Center and learn about the place where our town began. Historic tours of the Center Meetinghouse, the Center School, the Town Pound, Town Green and Center Burying Ground are available. We offer a wide array of musical and cultural events, especially during the summer months. Volunteers are always needed. Join us! Contact lbuchar@gmail.com

The Historic District Commission was formed to protect this unique collection of landmarks. Representatives from many different Bradford organizations provide stewardship to ensure that all citizens have a say in the management of the Center.



Bradford Center in the Summer

Photo by Great Island Photography, Bradford NH

The Purpose of the Historic District Commission is:

To provide a Historic District Overlay for Map 6, Lot 117, commonly known as Bradford Center, including the Burying Ground, Town Green, Town Pound, Center Schoolhouse, and Center Meetinghouse, governed by all pertinent Town organizations.

The Intent of the Historic District Commission is:

- To preserve a district in the Town of Bradford that reflects elements of its cultural, social, economic, political, and architectural history
- To conserve aesthetic values in this District
- To foster civic pride
- To strengthen local economy through tourism
- To promote the education, pleasure, and welfare of Bradford's citizens.

Representatives for 2022:

Select Board – Mel Pfeifle

Cemetery Commission – Jarna Perkins

Bradford Historical Society – George Cilley

Conservation Commission – Seth Benowitz

Bradford Center Meetinghouse – Laurie Buchar

FRIENDS OF THE BRADFORD CENTER MEETINGHOUSE AND CENTER SCHOOL

It was a busy year at Bradford Center. Under the auspices of the Friends of the Bradford Center Meetinghouse, we reopened the doors for public events and conducted major fundraising to restore the original windows of the Meetinghouse. The event schedule included a music series, a fundraiser for the People of Ukraine, a political forum, the ever-popular Christmas Eve pageant, a wedding, and a memorial.

The music series included stellar performances by pianist Will Ogmundson and flutist Nicole Densmore, representing a continuation of the classical music tradition established by the Lettvin family. Next, local favorite Nick's Other Band drew a lively crowd for an evening of rock and roll on the Green. Then, the Kearsarge Community Band performed patriotic and show tunes for the Annual Ice Cream Social. The season's finale featured bluegrass songs by Bow Junction.



Nick's Other Band Draws a Crowd

Photo by Kathleen Bigford

The window restoration project involved private donations as well as a substantial grant awarded by the NH Preservation Alliance. All funds were matched by the Ellie and Woodward James Foundation. The work is being done by Olde Window Restorers of Warner and will be completed by Spring 2023. Major thanks are due to all the folks who donate to our fundraising campaign each year. Neither the Meetinghouse nor the Center School are supported by tax dollars. All repairs and events are funded by volunteer effort and generous donations. We honestly couldn't protect these buildings without your help.

Recently, we adopted the Center School, which had previously been under the auspices of the Bradford Historical Society. This involved significant cost for added insurance and required considerable repairs to the building. We are extremely grateful for all the local businesses that stepped up and donated their expertise and services to keep our buildings safe and beautiful for all to enjoy. Wet Basement Solutions achieved an impressive clean-up and upgrade to the Center School foundation. Merrimack County Customs created an elegant new railing for our access ramp to the Meetinghouse. Homegrain Creations designed and built a classic wooden railing for the Meetinghouse belfry loft. And, the following local businesses helped tremendously by providing financial support and sponsorship this year: Go Lightly Consignment, Twigs Forest Services, Bar Harbor Bank and Trust, Colby Insurance Group, Naughton and Son Recycling, Sweet Beet Market and Café, Evergreen Healing Arts, and Warner Pharmacy. All of these donors were displaying their hometown pride through their generosity. Thank you!

The FBCM is a group of volunteers dedicated to preserving the vital landmark of Bradford Center and retaining the historic integrity while keeping the buildings accessible to the public for entertainment, enlightenment, and education. The Meetinghouse is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has been used for religious, political, social and cultural events for almost 200 years. The adjacent Center School is the oldest and longest-running school in town. Both buildings are flanked by the original stone Town Pound and Center Burying Ground. All of this is situated on the only official Town Green in Bradford, a lovely place to picnic and absorb the past.



Christmas Pageant

Photo by Kathleen Bigford

We are always looking for new people to share ideas and join the fun. Did you know that the Meetinghouse and School are available for event rentals? Feel free to contact us and follow us on Facebook. And if you are interested in your town's history, check out our website. Bradford Center is where it all began.

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THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

The Bradford Bridge, published monthly, is a free community newspaper, written for neighbors by neighbors, supported by advertisers.

The Bridge began its 32nd year of publication in July. In a rapidly changing world, 2022 was a strong year for the Bridge. With a volunteer staff of eight and at least a dozen writers in the community, the Bridge continues to strive to work on and towards our mission, with the hope of supporting a well-informed citizenry. Every month the Bridge continues to bring readers in Bradford a little joy and news in our safe little corner of a busy world.

With subscribers in six states, we finished the year with approximately 650 readers in our print edition and another 200 in our digital color edition. This year we have transitioned from 16 pages to a steady 20 pages of print per issue. Thank you to our advertisers and readers who have helped the Bridge grow and remain on steady ground financially.

In January 2022, at the start of our year, we covered: summaries of town board

meetings in the Monthly Briefing, appreciation for the Road Crew, news of the “New Hampshire Now” exhibit, Solstice poetry, an article about “witch’s broom”, the announcement of Ed Shaughnessy’s promotion to Police Chief and a Bradford Memorial Library “Best of 2021” list.

And by the end of the year in December 2022, we reported on Bradford’s general election results, the 2022 Holiday Gift Guide illustrated by Anne Kratz, how to compete in the

Christmas lighting contest and how to ride the Jingle Bus, summaries of town board and committee business, an article on the Veterans Day Ceremony at KRES at Bradford and a business profile of Soul Source.

Thank you for helping us make our mission and work possible. We welcome your ideas. Please write to bradfordbridge345@gmail.com or P.O. Box 463, Bradford, NH 03221. To view our digital edition and read the Bridge in color, visit bradfordbridge.org. The Bradford Bridge is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization and donations are always welcome.



BRADFORD SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

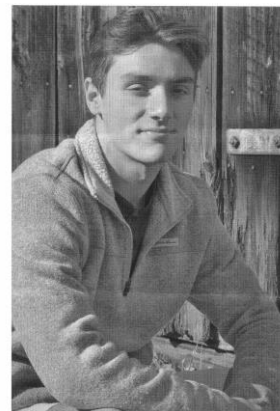
The Bradford Scholarship Committee was pleased to offer two scholarships to graduating Kearsarge Regional High School Students. The 2022 Bradford Scholarship recipients are Ford Simano and John (JJ) Davis. Each of these graduates maintained very high academic standards and participated in sports and community activities. When asked on the application how Bradford has helped promote their academic goals, each had inspiring responses.

Ford Simano, “I have lived in Bradford, New Hampshire my whole life, on a quiet dirt road just two miles from the center of town and ten miles from Kearsarge Regional High School. Living in a small town with a population of 1500 people creates a tight sense of community where everybody knows their neighbors and people want to help raise their community instead of just focusing on themselves. My elementary school teachers were the first community members that impacted me in a big way, ever since then I have admired teachers and the role they play in the community and for the impact they have on people like me.



Next year I will attend Clarkson University as a Chemistry major on the Pre-Med track. My time living in Bradford and Kearsarge has helped me immensely and will not be forgotten as I move forward.”

JJ Davis, “Since starting high school I have worked for my uncle’s business, Wet Basement Solutions, located in Bradford. Living here has given me the opportunity to live close to my uncle’s business and this job has helped me learn a great deal about the real world. I have learned how to communicate with people on job sites, how to make sure I am completing the work at a high level of quality, and how to work with a team. These are skills I will use while attending college and afterwards when seeking a job. If I didn’t live in Bradford, there’s a good chance that I wouldn’t have been fortunate enough to strengthen these skills.



I’ve seen lots of people helping each other out around the Town of Bradford as I’ve grown up, and I have seen it grow to be a part of my own character. I enjoy volunteering when I am able and I believe that growing up in Bradford is to credit for a lot of the personal achievements I have reached.”

JJ plans to attend Colby-Sawyer College with the goal of graduating with a degree in Business Administration and, “someday hope to own my own or help to run a business.”

Congratulations and all the best to both of these outstanding Bradford graduates of Kearsarge Regional High School as they pursue their hopes and dreams.

The Bradford Town Scholarship Committee: Kathleen Bigford, Mary Keegan-Dayton, and Devin Pendleton

And Congratulations to Evan Miller

Evan Bryce Miller of Bradford, a 2021 recipient of a Bradford Town Scholarship, and a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering, was named a Presidential Scholar for the spring and fall semesters of 2022 at Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York. Presidential Scholars must achieve a minimum 3.80 grade-point average and carry at least 14 credit hours.

RURAL HERITAGE CONNECTION OF BRADFORD

Twenty years ago, far-sighted Bradford landowners and volunteers united to forge the Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford, Inc. (RHC) nonprofit to preserve the rural character of the town through conservation of properties of recreational, ecological and historical significance. Our lasting achievements are a tribute to partnerships with Bradford's Conservation Commission (BCC), Board of Selectmen, Highway Department, Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT), Lake Sunapee Snowmobile Club (LSSC), Concord to Lake Sunapee Rail Trail (CLSRT), Boy Scouts and generous business and individual donors: Conservation of the 72-acre Goodridge property, open to hunting and birdwatching; restoration of the historic Charles Washington Henry theatrical backdrop at Town Hall; realization of the 158-acre Fearnley easement on Durrell Mountain, linked to 16,000 acres of protected land; purchase of a conservation easement on 150-acres of prime farmland and riparian wildlife habitat at Battles Farm.

Embracing Town Hall restoration, we drew inspiration from the valiant volunteers who united in optimism to erect the 1863 monument, spurning the bleakest days of the Civil War, to create a monument to the life of the community. Business donors and citizens contributed \$103,000 in cash and gifts-in-kind to our campaign to restore Town Hall, funding archaeological, historical, energy and hazmat surveys, steel to stiffen the structure, granite facing, paint and an allotment toward



Robert D. Saturley Bridge
an architecturally consistent Americans with Disabilities (ADA) entrance.



Our partnership with LSSC and CLSRT led to the building of the Robert D. Saturley bridge over the Lake Todd channel as part of a vision to create a four-season recreational trail for snowmobiling, walking and jogging, cycling and cross-country skiing; our ambition is to accelerate progress on the 3.5-mile length of this recreational trail through Bradford.

In 2022 the Bradford Bog Headwaters project, comprising 71.66-acres of a vigorous regenerating woodland and waterway valuable to threatened wildlife in a mosaic of protected mature forest, was undertaken in partnership with ASLPT and BCC. This initiative was awarded a Quabbin to Mount Cardigan (Q2C) grant in recognition of its ties to one of New England's largest and ecologically significant forest blocks south of the

White Mountains and also won a Moose plate grant (\$24,000) and a separate LCHIP grant (\$80,000.) Who hasn't admired the beguiling eyes of a rotund American Woodcock, and wondered how he beat his way north from the Gulf of Mexico to the peaceful damp forest of our foothills? Flowery oases conserved by our collaboration attract butterflies and pollinators, and encourage native wildlife to flourish, while on a broader scale providing sanctuary to attract such inland sandpipers, songbirds and monarchs seeking sanctuary on precarious migratory flyovers between Canada and Central America.

Looking ahead, we aspire to renew our support for the Nulhegan Band of Coosuk Abenaki's conservation of the sacred healing springs as part of the Abenaki Trail Project. We seek to accomplish more micro-projects, such as our establishment of a loon nesting platform on Lake Massasecum, and a nighthawk nest patch on the roof of the Bradford Elementary School. We are so grateful for our community's investment to preserve the historic structures that define us, create oases for threatened wildlife to flourish, and conserve our rural landscape. Our shared accomplishments shine a light into Bradford's future. We solicit your ideas for projects and invite you to join us.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele V. Halsted, President
Vice-President and Secretary Jennifer A. Richardson
Treasurer Beth A. Downs
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Directors: William T. Kranz
James V. Bibbo III
David C. Halsted
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Photos by Michele Halsted



Eagle Scout Project by Brady Lombard



BRADFORD, NEWBURY, SUTTON YOUTH SPORTS

Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports (BNSYS) had another successful year thanks to the continued support from the Towns of Bradford, Newbury and Sutton. BNSYS is a 501©3, non-profit organization whose sole mission is to provide quality sports opportunities to area youths while reinforcing the concepts of sportsmanship and team participation.



BNSYS owns and maintains the structures and facilities at Warren Brook Park, located at 164 Old Warner Road in Bradford. Our revenue is derived from fundraising events, program participation fees, donations, and contributions from area towns. Our annual expenses include, but are not limited to: utility bills, liability insurance, athlete medical insurance, team equipment, league fees, uniforms, field/building maintenance, toilet rentals and scholarships.

FACILITIES

If you attended any events at our facility, or just drove by, you probably noticed the fantastic condition that our fields were in all season. Contract services were kept with Tyler Lawn Care for mowing. BNSYS will again begin to explore the feasibility of constructing dugouts on Raymond Field as well as bathrooms at Warren Brook Park to replace the portable toilets.

Under the tutelage of our fundraising director Holly Fitzgerald, the spring sports raffle was again a booming success. The golf tournament was the biggest and best one yet. Warren Brook Park was selected to host several league tournaments and jamborees in 2022 to include the Kearsarge Mountain South (KMS) 12U Playoff Tournament, 10U and 8U jamborees, CAS soccer camp and the MVSL soccer jamboree.

REGISTRATIONS

2022 was a great year for BNSYS registrations. All sports were back to normal with no restrictions. The year started off with Softball, Baseball and T-Ball. The BNSYS 12U Girls Softball "A" team completed an undefeated season by winning the Kearsarge Mountain South Championship, beating Mount Royal in the finals. The 10U and 8U teams also had great seasons, both finishing in second place. Baseball and T-Ball had a successful season. Registrations were up slightly from 2021, allowing us to field slightly larger rosters than years past.

CAS Soccer Camp (formerly known as YES Soccer Camp) was also back to normal this year. Under a new name and leadership, a group of young collegiate athletes came to Bradford for a week in August and put on a full schedule of drills and scrimmages to help develop our athletes. Fall soccer registrations were also up from 2021. Congrats to the 5/6 girls' team who won their playoff bracket and the 5/6 boys' team for coming in third place.

On October 5th, we held our 22nd Annual Golf Tournament. It was the biggest and best tournament to date and, for the first time ever, the course was closed to the public due to the number of golfers we had. Thank you to everyone who participated and a huge thanks to all of our sponsors and donors. Special thanks to our Albatross sponsors Northcape Design Build, Colby Insurance, Crown Point Cabinetry, Naughton and Son Recycling, Tyler Lawn Care,

Nathan Bills Restaurant, and Go Lightly Consignment Boutique; and our Eagle sponsors, Old Hampshire Designs, Pickman and Sons Plumbing, and Stiles & Associates.



Photo supplied by proud but unknown BNSYS parent

Unfortunately, our winter wrestling season was cancelled due to a number of circumstances. We hope to have this program back up and running next year.

VOLUNTEERS

The success of our program would not be possible without the help of countless volunteers. Thank you to everyone who continues to volunteer and support BNSYS - from the board to the directors to the volunteers who run the snack shack during the year, paint the fields, and cut the grass. We are where we are because of all of you.

If you would like to get involved with BNSYS, look at what we have to offer, or think you can help in other ways, please visit our website, www.bnsyouthsports.org, or contact one of the Directors. We would love to have you involved in making BNSYS the best youth sports program possible.

New additions to the Board in 2022 were Michael Howley who will become the Vice-President and Knicole Byfield who will be assuming the role of treasurer. Jared Lamothe will be taking over as President in 2023 and Ed Shaughnessy will stay on for the year to help Jared transition into the new role.

We are still looking for a Field Director, Wrestling director and Co-Soccer director.

Executive Board

President: Edward Shaughnessy
Vice President: Vacant
Treasurer: Laura McKenna
Secretary: Justine Fournier

Board of Directors

Fundraising Director: Holly Fitzgerald
Baseball Director: Devin Pendleton
Softball Director: Jeffrey Glover
Soccer Director: Jared LaMothe
Wrestling Director: Jesse Griffin
Equipment Director: Amy Cook
Field Director: Scott Richard

Thanks,
Edward Shaughnessy
BNSYS President

LAKE MASSASECUM IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

The mission of the Lake Massasecum Improvement Association (LMIA) continues to be to “promote the responsible and sustainable enjoyment of the Lake by all its users, and to educate the public on the issues related to these objectives.” The enjoyment kicked up a gear in 2022 in the absence of Covid restrictions, allowing lake residents to celebrate its deferred 100-year celebration as a 102-year celebration. The Lake Massasecum Campground served as gracious hosts for an excellent gathering, and we welcomed several members of Bradford’s town government as guests. We honored the service of both past and present members of the Association including, Judy and Tom Marshall, Dick and Marcia Keller, Michael Kelly, and Rus Rice.

Keeping the lake beautiful and healthy is a team effort. LMIA volunteers work alongside the Town of Bradford, the Campground and Lake Host staff. We also cooperate closely with NH lakes and the NH Department of Environmental Services. The continued good health of the lake is illustrated by daily sightings of a wide range of wildlife, and the continued nesting success of our resident bald eagles and loons, who brought “Lilla the Loon” into the world.



Photo by Michael Kelly

Invasive Variable Milfoil remains a problem, especially given a 2021 harvest season, severely curtailed by high water, which yielded only 4.5 gallons. Volunteers harvested over 22 gallons of Variable Milfoil in 2022, with the hotspots continuing to be the Big Island Channel and the Northwest Cove, which was a restricted use area until several years ago. The hope is that in 2023 harvests will resume trending to zero.

Lake Hosts and volunteers monitored the boat launch for over 900 hours over the course of the summer, safeguarding the Lake from the introduction of further invasive species. The LMIA expresses its thanks to the Town of Bradford for its continued funding of this program. Our goal is to have a 200-year celebration overlooking a lake as beautiful as it was in 2022!

Respectfully submitted,
Michael R. Davidson
President, LMIA

WARNER RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



The Warner River Local Advisory Committee (“WRLAC”, for short) is pleased to report on the progress we made during 2022. We have statutory authority to advise state and local governments on federal, state, and local permit applications and other environmental issues within the Designated Warner River Corridor, which is ½-mile wide (¼ mile as measured outward from each river bank) as the river flows through our five riverfront towns. Bradford’s share of the Warner River extends from the confluence between West Branch Warner River and Andrews Brook (below the Lake Todd Dam) to the town line with Warner (approximately 3.7 river-miles).

Calendar year 2022 was a quiet time on the Bradford reach of our river, matching the mostly calm and silent river meandering between Routes 103 and 114. There were no Bradford permit applications that required our attention during 2022. However, there was a sizeable discharge of sediment from a logging and land-clearing operation that drew the attention of town officials, the Department of Environmental Services (DES), and WRLAC. At the time of this writing, DES is waiting for the facility’s erosion plans and Alteration of Terrain permit application.

In accordance with our Corridor Management Plan (released January 2021), we have a strong public outreach and education focus, which we made progress on by supporting Bradford’s Old Home Day in September (thanks, Patty!). You can read more about our goals in the Corridor Management Plan obtainable at: <https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/r-wd-20-25.pdf>). We expect that we will continue with these commitments during 2023. We will continue to solicit assistance from our Bradford neighbors to accomplish even more of our goals!

We did not spend 2022 working with the Bradford Select Board, Conservation Commission, and Planning Board in revising and updating references to the Designated Warner River and WRLAC on Bradford’s website; we have shifted that task to 2023, and we will be working with the Planning Board to revise their land-use permit application documents (to include automatically notifying us of pending applications).

Our website (www.wrlac.com) is up-and-running and has been well received. We are continuing to post blogs spreading the good word about the river - GO SEE! We especially like the real-time connection to the US Geological Survey river gaging station at Davisville that we added last year. As we move forward from here, we expect to have additional ecological and river-related content of interest to our Bradford neighbors.

The DES-funded Instream Flow Study of the Warner River began in the fall of 2020 and continued through 2022. Newsflash: the draft of this study was submitted to us just after New Year’s 2023, and we will review the report and support NH Department of Environmental Services in presenting this report to the residents of Bradford and our four other riverfront towns during January and February 2023. This Instream Flow Report will be used to prepare the river’s water management plan, which will be the road map of how to ensure there is an adequate flow of water to preserve a healthy river ecosystem as balanced with human water needs. This could have implications for river front and lake front property owners and those of us who use the river for recreation. Stay tuned for DES’s public hearings and more details!

One other important aspect of our Warner River duties is to provide basic water-quality monitoring at several points along the Warner River and selected tributaries during the warm months of the year. This program began in 2017 under the auspices of DES's Volunteer River Assessment Program. While the pH is usually a little low due to our New Hampshire bedrock, the other water-quality parameters indicate that the Warner River is healthy and continues to have high-quality water. Our monitoring has not detected any water-quality concerns. Our friends at Trout Unlimited (Basil W. Woods, Jr. Chapter) tell us that the brook trout are healthy and plentiful, further testament to the high quality of the river.

Three of your neighbors volunteer to represent Bradford on the WRLAC: Mike Howley, Patty Furness, and Marlene Freyler. My thanks to all three Bradfordians for their donations of time and energy in helping to preserve the high quality of the Warner River. Please reach out to them, or me, with any Warner River concerns.

I will take this minute to correct an oversight in last year's annual report: I failed to thank Scott MacLean for his many, many years of active service to the Warner River when he stepped down in mid-2021. Scott was a constant presence in carrying out WRLAC's duties, and he was always available (even on short notice!) in assisting with the volunteer river assessment program.

Come out and enjoy the Warner River! The views from your roads and bridges, as well as at Bradford Pines, are second to none, and will show you why we spend so much of our free time on maintaining the health of the Warner River!

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Milender, Chair
WARNER RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Turtle in Melvin Brook

Photo by Michael Kelly

MOUNTAIN VIEW SENIOR CENTER

The Mountain View Senior Center, located in the Bradford Area Community Center at 134 East Main Street, is a hub of activity and opportunity for area seniors who want to stay healthy, active and engaged with others. We welcome the chance to explain our purpose and mission, and all that we offer in opportunities and services to seniors.

With the passage of the Older Americans Act of 1965 Congress voted to provide support and services to seniors that would go beyond Social Security and Medicare benefits, to allow seniors to age in place and stay in their own homes as long as possible. For Merrimack County those additional services are, under contract, provided by the Elder Services Department of Community Action Program of Belknap/ Merrimack Counties Inc. In total, the Agency operates eight senior centers (of which Mountain View is one) and provides services and facilities to all communities in each of those areas. Mountain View's area includes the following towns: Bradford, Contoocook, Henniker, Hopkinton, Newbury, New London, Sutton, Warner, Webster, and Wilmot.

Although a few of these communities have their own senior centers, ours is the only one which provides the Meals on Wheels program in our ten-town area. From our center, meals are delivered throughout the week with a daily health and wellness check to over a hundred elderly or disabled clients throughout our area. Our current delivery schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday with Tuesday and Thursday as wellness calls to our participants in all 10 towns. In addition, Mountain View is the only 12-passenger bus providing door-to-door transportation to seniors throughout the week in all of the ten towns. We also serve a healthy and delicious chef inspired noontime meal to seniors in our community center dining room various times throughout the month. We have returned to our normal congregate mealtimes, consisting of every Tuesday and Thursday noon time meal with Brunch on the first Friday of the month. We are always looking for ways to increase our dining options with the help of more volunteers. Each of these meals is offered for a very reasonable \$2 donation for Seniors. For more information on these meals or to volunteer please refer to our monthly newsletter or call the center with questions.

While the Meals on Wheels program, the rural transportation bus, and the community dining service are our most important services, we, with pride, offer other programs and activities, each of which helps to keep our seniors healthy, active and engaged. These currently include: a Fitness Group, a Bridge Group, a Quilting Group, Therapeutic Yoga, Dominoes Group, and a Mahjong Group. Future activities will include the following: Card Games, Bingo, Art Class, monthly movies, and field trips during warm weather months.

We invite all area seniors to join one of our groups, volunteer, come for a noon meal, ride our bus, or come on an excursion with us. We guarantee a warm welcome! To receive our monthly newsletters electronically, please email your request to rhixson@capbm.org. To have your questions answered, please call the center at 938-2104.

Mountain View Senior Center

KEARSARGE LAKE SUNAPEE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY



We are grateful to the many people who continue to provide us with financial support, and to those who are supporting our programs by donating food and volunteering at the Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry. This support has allowed us to continue our existing food programs and to adapt to the evolving needs as they arise.

Mother Theresa said, “if you can’t feed 100 people, feed one.” This statement has been the guiding philosophy of the KLSCFP for the past 13 years. We know we can’t eliminate hunger but we can help our neighbors who are in need of food.

The KLSCFP is a 501(c)3 tax exempt non-profit supported by local area individuals, businesses and organizations. We rely solely on donations and our amazing volunteers as we have no paid staff. Our Mission is to help meet the food and household needs of people in the Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Region who are experiencing financial hardship. The towns included in this outreach effort are: Andover, Bradford, Danbury, New London, Newbury, Salisbury, Springfield, Sunapee (including Georges Mills), Sutton, Warner, and Wilmot. Families from all of these towns use the pantry’s services.

KLSCFP relies solely on donations and volunteers to provide this community service. It does not receive any federal, state or local funding. More than 125 volunteers from the area towns are involved in running the food pantry. The food pantry is located in the back of the First Baptist Church in New London and is open Wednesday evenings from 4:30 to 6:30PM and on Saturdays from 10:00 to 11:30AM.

KLSCFP provides a variety of non-perishable foods as well as dairy, meat, eggs, fresh fruit and vegetables, paper goods and toiletries, laundry and dish detergents and diapers. Families are able to visit the food pantry on a weekly basis. Before the school year begins, in coordination with the First Baptist Church, we make available backpacks for children so they will have supplies for the upcoming school year. We have a Summer Meals Program to provide children with additional breakfast and lunch food when school is on vacation.

We have 246 registered families and serve up to 50 of them a week. There are numerous reasons why individuals come to the food pantry. Many are struggling to pay their rent, dealing with higher grocery bills and some have lost their homes and are living in temporary housing. All of these challenges have brought new people to the food pantry. It’s been difficult for us at KLSCFP to see the increasing number of families who come to the food pantry looking for help.

The pandemic forced us to rethink how we could best serve our clients and keep them and our tireless volunteers safe. A group of volunteers met and rewrote the procedures for the distribution of food. We also took on the food shortages that bedeviled the grocery stores and many of our suppliers. We had to identify new ways of supplying the high-quality food that our clients deserve.

Finding food was not our only problem. Aging equipment produced additional complexities. Thanks to the concerted efforts of many of our volunteers, the food pantry now has a commercial refrigerator and freezer, as well as an upgraded heating and cooling system.

Through all of this, our volunteers embraced change and made it possible for the food pantry to face these challenges and stay open. This never-give-up spirit has permeated the food pantry since way back in May of 2008, when a group of people, concerned about their neighbors’ abilities to put food on the table created the Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry.

We continue to receive food from the New Hampshire Food Bank and Hannaford Feed America Fresh Rescue Program, the USDA, Warner Food Pantry, and the SCPA. We are thankful for fresh produce from Kearsarge Food Hub, Spring Ledge Farm, our twice weekly delivery of fresh bread from Blue Loon and local residents who share their summer garden bounty with us. We have also benefitted from the food drives conducted by the Boy Scouts, St. Andrew's Church, Windy Hill School and Auto Advisors in Springfield.

We are thankful to Loaves & Fishes for donating to our account at the New Hampshire Food Bank. Each year Hannaford and the New London Police Department partner for a very successful "Stuff-the-Cruiser" food donation event. Benjamin Edwards shreds documents for the public once a year for free, asking only for a donation of food to the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry receives hundreds of pounds of food as well as monetary donations from these two events.

The O'Halloran Group who has been generous not only to us but to the Warner and Newport Food pantries via their yearly Ultra 1K Road Race. We were also the beneficiary of the "Breadboard Fundraiser" during which beautiful breadboards were handcrafted from local wood by Peter Gunn. They were sold at Blue Loon and Spring Ledge and the profits donated to the food pantry.

Once again, we were invited to participate in the New London Community Service Organization breakfast, and along with other non-profits we received a very generous donation. We would also like to thank a "friend" of the food pantry who for the past three years has made a generous donation of gift cards for our clients to use at locally owned businesses in the Kearsarge area.

We deliver food to those at Bittersweet who do not have transportation or are ill and cannot come to the food pantry on their own. We continue to partner with Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners to deliver food to those who cannot come to the food pantry and with students from Colby Sawyer College who help our volunteers carry bags and load cars with groceries.

The New Hampshire Food Bank received a \$900,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to support efforts to provide those in need with access to locally grown fruits, vegetables, meat and dairy. Our food pantry was given a grant of \$1,500 to partner with small local farmers. We partnered with Crow Tree Farm in Andover and Nalla Farm in Wilmot.

In the Fall of 2022, we were asked to participate in a Community Engaged Learning Project involving students from a Colby Sawyer Class run by Professor Kathleen Farrell. The students combined assigned course work with community involvement at the KLSCFP. They were involved with volunteers in the many aspects of running the food pantry. It was a winning situation because of the work the students did to help and because of what they learned about food needs in this area.

We would be remiss if we did not thank the First Baptist Church which has housed the food pantry since it opened on January 28, 2009. The food pantry could not function without the help and support it receives from the church staff, Steph Barton, Kit Ross and Steven Hunt. Steph and Kit have been supporting the food pantry since 2009.

We would not have been able to keep the food pantry open if we didn't have the support from the communities we serve. We are fortunate to live in an area where people truly care about those who have less. Together, we continue to make a difference!

Respectfully submitted,

Clara Sheehy & Marilyn Paradis
Co-Chairs



Dear Friends,

January 2023

On behalf of the team at Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice (LSRVNA), thank you for the opportunity to provide home health, hospice, personal care, clinics, support groups and more in 2022. We remain proud of our ability to adapt and do our part to help address increasingly complex health and home care needs in our region. In 2022 we completed our most current *Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA)*, done in collaboration with local hospitals. The findings help guide us and make program decisions that have the greatest impact. While the pandemic brought changes and new challenges, we face them with the strength of a unified, dedicated team. Arguably the greatest obstacle remains the shortage of staff, a serious concern impacting the entire region and every industry. As we have said before, *LSRVNA is its people*, with more than 80% of our budget dedicated to staff salaries and benefits. As the difficulty to find qualified employees increases, the cost does as well. Our leadership team has been focusing on this and other key strategic priorities, and on how we can adjust and prioritize in response to this landscape. We recently implemented a new Electronic Medical Record (EMR), arguably the largest project a health care provider can undertake, in an effort to have the right tools for staff and the technology required to best serve residents of Bradford and 30+ other towns. I am proud to report that for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2022, we served residents of Bradford in the following ways:

- ✚ Provided skilled nursing, therapy, hospice and in-home supportive care to 48 residents;
- ✚ Provided free/reduced cost in-home nursing, therapy and social work visits to residents; visits also provided under various Medicaid programs (NH Medicaid reimburses at less than 65% of cost);
- ✚ Provided 14 months of bereavement programming to hospice families after the death of their loved ones at no cost, including virtual bereavement support groups so that families and the community could safely access this vital assistance;
- ✚ Residents continued to benefit from our growing Palliative Care program, helping to navigate serious illnesses with an emphasis on symptom management and personal goals;
- ✚ Foot Care clinics expanded in 2022 both in the number of locations (Bradford, Charlestown, Claremont, Hanover, Lebanon, New London, Newport) and the frequency of clinic hours in response to a growing need and lack of access to this service;
- ✚ Wellness Clinics were provided in four area towns (Claremont, Bradford, Lebanon, Hanover);

With so much demanding our time and attention, we are beyond grateful for those who sustain LSRVNA as an enduring presence. Our frontline caregivers, behind the scenes employees, donors and diverse community partners who, together, complete this puzzle of health care. We understand that your funds, like ours, are limited. This makes us that much more grateful for your ongoing generosity and confidence. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is any way we may be of service to you or your Town's residents. Thank you.

With gratitude,

Jim Culhane
President & CEO

CENTRAL NEW HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION



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Established in accordance with state law, the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) is a voluntary association of 20 communities in Merrimack and Hillsborough Counties. Jim Bibbo and Harry Wright (CNHRPC Executive Committee) are the Town's representatives to the Commission.

CNHRPC's mission is to comply with State statute (RSA 36:47) by preparing and adopting regional land use and transportation plans and a regional housing needs assessment. CNHRPC evaluates developments of regional impact (RSA 36:54-58) and provides data, information, training, and high-quality, cost-effective services to our member communities. CNHRPC also provides technical assistance services, including zoning ordinance development, grant writing assistance, circuit rider assistance, plan review services, local master plan development, capital improvements program development and guidance, hazard mitigation planning guidance, and Planning Board process training. CNHRPC advocates for member communities and assists and encourages them in both municipal and regional endeavors.

In 2022, CNHRPC undertook the following activities in Bradford and throughout the Central NH Region:

- Provided circuit rider planner services to the Planning Board. Staff undertook plan reviews and application reviews and developed corresponding review memorandum; reviewed and recommended updated application fee and application form changes; provided assistance related to the Zoning Ordinance Table of Uses, and began analysis for the potential consideration of a surface water protection ordinance for Town Meeting 2024.
- Provided support to the Economic Development Committee, including meeting coordination and agenda development. Staff provided assistance related to a variety of tools and tax incentives including the Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive (NH RSA 79E) and the Economic Revitalization Zone (ERZ) program (NH RSA 162-N). Staff also assisted the EDC in the assessment of properties for potential redevelopment/rehabilitation and with the development of the EDC work plan for 2023.
- Continued the development of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment in coordination with the NH Office of Planning and Development and the other eight NH regional planning commissions.
- Assisted in the development of Hazard Mitigation Plans in five communities under the Building Infrastructure and Resilient Communities (BRIC) 2020 program, and provided continued hazard mitigation plan implementation assistance in communities throughout the region. The update of the 2018 Bradford Hazard Mitigation Plan is scheduled to begin in 2023.
- Provided continued assistance related to the Town's Road Surface Management System (RSMS). In collaboration with town staff, CNHRPC staff adjusted the proposed road maintenance plan, built additional paving scenarios for comparison, and utilized the RSMS program to forecast future road conditions under each scenario.
- Coordinated the activities of the CNHRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). In 2022, CNHRPC held five TAC meetings. The CNHRPC TAC solicited projects for the

NHDOT 2025-2034 Ten Year Plan, and received and ranked project submittals for possible inclusion in the Ten-Year Plan.

- Participated in a range of regional and statewide bicycle and pedestrian planning activities related to trails, sidewalks, bike lanes and bike shoulders, roadway surfacing, and safety. Assistance to local trail organizations and trail committees is a key component to this work.³
- Provided coordination assistance to the CommuteSmart NH program that works to support transportation demand management services and rideshare coordination across the state utilizing Agile Mile transportation demand management (TDM) software.
- Conducted over 240 state and local traffic counts throughout the region. In Bradford, staff completed six counts in 2022.
- Continued to work with communities on Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) development. Tasks include the identification and mapping of natural resources and the development of methods to overlay and quantify the relative value of natural resources in the community. Interactive online StoryMaps were developed to communicate results.

For additional information, please contact the CNHRPC staff or visit us at www.cnhrpc.org. CNHRPC Commission meetings are open to the public and interested citizens are encouraged to attend.



Hogg Hill in the Snow

Photo by Randy Thompson



UNH Cooperative Extension serves residents in each of Merrimack County's 27 towns with diverse programming through 4-H Education & Youth Development, Health & Well-Being, Nutrition Connections, Food & Agriculture, Community & Economic Development, Natural Resources and Dairy. Extension is the public outreach arm of the University of New Hampshire, bringing information and education into NH's towns, helping to make individuals, businesses, and communities more successful and keeping NH's natural resources healthy and productive.

Food & Agriculture: We support the county's agricultural industries, including producers of fruits, vegetables, ornamental plants, and livestock, through workshops and trainings, diagnostic services, applied research, and one-on-one consultations. In 2022, 1100 individuals participated in programs focused on food and agriculture production, 430 individuals received one-on-one consultation through email and phone conversations, and 120 farm visits were conducted, during which recommendations were tailored towards the individual educational needs of the client. A total of 320 soil tests were reviewed and approved, optimizing soil fertility practices, and maximizing production on sites throughout the county. UNH Extension in Merrimack County has led the Vegetable and Fruit Integrated Pest Management program for the past two seasons. This program monitors vegetable and fruit pests on 15 farms and provides recommendations for best management practices. In 2021, the program saved producers an estimated \$425,000 in value of reduced crop loss due to optimal pest control practices combined with reduced costs associated with fewer pesticide applications, labor costs and fuel consumption.

The State Dairy Specialist position has been filled after a 3-year vacancy. The office has been moved from its traditional location (Grafton County) to Merrimack County. Sarah Allen started November 14, 2022, and is now more centrally located in the state to serve the dairy producers and be involved in policy development.

Natural Resources: Our natural resources team provides research, education, and stewardship throughout the state with a "boots on the ground" approach, extending state-wide programs in forestry and wildlife, natural resource development, land and water conservation, and marine fisheries. This year, 1,398 Merrimack County residents received one-on-one education from woodlot visits, educational events, telephone calls, and email correspondence. At least 758 County residents participated in-person, outdoors, educational events: Tree Farm Field Days, Tree Id Walks, Invasive Plant Control workshops, Wildlife Habitat field tours, Forest Health workshops, and Forest Ecology Field Tours for Middle School Science Classes. This year's educational offerings were augmented by a wide variety of virtual meetings and Facebook Live webinars (<https://www.facebook.com/nhwoods.org>) to comply with the COVID-19 restrictions and to provide residents with virtual learning opportunities. This year, there were 400 Volunteers who worked with UNH Extension in Merrimack County helping to conserve and manage its natural resources. The Volunteers participated in the Natural Resource Stewards program, the Coverts Project, Nature Groupie, the NH Big Tree Program, and the Lakes Lay Monitoring Program. Please visit our website to find out how to Volunteer with UNH Extension <https://extension.unh.edu/about/volunteering>.

Community and Economic Development (CED): The CED team provides programming and technical assistance to communities, businesses, and nonprofit organizations around New Hampshire. The CED team's work focuses on revitalizing main streets, retaining and growing local businesses, supporting entrepreneurs and innovators, improving quality of life, and

leveraging tourism and the recreation economy. Central to the CED team's work is engaging individuals from throughout the community in developing a vision, designing an approach, and moving to action. The Merrimack County CED role transitioned to a new staff person in mid-2022 who has taken lead on a variety of projects that have begun throughout the county. Support is continuing for the Northfield-based Foothills Foundation, an organization that plans to make the area a hub for recreation access and economic development through collaboration, promotion, and trail building. Additional work and engagement is starting in Hopkinton/Contoocook Village to provide support and programming surrounding business and engagement and retention, with additional work to assess recreational resources and downtown vibrancy. The Merrimack County CED is also supporting community programming surrounding housing and broadband and is developing a County-wide needs assessment where stakeholder engagement and from all communities throughout the county will be incorporated.

Education and 4-H Youth Development: 4-H is the youth educational program of UNH Cooperative Extension that provides youth the opportunity to engage in hands-on learning opportunities that spark their passion for life after 4-H, while learning important life skills such as communication and leadership. Programming is delivered utilizing 4-H volunteers that involve youth in the learning process through youth-adult partnerships. Coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic, Merrimack County 4-H members were able to participate in a variety of program opportunities. A highlight for many is the annual Hopkinton State Fair. Sixty-three 4-H members submitted items to the Ruth Kimball 4-H Exhibit Hall to display their projects from throughout the course of the 4-H year. Over 100 4-H members exhibited their animals at the fair and helped to educate the public about agriculture. To close out the 2021-2022 program year, Merrimack County involved 310 youth and 122 volunteers.

Nutrition Connections is a no-cost, hands-on nutrition and physical education program that provides limited-resource families the knowledge and skills needed for better health. In Merrimack County, Nutrition Connections provided programming to youth in schools around making healthy food choices and eating fruits and vegetables. Nutrition Connections partnered with local agencies and housing sites to reach adults and families, covering topics like reading food labels, preparing low-cost meals and snacks, saving money at the grocery store, choosy eaters, and more.

Health & Well-being: Provides information, programs and training grounded in research to help young people and their families succeed and thrive, such as Youth and Adult Mental Health First Aid Training, Chronic Disease, and Chronic Pain Self-Management Programs. We are working collaboratively with schools and public health partners to increase prevention and early intervention for mental health and wellness and substance misuse in communities. Our Merrimack County Field Specialist is serving as Project Director for the NH Opioid Prevention Project, funded by SAMHSA, which bring opioid prevention education to audiences across NH.

We would like to thank our Advisory Council that consists of 11 citizens of Merrimack County, and a representative of the County Commissioners office and County Delegation. These advisors assist Extension program staff to evaluate current programming, identify local educational and research needs, and to consider new programming across the county. Our 2021-2022 council members included: Chuck & Diane Souther, Josh Marshall, Tim Meeh, Jill McCullough, Ken Koerber, Mark Cowdrey, Chip Donnelly, Janine Condi, Page Poole, Anya Twarog, Commissioner Stuart Trachy, and Rep. Thomas Schamberg.

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION**

**Resident Death Report
January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022**

<u>Decedent's Name</u>	<u>Death Date</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Military</u>
Lapham, Joshua C.	01/13/2022	Lapham, Frank	Harmon, Sharon	N
Knapton, James L.	01/16/2022	Knapton, Roy	Severance, Etta	Y
Wonson, Jeffrey P.	01/29/2022	Wonson, Peter	White, Judith	N
Bourassa, Theresa B.	02/09/2022	Chabot, Frederick	Belanger, Eloise	N
Goldberg, Estelle S.	06/13/2022	Goldberg, David	Sogoloff, Mary	N
Clow, Frances E.	06/14/2022	Laferriere, Roger	Roy, Juliette	N
Cunha, Donna M.	07/29/2022	Domigan, Robert	Unknown, Pauline	N
Bellohusen, Thomas G.	08/04/2022	Bellohusen, Charles	Sternberg, Louise	Y
Frost, Neal E.	08/19/2022	Frost, Ernst	Riley, Helen	N
Clark, Louise M.	08/22/2022	Wild, Prescott	Marden, Louise	N
Hopwood, Mary P.	10/04/2022	Pickett, Charles	Maertins, Gertrude	N
Byrne, John N.	10/13/2022	Byrne, Paul	Mroz, Ann	N
Foss, James E.	11/08/2022	Foss, William	Sird, Dorothy	Y
Bagley, Robert H.	11/12/2022	Bagley, Horace	Heselton, Lena	N
Bristol, Craig W.	12/02/2022	Bristol, Kenneth	Coe, Margaret	Y

Total Number of Records – 15

**Resident Birth Report
January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022**

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Birth Place</u>	<u>Fathers's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
Mitchell, Iver Paul-Joseph	01/15/2022	Manchester, NH	Mitchell, Jr., Dennis	Aliano, Paula
Beauchemin, Harper Anne	02/21/2022	Lebanon, NH	Beauchemin, Marc	Beauchemin, Kathryn
Valcic, Milo Donald	05/05/2022	Manchester, NH	Valcic, Michael	Valcic, Gabrielle
Fortune, Lorelai Ann Isabelle	05/13/2022	Concord, NH	Fortune, Samuel	Fortune, Stephanie
Mock, Jacob Oliver	06/19/2022	Concord, NH	Mock, Jeffrey	Mock, Danielle
Soule, Cooper Leroy	06/20/2022	Concord, NH	Soule, James	Soule, Katherine
Stewart, Jonah Lyman	07/06/2022	Concord, NH	Stewart, Joshua	Stewart, Jordan
Hazard, Everleigh Opal	07/21/2022	Milford, NH	Hazard, Levi	Rolfe, Cassidy
Avery, Samuel Dennis	09/01/2022	Lebanon, NH	Avery, Joshua	Avery, Lauren
Oliver, Madelynn Marie	09/24/2022	Concord, NH	Oliver, Jr., Jeffrey	Oliver, Nicole
Cecere, Harper Julianne	11/18/2022	Concord, NH	Cecere, John	Cecere, Morgan
Stys, Joesph Philip	11/27/2022	Concord, NH	Styes, Philip	Styes, Tracy
Raulinaitis, Bodhi Jade	12/07/2022	Lebanon, NH	Raulinaitis, William	Raulinaitis, Hilary

Total Number of Records - 13

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**Resident Marriage Report
January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022**

<u>Person A's Name and Residence</u>	<u>Person B's Name and Residence</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>	<u>Date of Marriage</u>
Caron, Tarah Bradford, NH	Dore, Aaron Alton, NH	Meredith	02/22/2022
Calvert, Robert Bradford, NH	Balcom, Erin Bradford, NH	New London	05/22/2022
Greene, Justin Bradford, NH	Charlebois, Marissa Bradford, NH	Claremont	06/12/2022
Myskowski, Abigail Bradford, NH	Reed, Jonathan Bradford, NH	Bradford	07/01/2022
Medico, Alyssa Bradford, NH	Chamberlain, Corey Bradford, NH	Moultonborough	08/13/2022
Davie, Kayla Bradford, NH	Green, Robert Bradford, NH	Pittsburg	08/20/2022
Mozzer, Pamela Bradford, NH	Critch, Raymond Bradford, NH	Bartlett	09/03/2022
MacEwen, Anne Bradford, NH	Ferrigno, Anthony Bradford, NH	Hillsborough	09/10/2022
Cahill, Grant Pembroke, NH	Messer, Darienne Bradford, NH	Bradford	10/01/2022
Meany III, Charles Bradford, NH	Hawkins, Paula Bradford, NH	Weare	12/07/2022

Total Number of Records – 10



Lake Massasecum at Sunrise

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