

Town of Bradford
State of New Hampshire

Town Warrant of Town Meeting March 13th, 2018 Minutes

The Polls will open at 8:00 am, and not close earlier than 7:00 pm, on March 13th, 2018.

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 thirteenth 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 (including Absentee Ballots): 291

Budget Committee (three years) vote for not more than two

Marlene Freyler	162 Elected
Mark Fournier	57 Elected

Cemetery Commission (three years) vote for not more than one

George Cilley	2
Thomas Dunne	2
Marlene Freyler	2
Carey Rodd	2
Diane Whalley	2

Moderator (three years) vote for not more than one

Brackett Scheffy	269 Elected
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Planning Board (three years) vote for not more than two

Carol Meise	73 Elected
Garrett Bauer	68 Elected

Planning Board (one year) vote for not more than one

Thomas A. Dunne Jr	130 Elected
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Scholarship Committee (three years) vote for not more than one

Devin Pendleton	32 Elected
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Selectman (three years) vote for not more than one

Michael C. James	188 Elected
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Supervisors of the Checklist (six years) vote for not more than one
Judy Marshall 258 Elected

Town Clerk/Tax Collector (three years) vote for not more than one
Melissa Cloutier 274 Elected

Treasurer (three years) vote for not more than one
Marilyn Gordon 125 Elected

Trustee of Brown Memorial Library (three years) vote for not more than two
Sandy Wadlington 193 Elected
Ellen Barselle 171 Elected

Trustee of the Trust Funds (three years) vote for not more than one
Brett Barselle 58 Elected

Zoning Board (three years) vote for not more than one
Denise Renk 225 Elected

Kearsarge Regional School District (Bradford Results Only)
Official Ballot-Kearsarge Annual School District Election, March 13, 2018

For School Moderator: Brackett Scheffy 262 Elected

Question 1: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the **Municipal Budget Committee's recommended amount of \$42,740,601** 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 **\$42,740,601**. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. This warrant article asks voters to raise and appropriate 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 said District, and to authorize the application against said appropriations 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 amounts raised by taxation by said towns.

(School Board Recommends 7-0, Municipal Budget Recommends 8-0)

A.\$42,740,601 for the proposed Operating Budget recommended by the School Board

B.\$42,740,601 for the proposed Operating Budget recommended by the Municipal Operating Budget

A: 168

B: 82

Question 2: 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, 2018.
(School Board Recommends 7-0, Municipal Budget Committee Recommends 8-0)

Yes: 189

No: 86

Question 3: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to **\$50,000** to be placed in the School Buildings Maintenance 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, 2018.
(School Board Recommends 7-0, Municipal Budget Committee Recommends 8-0)

Yes: 205

No: 75

Election officials present at the March 13, 2018 Town Election:

Brackett Scheffy, Moderator
Melissa Cloutier, Town Clerk

Fred Hubley, Assistant Moderator
Amelia Dohrn, Deputy Town Clerk

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

Selectman: John Pfeifle, Sonny Harris and Jim Bibbo

Ballot Clerks: Robert Toppi, Denise Renk, Beth Rodd, Tom Marshall, Tandy Hartford and Steve Pierce

The count ended at 9:20pm and the results were announced and posted.

Article Two: To adjourn the meeting until Wednesday, March 14th, 2018 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 meeting was reconvened on March 14, 2018 at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School on Old Warner Road.

Moderator, Brackett Scheffy, opened the meeting at 7:02pm with the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Bob Selig. The Moderator thanked all of the election officials for their work at the Election. The Moderator discussed information about the electronic counting machine that the Town of Bradford uses. Election results were read and the Moderator explained there was a five(5) way tie for Cemetery Commission and that there are proceedings we are following to break that. The Moderator explained the rules of procedure which are based on Robert's Rules of Order.

Article Three: *[Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the Budget Committee.]* To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000.00) (gross budget) for the continued renovation and restoration of the Historic Town Hall at Map 16 Lot 92. This appropriation will fund the completion of the first floor renovation such that the space can be used for Town Offices and meetings. Further to authorize the issuance of not more than One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000.00) 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. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend. This article requires a paper ballot and two-thirds vote. Passage of this article will have no tax impact in 2018.

- ❖ Vern Clow asked about the override 10% statement in the first line of the Article.
- ❖ Town Administrator, Karen Hambleton, responded that the town cannot appropriate more than 10% of what the Budget Committee recommends. This language overrides the 10% rule.
- ❖ The Moderator introduced Jay Barrett from Barrett Architecture of White River Junction, VT.
- ❖ Jay Barrett informed the town of his qualifications and background. He reviewed the work Trumbull-Nelson completed and the events of the past year. Jay Barrett informed us that he and the town have been working with the Fire Marshall's office to keep the project in line with state rules and regulations. Jay Barrett informed the town of how the next phase would look and the scope of work that would be completed with the passing of Article Three. Jay Barrett also explained that not doing the project now means The Town of Bradford would be at risk of losing any potential grants for the Town Hall project.
- ❖ Sherry Hinks asked what would happen if the Article was voted down?
- ❖ Jay Barrett explained that if Article Three was voted down the Town Hall would be mothballed, sealed up and winterized to protect the building until the project was ready to start at a future date.
- ❖ There were discussions of whether or not money would be wasted by sealing up the town hall and letting it sit compared to the interest on the bond.
- ❖ Don Johnsen asked what the \$170,000 in Article 21 would cover.
- ❖ Jay Barrett explained in detail about the process for closing up and mothballing the Town Hall to make it safe, keep critters out and heated just enough to keep the foundation free from frost, which would cause damage to the foundation.
- ❖ Concerns were raised by Sue McKevitt, Drew Beattie, Peter Antal, Vern Clow, Sherry Hinks, Jason Grey, Steven Boisvert, Mark Goldberg and Beth Downs.
- ❖ There was additional discussion about interest and the cost along with more discussion of the details of mothballing the Town Hall.

Motion made to close discussion and to call to vote. Motion was seconded.

Moderator motioned to close the debate and called for a voice vote to end discussion. Vote passed. Moderator closed the debate.

Ballot boxes were opened for voting at 9:03pm. Voting closed at 10:03pm. There were 177 votes cast. A 2/3 majority vote of 117 was required to pass.

Article Failed

Yes 78

No 99

Article Four: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Nine Hundred Seventy Nine Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Six Dollars (\$1,979,356.00) for general municipal operations. This article does not include amounts appropriated by other warrant articles. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend \$1,987,356.00. Budget Committee recommends \$1,979,356.00.

	<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>
1. Executive	183,000.00	183,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
2. Elections & Vital Records	8,000.00	8,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
3. Financial Administration	105,000.00	105,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
4. Revaluations	28,000.00	28,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
5. Legal	21,000.00	21,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
6. Employee Benefits	1.00	1.00 <i>Passed</i>
7. Planning & Zoning	11,000.00	11,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
8. General Gov	67,000.00	67,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
9. Cemetery	25,000.00	25,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
10. Insurances	65,113.00	65,113.00 <i>Passed</i>
11. Other General Gov	6,700.00	6,700.00 <i>Passed</i>
12. Police Department	473,000.00	473,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
13. Fire Department	57,000.00	57,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
14. Rescue Services - FAST	17,000.00	17,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
15. Rescue Services – Contract	65,000.00	65,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
16. Building Code Department	15,000.00	15,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
17. Emergency Management	2,500.00	2,500.00 <i>Passed</i>
18. Highway Department	505,000.00	497,000.00 <i>Amended</i>
<p>Selectman John Pfeifle made a motion to amend line item 18 to 505,000. Motion seconded. Moderator called for a voice vote. Voice vote was too close to call so the Moderator asked for a hand count. Hand cant was 87 Yes and 40 No. Line item 18 amended to read 505,000. Passed Amended amount.</p>		
19. Bridge Account	1.00	1.00 <i>Passed</i>
20. Street Lighting	3,300.00	3,300.00 <i>Passed</i>
21. Solid Waste Collection	81,000.00	81,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
22. Solid Waste Disposal	20,000.00	20,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
23. Inoculations	1.00	1.00 <i>Passed</i>
24. Welfare Administration	7,000.00	7,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
25. Welfare Payments	35,000.00	35,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
26. Parks and Recreation	2,000.00	2,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
27. Library	70,000.00	70,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
28. Patriotic Purposes	18,000.00	18,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
29. Community Center	22,000.00	22,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
30. Other Conservation	900.00	900.00 <i>Passed</i>
31. Long Term Notes	69,840.00	69,840.00 <i>Passed</i>
32. Interest on TAN notes	4,000.00	4,000.00 <i>Passed</i>
Total	1,987,356.00	1,979,356.00

Article Five: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to offer for sale the following parcels of Town-owned land on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen determine are in the best interests of the Town. (Majority vote required.)

A	Map 1 Lot 26	Forest Brook (0.37 acres land only)
B	Map 1 Lot 42	Pleasant View Road (3.98 ac land only)
C	Map 3 Lot 107	Jones Road (0.3 acres land only)
D	Map 4 Lot 7	West Road (2 acres land only)
E	Map 4 Lot 9	Fortune Road (2 acres land only)
F	Map 5 Lot 99	West Meadow Road (deeded 2016 – 5 acres land only)
G	Map 6 Lot 31	West Road (deeded 2016 – 4.5 acres land only)
H	Map 6 Lot 102	Route 114 & Jones Road (Gravel Pit – 4.2 acres)
I	Map 7 Lot 23	Pleasant Valley Road (0.115 acres land only)
J	Map 7 Lot 43	Howlett Road (deeded 2016 – 0.66 acres land only)
K	Map 9 Lot 5-1	225 East Washington Road (3.41 acres land only)
L	Map 9 Lot 23	West Road (5 acres land only)
M	Map 9 Lot 52	74 Dunfield Road (deeded 2017 – 7.5 acres collapsed bldg.)

❖ John Pfeifle made a motion to amend Article Five to remove “A” and “I”. from the list of properties available to sell. Motion seconded.

❖ Moderator called for voice vote to adopt amendment to Article Five.

❖ Amendment to Article Four passed.

❖ Michael James made a motion to amend Article Five to remove “H” from the list of properties available to sell. Motion seconded

❖ Moderator called for voice vote to adopt amendment to Article Five.

❖ Amendment to Article Five passed.

Chris Frey made a motion to amend Article Five to read,
“To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to offer for sale the following parcels of Town-owned land on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen determine are in the best interests of the Town. All lots of 2 acres or greater will be sold by competitive bid to the highest bidder.” (Majority vote required.)

A	Map 1 Lot 26	Forest Brook (0.37 acres land only)
B	Map 1 Lot 42	Pleasant View Road (3.98 ac land only)
C	Map 3 Lot 107	Jones Road (0.3 acres land only)
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Motion was seconded.

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

Amendment to Article Five passed.

Moderator called for voice vote on amended Article Five

Article Passed

Article Six: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to fund the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. ***Article Passed***

Motion to table Article 7-11 until results of Article Three is known. Motion seconded.

Moderator called for voice vote to move to Article 12. Voice Vote passed.

Moved to Article 12.

Article Seven: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to fund the Town Facilities and Building Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

- ❖ Selectman John Pfiefler, Michael James, Claire James and Andrew Pinard all commented about the CIP program.
- ❖ Michael James explained why the budget committee was not for Article Seven through Article Eleven.

Moderator called for a voice vote on Article Seven.

Article Failed

Article Eight: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to fund the Repair Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund (emergency repairs). (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend. ***Article Failed***

Article Nine: 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 does not recommend. ***Article Failed***

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

- ❖ David Nunnally made a motion to Article Ten to read,
“**Article Ten:** 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 Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.”

Motion seconded.

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

Amendment to Article Ten passed.

Moderator called for voice vote on amended Article Ten.

Article Passed

Article Eleven: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Bridge Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairing, replacing, constructing and rehabilitating bridges. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in this fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend. ***Article Failed***

Article Twelve: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Seventy Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$470,400.00) for the repair of the Historic Bement Bridge (#140/144) with said funding to come from the NH Municipal Bridge Program (Four Hundred Seventy Thousand Four Hundred Dollars - \$470,400). No new town money will be used to offset this appropriation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2023. (Majority vote required). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. ***Article Passed***

Article Thirteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Two Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$72,600.00) with the following sums to fund lease/purchase payments:

Highway John Deere Loader	approved at 2017 meeting (pmts #1 and #2 of 10)	\$33,000.00
Highway Dump Truck	approved at 2015 meeting (pmt #4 of 5)	30,400.00
Police Sports Utility Vehicle	approved at 2016 meeting (pmt #3 of 5)	\$9,200.00

(Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

- ❖ Questions were raised on why payments were not paid out of other funds.
- ❖ Karen Hambleton stated that DRA said that we are not allowed to make the payments out of the funds the town had wanted to.

Article Passed

Article Fourteen: 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 Fifteen: 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 Sixteen: 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, 2023. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

- ❖ Questions were raised as to why we have to do this and when was the last time it was done.

- ❖ Selectman Sonny Harris stated that the state requires us to do this and 2006 was the last time.

Article Passed

Article Seventeen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to survey Map 17 Lot 9 (Bradford Area Community Center). This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2023. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

- ❖ Questions raised on why this needs to be done.
- ❖ Selectman Sonny Harris offered to do most the research for free to cut down on the cost.

Voice vote was to close. Moderator called for a hand count.

Article Failed ***YES 38*** ***NO 87***

Results were announced for Article Three.
Returned to Article Seven.

Article Eighteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00) 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, 2023. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

- ❖ Jim Pickman questioned why there is no longer of roads the money is being designated to for repair like there has been in past years.
- ❖ Selectman Jim Bibbo explained that there might be unexpected road repairs on a road not listed and there was a lot of backlash on if the money did not go to that particular road.

Motion made to close debate. Motion Seconded.
Moderator called for voice vote to close debate. Discussion closed.
Moderator called for voice vote on Article Eighteen.

Article Failed.

Article Nineteen: 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, 2023. (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 Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to purchase a new alarm system for the Fire Department. Funding for this purchase will be withdrawn from the Fire Department Repair Capital Reserve Fund. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until spent or December 31, 2023. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

- ❖ Questions were raised as to why the Fire Department needs a new alarm.

- ❖ The Fire Chief explained that the one in place was so old there were no longer parts made for it and it currently is not up to standards.

Article Passed

Article Twenty One: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$170,000.00) to do the work required to protect the Town Hall while it remains vacant and idle for an undetermined number of years until funding for the renovation project is secured. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2023. This article will be null and void with the passage of Article 3 (Town Hall Bond Issue). (Majority vote required.) Selectmen do not recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

- ❖ There were additional questions as to what the \$170,000 would cover.
- ❖ Jay Barrett reiterated his statements from earlier in the night about the mothballing of the Town Hall.
- ❖ Selectman John Pfeifle advised that the passing of this will have an effect on the tax bill for 2018.
- ❖ Doug Troy made a motion to amend Article Twenty One to read

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not to exceed the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to do the work required to protect the Town Hall while it remains vacant and idle for an undetermined number of years until funding for the renovation project is secured. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2023.

Motioned seconded.

Moderator called for a voice vote to adopt the amendment of Article Twenty One.

Amendment Failed.

Voice Vote called on Article Twenty One

Article Passed

Article Twenty Two: To see if the Town will vote to adopt a noise ordinance to preserve quality of life, peace and tranquility, and the natural environment in the Town of Bradford.

Noise Ordinance:

It is the purpose of this ordinance that residents of the Town of Bradford shall be protected from adverse health effects from exposure to excessive noises by regulating noise levels and sound quality.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, entity, or corporation to make, create, maintain, or simulate any excessive, unnecessary, and/or unusually loud noises which are unreasonable, prolonged, and/or unnatural in their time, place, and/or effect and are a detriment to public health, comfort, convenience, safety, welfare, and/or prosperity. Such acts committed between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. shall constitute prima facie evidence of a violation of this Ordinance.

“Excessive, unnecessary, and/or unusually loud noises” shall be defined as any unreasonable volume of sound, which may be heard on another property in the immediate or surrounding area with no indication of relief.

Upon involvement of the Bradford Police Department, the responding police officer will have reserved the right to use his or her discretion to determine if the sound is “unreasonable, prolonged, and/or unnatural” and if such sound is “a detriment to public health, comfort, convenience, safety, welfare, and/or prosperity.” Upon his or her assessment, a verbal and/or written warning may be issued to remedy the complaint. Failure to comply with the police officer’s reasonable alternatives will constitute a violation.

Penalties: Whoever violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a warning for the first offense. The second offense of the same nature by the same offender shall carry a fine of \$150. The third and subsequent offenses of the same nature by the same offender shall carry a fine of \$200 per incident.

Exemptions: The following sources of noise shall be exempt from this Ordinance:

- Noise related to logging and lumber milling, including, but not limited to, skidding equipment, chainsaws, sawmills, and logging vehicles.
- All agricultural noise, including, but not limited to, farm equipment, barns, mowers, livestock, and agriculture-related trucking.
- Authorized emergency equipment and vehicles.
- Noise generated in connection with ice and snow management, including, but not limited to, snowplows and snow blowers, and in connection with snow recreation, including, but not limited to, snowmobiles and snowmobile trail groomers. Driveways, sidewalks, and roads may be plowed at any hour. Recreational trails may be groomed at any hour.

The following sources of noise shall be exempt from this Ordinance, except if occurring between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.:

- All construction-related noise, including, but not limited to, jackhammering, pneumatic tools, saws, drills, excavation equipment, and construction vehicles.
- Noise generated by off-highway recreational vehicles, other than snowmobiles and snowmobile trail groomers.

Modification by the Board of Selectmen: The Board of Selectmen may, if necessary for effective enforcement of this Noise Ordinance, add additional provisions or modify existing provisions to further develop the Noise Ordinance without further vote of the citizens of Bradford. In no circumstances can the Board of Selectmen adopt provisions or modify provisions that would weaken the Noise Ordinance as adopted by the Town of Bradford through voter approval by warrant article. No changes made by the Board of Selectmen shall render the Noise Ordinance less protective of the quality of life, peace and tranquility, and the natural environment of the Town of Bradford.

Validity: If any section or part of a section or paragraph of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect any other section or sections, or part of a section or paragraph of this Ordinance.

Effective Date: Immediately upon passage.

- ❖ Walter Royal expressed concerns that this article looks like it is trying to regulate guns seeing how everything except guns seems to be exempt from it.
- ❖ Beth Rodd asked who would be the person to define what is “unreasonable”. No two people would agree and it seems subjective.
- ❖ Michelle Halstead expressed her concerns of the noise that is happening near her house.

Motion to vote was made. Motion seconded.

Moderator called for a voice vote to close debate. Debate closed.

Moderator called for a voice vote.

Article Failed

By Petition. (Majority vote required.)

Article Twenty 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. ***Article Passed***

Meeting adjourned at 11:21pm

Bradford Board of Selectmen,

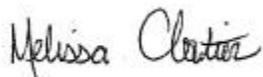
John D. Pfeifle, Chairman

Delbert L. Harris III, Selectman

James V. Bibbo III, Selectman

A true copy attest:

Official Town Warrant and Minutes for the Election of March 13th and Meeting March 14th.



Melissa Cloutier
Town Clerk/Tax Collector