

**TOWN OF BRADFORD
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Town Warrant of Town Meeting March 14th, 2017

The Polls will open at 8:00 am, and not close earlier than 7:00 pm, on March 14th, 2017

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 Town Hall at 75 West Main St. 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.

Selectmen	<i>John Pfeifle</i>	135	<i>Elected</i>
Supervisor of the Checklist (3 years)	<i>Jaqueline V. Pehrson</i>	174	<i>Elected</i>
Trustee of the Trust Funds	<i>Michael C. James</i>	159	<i>Elected</i>
Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library (3 Years)	<i>Connie Scheffy</i>	169	<i>Elected</i>
	<i>Patty Furness</i>	151	<i>Elected</i>
	<i>Annette Leonas</i>	152	<i>Elected</i>
Scholarship Committee	<i>Mary Keegan-Dayton</i>	172	<i>Elected</i>
Scholarship Committee (2 years)	<i>Kathleen Bigford</i>	122	<i>Elected</i>
	<i>Randy Thompson</i>	36	
Budget Committee	<i>Beth Downs</i>	152	<i>Elected</i>
	<i>Claire James</i>	128	<i>Elected</i>
Planning Board	<i>Pamela Bruss</i>	168	<i>Elected</i>
	<i>Claire James</i>	138	<i>Elected</i>
Planning Board (1 year)	<i>Robert L. Close</i>	159	<i>Elected</i>
Zoning Board	<i>Nathanial Bruss</i>	163	<i>Elected</i>
	<i>Stephen Pierce</i>	150	<i>Elected</i>
Cemetery Commission	<i>Carey Rodd</i>	173	<i>Elected</i>
Cemetery Commission (2 years)	<i>Jane M. Lucas</i>	176	<i>Elected</i>

Article Two: Zoning Ordinance - To see if the Town will vote to adopt provisions which seek to add new language and delete existing language to Article VII (Sign Regulation) as proposed by the Planning Board in Zoning Amendment No. 1. Copies of the complete proposal are on file for public inspection at the Town Offices and will be available on the day of voting. The following question will appear on the Official Ballot:

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

VII (Sign Regulation) by adding subsections for clarification of topics; makes changes to current verbiage regarding intent of ordinance; addresses the site plan review process; assigns approval authority from the Board of Selectmen to the Planning Board; amends sign requirements pertaining to size, duration, permits, and uses; provides the types of prohibited signs and specifies exceptions to such regulations.”
(Recommended by Planning Board 4-0)

YES 121 NO 29

Kearsarge Regional School District (Bradford Results Only)
Official Ballot- Kearsarge Annual School District Election, March 14, 2017

For School Moderator	<i>Brackett Scheffy</i>	182	<i>Elected</i>
For School Board Member	<i>Andrew Pinard</i>	172	<i>Elected</i>
For Municipal Budget Committee	<i>James V. Bibbo III</i>	147	<i>Elected</i>

Question 1: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the Municipal Budget Committee’s recommended amount of \$42,492,091 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 \$42,492,091.

This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. This warrant article asks the voters to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, the salaries of School District Officials and Agents, and for the statutory obligations of said District, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State sources, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the Selectmen of each of the Towns of Bradford, New London, Newbury, Springfield, Sutton, Warner, and Wilmot, the amount to be raised by taxation by said towns.

(School Board Recommends 7-0) (Municipal Budget Committee Recommends 7-0)

A. \$42,492,091 for the proposed Operating Budget recommended by the School Board
37 Votes

B. \$42,492,091 for the proposed Operating Budget recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee
18 Votes

C. \$42,142,091 for the proposed Operating Budget (a decrease of \$350,000)
(MBC proposed Operating Budget as amended at the 1st Session)
121 Votes

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

<i>Year</i>	<i>Estimated Increase</i>
2017-18	\$57,686
2018-19	\$78,354
2019-20	\$71,079

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$57,686 for the 2017-18 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels.
(School Board Recommends 7-0) (Municipal Budget Committee Recommends 7-0)

YES 102 NO 79

Question 3: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$25,000 to be placed in the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund, established in 2008 within the provisions of RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of emergency funding of unforeseen Special Education costs incurred by the District, with such amount to be funded from unassigned fund balance (surplus funds) remaining on hand as of June 30, 2017.
(School Board Recommends 7-0) (Municipal Budget Committee Recommends 7-0)

YES 124 NO 58

Question 4: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$25,000 to be placed in the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund, established in 2008 within the provisions of RSA 198:20-c for the purpose of emergency funding of unforeseen Special Education costs incurred by the District, with such amount to be funded from unassigned fund balance (surplus funds) remaining on hand as of June 30, 2017.
(School Board Recommends 7-0) (Municipal Budget Committee Recommends 7-0)

YES 125 NO 58

Election officials present at the March 14th, 2017 Town Election were Brackett Scheffy, Moderator; Camila Devlin, Town Clerk; Melissa Cloutier, Deputy Town Clerk; Fred Hubley, Assistant Moderator; Judith Marshall, Sandy Paul, Jaqueline Pehrson, Supervisors of the Checklist; John Pfeifle, Sonny Harris, James Bibbo, Selectmen; Tandy Hartford, Rebecca Herman, Jane Johnsen, Denise Renk, Robert Toppi, Inspectors of the Election.

Article Three: To adjourn the meeting until Wednesday, March 15th, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School on the Old Warner Road in Bradford. Raising the money and remaining articles in the Warrant will be taken up at the adjourned meeting.

The count ended at 7:35pm and results were announced and posted. A total of 191 ballots were cast. The meeting reconvened on March 15, 2017 at Kearsarge Regional Elementary School on Old Warner Road.

Moderator, Brackett Scheffy, opened the meeting at 7:01pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator welcomed the assembly to the 2017 Bradford Town Meeting. The Moderator thanked all of the election officials for their hard work and perseverance during the storm that fell on the March 14th Town Election. Election results were read

and the Moderator explained the Rules of Procedure, which are based on Robert's Rules of Order. The Moderator stated that only one amendment will be made at a time.

Selectman John Pfeifle thanked and congratulated Dick and Marcia Keller on all they have contributed to the Town of Bradford over the last several decades. The Kellers were presented with a replica 1850's map of Bradford and plaque commemorating their service to the town.

Article Four: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Sixty One Thousand Dollars (\$861,000.00) (gross budget) for the renovation and restoration of the Historic Town Hall at Map 16 Lot 92. The project will provide a full basement and a completely operational first floor for town offices and meeting rooms. Further to authorize the issuance of not more than Six Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$675,000.00) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33). Further to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon, the term and other details. The balance of One Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Dollars (\$186,000.00) has been raised from donations and grants. The following funds are currently on hand to offset this balance:

- \$105,000.00 LCHIP Grant
- \$ 81,000.00 Cash and In-Kind donations

The Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. This article requires a paper ballot and two-thirds vote. Passage of this article will have no tax impact in 2017.

Harry Wright, Town Hall Restoration Committee Chair, gave a brief Power Point presentation detailing project scope, cost and benefits to the town. Moderator opened the article to the public for questions.

Chris Frey made a motion to amend Article Four to read,

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Sixty One Thousand Dollars (\$861,000.00) (gross budget) for the renovation and restoration of the Historic Town Hall at Map 16 Lot 92. The project will provide a full basement and a completely operational first floor for town offices and meeting rooms. Further to authorize the issuance of not more than Six Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$675,000.00) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33). Further to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon, the term and other details. The balance of One Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Dollars (\$186,000.00) has been raised from donations and grants. The following funds are currently on hand to offset this balance:

- \$105,000.00 LCHIP Grant
- \$ 81,000.00 Cash and In-Kind donations

All contracts will be let through the competitive bidding process and no change orders will be generated without having the signature of a member of the Board of Selectmen.

The Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. This article requires a paper ballot and two-thirds vote. Passage of this article will have no tax impact in 2017.”

Motion to accept the amendment was seconded.

Moderator called for a voice vote to adopt the amendment to Article Four.

Amendment to Article Four passed.

◀ Marlene Freyler brought up questions regarding cost of annual inspection of the sprinkler system for the Town Hall.

- Mark Goldberg, Fire Chief, added that it needs to be inspected weekly.
- John Pfeifle, Selectman, said that the town will look into getting a town employee certified to perform the inspections.

◀ Jim Valiquet, Police Chief, suggested a closed circuit TV as a means to mitigate any safety concerns.

Moderator closed discussion on Article Four at 8:01pm. The ballot boxes were opened for voting at 8:02pm and remained open for one hour. There were 172 ballots cast. A 2/3rds majority vote of 115 was required to pass.

Article Passed

YES 132

NO 40

Article Five: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Forty Two Thousand Six Hundred Ten Dollars (\$2,042,610.00) for general municipal operations. This article does not include amounts appropriated by other warrant articles. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

	Selectmen	Budget Committee	
1. Executive	172,000.00	172,000.00	<i>Passed</i>
2. Elections & Vital Records	6,500.00	6,500.00	<i>Passed</i>
3. Financial Administration	105,000.00	105,000.00	<i>Passed</i>
4. Revaluations	24,000.00	24,000.00	<i>Passed</i>
5. Legal	30,000.00	30,000.00	<i>Passed</i>
6. Planning & Zoning	10,000.00	10,000.00	<i>Passed</i>
7. General Gov.	67,000.00	67,000.00	<i>Passed</i>
8. Cemetery	25,950.00	25,950.00	<i>Passed</i>
9. Insurances	68,500.00	68,500.00	<i>Passed</i>
10. Other General Gov.	7,000.00	7,000.00	<i>Passed</i>
11. Police Department	472,000.00	472,000.00	<i>Passed</i>
12. Fire Department	57,000.00	57,000.00	<i>Passed</i>
13. Rescue Services - FAST	17,000.00	17,000.00	<i>Passed</i>
14. Rescue Services – Contract	92,200.00	92,200.00	<i>Passed</i>
15. Building Code Department	15,000.00	15,000.00	<i>Passed</i>
16. Emergency Management	2,500.00	2,500.00	<i>Passed</i>
17. Highway Department	505,000.00	505,000.00	<i>Passed</i>
18. Bridge Account	70,000.00	70,000.00	<i>Passed</i>

19. Street Lighting	4,700.00	4,700.00	<i>Passed</i>
20. Solid Waste Collection	81,000.00	81,000.00	<i>Passed</i>
21. Solid Waste Disposal	24,000.00	24,000.00	<i>Passed</i>
22. Inoculations	1.00	1.00	<i>Passed</i>
23. Welfare Administration	7,000.00	7,000.00	<i>Passed</i>
24. Welfare Payments	30,000.00	30,000.00	<i>Passed</i>
25. Parks and Recreation	2,000.00	2,000.00	<i>Passed</i>
26. Library	70,000.00	70,000.00	<i>Passed</i>
27. Patriotic Purposes	17,500.00	17,500.00	<i>Passed</i>
28. Community Center	21,000.00	21,000.00	<i>Passed</i>
29. Other Conservation	925.00	925.00	<i>Passed</i>
30. Long Term Notes	33,834.00	33,834.00	<i>Passed</i>
31. Interest on TAN notes	4,000.00	4,000.00	<i>Passed</i>
Total	2,042,610.00	2,042,610.00	

◀ Peter Antal requested that going forward the town include a multi-year budget comparison for public review on the town website before Town Meeting.

Article Six: To see if the Town will vote to approve an investigation with the Town of Warner regarding the possibility of adjusting the town-line on Bradford's South East corner (Warner's South West corner) to incorporate a portion of Warner into Bradford. (The area in consideration runs from the peak of Guild Hill to the Henniker Town Line next to Day Pond, adjacent to the East side of Route 114. The exact co-ordinates are yet to be determined.) (Majority vote required.)

John Pfieffe, Selectman, presented Article Six as strictly an exploratory, non-binding article.

◀ Concerns were raised by Susan McKevitt, Abigail Hayes and Chet Mitchell.

Motion made to end the conversation on Article Six. Motion was seconded. Vote passed. Moderator closed the debate.

Moderator called for a voice vote.

Vote was too close to call so the Moderator called for a hand vote.

Article Passed

YES 72

NO 39

Article Seven: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate joint efforts with surrounding Towns that would reduce departmental budgets in the future. Initial areas of operation that will be investigated would include:

- a. Property Valuation Administration
- b. Cemetery Care: mowing & beautification projects
- c. Building Inspection
- d. Welfare Administration

(Majority vote required.)

◀ Susan McKeivitt raised concerns over the inclusion of Welfare Administration in this article.

Article Passed

Article Eight: To see if the Town will vote to appeal to the State of New Hampshire to replace the intersection between Route 114 and Route 103, presently controlled by a traffic light, with a roundabout, thereby no longer requiring a traffic light operation. (Majority vote required.)

John Pfeifle, Selectman, stated that this article was strictly exploratory. The Selectmen are interested to see if this is something the Town would like to pursue.

◀ Peter Antal expressed concern over cost to taxpayers.

◀ Abigail Hayes stated that a roundabout would take away from Bradford's rural character.

◀ Marlene Freyler brought up cost and time concerns.

Claire James made a motion to amend Article Eight to read,
"To see if the Town will vote to ~~appeal to the State of New Hampshire to replace~~
investigate replacing the intersection between Route 114 and Route 103, presently controlled by a traffic light, with a roundabout, thereby no longer requiring a traffic light operation."

Motion to accept the amendment to Article Eight was seconded by John Pfeifle.

Moderator called for a voice vote to adopt the amendment to Article Eight.

Amendment to Article Eight passed.

Moderator called for a vote on the amended Article Eight.

Article Did Not Pass

Article Nine: To see if the Town will vote to appeal to the State of New Hampshire to replace the intersection between Bradford's Main Street and Route 103, presently controlled by a traffic light, with a roundabout, thereby no longer requiring a traffic light operation. (Majority vote required.)

Article Did Not Pass

Article Ten: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) for repair work on asphalt roads. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until spent or December 31, 2022. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

◀ Peter Antal and Michael James asked for clarification of difference between Article Ten and Eleven.

- Barry Wheeler, Road Agent, clarified and explained what shimming entails.

Article Passed

Article Eleven: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for shimming and repairing asphalt roads. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until spent or December 31, 2022. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

John Pfeifle, Selectman, appealed to residents that Bradford's roads are finally improving and the town has a responsibility to keep them up.

Article Passed

Article Twelve: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a lease purchase agreement to acquire a John Deere 4WD loader and further to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (This agreement will contain a fiscal funding non appropriation clause). The total cost of the loader is One Hundred and Sixty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$165,917.00). One Hundred and Twenty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$125,917.00) will be borrowed with the remaining Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) from trade in. The leased amount of One Hundred and Twenty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$125,917.00) will be payable over a term of 10 years with an annual appropriation of not more than Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$16,800.00). Passage of this article will have no tax impact in 2017. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

◀ Chet Mitchell inquired as to why the Budget Committee does not recommend.

- Michael James, Budget Committee, explained that this project was budgeted in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for 2018 and the Budget Committee sees no reason to move this item to 2017. The committee would prefer to see funds set aside annually in a Capital Reserve in order to reduce the interest paid at time of purchase agreement.
- David Nunnally, Budget Committee, added that significant repairs have already been made to the existing loader.
- Barry Wheeler, Road Agent, and John Pfeifle, Selectman, expressed their dissatisfaction with the CIP.

◀ Michael James provided cost impact for a loader rental in the event of a mid-year breakdown of existing equipment. He pointed out that rental cost is not significant compared to the interest that the town will pay if Article Twelve passes.

◀ Barry Wheeler stated that there are currently enough funds available in the Highway Expendable Trust Fund to make the 2018 and 2019 payments for the loader.

John Pfeifle made a motion to amend Article Twelve to read,

“To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a lease purchase agreement to acquire a John Deere 4WD loader and further to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (This agreement will contain a fiscal funding non appropriation clause). The total cost of the loader is One Hundred and Sixty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$165,917.00). One Hundred and Twenty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$125,917.00) will be borrowed with the remaining Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) from trade in. The leased amount of One Hundred and Twenty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$125,917.00) will be payable over a term of 10 years with an annual appropriation of not more than Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$16,800.00). Passage of this article will have no tax impact in 2017- 2018 and 2019. Town will prepay the 2018 and 2019 payments on the lease purchase agreement from the Highway Expendable Trust Fund in 2017.”

Motion to amend Article Twelve seconded.

◀ Comments and questions requesting points of clarification were expressed by Robert Lincoln, Jason Allen, Mel Pfeifle, Susan McKevitt, Abigail Hayes, Carl Goldberg, Andrew Pinard, Janet Bauer and Doug Troy.

◀ Peter Antal asked what the town is losing by purchasing the loader now.

◀ Michael James, Budget Committee, explained that a lease purchase agreement is a good investment for businesses as it is a tax write-off but not for municipalities as they simply pay interest with no write-off benefit.

Motion was made to end the debate on Article Twelve. Motion seconded. Vote passed. Moderator closed the debate.

Moderator called for a voice vote to adopt the amendment to Article Twelve.

Amendment to Article Twelve passed.

◀ Andrew Pinard asked what the financial benefit to removing the funds from the Highway Expendable Trust Fund was. He pointed out the difficult situation the town could be in should another piece of equipment break and the fund had been depleted.

- H. Bliss Dayton spoke in agreement with A. Pinard.

Moderator called for a vote on the amended Article Twelve.

Article Passed

Article Thirteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to fund the Highway Department Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget committee recommends.

Andrew Pinard made a motion to amend Article Thirteen to read,

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ~~Five Thousand~~ Thirty Seven Thousand Dollars (~~\$5,000.00~~) (\$37,000) to fund the Highway Department Expendable Trust Fund.”

Motion to amend Article Thirteen seconded in unison.

- ◀ H. Bliss Dayton and Mark Goldberg, Fire Chief, spoke out in favor of aspects of the amendment.
- ◀ Michael James, Budget Committee, stated the better investment is to simply put more funds towards the loader purchase.
- ◀ John Pfeifle, Selectman, pointed out if this amount is raised it will raise the tax rate.
- ◀ Chris Frey discussed opening a Highway Equipment Fund where the legislative body has the spending authority.

Moderator called for a voice vote to adopt the amendment to Article Thirteen.
Amendment to Article Thirteen did not pass.

Moderator called for a vote on Article Thirteen.

Article Passed

Article Fourteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the repair of the Historic Bement Bridge. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2022. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

- ◀ Janet Bauer asked if \$30,000 is still in the bridge fund from the 2015 Town Warrant.
 - John Pfeifle, Selectman, stated that the \$30,880 from Article Twelve of the 2015 Town Warrant is still available and will be used to fund the rehabilitation of the Bement Bridge.
- ◀ Peter Antal asked what the overall tax impact will be on property taxes at this point.
 - Marcia Keller pointed out that the town tax rate is only one of four contributors to the overall tax rate. The other tax rates required to know what the tax impact will be are local school rate, state school rate and county rate.

Article Passed

Article Fifteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$30,400.00) for the third payment on the Highway Dump Truck lease/purchase approved at the 2015 meeting. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

- ◀ Thomas Wilkins asked how many years remain on the lease purchase agreement.
 - Karen Hambleton, Town Administrator, responded there are two years left of payments after 2017.
- ◀ Andrew Pinard asked why the town needs to revisit the continuation of lease purchase agreements on the town warrant each year.
 - Karen Hambleton replied that the Selectmen do this purposefully to remain transparent.

Article Passed

Article Sixteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$9,200.00) for the second payment on the Police Sports Utility Vehicle lease/purchase approved at the 2016 meeting. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Passed

Article Seventeen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to continue work on the Master Plan update. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2022. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Passed

Article Eighteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) (gross budget) to replace the furnace at the Brown Memorial Library. Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) will come from Library funds. The balance of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) will be raised 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, 2022. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Brooks McCandlish stated that the library funds are donations intended to support library activities, supplies and special programs and made a motion to amend Article Eighteen to read, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) (gross budget) to replace the furnace at the Brown Memorial Library. ~~Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) will come from Library funds. The balance of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) will~~ to be raised 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, 2022."

Motion to amend Article Eighteen seconded in unison.

- John Pfeifle, Selectman, pointed out that the idea to split the cost came from the Library Trustees. The full amount was never requested.
- ◀ David Pickman asked if this project would be going out to bid.
 - Patty Furness, Library Trustee, replied that they have received two bids and selected the company who usually handles the library maintenance to replace the furnace.
 - James Pickman said he is in the business and that \$10,000 is quite high for the required job.
 - Patty Furness said they estimated high anticipating unforeseen problems. She invited Pickman & Sons Plumbing and Heating to bid the job.
- ◀ Susan McKeivitt asked why the library offered to pay for half.
 - Nola Jordan, Library Trustee, said that the Trustees initially agreed that the town was responsible for replacing the furnace however they could not find a

document detailing responsibility of library maintenance so opted to divide the cost.

◀ Carl Goldberg asked if the library funds in question are town raised or from private donations.

- Nola Jordan responded that they are all private donations for special programs.

Moderator called for a voice vote to adopt the amendment to Article Eighteen. Amendment to Article Eighteen passed.

Moderator called for a vote on Article Eighteen.

Article Passed

Article Nineteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$2,750.00) to support Bradford, Newbury, Sutton Youth Sports. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Passed

Article Twenty: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) to fund the inspection of watercraft and the educational operations of the Boat Launch on Lake Massasecum. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Passed

Article Twenty One: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) to purchase a 6000 PSI breathing air compressor with air purification system, cascade control panel and 6000 PSI cascade cylinders for the Fire Department. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until spent or December 31, 2022. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

◀ Michael James, Budget Committee, confirmed that this is on the CIP for 2017.

Article Passed

Article Twenty Two: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) to be placed in the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Passed

Article Twenty Three: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to fund the Bradford School Scholarship Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Passed

Article Twenty Four: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit. If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and (2) was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from service and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500.00, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28. (Majority vote required.)

Article Passed

Article Twenty Five: 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.

Article Passed

Moderator made motion to adjourn the Town Meeting. Motion seconded in unison. Town Meeting adjourned at 11:01pm.

Bradford Board of Selectmen

John Pfeifle, Chairman

Delbert Harris III, Selectman

James V. Bibbo III, Selectman