

# Town of Bradford New Hampshire



Annual Reports of the Town  
For the year ending December 31, 2023



Annual Reports  
of the  
Selectmen and Other Offices  
of the  
Town of Bradford, New Hampshire  
for the year ending  
December 31, 2023  
&  
Vital Statistics  
for the year ending  
December 31, 2023

Cover photo: Newly Renovated Bradford Town Hall

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Photos in this report have been shared by many people. We thank all of them for their generous contribution of time and memories. Photo credit is given where possible.

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.



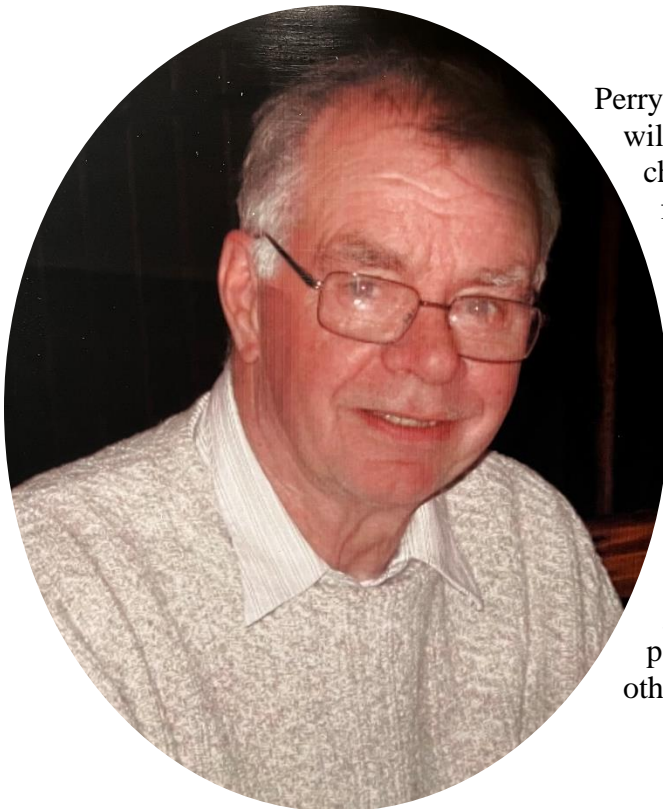
## We dedicate this Town Report to two pillars of our community

### Marcia Keller and Perry Teele

For many years, Marcia enhanced, nurtured and loved the town of Bradford. She was fierce in her commitment to the many projects she championed throughout her Bradford years. It would be hard to name one she did not put her heart and soul to. Whether it was planning and zoning, the State RSAs as well as those of Bradford, she could recite each of them. Her love of the outdoors and quest to drive milfoil from Lake Massasecum; all things in nature she was adamant to protect. She led the charge to get the Town back into the Town Hall and oh how she would have loved to see its completion and the vibrance it will bring to Bradford. Learned, fierce and loyal – we will miss her.



Photo courtesy of The Bradford Bridge



Perry was a long-time Bradford resident who willingly donated his time to the community. A church member and outdoorsman, his passion for the outdoors led him to hours of snowmobile trail grooming and constructing an archery range. He loved the history of Bradford and spent a great deal of time researching boundaries and deeds. He contributed greatly to the Bradford Historical Society, served as Building Inspector and sat on both the Planning and Zoning Boards. These contributions, and the many other aspects he was involved with in town, carefully guided Bradford's growth. Selflessly, he was always willing to participate and share his vast knowledge with others.

Photo courtesy of the Teele Family



# Our Community Together



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## 2023 DIRECTORY OF OFFICIALS ELECTED

### **Moderator**

Bruce Storm	term expires 2024
Kathleen Bigford, Assistant Moderator	pro tem

### **Selectmen**

Mary Ellen Pfeifle	term expires 2024
Beth Downs, Chair	term expires 2025
Marlene Freyler	term expires 2026

### **Town Clerk/Tax Collector**

Erica Gross	term expires 2024
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### **Town Treasurer**

Marilyn Goldberg	term expires 2024
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### **Supervisors of the Checklist**

Judy Marshall	term expires 2024
Tom Marshall	term expires 2026
Kristine Foss, resigned	term expires 2028

### **Trustees of the Trust Funds**

Harold Wright	term expires 2024
Scott McCaskill	term expires 2025
Dan Innis	term expires 2026

### **Trustees of Brown Memorial Library**

Jason Grey	term expires 2024
Devin Pendleton	term expires 2025
Robin Steiner	term expires 2025
Beth Von Beren	term expires 2025
Caitlin Banaszak	term expires 2025
Laura Beaton	term expires 2026
Mary Keegan-Dayton	term expires 2026

### **Scholarship Committee**

Devin Pendleton	term expires 2024
Kathleen Bigford	term expires 2025
Mary Keegan Dayton	term expires 2026

### **Cemetery Commission**

Marlene Freyler	term expires 2024
Dawn Gezelman	term expires 2024
Sheila Denoncourt	term expires 2026



**Budget Committee**

Beth Downs  
 Kimberly Firth  
 Dawn Gezelman  
 Jen Richardson, Chair  
 Justin Dohrn  
 Laurie Colburn  
 Timothy McKenna

Selectmen's Representative  
 term expires 2024  
 term expires 2024  
 term expires 2024  
 term expires 2025  
 term expires 2026  
 term expires 2026

**Historic District Commission**

Laurie Buchar, Friends of the Bradford Center Meetinghouse (FBCM)  
 formerly UCS Union Congregational Society  
 George Cilley, (BHS) Bradford Historical Society  
 Seth Benowitz, Conservation Commission  
 Marlene Freyler, Selectman  
 Sheila Denoncourt, Cemetery Commission

**Planning Board**

Mary Ellen Pfeifle  
 Carol Meise  
 Shanna Griffin  
 Laurie Colburn  
 Carol Troy  
 Katie Olohan, Chair  
 Rich Olohan  
 Steve Chase  
 Kristine Foss  
 Kristen Mihaly

Selectmen's Representative  
 term expires 2024  
 term expires 2024  
 term expires 2025  
 term expires 2025  
 term expires 2026  
 term expires 2026  
 Alternate  
 Alternate  
 Alternate

**Zoning Board of Adjustment**

William Duffy  
 Laura Beaton  
 Brooks McCandlish, Chair  
 Nathaniel Bruss  
 Jim Varney

term expires 2024  
 term expires 2025  
 term expires 2025  
 term expires 2026  
 term expires 2026

**APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN**

Road Agent  
 Road Crew – Full Time  
  
 Road Crew – Part Time  
 Administrator  
 Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant  
  
 Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector  
 Deputy Treasurer  
 Overseer of the Public Welfare  
 Health Officer, Acting

Steve Hall  
 Sam Fortune  
 Justin Fitzgerald  
 Dan Cilley  
 Al Piroso  
 Karen Hambleton  
 Heidi Aucoin (Jan – Apr)  
 Maureen Brandon (Apr – Dec)  
 Anne Kratz)  
 Cheryl Behr  
 Cheryl Frey  
 Bryan Nowell



**Police Department**

Edward Shaughnessy, Chief  
Full Time Officers:  
Neil Flanagan, Sergeant  
Glen Drewniak, Sergeant  
Jacob Hubbard, Patrolman

Part Time Officers:  
Michael Adam  
Kevin Faria  
William Graham  
Joseph McCormack  
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  
Rebecca Herman, Alternate

**Parks and Recreation**

Devin Pendleton, Chair  
Patty Heffner

Katie Olohan, Secretary  
Libby Curtis Webb

**Brown Memorial Library Staff – Appointed by Library Trustees**

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

Patty Furness  
Deborah Gregory  
Connie Scheffy  
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**

Bryan Nowell

**Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer**

Walter Royal

**Road and Bridge Repair Committee**

Steve Hall, Chair  
Marlene Freyler, Selectman's Representative  
Laurie Colburn  
Nate Kimball

Matt Ordway  
Gary Perkins  
Jim Pickman

**Economic Development Committee**

Scott McCaskill, Chair  
Jim Bibbo, Vice Chair  
Kris Foss, Secretary

Mary Ellen Pfeifle, Selectmen's Representative  
Matt Monahan, Central NH Regional Planning  
Libby Curtis Webb

**Energy Committee**

Sandra Bravo, Chair  
Susan Reeder Moss, Secretary  
Marlene Freyler, Selectmen's Representative

Kathleen Bigford  
Laura Ryder  
Jenny Locke Howley

**Masonic Building Committee**

Kristine Foss, Chair  
Tracey Quigley, Secretary  
Mary Ellen Pfeifle, Selectmen's Representative

Bruce Gezelman  
Anne Kratz  
Pat Moreland  
Byran Nowell

**Political Committees**

Republican—Steve Pierce

Democrat—Eileen Kelly

Representative to Kearsarge Regional School Board  
Representative to Municipal Budget Committee

Eric Gregoire  
James V. Bibbo III

## **SELECTMEN'S COMMENTARY**

We came through the year with higher operating costs, because of this, as a Select Board, we have worked hard to bring the 2024 budget under control. The departments were helpful in achieving these cuts. We still have a way to go in cost cutting. The majority of our cost cutting came from the capital budget. We are looking to increase our revenues through cost recovery, which means we need to identify our costs in an effort to reduce our overall operating costs. The end result may be the need to cut services. If this is the case, it needs to be a decision made at Town Meeting.

After a year of construction, we will move into our new/old beautiful Town Hall – kudos to the town for making this commitment.

Research was the word of the year for the Selectmen. The year began with a number of projects that we wanted to tackle. First, was to compile an up-to-date handbook of financial policies for the town and the employee handbook. We chose to start with the financial handbook. We looked into credit cards, purchasing and investment policies. At the end of the year, we have completed the town's updated credit card and purchasing policies. We will continue our work on updating our policies in 2024.

The Masonic Building was the second focus of the Board. We formed a committee to research options for the future of the building. The Masonic Building Committee completed their research, then compiled a slide show and a recommendation for the Board to consider in determining the future of the building. We would like to thank the Committee for their time and effort in looking at all aspects of what the building's future will be in Bradford's landscape.

Thirdly we made a commitment to have another Community Involvement Fair. The forum allowed new and existing town people to see all the different boards and committees in town and learn what they do. This is a great way for people to see what they might be interested in, want to join or help out with. The Fair will continue to be a way to get more people engaged in Bradford.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradford Select Board

Beth Downs, Chair

Mel Pfeifle

Marlene Freyler

Town of Bradford  
State of New Hampshire

Town Warrant of Town Meeting March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
– Postponed Date March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The Polls will open at 8:00 am, and not close earlier than 7:00 pm, on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 postponed till March 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.  
Total Votes Cast: 278 (33 were absentee ballots cast)

Selectman 3 years – Vote for 1

Marlene Freyler	156 Elected
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Budget Committee 3 years – Vote for 2

Laurie Colburn	63 Elected
Tim McKenna	67 Elected

Budget Committee 1 years – Vote for 1

Kimberly Firth	66 Elected
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Cemetery Commission 3 years – Vote for 1

Sheila Denoncourt	2 Elected
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Planning Board 3 years – Vote for 2

Katie Olohan	225 Elected
Richard Olohan	35 Elected

Planning Board 1year – Vote for 1

Shanna Griffin	228 Elected
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Scholarship Committee 3 years – Vote for 1

Mary Keegan-Dayton	148 Elected
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Supervisor of the Checklist 3 years – Vote for 1

Thomas Marshall	245 Elected
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Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library 3 years – Vote for 3

Mary Keegan-Dayton	213 Elected
Laura Beaton	219 Elected
Caitlin Banaszak	4 Elected

Trustee of the Trust Funds 3 years – Vote for 1  
Dan Innis 22 Elected

Trustee of the Trust Funds 2 years – Vote for 1  
Scott McCaskill 31 Elected

Zoning Board 3 years – Vote for 2  
Jim Varney 180 Elected  
Nathanial Bruss 42 Elected

Zoning Board 2 years – Vote for 1  
Laura Beaton 228 Elected

**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.”

Yes 211 No 55

**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.”

Yes 227 No 41

KEARSARGE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ELECTION, March 14, 2023

**Question 1:** To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the Municipal Budget Committee’s recommended amount \$51,144,587 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 \$51,144,587. 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 8-0)

- A. \$51,144,587 for the proposed Operating Budget recommended by the School Board
- B. \$51,144,587 for the proposed Operating Budget recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee

A. 170                      B. 64

**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 Para Educators Association of Kearsarge, PEAK which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2023-2024	\$207,818
2024-2025	\$193,048
2025-2026	\$172,993

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$207,818 for the 2023-24 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 8-0)

Yes 195                      No 60

**Question 3:** To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$12,000 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, 2023. (School Board Recommends 7-0) (Municipal Budget Committee Recommends 8-0)

Yes 201                      No 62

**Question 4:** To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$100,000 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, 2023. (School Board Recommends 7-0) (Municipal Budget Committee Recommends 7-1)

Yes 207                      No 54

For Moderator for 1 year (Vote for 1)

Derek D. Lick 211 Elected

For Municipal Budget Committee for 3 years (Vote for 1)

James V. Bibbo, III 201 Elected

For School Board for 3 years (Vote for 1)

Eric Gregoire 213 Elected

Election officials present at the March 28, 2022 Town Election:

Moderator: Bruce Storm

Assistant Moderator: Kathleen Bigford

Town Clerk: Erica Gross

Deputy Town Clerk: Anne Kratz

Supervisors of the Checklist: Judith Marshall, Thomas Marshall and Kristine Foss

Selectmen: Marlene Freyler, Mel Pfeifle and Beth Downs

Ballot Clerks: Mary Derry, Denise Renk, Joshua Keeley, Sterling Gross, Maria Storm, Eileen Kelly and Tandy Hartford.

Counters: Beth Rodd, Carey Rodd, Mary Derry, Steve Pierce, Tandy Hartford, Garry Kalajian, Sterling Gross, Annette Leonas, Algrid Leonas, Eileen Kelly, Julie Lutter, Maria Storm, Ian Foss, Jason Grey, Beth Downs, Kristine Foss and Thomas Marshall.

The count ended at 11:06pm and the results were announced.

**Article Four:** To adjourn the meeting until Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 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. Postponed till March 29, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting reconvened on March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School on Old Warner Road in Bradford.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, opened the meeting at 7:05 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Gunnery Sargent, Bob Selig. He then welcomed everyone to the 237<sup>th</sup> annual Town meeting.

Marlene Freyler, Select Board Chair, thanked everyone for coming and for voting the day before, especially after the two-week delay. She reminded those in attendance that we need people to volunteer and to serve on our boards. She has been talking with Devin Pendleton and they would like to have a quarterly meeting to give people the opportunity to talk with the Select Board and members of other committees to better understand what is happening within town government. This will help individuals understand what they are signing up for when they join committees. She also reminded everyone of the live streaming of most board and committee meetings.

Bruce Storm stated that he took full blame for the two-week snow delay but there was no choice. Last year, he had made a few comments on decorum and this year he would like to set a few guidelines for meeting conduct.

- The Moderator will rely solely on Robert's Rules of Order for the general guidance it provides for the orderly conduct of meetings.
- The articles shall be discussed in the order they appear on the Warrant unless the Moderator announces his intent to address an article out of order.
- Individuals who want to comment on a specific article should line up at the microphones located around the room. Once recognized by the Moderator, the speaker shall provide her/his name and address before offering her/his comments.
- Speakers must speak to the issues only. No personal attacks or inappropriate language will be allowed.
- Please be brief and respectful of others. Please leave all side comments to a minimum.
- You always have the right to overrule him.

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

Erica Gross, Town Clerk, Anne Kratz, Deputy Town Clerk and Bruce Storm, Moderator recognized Karen Hambleton for her hard work and dedication to the Town.

Bruce Storm, Moderator then introduced the members of the Budget Committee and Select Board.

**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. Interest on TAN notes	2,100.00	2,100.00
Total	\$ 2,824,566.00	\$ 2,797,366.00

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

Tom Marshall requested that line item #26, Parks and Recreation, be increased by Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00). The reason being that part of the money goes to Lake Massasecum for the Lake Host Program which is Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00). Due to unforeseen circumstances last year, a request for Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) was not submitted. He would like to add it in for 2023. This would increase line item #26 to Twenty-one Thousand, Five Hundred and Nine Dollars (\$21,509.00).

Bruce Storm asked for a motion. Tom Marshall moved to increase line item #26 to Twenty-one Thousand, Five Hundred and Nine Dollars and was seconded by Lincoln Heffner.

***Motion Passed with a voice vote.***

Tandy Hartford asked the Budget Committee to please explain the 15% increase in the operating budget so that the Town's people can understand what we are paying for in addition to inflation.

Jen Richardson, Budget Committee, explained that the majority of the increase was fuel costs. The Select Board approved a 5% increase in wages and that there is the general inflationary impact of supplies and electricity.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, stated that with the approved Two Thousand Dollar (\$2,000.00) increase the general municipal operating budget would now be increased to Two Million Seven Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars (\$2,799,366.00). Beth Downs moved to approve Article Five and was seconded by Marlene Freyler.

***Amended Article Passed with a voice vote.***

Harry Wright moved to move Article Twenty-Four up and was seconded by George Angeli.

Bruce Storm called for a vote to move Article Twenty-Four up.

***Motion Passed with a voice vote.***

**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.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Twenty-Four and asked for discussion.

Jim Raymond stated that he wrote the petitioned article mainly for the reason that he felt it was another empty building that would be maintained each year for thousands of dollars. He wanted to make sure that since we are currently working on the Town Hall, he didn't want the Town to toss money into another building that would become a drain to the Town. He feels that we should do one project and do it right, and that that is money well spent.

Mark Goldberg stated that the relationship between the Masons and the Fire Department was a very good one. After a fire burned down the original fire house, the Fire Department approached the Masons and asked to build the new station partially on their property since they needed more room. The Masons willingly said "yes". When the Masons decided to close up the building, they approached the Fire Department and asked the Fire Department to buy it. He stated that they knew that the ultimate ending for that building would be to tear it down and make a parking lot. Since the Fire Department could not make a decision like that, they directed the Masons to the Town Select Board. He added that it has been three years since the building was bought by the Town and it is still falling apart. Also, that there isn't a septic system for the building. There may be a drywell and a septic tank but this is shared with the Fire Department. There is no room for a septic system to be built there. He felt that other than having another building, there was nothing good about keeping this building. He stated that tearing it down will also improve visibility and safety when pulling out of the station.

Tracey Quigley, Bradford Historical Society mentioned that the purchase was three years ago. It was their understanding that the purchase was initiated because there is an issue with the lot line, namely that the Fire Station was built partially on Masonic property. She stated there was some discussion about pulling the building down at that time. There was also some discussion about forming a committee but that never happened. Tracey then asked where the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) came from and what it covered. Does it include landscaping or asbestos removal? She suggested that if the Town we going to spend Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) on the building, the Town should know what it would cost to fix it. She asked for a breakdown of the Fifty Thousand Dollars.

Mark Goldberg responded that the estimates were done three years ago and refigured with inflation. He explained it basically would cover the tear down, removal of debris, filling in the foundation and grading it. He added that there is another proposal to repave the Fire Department lot coming up in a few years and that proposal would extend to cover this area also.

Tracey Quigley asked if they had three estimates for the work.

Mark Goldberg stated that it was not necessary to get three estimates until after the Town has voted.

Tracey Quigley mentioned that she got an estimate on moving the building and it was not that much more than the estimate for tearing it down.

George Freyler, asked about the costs to maintain the building, if we leave it up. Would it need a new roof, electrical system, heating system, window sills and septic system? He asked what the cost would be to bring the building up to code.

Kristine Foss suggested that with the answers to all of the above questions not being known at this time, it would make more sense for us to table this discussion until we have answers to all of the possibilities.

George Cilley mentioned that the longer the building sits there, the more money it will cost the Town in the long run. He felt that research needed to be done before voting against the article.

David Camire, Sr. stated that Fifty Thousand Dollars is nothing today. We have already spent millions on the Town Hall and nothing has been done on that.

Beth Rodd stated that there are a lot of unknowns about this building. She moved to table this article.

Kristine Foss seconded the motion to table.

Harry Wright asked for the definition of tabling.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, asked if Beth Rodd wanted to remove her motion.

Beth Rodd said that she did not want to remove her motion but wanted this Article tabled until next year so that all options and costs could be researched by people who have some expertise.

Dan Innis agreed that tabling his article made sense at this time since there may be additional options. He explained there is a Senate bill that is now in the House that has Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) in tax credits for private/public partnerships for developers to create affordable housing and things of that nature. He felt it would be prudent to step back and take a bit of time to look more deeply into this.

Mel Pfeifle, Selectman, stated that currently we have all of the documents and furniture from the Town Hall stored in the Mason's Lodge. She stated there is a very good chance that the documents could be stored there for possibly up to a year. Since we have three different groups and ideas, she felt that developing a committee with people from each group would be the best way to go. That way when the Town revisits this next year, we will have an idea of costs for all possibilities. She added that the budget is looked at very closely as to keep expenses down and to add Fifty Thousand Dollars seems unwise at this time.

Dave Camire, Jr. stated that enough is enough. Tear the building down. We don't need another empty building in this Town.

Beth Downs, Selectman mentioned that folks could vote for the Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) today but it will not be torn down until the Town Hall is complete because all the records and furniture are being stored there.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, said that this discussion should not be going on since there was a motion that was seconded. Bruce called for a vote on the motion to table Article Twenty-Four.

***Motion to Table Article Twenty-Four passed with a hand count.***

**Yes    59    No    33**

Beth Downs, Selectman, moved to restrict reconsideration of Article Twenty-Four and was seconded by Beth Rodd.

Bruce Storm, Moderator asked for a vote on restricting reconsideration of Article Twenty-Four.  
***Restriction of reconsideration passed with a voice vote.***

**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.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Six and asked for a motion to accept the article. Jen Richardson moved to approve Article Six and was seconded by Marlene Freyler.  
***Article Passed with a voice vote.***

**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.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Seven and asked for a motion to accept the article. Beth Downs moved to approve Article Seven and was seconded by Marlene Freyler.  
***Article Passed with a voice vote.***

**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.

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

David Camire, Jr. asked if the grader would be 4-wheel drive.

Steve Hall, Road Agent, answered yes.

***Article Passed with a voice vote.***

**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.

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

Tandy Hartford asked if we were still prioritizing based on The Road Maintenance Plan put into place last year.

Steve Hall, Road Agent, answered yes.

*Article Passed with a voice vote.*

**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.

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.

Lincoln Heffner asked for an explanation of the Statistical Reevaluation.

Mel Pfeifle, Selectman, stated that this is the process of reviewing property values town-wide and that it is usually done every five years. Currently, we are two years out, but our equalization ratio is down at 69%. She said the Select Board would like to watch that rate and may choose not to do a reevaluation this year, however, if they did, the funding would be in place. She stated that maybe this year, things will normalize with real estate and they will not need to do the revaluation. In that case, the money will be available when it's needed. We have been raising Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) a year so that we will have the money in reserve to do the reevaluation every five years. It is to the Town's advantage to keep our equalization rate up.

*Article Passed with a voice vote.*

**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.

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.

*Article Passed with a voice vote.*

**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.

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

*Article Passed with a voice vote.*

**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.

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

Steve Pierce asked for more information from the Budget Committee and the Select Board. He wanted to know how much was in the fund now, what the future costs will be for these bridges and how many more do we have to do.

Kimberly Firth, Budget Committee, stated that the annual report that he has in hand has a wealth of information in it including all the trust funds and their balances. In terms of the needs, the Capital Improvement Committee, the Budget Committee and the NH Municipal Association work together to build the long-range plan. If we keep up with the Capital Improvement Plan, we will not have unexpected costs when something does happen.

Steve Hall, Road Agent, listed the bridges or culverts in need of repair - 2 on Blaisdell Lake Road, 1 on Johnson Hill Road, 1 on Center Road, 1 on East Washington Road, 1 on East Shore Drive and 1 on Deer Valley Road. All of these repairs would cost hundreds of thousands to fix, if done all at once. If we are able to put money away gradually, when the time comes to do the repairs, we have money to work with.

Chris Frey, mentioned that three of the bridges of those roads are seasonal and do not have houses on them. He asked if it would make sense to close those bridges and not repair them.

Steve Hall, Road Agent, answered that in order to do that we would have to close the roads and that is not a good idea.

*Article Passed with a voice vote.*

**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.

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

*Article Passed with a voice vote.*

**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.

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

*Article Passed with a voice vote.*

**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.

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

*Article Passed with a voice vote.*

**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.

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

*Article Passed with a voice vote.*

**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.

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

*Article Passed with a voice vote.*

**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.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Nineteen and asked for a motion to accept the article. Mel Pfeifle moved to approve Article Nineteen and was seconded by Marijo Varney.

*Article Passed with a voice vote.*

**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.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Twenty and asked for a motion to accept the article. Jen Richardson moved to approve Article Twenty and was seconded by Marlene Freyler.

*Article Passed with a voice vote.*

**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. Beth Downs moved to approve Article Twenty-One and was seconded by Marlene Freyler.

*Article Passed with a voice vote.*

**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

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

*Article Passed with a voice vote.*

**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.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Twenty-Three and asked for a motion to accept the article. Mark Fournier moved to approve Article Twenty-Three and was seconded by Marijo Varney. Devin Pendleton, made a motion to amend the wording from “high school seniors” to read “Bradford residents”. Motion seconded by Beth Downs.

*Motion Passed with a voice vote.*

Bruce Storm, Moderator, asked for a vote on the amended Article Twenty-Three.

*Amended Article Passed with a voice vote.*

**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-Four moved to before Article Six.*

**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.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Twenty-Five and asked for a motion to accept the article. Mark Fournier moved to approve Article Twenty-Five and was seconded by Marlene Freyler.



Sandra Bravo, Bradford Energy Committee, stated that in 2020 the Energy Committee reached out to NH Saves to have Municipal Audit Energy Reports done and in 2021 the Committee asked the Town to approve the money to weatherize the Library. Since the improvements were made and the insulation with air sealing done, the library has seen a 25% reduction in their fuel use. Last year, the Committee asked for money for the Highway Department. This year they are asking for money for the Fire Department. NH Saves will award the Town a rebate of Twelve Thousand dollars. This will bring the Town's cost down to Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) which is a reduction of 42%. The Library, Highway Department and Fire Department combined consume almost 6,000 gallons of fuel oil a year. If we can save at least 25% at all three buildings, we will be shaving off almost 1,400 gallons of fuel.

Andrew Pinard asked why if we are getting a rebate shouldn't the amount requested be reduced to Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00).

Sandra Bravo, Bradford Energy Committee, replied that we would hand in our paperwork after the work was complete to receive the rebates.

Karen Hambleton, Town Administrator, explained that we still need to raise and appropriate the full Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) because that's what we need to spend. When we get the rebate in the following fiscal year, it will be recorded as unanticipated revenue. NH Saves can promise us the rebate, but until that money is actually received, it is not guaranteed.

Pam Bruss asked why the amount was at Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) as opposed to the Forty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$43,000.00) that was extensively discussed at the Capital Improvement Plan meeting. Also, a better understanding of the numbers would be helpful. When the Capital Improvement Committee put the Forty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$43,000.00) three years out so that the tax rate could better absorb it and a larger project could be done at one time. This way we are saving and not having someone come in twice with added costs.

Sandra Bravo, Bradford Energy Committee, stated that the paperwork that was submitted to the Capital Improvement Committee could have been improved but they have estimates from two contractors and that Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for the Fire Station is firm.

Pam Bruss asked if we should wait a year to understand the numbers better.

Sandra Bravo, Bradford Energy Committee, answered no, that we should not wait. She has the estimates by the contractors and feels confident that the scope of work will be under Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

Dan Cilley asked if the money that had been raised last year for energy saving at the Highway Garage was still available as that work has not yet been done.

Sandra Bravo, Bradford Energy Committee, answered that that money is still available and the NH Saves rebate money will also be coming our way. That project had to be extended until June of 2023.

***Article Passed with a voice vote.***

**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.

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

*Article Passed with a voice vote.*

Bruce Storm adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Bradford Board of Selectmen,

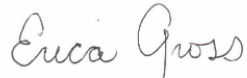
Marlene Freyler, Chairman

Mary Ellen Pfeifle, Selectman

Beth Downs, Selectman

A true copy attest:

Official Town Warrant and Minutes for the Election on March 28, 2023 and Meeting on March 29, 2023.

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

Erica Gross  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

## TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR COMMENTARY

Hello Bradford Townsfolk!

Even though this year flew by quickly, it was seemingly quiet.

### Changes:

Sadly, our Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Anne Kratz, left the position mid-December after being with us for over a year. We all wish her the best!

### Elections:

This year, we had a Town Election, for which 278 votes were cast, and a Town Meeting in which 104 registered voters attended.

### Online:

Services available online (there is an additional fee for online transactions)

- Vehicle Renewals (new registrations must be processed in person)
- Copies of Vital Records
- Dog license renewal
- View and Print Property Tax Bills (no fee)
- Pay Property Taxes

If you would like to sign up for paperless billing, please contact my office at 603-938-2288 or email [tc@bradfordnh.org](mailto:tc@bradfordnh.org)

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*

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



Erica Gross, Kathleen Bigford, Bruce Storm and Anne Kratz

## TOWN CLERK RECEIPTS • JANUARY 1, 2023 – DECEMBER 31, 2023

<u>TOWN CLERK SERVICES</u>	<u>NET</u>	
2023 CIVIL FORFEITURE	430.00	
ATV REGISTRATION	1,471.00	
RETURNED PAYMENT FEE	25.00	
CHECKLIST	400.00	
HUNTING/FISHING LICENSE	965.75	
MARRIAGE LICENSE	200.00	
MISCELLANEOUS	3.00	
SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATION	1863.00	
UCC FILING	930.00	
VITAL STATISTICS	1,107.00	
<hr/> TOTAL	<hr/> \$7,394.75	<hr/> <b><u>\$7,394.75</u></b>

<u>DOG LICENSES</u>		
NEW	451.00	
RENEWAL	2,891.50	
LICENSE TRANSFER	3.00	
<hr/> TOTAL	<hr/> \$3,345.50	<hr/> <b><u>\$3,345.50</u></b>

<u>DMV TRANSACTIONS</u>		
BOAT	6,273.48	
MOTOR VEHICLES	569,630.82	
<hr/> TOTAL	<hr/> \$575,904.30	<hr/> <b><u>\$575,904.30</u></b>

<b>TOTAL TOWN CLERK ACTIVITY</b>	<b><u>\$586,644.55</u></b>
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<b>Schedule of Credit and Debit Cards 2023</b>			
<b>Month</b>	<b>Clerk</b>	<b>Taxes</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>January</b>	\$13,622.58	\$43,623.33	<b>\$57,245.91</b>
<b>February</b>	\$9,470.18	\$10,912.83	<b>\$20,383.01</b>
<b>March</b>	\$12,294.29	\$8,919.24	<b>\$21,213.53</b>
<b>April</b>	\$12,282.37	\$1,756.98	<b>\$14,039.35</b>
<b>May</b>	\$13,062.08	\$56,202.18	<b>\$69,264.26</b>
<b>June</b>	\$15,012.29	\$102,506.11	<b>\$117,518.40</b>
<b>July</b>	\$12,604.82	\$78,824.22	<b>\$91,429.04</b>
<b>August</b>	\$16,063.16	\$3,760.14	<b>\$19,823.30</b>
<b>September</b>	\$14,465.35	\$13,460.24	<b>\$27,925.59</b>
<b>October</b>	\$13,709.73	\$1,468.44	<b>\$15,178.17</b>
<b>November</b>	\$14,426.96	\$8,935.30	<b>\$23,362.26</b>
<b>December</b>	\$5,131.68	\$145,709.41	<b>\$150,841.09</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$152,145.49</b>	<b>\$476,078.42</b>	<b>\$628,223.91</b>

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Town</b>	\$75,590.57	\$80,245.58	\$138,843.00	\$136,137.43	\$145,638.84	\$152,145.49
<b>Tax</b>	\$39,487.61	\$242,990.60	\$359,991.26	\$449,282.82	\$537,356.35	\$476,078.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$115,078.18</b>	<b>\$323,236.18</b>	<b>\$498,834.26</b>	<b>\$585,420.25</b>	<b>\$682,995.19</b>	<b>\$628,223.91</b>

**TOWN OF BRADFORD**  
**Collections Summary Year To Date for FY2023**  
 Requested by Erica -- 12/31/2023 at 03:44 pm

Warrant	Beginning Balance	Committed & Supplemented	Abated	Decided	Collected		Prior Yr Credits Assigned		Balance Due	Errors
					Principal	Int/Pen	Principal	Int/Pen		
2018L01	2,993.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,993.84	836.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2019L01	4,209.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,209.75	1,851.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2020L01	65,358.23	0.00	377.16	0.00	61,985.79	16,366.77	0.00	0.00	2,995.28	0.00
2021I01	7,736.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,736.71	888.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2021L01	65,632.39	0.00	953.65	0.00	27,687.12	4,866.23	0.00	0.00	36,991.62	0.00
2021L02	0.00	8,624.76	0.00	0.00	8,624.76	394.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2022G01	234.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	234.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2022L01	0.00	102,082.70	0.00	0.00	19,530.32	707.50	0.00	0.00	82,552.38	0.00
2022P01	61,424.24	0.00	427.00	0.00	60,997.24	4,965.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2022P02	383,626.53	0.00	2,334.00	0.00	381,292.53	5,248.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2022T01	28,213.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,602.70	37.30	0.00	0.00	2,611.24	0.00
2023G01	0.00	38.06	0.00	0.00	38.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2023P01	0.00	3,137,123.00	89.00	0.00	3,051,833.37	1,941.31	11,265.11	1.00	73,935.52	0.00
2023P02	0.00	3,911,828.00	0.00	0.00	1,322,394.83	0.18	9,169.97	0.00	2,580,263.20	0.00
2023T01	0.00	14,333.67	0.00	0.00	8,851.51	645.11	0.00	0.00	5,482.16	0.00
2023U01	0.00	6,140.00	0.00	0.00	6,140.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	619,429.95	7,180,170.19	4,180.81	0.00	4,990,152.85	38,748.58	20,435.08	1.00	2,784,831.40	

Summary		Credits	
Principal:	4,990,152.85	Prior Year Unassigned Credits:	4,840.17
Interest/Penalties:	38,748.58	2023 Unassigned Credits:	10,138.93
2023 Unassigned Credits:	10,138.93	Total Unassigned Credits:	14,979.10
* Net Receipts Year To Date:	5,039,040.36	Total Refunded Credits:	0.00
* Including Prior Year Deletions		Total Refund Abatements:	0.00
* Net Receipts Year To Date:	5,039,040.36	Total Prior Year Deletions:	0.00
Total Prior Year Deleted Receipts:	0.00		
Total Prior Year Deleted Credits:	(0.00)		
2023 Refunded Credits:	0.00		
Gross Receipts Year To Date:	5,039,040.36		

## SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION 2023 ASSESSED VALUATION

<b>Value of Land</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Valuation</b>
Current Use	16,386.28	\$820,377.00
Conservation Restriction	91.90	\$3,461.00
Residential	3,617.93	\$97,468,000.00
Commercial	<u>216.38</u>	<u>\$3,526,900.00</u>
Total Taxable Land	20,312.49	\$101,818,738.00
Non-Taxable Land	1,888.19	\$4,353,300.00
Value of Buildings		
Residential		\$138,144,500.00
Manufactured Housing		\$1,310,200.00
Commercial		<u>\$11,023,200.00</u>
Total Taxable Buildings		\$150,477,900.00
Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings		\$6,994,100.00
Public Utilities		\$3,654,800.00
Total Valuation Before Exemptions Allowed		\$255,951,438.00
Less Elderly Exemptions		\$390,000.00
Less Disabled Exemptions		\$50,000.00
Less Blind Exemptions		\$0.00
Solar Energy Systems		\$110,000.00
Wind Powered Energy Systems		<u>\$10,000.00</u>
Valuation on which tax rate is computed		\$255,391,438.00

## CURRENT USE REPORT

<b>Type</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Total</b>
Farm Land	617.78	\$146,368.00
Forest Land	11,509.61	\$579,245.00
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	3,126.35	\$77,569.00
Unproductive Land	523.67	\$8,083.00
Wet Land	608.87	\$9,112.00

Total number of acres Exempt under current use	16,386.28 acres
Total number of acres receiving 20% recreation adjustment	8,374.93 acres

## TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

	Prior Year 2022	Approved for 2023
Town	9.35	11.07
Local School	11.63	12.57
State School	1.25	1.77
County	<u>2.46</u>	<u>2.39</u>
Total Tax Rate	\$24.69	\$27.80

Total Town Appropriations	\$3,984,866.00
Total Revenues and Credits	1,159,268.00
Less Fund Balance Voted Surplus	62,000.00
Less Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	0.00
Add Overlay	14,906.00
War Service Credits	<u>48,300.00</u>
Net Town Appropriations	\$2,826,804.00

Lake Todd Village District: Tax Rate	0.47
Valuation	<u>\$8,019,800.00</u>
Net Appropriation	\$3,769.00

School Appropriations – Local	\$4,445,300.00
Less Education Grant	(789,791.00)
Less State Education Tax	<u>(445,462.00)</u>
Net School Appropriations	\$3,210,047.00

Education Tax	\$445,462.00
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County Tax Assessment	\$611,100.00
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Total of Town, School & County	\$7,093,413.00
Less War Credits	(48,300.00)
Village District Commitment	<u>3,769.00</u>
Property Taxes to be Raised	\$7,048,882.00

## PROOF OF TAX

	Net Assess Val	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax	251,736,638	1.77	\$445,462.00
All Other Taxes	255,391,438	26.03	<u>\$6,646,951.00</u>
			\$7,093,413.00



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## Town of Bradford Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2023

Preliminary Figures

### Assets

Account Number / Description	Balance
01-1013-0000 Petty Cash	200.00
01-1013-0001 LSB savings account	6,464.21
01-1014-0000 Lake Sunapee Operating Acct	(372,502.04)
01-1081-0000 Property Tax Receivable/Credits	2,561,808.82
01-1081-0015 Property Taxes Overpayment	(5,687.91)
01-1083-0000 Yield Tax Receivable	7,246.08
01-1111-0000 Tax Liens Receivable	118,526.01
01-1311-0000 Due from Other Funds	9,924.79
01-1311-0004 A/R Credit Cards	(10,683.16)
01-1311-0011 Transfer Station Revolving Fund	(25,000.00)
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$2,290,296.80</b>

### Liabilities, Net Assets and Current Activity

#### Liabilities

Account Number / Description	Balance
01-2020-0000 Accounts Payable	82,811.74
01-2035-0000 Accrued Payroll-Retirement	(14.36)
01-2039-0000 Accrued Payroll-Disability	628.56
01-2042-0000 Accrued Payroll-Health FSA	(4,393.96)
01-2043-0000 Accrued Payroll-Dependent Care	5,000.000
01-2075-0000 Due KRSD	1,280,509.16
01-2078-0000 State of NH - DMV	(2,050.50)
01-2431-0000 Encumbrance Control	65,577.59
01-2441-0000 Reserve for Encumbrances	(65,577.59)
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$1,362,490.64</b>

#### Net Assets

Account Number / Description	Balance
01-2531-0000 Unreserved Fund Balance	1,029,083.55
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$1,029,083.55</b>

#### Current Activity

<b>Net Revenue / (Expense)</b>	<b>\$(101,277.39)</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Net Assets and Current Activity</b>	<b>\$2,290,296.80</b>

The Town is audited annually by Roberge & Company PC. CPA.  
Our 2023 audit will be posted on our website when available.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023**

<b>Balance as of 12/31/2022</b>		\$1,520,394.68
Town Clerk	\$435,137.34	
Tax Collector	\$4,452,254.68	
Selectmen's Office	\$934,609.53	
Invoice Cloud	\$600,383.25	
Total Remitted	<u>\$6,422,384.80</u>	\$6,422,384.80
Bar Harbor Bank Interest	<u>\$1,092.85</u>	
	\$1,092.85	\$1,092.85
Returned Checks	(\$699.20)	
Void Checks	\$26,399.41	
Miscellaneous	<u>(\$510.64)</u>	
	\$25,189.57	\$25,189.57
TAN to General Fund	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00
General Fund to Savings	\$0.00	
Funds from Savings	\$0.00	
Disbursements		
Payroll	(\$913,383.12)	
Accounts Payable	(\$7,590,048.10)	
ACH Fleet Debit WEX	(478.98)	
941 Tax Payments	(\$193,631.38)	
Transfers to State MV	<u>(\$153,883.02)</u>	
	(\$8,851,424.60)	<u>(\$8,851,424.60)</u>
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/2023</b>		(\$482,362.70)

# **REPORT OF THE TREASURER** **FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023**

## **Individual Account Activity**

Conservation Fund	
Balance 12/31/2022	\$ 14,530.72
Deposits	1,415.00
Withdrawals	(15,000.00)
Interest Earned	2.48
Balance 12/31/2023	\$ <u>948.20</u>
Conservation Commission	
Balance 12/31/2022	\$ 1,239.76
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	(0.00)
Interest Earned	0.13
Balance 12/31/2023	\$ <u>1,239.89</u>
Conservation Fund (CD)	
Opened 10/2006	
CD closed 8/18/23 \$5,777.50	
Transferred to another CD	
Maturity 6/18/24	
Conservation Fund (CD)	
Opened 8/2018	
Balance 8/18/23 \$52,083.69	
Closed 8/18/23 \$52,061.41	
(w/penalty) and transferred	
to a CD with a higher rate	
Conservation Fund (CD)	
Opened 8/18/23	\$ 5,777.50
5 month CD	
Conservation Fund (CD)	
Opened 8/18/23	\$ \$52,061.41
5 month CD	
Parks and Recreation	
Balance 12/31/2022	\$ 23,476.07
Deposits	5,139.25
Withdrawals	(2,991.50)
Interest Earned	2.43
Balance 12/31/2023	\$ <u>25,626.25</u>

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

## Continued

Planning Board	
Balance 12/31/2022	\$ 1,521.51
Deposits	500.00
Withdrawals	(0.00)
Interest Earned	0.00
Balance 12/31/2023	\$ <u>2,021.51</u>
Ambulance Billing	
Balance 12/31/2022	\$ 61,048.94
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	(0.00)
Interest Earned	30.70
Balance 12/31/2023	\$ <u>61,079.64</u>
Town of Bradford	
Money Market Savings	
Balance 12/31/2022	\$ 6,463.56
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	(0.00)
Interest Earned	.65
Balance 12/31/2022	\$ <u>6,464.21</u>
Town Hall Project*	
Balance 12/31/2022	\$ 168,991.18
Deposits	4,857,740.11
Withdrawals	(4,861,218.26)
Interest Earned	315.80
Balance 12/31/2022	\$ <u>165,828.83</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.

CDAR (Certificate 8743)  
Principal 1,385,000.00 on 9/22/22  
Maturity 3/23/23 6 month Certificate  
Interest \$15,974.85  
Closed 3/23/23  
Deposited into the Town Hall checking account

# **REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023**

## **Continued**

CDAR (Certificate XXX5442)  
Principal \$400,000.00 on 12/29/22  
Maturity 6/29/2023 6 month Certificate  
Interest \$6,028.30  
Closed 6/29/23  
Deposited into the Town Hall checking account.

CDAR (Certificate XXX5272)  
Principal on 12/29/2022 \$250,000.00  
Maturity 1/26/2023 4 week CD  
Interest \$335.83  
Closed 1/26/23  
Deposited into the Town Hall checking account

## **GENERAL ACCOUNT (new)**

Balance of 12/31/22	\$0
Deposit	\$250.00
Balance of 12/31/23	\$250.00



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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

		FMV 1/1/2023	Additions	Income	Withdrawals	Change in Value	FMV 12/31/2023
<b>Cemetery Trustees:</b>							
1905 Cemetery Care Funds		\$ 413,537.20	\$ 12,256.50	\$ 12,008.26	\$ (20,087.38)	\$ 22,898.48	\$ 440,613.06
1994 Cemetery Maintenance Funds		\$ 83,302.97	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,072.27	\$ (16,253.75)	\$ 19,337.08	\$ 89,458.57
2002 Gravestone Repair		\$ 3,549.14	\$ -	\$ 34.40	\$ (2,900.00)	\$ -	\$ 683.54
<b>Bradford Scholarship Committee:</b>							
1964 School Scholarship Funds		\$ 13,237.95	\$ 2,937.95	\$ 469.47	\$ (4,313.27)	\$ 173.70	\$ 12,505.80
<b>Trust Fund:</b>							
1929 French's Park Fund		\$ 5,271.80	\$ 147.90	\$ 136.07	\$ (79.79)	\$ 548.32	\$ 6,024.30
<b>Library Trustees:</b>							
1907 Library Funds		\$ 16,682.14	\$ 224.78	\$ 580.27	\$ (580.27)	\$ 336.17	\$ 17,243.09
<b>Selectmen:</b>							
1991 Repair Town Buildings	*	\$ 20,554.37	\$ -	\$ 623.42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,177.79
1997 Town Facilities and Bldg		\$ 31,431.36	\$ -	\$ 953.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,384.69
2002 Police Facility		\$ 72,984.95	\$ -	\$ 2,213.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,198.61
2003 Fire Dept Repair Maint and Imp	*	\$ 10,481.60	\$ -	\$ 317.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,799.52
2004 Park and Rec Building Fund	*	\$ 17,731.42	\$ -	\$ 537.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,269.22
2006 Fire Dept		\$ 279,198.96	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 8,238.87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 312,437.83
2006 Main Street Improvement	*	\$ 125,646.75	\$ -	\$ 3,829.12	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 129,475.87
2007 Emergency Bridge Repair	*	\$ 398.07	\$ -	\$ 32.61	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 430.68
2008 Revaluation		\$ 15,619.56	\$ -	\$ 469.94	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,089.50
2009 Salt & Fuel	*	\$ 12,157.08	\$ -	\$ 368.73	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,525.81
2010 Communications Equipment	*	\$ 20,571.77	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 620.78	\$ (2,166.62)	\$ -	\$ 24,025.93
2013 Independence Day Celebration	*	\$ 5,154.52	\$ -	\$ 156.34	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,310.86
2013 Town Hall Restoration	*	\$ 8,480.62	\$ -	\$ 187.26	\$ (8,500.00)	\$ -	\$ 167.88
2015 Town Equipment Repair & Purch Exp Trust	*	\$ 68,991.79	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,986.81	\$ (15,843.21)	\$ -	\$ 62,135.39
2019 Road and Bridge Expendable Trust	*	\$ 173,527.19	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 4,684.57	\$ (181,955.00)	\$ -	\$ 146,256.76
2019 Town Hall Repair and Renovation	*	\$ 203,910.59	\$ 1,168.00	\$ 5,187.70	\$ (209,468.00)	\$ -	\$ 798.29
2020 Highway Dept. Heavy Equipment		\$ 104,783.49	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 2,437.32	\$ (100,000.00)	\$ -	\$ 107,220.81
2020 Fire Equipment Expendable Trust	*	\$ 2,017.05	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 162.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,179.97
2021 Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Trust		\$ 20,152.53	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 610.54	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,763.07
2022 Emerg Road and Bridge Repair Exp Trust	*	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,018.81	\$ -		\$ 36,018.81
2022 Long Term Planning Expendable Trust	*	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 296.33	\$ -		\$ 10,296.33
2022 Matching funds for Grants	*	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 296.33	\$ -		\$ 10,296.33
<b>Total of All Trust Funds 2023</b>		<b>\$ 1,784,374.87</b>	<b>\$ 349,735.13</b>	<b>\$ 50,531.85</b>	<b>\$ (562,147.29)</b>	<b>\$ 43,293.75</b>	<b>\$ 1,665,788.31</b>
<b>* Funds Expendable by Select Board</b>							



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Town of Bradford						
Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures						
January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023						
Acct Number / Description	Additional Appropriations	Adopted Budget	Available	Actual Expenditures	Encumber	Surplus (overdraft)
4130 Executive		\$220,118.00	\$220,118.00	\$207,574.98		\$12,543.02
4140 Elec, Reg & Vital Stat		\$4,100.00	\$4,100.00	\$1,855.86		\$2,244.14
4150 Financial Admin		\$106,625.00	\$106,625.00	\$98,280.07		\$8,344.93
4152 Reval of Property		\$28,600.00	\$28,600.00	\$15,901.00		\$12,699.00
4153 Legal		\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$11,803.14		\$14,196.86
4155 Employee Benefits		\$1.00	\$1.00	\$4.99		(\$3.99)
4191 Planning & Zoning		\$15,500.00	\$15,500.00	\$12,988.69		\$2,511.31
4194 Gen Govt Bldgs		\$121,100.00	\$121,100.00	\$104,874.99		\$16,225.01
4195 Cemetery		\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$26,356.51		(\$1,356.51)
4196 Insurances		\$95,800.00	\$95,800.00	\$94,822.57		\$977.43
4199 Other Gen Govt		\$8,700.00	\$8,700.00	\$8,821.85		(\$121.85)
4210 Police Dept		\$599,026.00	\$599,026.00	\$570,553.27		\$28,472.73
4220 Fire Dept		\$167,000.00	\$167,000.00	\$128,509.17		\$38,490.83
4225 Rescue Squad - FAST		\$10,150.00	\$10,150.00	\$3,920.61		\$6,229.39
4226 Rescue Services - Henniker		\$110,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$94,469.00		\$15,531.00
4240 Building Dept		\$26,550.00	\$26,550.00	\$21,074.04		\$5,475.96
4290 Emergency Management		\$1.00	\$1.00	\$0.00		\$1.00
4312 Highway Dept		\$708,186.00	\$708,186.00	\$699,858.89	\$18,243.00	(\$9,915.89)
4313 Bridges		\$1.00	\$1.00	\$0.00		\$1.00
4316 Street Lighting		\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00	\$2,338.99		(\$38.99)
4323 Solid Waste Collection		\$94,600.00	\$94,600.00	\$94,034.43		\$565.57
4324 Solid Waste Disposal		\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$26,274.92		(\$274.92)
4415 Innoculations		\$1.00	\$1.00	\$0.00		\$1.00
4441 Welfare		\$7,468.00	\$7,468.00	\$7,423.92		\$44.08
4445 Welfare Payments		\$30,270.00	\$30,270.00	\$27,721.49		\$2,548.51
4520 Parks & Recreation		\$21,509.00	\$21,509.00	\$19,756.01		\$1,752.99
4550 Library		\$82,560.00	\$82,560.00	\$82,560.00		\$0.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes		\$19,400.00	\$19,400.00	\$19,688.42		(\$288.42)
4589 Community Center		\$30,700.00	\$30,700.00	\$27,858.93		\$2,841.07
4619 Other Conservation		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$999.47		\$0.53
4711 Long Term Notes		\$209,000.00	\$209,000.00	\$209,000.00		\$0.00
4723 Interest on Tan Notes		\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,476.71		(\$376.71)
<b>Operating Budget</b>		<b>\$2,799,366.00</b>	<b>\$2,799,366.00</b>	<b>\$2,621,802.92</b>	<b>\$18,243.00</b>	<b>\$159,320.08</b>
4902-7410 Highway Misc Projects	\$ 22,350.00	\$0.00	\$22,350.00	\$16,957.00		\$5,393.00
4902-7600 Town Equip Expendable Trust	\$ 68,991.79	\$0.00	\$68,991.79	\$11,748.21		\$57,243.58
4902-7600 Town Equip Expendable Trust - appropriation		\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00		\$7,000.00
4903-7201 Highway Building - Energy Efficiency		\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$12,628.76		\$371.24
4912-0001 Conservation Fund		\$3,070.00	\$3,070.00	\$3,070.00		\$0.00
4913-3000 Highway Equipment- new grader		\$404,000.00	\$404,000.00	\$404,000.00		\$0.00
4913-3000 Highway Equipment- compactor, HP Fairfield		\$20,295.00	\$20,295.00	\$20,295.00		\$0.00
4913-6002 Communications Capital Reserve		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00		\$5,000.00
4913-7001 Police SUV - radar		\$2,708.00	\$2,708.00	\$2,708.00		\$0.00
4913-7001 Police SUV		\$49,000.00	\$49,000.00	\$41,986.00		\$7,014.00
4913-7002 TH/PD Repairs (ARPA & 2022 appropriation)		\$253,705.23	\$253,705.23	\$253,705.23		\$0.00
4913-7003 Asphalt Road Repairs		\$222.05	\$222.05	\$222.05		\$0.00
4913-7011 Police Equipment - cruiser radio		\$2,166.62	\$2,166.62	\$2,166.62		\$0.00
4913-7011 Police Equipment -grant funded		\$89,357.31	\$89,357.31	\$89,357.31		\$0.00
4913-7013 Fire Dept Equip -grant funded		\$17,996.25	\$17,996.25	\$17,996.25		\$0.00
4913-7013 Fire Dept Equip Expendable Trust Fund		\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00		\$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	\$0.00	\$24,000.00	\$0.00		\$24,000.00
4913-7251 Center Road Bridge		\$81,955.00	\$81,955.00	\$81,955.00		\$0.00
4913-9300 Road Work		\$380,000.00	\$380,000.00	\$380,000.00		\$0.00
4915-7403 Highway Heavy Equipment - CRF		\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00		\$0.00
4915-7501 Road and Bridge Exp Trust - appropriation		\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00		\$0.00
4915-9002 Transfers Other/Grants/CR - new checking acct		\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00		\$0.00
4915-9302 Fire Heavy Equip CRF - appropriation		\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00		\$0.00
4915-9308 Gravestone Repair		\$5,800.00	\$5,800.00	\$5,800.00		\$0.00
4915-9315 Police Vehicle Capital Reserve		\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00		\$0.00
<b>Total Warrants</b>		<b>\$1,655,525.46</b>	<b>\$1,768,220.25</b>	<b>\$1,663,333.43</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$104,886.82</b>
5000-0015 County Tax		0.00	611,100.00	611,100.00		\$0.00
5000-0017 Lake Todd Dist		0.00	3,769.00	3,769.00		\$0.00
5000-0016 Kearsarge School Dist		0.00	3,655,509.00	3,655,509.00		\$0.00
5000-8001 Tax abatements (overlay used)		0.00	15,562.55	15,562.55		\$0.00
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>			<b>4,285,940.55</b>	<b>4,285,940.55</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$4,454,891.46</b>			<b>\$18,243.00</b>	<b>\$264,206.90</b>

Town of Bradford											
Detail Payments - Operating Budgets											
January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023											
<b>4130 Executive</b>				<b>4153 Legal</b>				<b>4210 Police Dept</b>			
01-4130-1100	FT Salaries		131,501.73	01-4153-3201	Counsel Fees		11,803.14	01-4210-1000	Salaries		183,030.14
01-4130-1201	PT Budget Sec		545.00	01-4153-3202	Damage Fees		0.00	01-4210-1200	PT Wages		8,178.92
01-4130-1300	Elected Officials		9,000.00	<b>TOTAL 4153 Legal</b>			<b>\$11,803.14</b>	01-4210-1205	Wages-Police Secretary		10,810.80
01-4130-1400	PT Wages		1,853.50	<b>4155 Employee Benefits</b>				01-4210-1206	Wages-On Call		12,771.85
01-4130-1401	Budget Comm Expense		75.00	01-4155-2100	Health Insurance		0.00	01-4210-1211	Wages-PT Administration		91,300.30
01-4130-2100	Health Insurance		32,023.15	01-4155-2190	Dental Insurance		4.99	01-4210-1212	Wages-PD Detail		(2,387.64)
01-4130-2150	Life Insurance		159.60	<b>TOTAL 4153 Legal</b>			<b>\$4.99</b>	01-4210-1213	Wages-PD Detail Town		0.00
01-4130-2160	Short Term Disability		460.16	<b>4191 Planning &amp; Zoning</b>				01-4210-1400	Overtime		14,020.93
01-4130-2190	Dental Insurance		2,657.04	01-4191-1200	PT Planning Wages		375.00	01-4210-2100	Health Insurance		63,008.93
01-4130-2200	Payroll Taxes		10,932.02	01-4191-1201	PT Zoning Wages		620.00	01-4210-2150	Life Insurance		360.00
01-4130-2300	Retirement		6,288.51	01-4191-2200	Payroll Taxes		76.14	01-4210-2160	Short Term Disability		1,090.47
01-4130-2400	Conference		35.00	01-4191-2400	Conferences - Planning		0.00	01-4210-2190	Dental Insurance		5,999.04
01-4130-3410	Telephone		1,050.47	01-4191-3901	Circuit Rider		9,300.00	01-4210-2200	Payroll Taxes		6,015.82
01-4130-3420	Computer Equipment & Supp		75.00	01-4191-5600	Dues & Subscriptions		2,120.00	01-4210-2300	Retirement		98,802.93
01-4130-3422	Software Support		5,188.24	01-4191-6002	Supplies - Planning		102.80	01-4210-2400	Conferences		1,469.00
01-4130-4001	Copier Contract-service		\$0.00	01-4191-6003	Supplies - Zoning		294.61	01-4210-3201	Legal Fees-Counsel		2,070.00
01-4130-5500	Printing		1,340.00	01-4191-6200	Zoning Seminars		0.00	01-4210-3410	Telephone		6,774.96
01-4130-5600	Association Dues		1,825.00	01-4191-6250	Postage		100.14	01-4210-3422	Software Support		700.00
01-4130-6000	Supplies		1,392.87	<b>TOTAL 4191 Planning &amp; Zoning</b>			<b>\$12,988.69</b>	01-4210-3902	Hospital blood draw		0.00
01-4130-6250	Postage		882.46	<b>4194 Gen Govt Bldgs</b>				01-4210-3903	Animal/Vet		0.00
01-4130-6901	Advertising		166.82	01-4194-1200	PT Wages		534.60	01-4210-3904	Dispatch		12,763.10
01-4130-6902	Mileage		123.41	01-4194-2200	Payroll Taxes		40.89	01-4210-4100	Electricity		2,425.22
01-4130-7401	Equipment Purchase		0.00	01-4194-3410	Telephone		2,945.24	01-4210-4301	Repair-Radios		255.80
<b>TOTAL 4130 Executive</b>			<b>\$207,574.98</b>	01-4194-3901	Contract Services		39,017.89	01-4210-4302	Repairs-Computer		0.00
<b>4140 Election, Registration &amp; Vital Statistic</b>				01-4194-3902	Copier Contract		639.99	01-4210-5600	Dues & Subscriptions		1,610.00
01-4140-1200	PT Wages-Ballot Clerks		344.39	01-4194-4001	Copier Contract - Services		2,711.40	01-4210-6000	Supplies		3,281.65
01-4140-1301	Supervisors Wages		1,174.11	01-4194-4100	Electricity		4,487.56	01-4210-6001	SOU		3,000.00
01-4140-1303	Moderator Wages		247.53	01-4194-4110	Heat/Oil		11,470.14	01-4210-6004	Supplies-Training		3,454.47
01-4140-2200	Payroll Taxes		89.83	01-4194-4300	Repairs & Maintenance		408.90	01-4210-6005	Supplies-Uniforms		1,937.17
01-4140-6000	Supplies		0.00	01-4194-4302	Town office upgrades		45.16	01-4210-6006	Police equipment		6,791.85
<b>TOTAL 4140 Election, Registration &amp; VS</b>			<b>\$1,855.86</b>	01-4194-4303	Town Hall Repairs & Expense		11,258.42	01-4210-6250	Postage		429.50
<b>4150 Financial Administration</b>				01-4194-4310	Town Landscaping		7,237.00	01-4210-6350	Gasoline & Oil		8,351.04
01-4150-1200	PT Wages		0.00	01-4194-6000	Supplies		1,170.85	01-4210-6600	Vehicle Repairs		6,258.11
01-4150-1202	Deputy TC/TC Wages		15,677.25	01-4194-6001	Computer repairs		22,552.95	01-4210-7500	Rental & expenses		14,001.65
01-4150-1203	Deputy Treasurer Wages		108.00	01-4194-9311	Town Clock		354.00	01-4210-9314	Copier		381.96
01-4150-1304	Wages-TC/TC		38,012.00	<b>TOTAL 4194 Gen Govt Bldgs</b>			<b>\$104,874.99</b>	01-4210-9316	Protective Vests		1,595.30
01-4150-1305	Wages-Treasurer		6,712.68	<b>4195 Cemetery</b>				<b>TOTAL 4210 Police Dept</b>			
01-4150-2200	Payroll Taxes		4,620.67	01-4195-1208	Wages-Town Landscaping		25,981.63	<b>4220 Fire Dept</b>			
01-4150-2400	Conferences		200.00	01-4195-3906	Contract Services-Plumbing		0.00	01-4220-1200	PT Wages		26,070.00
01-4150-3010	Audit Fees		16,450.00	01-4195-4100	Electricity		194.88	01-4220-1211	Wages - Administration		40,360.05
01-4150-3011	Trustee of Trust Funds		250.00	01-4195-6000	Supplies		180.00	01-4220-1213	Wages - Detail		300.00
01-4150-3410	Telephone		276.02	<b>TOTAL 4195 Cemetery</b>			<b>\$26,356.51</b>	01-4220-2200	Payroll Taxes		5,105.35
01-4150-3422	Software Support		6,277.00	<b>4196 Insurances</b>				01-4220-2400	Conferences & Seminars		100.00
01-4150-3901	Lien Search		832.13	01-4196-2500	Unemployment Comp		486.57	01-4220-3410	Telephone		1,844.34
01-4150-5600	Association Dues		60.00	01-4196-2600	Worker's Compensation		42,408.00	01-4220-3421	Software		924.99
01-4150-6000	Supplies		2,205.27	01-4196-4800	Property Liability		51,928.00	01-4220-3904	Contract Services-Dispatch		20,752.00
01-4150-6008	Clerk election expense		765.55	<b>TOTAL 4196 Insurances</b>			<b>\$94,822.57</b>	01-4220-3914	Contract Services-Maint		3,224.49
01-4150-6250	Postage		4,899.62	<b>4199 Other General Govt</b>				01-4220-4100	Electricity		5,340.38
01-4150-6902	Mileage		26.04	01-4199-3904	Milfoil remediation		580.00	01-4220-4301	Repairs & Maint - Radios		1,292.00
01-4150-6903	Fees & Licenses		691.88	01-4199-3910	Contract Services-Env Test		6,451.55	01-4220-4303	Repairs & Maint - Vehicles		3,872.46
01-4150-7401	Equipment Purchase		215.96	01-4199-6207	Sanitation Units		1,300.00	01-4220-5600	Dues and Subscriptions		150.00
<b>TOTAL 4150 Financial Administration</b>			<b>\$98,280.07</b>	01-4199-9313	French's Park Testing		490.30	01-4220-6000	Supplies		1,644.67
<b>4152 Revaluation of Property</b>				<b>TOTAL 4199 Other General Govt</b>			<b>\$8,821.85</b>	01-4220-6005	Supplies-Uniform/Prot Cloth		4,662.58
01-4152-1200	PT Wages-Assessing		0.00					01-4220-6300	Repairs & Maint - Equipment		2,211.14
01-4152-3900	Tax Map Updated		4,400.00					01-4220-6350	Gasoline		2,844.03
01-4152-3901	Contract Services		7,760.00					01-4220-6900	Training		191.18
01-4152-3902	Timber Monitor		845.00					01-4220-6902	Mileage		568.77
01-4152-6204	Assessing software		2,896.00					01-4220-7300	Repair & Maint - Bldg		3,849.48
<b>TOTAL 4152 Revaluation of Property</b>			<b>\$15,901.00</b>					01-4220-7301	Repairs & Maint - Hydrants		2,990.00
								01-4220-7401	Equipment Purchases		211.26
								<b>TOTAL 4220 Fire Dept</b>			
								<b>\$128,509.17</b>			



Town of Bradford									
Detail Payments - Operating Budgets									
January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023									
<b>4225 Rescue Squad</b>				<b>4316 Street Lighting</b>				<b>4589 Community Center</b>	
01-4225-4303 Repairs & Maint - Equipment		0.00		01-4316-4100 Electricity		2,338.99		01-4589-3410 Telephone	1,969.11
01-4225-4304 Service Contracts		0.00		<b>TOTAL 4316 Street Lighting</b>		<b>\$2,338.99</b>		01-4589-4100 Electricity	7,635.35
01-4225-4305 Continuing Education		1,901.26						01-4589-4110 Heat-Propane	4,028.99
01-4225-4306 Oxygen		587.85		<b>4323 Solid Waste Collection</b>				01-4589-4300 Landscaping	3,384.00
01-4225-6000 Supplies		1,388.50		01-4323-1100 Wages-FT		43,563.90		01-4589-6000 Supplies	1,382.11
01-4225-6903 Fees & Licenses		43.00		01-4323-1200 Wages-PT		25,323.48		01-4589-7200 Alarm System	502.50
01-4225-7401 New Equipment		0.00		01-4323-1200 Wages-Other		187.83		01-4589-7300 Repairs & Maint & testing	1,979.91
<b>TOTAL 4225 Rescue Squad</b>		<b>\$3,920.61</b>		01-4323-2100 Health Insurance		7,122.92		01-4589-7301 Maintenance septic	0.00
				01-4323-2150 Life Insurance		99.69		01-4589-7303 Maintenance furnace & stove	818.50
<b>4226 Rescue - Contract Services</b>				01-4323-2160 Short Term Disability		327.48		01-4589-7304 Generator/elevator/ansul/air	2,158.46
01-4226-3500 Contract Services Henniker		85,269.00		01-4323-2190 Dental Insurance		1,157.28		01-4589-7305 Annual Roof/Floors	1,560.00
01-4226-3600 Henniker Ambulance C/R		9,200.00		01-4323-2200 Payroll Taxes		5,284.02		01-4589-7306 Pest Control	1,300.00
<b>TOTAL 4226 Rescue - Contract Services</b>		<b>\$94,469.00</b>		01-4323-2300 Retirement		1,300.00		01-4589-7307 Alarm/trash/telephone	1,140.00
				01-4323-3410 Telephone		2,031.37		01-4589-7401 Equipment Purchase	0.00
<b>4240 Building Dept - Code Enforcement</b>				01-4323-4100 Electricity		1,659.48		<b>TOTAL 4589 Community Center</b>	<b>\$27,858.93</b>
01-4240-1200 Wages-PT		18,300.00		01-4323-4303 Repairs & Maintenance-Equip		4,669.04			
01-4240-2100 Health Officer		262.07		01-4323-5600 Dues & Subscriptions		235.68		<b>4619 Other Conservation</b>	
01-4240-2200 Payroll Taxes		1,400.08		01-4323-6000 Supplies		390.06		01-4619-2400 Conferences & Seminars	230.00
01-4240-6000 Supplies		6.54		01-4323-6001 Stain Building		0.00		01-4619-5600 Dues & Subscriptions	250.00
01-4240-6171 Education		120.00		01-4323-6350 Equipment Fuel		363.29		01-4619-6800 Supplies-Educational	176.49
01-4240-6902 Mileage		825.35		01-4323-6902 Mileage		211.42		01-4619-7200 Land Protection	0.00
01-4240-6906 Fees & Licenses-Code Enf		160.00		01-4323-7300 Repairs & Maintenance-Bldg		107.49		01-4619-9320 Trail Development	342.98
<b>TOTAL 4240 Building Dept - Code Enforceme</b>	<b>\$21,074.04</b>			<b>TOTAL 4323 Solid Waste Collection</b>		<b>\$94,034.43</b>		<b>TOTAL 4619 Other Conservation</b>	<b>\$999.47</b>
<b>4290 Emergency Management</b>				<b>4324 Solid Waste Disposal</b>				<b>4711 Long Term Notes</b>	
01-4290-6000 Supplies		\$0.00		01-4324-3914 Contract Services-MSW		22,589.12		01-4711-0001 Long Term Notes	89,764.48
<b>TOTAL 4290 Emergency Management</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>			01-4324-3915 Contract Services-Comp Serv		2,300.00		01-4711-0002 Interest on Long Term Note	119,235.52
				01-4324-3916 Contract Services-C&D Disp		156.00		<b>TOTAL 4711 Long Term Notes</b>	<b>\$209,000.00</b>
<b>4312 Highway Dept</b>				01-4324-3919 Contract Services-Glass Rem		1,229.80			
01-4312-1100 Wages-FT		231,099.21		<b>TOTAL 4324 Solid Waste Disposal</b>		<b>\$26,274.92</b>		<b>4723 Interest on Tan Notes</b>	
01-4312-1200 Wages-PT		26,694.60						01-4723-8100 Interest on Tan Notes	2,476.71
01-4312-1201 Outside Services		19,275.86		<b>4415 Inoculations</b>				<b>TOTAL 4723 Interest on Tan Notes</b>	<b>\$2,476.71</b>
01-4312-1400 Wages-Overtime		56,029.34		01-4415-3500 Inoculations		\$0.00			
01-4312-2100 Health Insurance		325.65		<b>TOTAL 4415 Inoculations</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>4902 New Equipment</b>	
01-4312-2150 Life Insurance		1,014.51						01-4902-7410 New Equipment	\$16,957.00
01-4312-2160 Short Term Disability		4,152.84		<b>4441 Welfare</b>				01-4902-7600 Equipment Repair Expendable Trust	\$49,950.00
01-4312-2190 Dental Insurance		21,195.92		01-4441-1200 Wages-PT		6,868.44		<b>TOTAL 4902 New Equipment - HW Exp Trust</b>	<b>\$66,907.00</b>
01-4312-2200 Payroll Taxes		5,103.32		01-4441-2200 Payroll Taxes		525.48			
01-4312-2300 Retirement		1,386.30		01-4441-6000 Welfare admin supplies		30.00		<b>4903 Capital Projects - Buildings</b>	
01-4312-2400 Conferences & Seminars		2,026.59		<b>TOTAL 4441 Welfare</b>		<b>\$7,423.92</b>		01-4903-7200 Buildings	\$12,628.76
01-4312-3410 Telephone		23,438.75						<b>TOTAL 4912 Transfers to Special Rev Funds</b>	<b>\$12,628.76</b>
01-4312-3901 Contract Services-General		0.00		<b>4445 Welfare Payments</b>					
01-4312-3907 Contract Services-Tree Removal		0.00		01-4445-3900 Vendor Payments		11,669.49		<b>4912 Transfers to Special Rev Funds</b>	
01-4312-3912 Contract Services-Blasting		426.00		01-4445-3908 Contract Services-CAP		10,500.00		01-4912-0001 Transfer to Conservation	\$3,070.00
01-4312-3913 Contract Services-Drug Testing		2,997.17		01-4445-3909 Contract Services-VNA		4,802.00		<b>TOTAL 4912 Transfers to Special Rev Funds</b>	<b>\$3,070.00</b>
01-4312-4100 Electricity		5,502.53		01-4445-3920 Contract Services-CASA		750.00			
01-4312-4300 Repairs & Maintenance-Tires		88,390.08		<b>TOTAL 4445 Welfare Payments</b>		<b>\$27,721.49</b>		<b>4913 Capital Project Funds</b>	
01-4312-4303 Repairs & Maintenance-Equipment		9,641.65						01-4913-3000 Highway equipment	\$424,295.00
01-4312-4307 Repairs & Maintenance-Bridge Rep		840.00		<b>4520 Parks &amp; Recreation</b>				01-4913-6002 Communications	\$5,000.00
01-4312-4400 Equipment Rental		5,300.00		01-4520-2200 Payroll Taxes		438.75		01-4913-7001 Police Cruiser	\$2,708.00
01-4312-6000 Supplies		19,103.55		01-4520-3901 PT Wages		33.56		01-4913-7002 TH/PPD Repairs	\$253,705.23
01-4312-6005 Supplies-Uniforms		9,424.34		01-4520-4300 Repairs & Maintenance		6,036.94		01-4913-7003 Asphalt Road Repairs	\$222.05
01-4312-6006 Supplies-Chains & Blades		10,266.58		01-4520-6000 Supplies		220.68		01-4913-7011 Police Equipment	\$91,523.93
01-4312-6007 Winter Salt & Spring Repairs		34,455.15		01-4520-6800 Special Events		2,276.08		01-4913-7013 Fire Dept Equipment	\$42,996.25
01-4312-6008 Supplies-Road Signs		4,972.70		01-4520-7000 BNSYS		2,750.00		01-4913-7251 Center Road Bridge 128/114	\$81,955.00
01-4312-6009 Supplies-Culverts		3,967.07		01-4520-7009 Boat Launch		8,000.00		01-4913-9300 Road work	\$380,000.00
01-4312-6010 Supplies-Gravel		5,346.45		01-4520-7401 Equipment Purchases		0.00		<b>TOTAL 4913 Capital Project Funds</b>	<b>\$1,282,405.46</b>
01-4312-6011 Supplies-Road Patch		46,223.14		<b>TOTAL 4520 Parks &amp; Recreation</b>		<b>\$19,756.01</b>			
01-4312-6012 Dust Control		4,200.00						<b>4915 Capital Reserve</b>	
01-4312-6300 Maintenance & Repairs/Inspections		2,908.45		<b>4550 Library</b>				01-4915-7403 Highway Heavy Equip	\$100,000.00
01-4312-6350 Equipment Fuel		40,795.87		01-4550-6000 General Appropriation		\$82,560.00		01-4915-7501 Road and Bridge Expendable Trust	\$150,000.00
01-4312-7300 Repairs, Maint-Bldgs		6,833.43		<b>TOTAL 4550 Library</b>		<b>\$82,560.00</b>		01-4915-9002 transfers other/grants/cr	\$250.00
01-4312-7312 New Equipment		1,100.00						01-4915-9302 Fire Dept Heavy Equipment	\$25,000.00
01-4312-9500 Storm Damages		5,421.84		<b>4583 Patriotic Purposes</b>				01-4915-9308 Gravestone Repair	\$5,800.00
<b>TOTAL 4312 Highway Dept</b>	<b>\$699,858.89</b>			01-4583-6000 Supplies-Markers/Flags		495.50		01-4915-9315 Police Cruiser	\$20,000.00
				01-4583-6802 Parade Expenses		2,442.92		<b>TOTAL 4915 Capital Reserve</b>	<b>\$301,050.00</b>
<b>4313 Bridges</b>				01-4583-6803 Departmental-Fireworks		15,000.00			
01-4313-3901 Contract Services-Bridges		\$0.00		01-4583-6804 Police Detail		1,750.00		<b>5000 Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	
<b>TOTAL 4313 Bridges</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>			<b>TOTAL 4583 Patriotic Purposes</b>		<b>\$19,688.42</b>		01-5000-0015 County	\$611,100.00
								01-5000-0016 Due to KRSD	\$3,655,509.00
								01-5000-0017 Lake Todd Village District	\$3,769.00
								01-5000-8001 Abatement-Previous Yr Taxes	\$15,562.55
								<b>TOTAL 5000 Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,285,940.55</b>



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**Proposed Budget**

**Bradford**

For the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024

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

This form was posted with the warrant on: \_\_\_\_ February 26, 2024 \_\_\_\_

**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
Jennifer Richardson	Chairperson	
Beth Downs	Selectman's Representative	
Kimberly Firth	Vice Chairman	
Laurie Colburn		
Justin Dohrn		
Dawn Gezelman		
Timothy McKenna		

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## Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Actual Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2023	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Not Recommended)
<b>General Government</b>								
4130	Executive	03	\$207,575	\$220,118	\$237,511	\$0	\$237,511	\$0
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	03	\$1,856	\$4,100	\$11,050	\$0	\$11,050	\$0
4150	Financial Administration	03	\$0	\$98,280	\$95,450	\$0	\$95,450	\$0
4152	Property Assessment	03	\$15,901	\$60,600	\$39,800	\$0	\$39,800	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	03	\$11,803	\$26,000	\$66,000	\$0	\$66,000	\$0
4155	Personnel Administration	03	\$5	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
4191	Planning and Zoning	03	\$12,989	\$15,500	\$13,349	\$0	\$13,349	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	03	\$104,875	\$121,100	\$157,750	\$0	\$157,750	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	03	\$26,357	\$25,000	\$25,700	\$0	\$25,700	\$0
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	03	\$94,823	\$95,800	\$103,951	\$0	\$103,951	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4198	Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	03	\$8,822	\$8,700	\$8,750	\$0	\$8,750	\$0
<b>General Government Subtotal</b>			<b>\$485,006</b>	<b>\$675,199</b>	<b>\$759,312</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$759,312</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>								
4210	Police	03	\$570,553	\$603,526	\$635,471	\$0	\$635,471	\$0
4215	Ambulances		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4220	Fire	03	\$226,899	\$294,150	\$264,890	\$0	\$264,890	\$0
4240	Building Inspection	03	\$21,074	\$26,550	\$24,000	\$0	\$24,000	\$0
4290	Emergency Management	03	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
4299	Other Public Safety		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Public Safety Subtotal</b>			<b>\$247,973</b>	<b>\$924,227</b>	<b>\$924,362</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$924,362</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Highways and Streets</b>								
4311	Highway Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	03	\$1,098,324	\$1,088,186	\$700,845	\$0	\$700,845	\$0
4313	Bridges	03	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	03	\$2,339	\$2,300	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Highways and Streets Subtotal</b>			<b>\$1,100,663</b>	<b>\$1,090,487</b>	<b>\$702,846</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$702,846</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Actual Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2023	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Not Recommended)
<b>Sanitation</b>								
4321	Sanitation Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	03	\$94,034	\$94,600	\$99,991	\$0	\$99,991	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	03	\$26,275	\$26,000	\$26,200	\$0	\$26,200	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Sanitation Subtotal</b>			<b>\$120,309</b>	<b>\$120,600</b>	<b>\$126,191</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$126,191</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Health</b>								
4411	Health Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	03	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
4419	Other Health		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Health Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1</b>	<b>\$1</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Welfare</b>								
4441	Welfare Administration	03	\$7,424	\$7,468	\$7,468	\$0	\$7,468	\$0
4442	Direct Assistance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445	Vendor Payments	03	\$0	\$0	\$30,270	\$0	\$30,270	\$0
4449	Other Welfare		\$27,721	\$30,270	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Welfare Subtotal</b>			<b>\$35,145</b>	<b>\$37,738</b>	<b>\$37,738</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$37,738</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>								
4520	Parks and Recreation	03	\$19,756	\$21,509	\$21,509	\$0	\$21,509	\$0
4550	Library	03	\$82,560	\$82,560	\$90,000	\$0	\$90,000	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	03	\$19,688	\$19,400	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	03	\$27,859	\$30,700	\$43,800	\$0	\$43,800	\$0
<b>Culture and Recreation Subtotal</b>			<b>\$149,863</b>	<b>\$154,169</b>	<b>\$175,309</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$175,309</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Conservation and Development</b>								
4611	Conservation Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	03	\$1,999	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4652	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4659	Other Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Conservation and Development Subtotal</b>			<b>\$1,999</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Actual Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2023	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Not Recommended)
<b>Debt Service</b>								
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	03	\$89,764	\$89,539	\$101,390	\$0	\$101,390	\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	03	\$119,236	\$119,461	\$107,610	\$0	\$107,610	\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes	03	\$2,477	\$2,100	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Debt Service Subtotal</b>			<b>\$211,477</b>	<b>\$211,100</b>	<b>\$210,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$210,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>								
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$573,271	\$404,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$12,629	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$104,712	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Capital Outlay Subtotal</b>			<b>\$690,612</b>	<b>\$429,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>								
4911	To Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund		\$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
<b>Operating Transfers Out Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Operating Budget Appropriations</b>					<b>\$2,937,259</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,937,259</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (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
4194	General Government Buildings	34	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Fit Up, Furnish and Equip Town Hall</i>				
4220	Fire	20	\$13,500	\$0	\$13,500	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Purchase Communication Equipment for Fire Dept</i>				
4312	Highways and Streets	23	\$325,000	\$0	\$325,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Fund Road Maintenance, Preservation and Paving</i>				
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	33	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Fund Feasibility Study for Use of the Community Ce</i>				
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	12	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Purchase Police Sports Utility Vehicle</i>				
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	19	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: SCBA Bottle and Apparatus Replacement</i>				
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	22	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Purchase Hoses and Nozzles for Fire Dept</i>				
4903	Buildings	21	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Heat Pump for Fire Station Heating and Cooling</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	14	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Trust Fund (2021)</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	16	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Fire Department Station Repair Capital Reserve (20</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	17	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Fire Department Heavy Equip Capital Reserve (2006)</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	24	\$32,100	\$0	\$32,100	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	25	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Highway Dept Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve (2020</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	31	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Fund the 2008 Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	32	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Communication Capital Reserve Fund (2010)</i>				

### Special Warrant Articles

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4916	To Expendable Trusts	13 <i>Purpose: Establish 2024 Police Equipment Expendable Trust F</i>	\$7,500	\$0	\$7,500	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	18 <i>Purpose: Fire Equipment Expendable Trust Fund (2020)</i>	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	26 <i>Purpose: Road and Bridge Expendable Trust Fund (2019)</i>	\$65,000	\$0	\$65,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	27 <i>Purpose: Town Equipment Repair and Purchase Expendable Trus</i>	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	28 <i>Purpose: Establish 2024 Bridge and Culvert Expendable Trust</i>	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	30 <i>Purpose: Fund the 2022 Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Exp</i>	\$400	\$0	\$400	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	35 <i>Purpose: Establish an Ambulance Service Expense Overage Exp</i>	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$0
<b>Total Proposed Special Articles</b>			<b>\$814,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$814,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024 (Not Recommended)
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	10 <i>Purpose: Sale of the Masonic Building</i>	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
<b>Total Proposed Individual Articles</b>			<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
<b>Taxes</b>					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes for General Fund	03	\$3,070	\$2,000	\$2,000
3180	Resident Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Taxes	03	\$13,486	\$10,000	\$10,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax		\$38	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	03	\$39,912	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>Taxes Subtotal</b>			<b>\$56,506</b>	<b>\$42,000</b>	<b>\$42,000</b>
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees</b>					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	03	\$18,121	\$18,000	\$18,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	03	\$404,288	\$400,000	\$400,000
3230	Building Permits	03	\$33,307	\$25,000	\$25,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	03	\$3,979	\$3,200	\$3,200
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal</b>			<b>\$459,695</b>	<b>\$446,200</b>	<b>\$446,200</b>
<b>From Federal Government</b>					
3311	Housing and Urban Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3312	Environmental Protection		\$0	\$0	\$0
3313	Federal Emergency		\$0	\$0	\$0
3314	Federal Drug Enforcement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3319	Other Federal Grants and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>From Federal Government Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>State Sources</b>					
3351	Shared Revenues - Block Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	03	\$159,033	\$150,000	\$150,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	03	\$151,192	\$90,000	\$90,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	03	\$575	\$575	\$575
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Railroad Tax Distribution		\$0	\$0	\$0
3360	Water Filtration Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3361	Landfill Closure Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3369	Other Intergovernmental Revenue from State of NH		\$179,980	\$0	\$0
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues - Other	03	\$0	\$8,200	\$8,200
<b>State Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$490,780</b>	<b>\$248,775</b>	<b>\$248,775</b>



## Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
<b>Charges for Services</b>					
3401	Income from Departments	03	\$14,562	\$14,000	\$14,000
3402	Water Supply System Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3403	Sewer User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3404	Garbage-Refuse Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3405	Electric User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3406	Airport Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Charges for Services Subtotal</b>			<b>\$14,562</b>	<b>\$14,000</b>	<b>\$14,000</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>					
3500	Special Assessments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	03	\$37,925	\$10,000	\$10,000
3502	Interest on Investments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3503	Other		\$12,350	\$0	\$0
3504	Fines and Forfeits		\$1,952	\$0	\$0
3506	Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
3508	Contributions and Donations	03	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
3509	Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified	03	\$13,476	\$13,500	\$13,500
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal</b>			<b>\$65,703</b>	<b>\$28,500</b>	<b>\$28,500</b>
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>					
3911	From Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Water Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	21, 12	\$102,177	\$45,000	\$45,000
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds	20, 23	\$199,294	\$139,000	\$139,000
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal</b>			<b>\$301,471</b>	<b>\$184,000</b>	<b>\$184,000</b>

### Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>					
3934	Proceeds from Long-Term Notes/Bonds/Other Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	35, 18, 24, 13, 30, 12	\$0	\$70,000	\$70,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Other Financing Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>			<b>\$1,388,717</b>	<b>\$1,033,475</b>	<b>\$1,033,475</b>

### Budget Summary

Item	Selectmen's Period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Period ending 12/31/2024 (Recommended)
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$2,937,259	\$2,937,259
Special Warrant Articles	\$814,500	\$814,500
Individual Warrant Articles	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total Appropriations	\$3,756,759	\$3,756,759
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$1,033,475	\$1,033,475
<b>Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>\$2,723,284</b>	<b>\$2,723,284</b>

Town of Bradford  
State of New Hampshire

Town Warrant of Town Meeting March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The Polls will open at 8:00 am, and not close earlier than 7:00 pm, on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

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 twelfth 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:** To adjourn the meeting until Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 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 Three:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Nine Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars (\$2,937,259.00) for general municipal operations. This article does not include amounts appropriated by other warrant articles. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

	<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>
1. Executive	237,511.00	237,511.00
2. Elections & Vital Statistics	11,050.00	11,050.00
3. Financial Administration	95,450.00	95,450.00
4. Revaluations	39,800.00	39,800.00
5. Legal	66,000.00	66,000.00
6. Employee Benefits	1.00	1.00
7. Planning & Zoning	13,349.00	13,349.00
8. General Gov	157,750.00	157,750.00
9. Cemetery	25,700.00	25,700.00
10. Insurances	103,951.00	103,951.00
11. Other General Gov	8,750.00	8,750.00
12. Police Department	635,471.00	635,471.00
13. Fire Department	160,740.00	160,740.00
14. Rescue Services - FAST	9,150.00	9,150.00
15. Rescue Services – Contract	95,000.00	95,000.00
16. Building Code Department	24,000.00	24,000.00
17. Civil Defense	1.00	1.00
18. Highway Department	700,845.00	700,845.00
19. Bridges	1.00	1.00

20. Street Lighting	2,000.00	2,000.00
21. Solid Waste Collection	99,991.00	99,991.00
22. Solid Waste Disposal	26,200.00	26,200.00
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	21,509.00	21,509.00
27. Library	90,000.00	90,000.00
28. Patriotic Purposes	20,000.00	20,000.00
29. Community Center	43,800.00	43,800.00
30. Other Conservation	1,000.00	1,000.00
31. Long Term Notes	209,000.00	209,000.00
32. Interest on TAN notes	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total	\$ 2,937,259.00	\$ 2,937,259.00

**Article Four:** To see if the Town will vote to retain the following town-owned properties, Map 4 Lot 7 and Map 4 Lot 9, for conservation purposes as provided by RSA 80:42-a. Both lots, each of approximately two acres, comprise wetland and are part of the West Branch Brook headwater identified as prime wetland and wildlife habitat. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends.

**Article Five:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift of a framed copy of a 1925 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Announcement of the Bradford-Newbury Fair offered by Robert W. Wright, Jr. of Sutton NH. This donation is given under the following two conditions: 1) The Town votes to accept the donation at an annual Town Meeting, and 2) It shall be displayed. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends.

**Article Six:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Bradford Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan, to authorize the Select Board to implement the plan, and to take all action in furtherance thereof, pursuant to RSA 53-E. The Bradford Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan is an opt-out program that offers more flexible electricity procurement. The plan will initially provide lower electricity rates for residents, or it will not launch. Initial participation in the plan can be declined, after which enrollment becomes voluntary. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends.

**Article Seven:** Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13, known as SB2 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Bradford on the second Tuesday of March. **By Petition.** (3/5 majority ballot vote required.) Select Board does not recommend.

**Article Eight:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to negotiate and enter into and provide an easement to the Bradford Historical Society over the front portion of land known as 152 East Main Street in Bradford (Tax Map 17, Lot 112), with improvements thereupon, (the "Property") to allow the Historical Society to place, construct and maintain historical buildings and displays and to hold Historical Society meetings and events on the Property in furtherance of the Historical Society's mission. Select Board recommends.

**Article Nine:** To see if the Town will vote to retain as Town-owned and Town-maintained the building at 89 West Main Street (Map 16 Lot 87) known as the Masonic Building. This will be a ballot vote. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends.

**Article Ten:** To see if the Town will vote to sell the Masonic Building pursuant to RSA 31:3, to authorize the Select Board to negotiate the terms and details of the sale of the Masonic Building and its removal from Town property, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to fund the sale of the Masonic Building as recommended by the Masonic Building Committee. This article is null and void with the passage of Article Nine. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Eleven:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Town Treasurer in accordance with RSA 41:26-e, rather than electing a Treasurer. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends.

**Article Twelve:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) to purchase and outfit with equipment a new Police Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV). This appropriation will come from the 2021 Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Trust Fund in the amount of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00), from unassigned fund balance in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), with the balance of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) 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, 2029. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Thirteen:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a 2024 Police Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of funding the purchase, repair and replacement of police equipment. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) to be placed in this fund and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. This appropriation will come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Fourteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the 2021 Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Fifteen:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict one hundred percent (100%) of revenues from Bradford Police detail assignments to expenditures for the purpose of purchasing new police vehicles. Effective January 1, 2024, such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Police Detail Special Revenue Fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue. (Majority ballot vote). Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Sixteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to fund the 2003 Fire Department Building Repair, Maintenance and Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Seventeen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to fund the 2006 Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Eighteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to fund the 2020 Fire Equipment Expendable Trust Fund. This appropriation will come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Nineteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to fund SCBA bottle and apparatus replacement. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2029. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twenty:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$13,500.00) to fund Communications Equipment for the Fire Department. This appropriation will come from the 2020 Fire Equipment Expendable Trust Fund in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), with the balance of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) 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, 2029. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twenty-One:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to fund the installation of a Heat Pump to provide heating and cooling for the office areas and meeting room at the Fire Station. This appropriation will come from the 2003 Fire Department Building Repair, Maintenance and Improvement Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), with the balance of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) 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, 2029. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twenty-Two:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to fund the replacement of hoses and nozzles for the Fire Department. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2029. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twenty-Three:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000.00) 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 Twenty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$129,000.00), with the balance of One Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Dollars (\$196,000.00) 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, 2029. (Majority vote required). Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twenty-Four:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$32,100.00) to fund the 2020 Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Trust Fund. This appropriation will come from unassigned fund balance and represents the funds received from the sale of the Highway Department's two graders in 2023. (Majority vote required). Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twenty-Five:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to fund the 2020 Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twenty-Six:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) to fund the 2019 Road and Bridge Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twenty-Seven:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to fund the 2015 Town Equipment Repair and Purchase Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twenty-Eight:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a 2024 Bridge and Culvert Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of funding repair and replacement of bridges and culverts. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to be placed in this fund and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twenty-Nine:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Emergency Bridge Repair Capital Reserve Fund created in 2007. Said funds, with accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Thirty:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) to fund the 2022 Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Expendable Trust Fund. This appropriation will come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Thirty-One:** 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.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Thirty-Two:** 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.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Thirty-Three:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to fund a feasibility study for the use of the 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, 2029. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Thirty-Four:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to fit up, furnish and equip the Town Hall. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2029. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Thirty-Five:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a 2024 Ambulance Service Expense Overage Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of funding Ambulance Service expenses that exceed the budgeted amounts for such services. Further, to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to be placed in this fund and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. This appropriation will come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Thirty-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,

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Beth Downs,  
Chairman

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Mary Ellen Pfeifle,  
Selectman

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Marlene Freyler,  
Selectman



## 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	318,900	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-B 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
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	294,400
16/88 Fire Station	433,500	16/92 Town Hall	826,500
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 Parking Lot for Foot Path	27,200	21/21 French's Park	696,300
23/14 Ryan's Way/Boat Launch	215,000		

\* Under Stewardship of the Conservation Commission

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Serving on Bradford's 2023 Budget Committee were Jennifer Richardson (chair), Kim Firth (vice chair), Justin Dohrn, Tim McKenna, Laurie Colburn, Dawn Gezelman, and Beth Downs as Select Board Representative.

According to the New Hampshire Municipal Association “The purpose of the budget committee is to assist voters in the prudent appropriation of public funds.” The Budget Committee works with Department Heads to review their operating budget request for the upcoming year. The Committee reviews the warrant articles with fiscal impact and puts in a recommendation (or non-recommendation) for those articles to come before the town at Town Meeting. Lastly, the Budget Committee is responsible for reviewing the current year’s expenditures.

The budget process in Bradford is a year long endeavor, but really picks up in October. Budget worksheets are sent to department heads at the beginning of October. The requests for next year’s budget are submitted, and a spreadsheet of the entire operating budget is compiled by the Town Administrator. Meanwhile, Budget Committee members were assigned to one or more town departments with whom they reviewed budget requests individually prior to coming before the entire Committee. This process allowed for a deeper understanding of the needs for each department in town. In November, Department Heads were asked to present their 2024 budget request to the Committee and the public at the Budget Committee meetings. These meetings were also attended by all three members of the Select Board. Budget Committee meetings are open to the public, who are welcome to join us in-person or online via [townhallstreams.com](https://townhallstreams.com).

The Budget Committee thoughtfully considered various approaches to make the budget development process more transparent and to increase civic engagement. Although meetings are open to the public, there is low attendance at the meetings. Understanding what services residents prioritize and the value they feel they receive from these services would help the Budget Committee make difficult decisions about Department operating budget requests. While we were not able to implement a town wide survey this year, be on the lookout for one in 2024. We are open to your ideas about new approaches to increase budget transparency and seek taxpayer input.

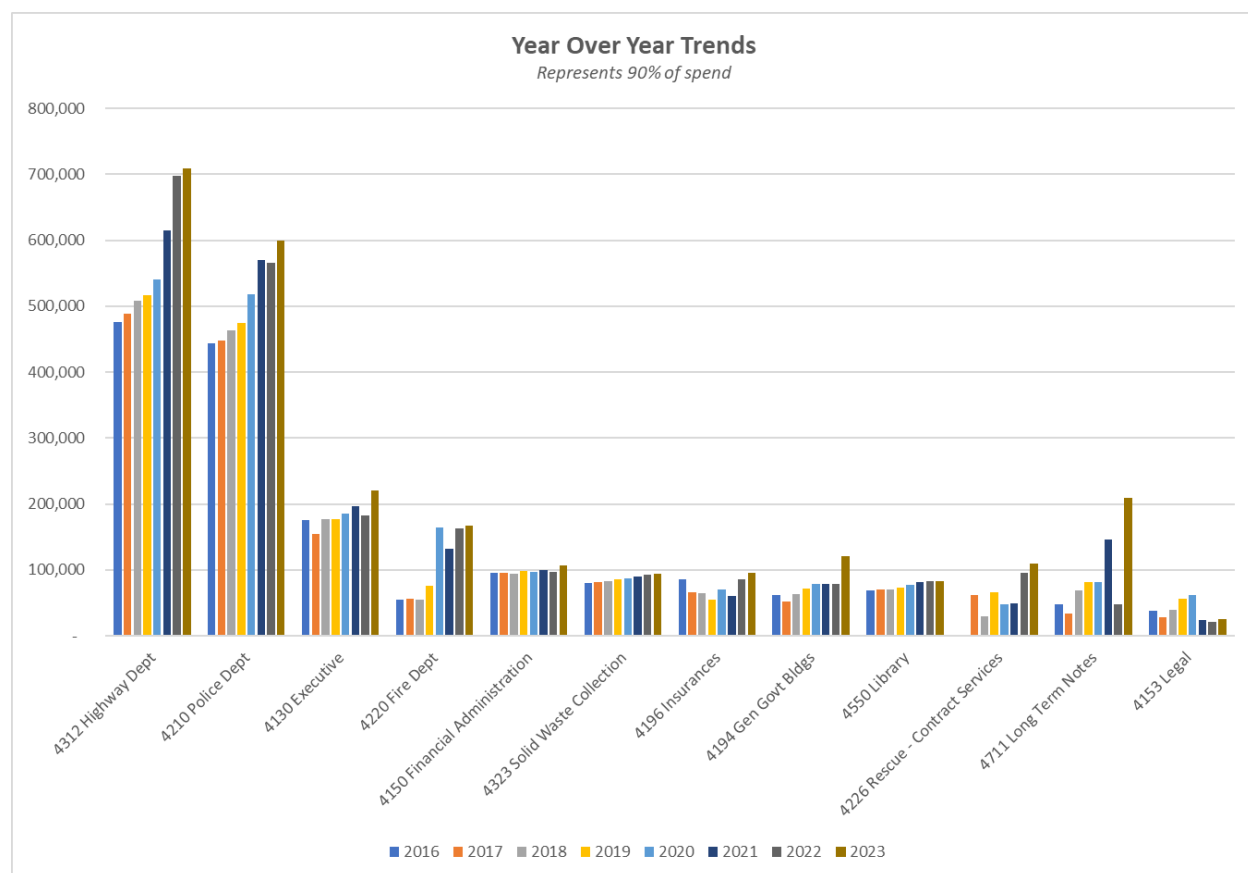
The Budget Committee would like to thank all of the Department Heads for their partnership during the budget process. It was a difficult year. The total tax rate increased from \$24.69 to \$27.80 per \$1,000 during the last year. The town portion increased from \$9.35 to \$11.07 per \$1,000. While the town portion of the total tax rate still accounts for less than 40% of our property tax bill, the Budget Committee, Select Board, and Department Heads worked hard to reduce the budget growth while still maintaining Town operations. This was not an easy balance. Hard decisions needed to be made that could have benefitted from more resident input. The Budget Committee is recommending an operating budget that reflects just over a 3% increase from the FY 2023 budget.

In 2023 some of the driving factors for the increase in the operating budget include wages and benefits, fuel costs and general inflationary costs, and improvements to town buildings, including the Town Hall and Community Center. The Select Board made the decision to increase wages by

3%. Health and dental benefits costs increased by 15.6% and 4.7% respectively. New Hampshire will hold four elections this year, increasing associated operating expenses. The effort to revalue property, as required by law, increased the associated contractor expenses. Brown Memorial Library, which has not been fully funded by the Town and relies on fundraising for operations, requested an increase that aligned with actual expenses. The Budget Committee was able to only partially recommend their request. The enclosed graph details historic budgetary trends by Department.

The State's tax structure and over-reliance on property taxes will continue to put upward pressure on Bradford's property tax owners. We encourage everyone to get involved! Run for the Budget Committee. Attend meetings. Get involved in the school municipal budget. It will take all of us to balance the needs of the Town with our ability to pay for them.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Jennifer Richardson, Chair  
 Kimberly Firth, Vice Chair



## 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, 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;
- Grant *Equitable Waivers of Dimensional Requirements* when a lot or structure is found after the fact to be in violation of the zoning ordinance, due to a measurement error made in good faith, or an error in ordinance interpretation made by a municipal official;
- 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 2023 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 to side setback requirements was granted for Map 22, Lots 29 and 30, located at 98 and 102 Davis Road.
- A variance to side setback requirements was granted for Map 16, Lot 29, located at 16 Sunset Hill Road.
- A special exception allowing a commercial use in the Residential Rural District was granted for Map 11, Lot 58, located at 3087 State Route 114.

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](http://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.

2023 Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Brooks McCandlish, Chair  
Nathaniel Bruss, Vice-Chair  
William Duffy  
Laura Beaton  
James Varney

## **BRADFORD PLANNING BOARD**

The Bradford Planning Board meets once a month, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, and holds subcommittee meetings on different topics of responsibilities, as needed. All meetings are posted and open to the public. During 2023, the Planning Board engaged in the following:

- Site Plan application - Ashley Miller Map 11 Lot 58.
- Lot Line Adjustment application - Judy and Richard Curless Map 22- Lots 29 & 30 (in progress).
- Flood ordinance zoning amendment - Public Hearing.
- 2024 CIP public hearing.
- SWOD – Surface Water Overlay District zoning ordinance and public hearings.
- Tiny home ordinance draft discussion.
- Bradford Class VI Road policy and inquiries.
- Bradford Planning Board process update - attendance of Zoom meetings acceptable as long as a quorum is present.
- Completed an initial draft of a Surface Water Overlay District (SWOD) that could potentially be for consideration by voters in March of 2025.
- Several informal discussions with property owners regarding potential projects and applications.
- Feedback and consultation, as needed to the Economic Development Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

Also of note is that the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission provides planner office hours the day after Planning Board meetings, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Town Offices.

Bradford continues to face changes in demographics, economics, as well as improvements to infrastructure throughout the town.

We hope that all members of our community will support this sustainable growth and be active members in the discussions as these continue to move forward. We need more involvement to make this vision grow, please consider your role and support by getting involved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katie Olohan, Chair

## **BRADFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE**

The Bradford Energy Committee (BEC) has pursued several initiatives in 2023 in support of our mission statement to assist the Town and residents in reducing energy consumption thereby saving money, conserving natural resources, and reducing our use of fossil fuels. The two main initiatives this year were the continuation of the municipal weatherization program and implementation of Community Power. The BEC is happy to report that weatherization of three of our municipal buildings has been completed [Library-2021, Highway Garage and Fire Station-2023 (with the exception of installation of new weatherstripping on one of the Fire Station bay doors)].

Both the Fire Station and Highway buildings were constructed in the early 1980's and much of the equipment is original. The Energy Audit Reports of these buildings recommended air sealing, insulation of exposed aboveground concrete and additional insulation. The weatherization of these buildings resulted in an air leakage reduction of 27% at Highway and an 80% reduction at the Fire Station.

The Town received an incentive payment of \$5,612.13, \$1,295.48 more than what was anticipated from NHSave for the Highway project. We expect an incentive payment of \$11,871.50 from NHSave for the Fire Station project. The BEC will continue to track energy savings going forward.

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:

- Help for High Energy Costs;
- Feasibility of Municipal Solar;
- NHSave Home Performance with Energy Star – Moderate Income Program;
- Keep Money in Your Pocket with LED Light Bulbs;
- Bradford Energy Committee Asks for Yes Vote on Warrant Article 25;
- Get Free Guidance for Inflation Reduction Act Funding;
- Updates on the changing federal energy credit for residential solar installations;
- Reduce Home-Energy Costs with Plastic Window Inserts;
- Coming Soon to Your Home: Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Rebates & Tax Credits;
- Community Power for Bradford;
- Plastic Free July;
- Energy Quiz;
- Pigs to the Rescue: Who knew they could help the climate?

The Town of Bradford has joined the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire! A community power program will give the town the ability to buy electricity for residents instead of the traditional utility companies, giving customers options for lower prices as well as options for renewable energy.

The Select Board has appointed Jenny Locke Howley and Kathleen Bigford to serve on the newly approved Electric Aggregation Committee to oversee the development of a plan for an electric aggregation program. One of two required public hearings to ensure Bradford residents



understand the plan and process was held on December 12, 2023 and the second meeting was held in January 2024.

BEC participated in the Community Fair at Sweet Beet on September 23. We provided information about the Community Power Coalition. We also used educational props provided by the NH Energy and Education Project (NHEEP) to teach hands-on activities for kids (and adults!) geared to understanding how to use less energy and to explore clean energy technology. Sandra Bravo and Kearsarge Climate Action (KCA) worked with Hannaford's supermarket and the Center for Ecotechnology (CET), who had received a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) grant, to investigate "Business Food Waste Diversion in the Kearsarge Area". Sandra spoke with seven organizations in the Bradford area and found that a portion of food waste from five of them is fed to pigs. One location composts its food waste, and one organization disposes of their food waste in the trash.

Members of the BEC will continue to raise awareness of energy issues and initiatives and 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 2024. Thank you!

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





## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Economic Development Committee continues to look for opportunities to make Bradford an attractive place to live and to locate a business. Our activities this year include:

- One committee member served as chair of the Masonic Building Committee.
- Two committee members volunteered to be part of the core committee tasked with planning for the use of the second floor Town Hall theater and the future use of the Bradford Area Community Center.
- One committee member worked with state officials to conduct repair work on the footbridge at the Bradford Pines. Improved signage was added to highlight the trail and direct foot traffic away from erosion-prone areas.
- The committee did a preliminary exploration of the needs and opportunities for business signage at the intersection of Main Street and Route 103.
- The committee, working with town officials, submitted two Main Street revitalization proposals as part of the regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Both projects were approved, meaning that they have met the initial criteria for funding. Several committee members met with a representative from the Northern New England Regional Economic Development Association about the projects. Although the projects do not currently meet the federal economic need criteria, the committee will continue to look for additional funding opportunities in 2024.
- The committee is working together with the town to evaluate potential vendors for an updated and improved town web site.
- A new Facebook page has been created at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61554340506974&mibextid=REkXMA>

Current committee members are: Scott McCaskill (chair), Jim Bibbo (vice chair), Kristine Foss (secretary), Libby Curtis Webb, Mel Pfeifle (Select Board representative), and Matt Monahan (Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission).

The committee meets once a month. Meetings are open to the public, and we value and encourage public input. We could use a few additional members; if interested, contact Karen Hambleton at the Select Board Office.





## **MASONIC BUILDING COMMITTEE**

The Masonic Building on West Main Street continued its journey in 2023. A warrant article by petition was brought for a vote at Town Meeting in March of 2023. The article requested that the building be torn down with an estimated budget of \$50,000. The rationale was that it would make way for easier access by the fire trucks to the road and additional parking for the firehouse. The warrant did not pass; however, a recommendation was made to put together a group to look into options and related costs for the building. A public input meeting to hear ideas, options, and opinions was held on April 24, 2023.

The Select Board then asked for volunteers and selected seven people to serve on a committee to explore and research options for the building and bring back recommendations. The Committee consisted of Select Board member Mel Pfeifle, Kris Foss from the Economic Development Committee, Anne Kratz, Deputy Town Clerk and local artist, Bruce Gezelman, Bryan Nowell, Bradford Fire Chief, Tracey Quigley from the Bradford Historical Society, and Pat Moreland. Together, the Committee decided on a process to identify and vet options. The group conducted a walk-through of the building and pulled together primary source information about the property. They held a brainstorming session, discussing many ideas, considerations and ultimately consolidating them into a few options.

The three viable options included repurposing the building for another use; razing the building, and then filling and paving the lot with hardscape and landscape design; or moving the building, filling and paving the lot with hardscape and landscape design.

The cons outweighed the pros of trying to repurpose the building as it stands, and that option was dismissed. Cons included shared septic fields, lack of off-street parking, cost, and blurred property lines.

There were several considerations based on research and follow-up including that 1) the Fire Station is landlocked, with inadequate parking and limited egress for large trucks; 2) the building does not have a function identified by the Town as a need for services or other use; 3) the Town does not have funds for continued maintenance of an empty building; 4) delayed action will cost more later, and 5) the building is in a highly visible location and is a first impression of Bradford with an opportunity for beautification that will benefit the town.

Ultimately, the Committee brought a recommendation to the Select Board on October 23, 2023. The recommendation was to put the building up for sale by auction with two concurrent auction options. Option one would allow a buyer to purchase the building to move at their own expense, and the proceeds of that sale could be used for fill, paving and hardscape and landscape. The second option would allow a buyer to purchase the building with a requirement that they raze the building completely after recovering any architectural salvage for themselves, and sale proceeds could offset some of the costs of filling, paving and hardscape and landscaping. This type of concurrent auction would allow the Town to choose the best bid. The Committee asked the Select Board to bring this recommendation to the Town Meeting for a vote.

Submitted by Kris Foss

## CEMETERY COMMISSION

All seventeen cemeteries were mowed and trimmed over the course of the cemetery season, which goes from April 1 to the second week in November. Overgrown bushes and shrubs were removed. This is an on-going job. A big Thank You to FVB Landscaping for a job well done.

Keith, from Cornerstone Cemetery Services, completed repairs in our cemeteries. The Trustees have spent \$22,000 in the last two years on headstone repairs. The funds have come from the Cemetery Care and Maintenance Trust Fund.

The DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Chapter Pine Tree Rioters members Susan Gildersleeve, Heidi Pope, Lori Jutzi, and Sue Durling instructed the Trustees on how to clean headstones in the cemeteries. It is a slow process but worth the effort to remove mold and debris from the headstones. It takes about an hour or more for each headstone. A big thank you to the Members.

A special Thank You to Jane Lucas and her helpers from the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School at Bradford who helped place the Veterans' flags at Sunny Plain Cemetery. Commander Trowbridge placed a Christmas wreath under the Sunny Plain Cemetery sign for the Holidays.

In 2024, we will have new signs with the regulations for the cemeteries. We are also looking into replacement and repairs for the water system at Sunny Plain Cemetery.



The DAR Pine Tree Rioters Cleaning Headstones

Cemetery Trustees:

Marlene Freyler  
Sheila Denoncourt  
Dawn Gezelman

Our cemeteries are the history of our Town.

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

In 2023, the Bradford Police Department made some big enhancements in terms of technology with the implementation of Body Worn Cameras (BWC), new tablets and AEDs in the vehicles, and new portable radios and lapel mics.

The goal behind using BWCs nationwide is to transform policing for the better. The BWCs create video records of the incident's officers respond to daily and shows how they and citizens respond to those incidents. If used effectively, they have the potential to build better relationships with the community they serve by promoting organizational transparency and accountability.

The new tablets, radios and lapel mics were all obtained through 100% funded grants. Prior to the purchase of tablets, officers did not have the ability to run any sort of record check while out on the road. With the new tablets, officers now work more efficiently while on scene by checking previous contacts, in house notes, or even where a loose dog resides to get them home and reunited quicker. Our portable radios were purchased just after 1998, also via a grant. Being an older model, parts or repairs were no longer available. We now have all brand-new portable radios and wireless lapel mics that will serve the department for many years to come. The AEDs (Automated External Defibrillator) were placed in each police vehicle as well as at the station. The AED is a critical piece of life saving equipment used to help patients suffering from sudden cardiac arrest.

We plan to continue researching available grants in 2024 with an emphasis on in vehicle equipment (radios and radars) as well as highway safety. With highway safety grants, officers will conduct patrols with an emphasis on keeping our roads safe by focusing on speeding, DUI, distracted driving/hands free, and child safety belt laws to ensure the safety of vehicle occupants. The Bradford Police Department had a busy year in terms of call volume responding to a total of 4,225 calls for service. The department saw an increase in investigations which can be time consuming. 2023 ended with arrests being up 188% and motor vehicle stops being up 148% for the year.



In December, the Department recognized Sergeant. Neil Flanagan for 10 years of service with the Bradford Police Department and Officer Glen Drewniak was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

The Bradford Police Department once again worked alongside The Appleseed Restaurant to provide over 400 meals around Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas to local families to enjoy for

the holiday. We also continued to call the elderly, those living alone, those with special needs/medical conditions, etc., in times of inclement weather. If you would like to sign up to be on the list, or want to recommend someone be added, please just call the station, and provide the officer on duty with a name, address, and phone number, as well as any pertinent information about the home or person.

As always, please reach out to me if I, or any of our officers, can be of assistance to you in any way. I encourage all to reach out and share any positive or negative dealings you have with our officers. I do get these emails often and they are always shared with the officer and then placed in their personnel files. I am always open to discussing any interactions so that we can talk it through and make changes if need be.

Respectively Submitted,  
Chief Edward Shaughnessy

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT 2023 ACTIVITY**

Assaults	3	Suspicious Persons	44
Trespass/Burglary	6	Road Hazard/Obstruction	55
Theft	11	Paperwork Service	132
Fraud	19	VIN Verification	20
Criminal Mischief	5	Pistol Permits	3
Sex Offender Registration	10	911 Hang up	2
Sex Offenses	1	Records Request 91-A	10
Child Abuse/Neglect	1	Motor Vehicle Repossession	2
Domestic Violence	5	Follow Up Investigation	56
DUI	2	Administrative Functions	105
Noise Complaint	6	Property Found/Returned	44
Suicide – Threatening to Commit	7	Missing Person	6
Mental Health	7	Welfare Check	24
Disorderly Conduct	8	Directed Patrols	286
Littering/Illegal Dumping	2	Untimely Death	3
Truant/Runaways	0	Civil Standby	12
MV Accidents	43	Animal Nuisance	67
MV Stops	580	Community Policing	22
MV Unlock	9	Fire/Rescue Aid	96
Parking Violations	14	Mutual Aid	106
Building Checks / Alarms	2103	Citizen Assist	155
Fingerprinting for Volunteer	5	Assist Other	40
		All Other Issues	88

**TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE                      4225**

## **BRADFORD FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT**

In 2023, the Bradford Fire Rescue received 193 calls for emergency assistance, a decrease from 2022 and 2021. The Fire Rescue Department would like to thank the town for their support of the Department, specifically their support of replacing and upgrading the firefighter breathing apparatus and funding of warrant articles to replace expired gear, purchase gear for new members and energy improvements to the Fire Station. In March, I completed one year as Bradford's Fire Chief. We achieved a lot of our goals for the year, finishing the year with a department roster of 17 active personnel. We increased our level of qualified EMS personnel we provide on scene prior to Henniker ambulance arriving.

The Department has started to replace our self-contained breathing apparatus that had aged out of compliance. We are staggering the replacement of both the bottles and packs to be able spread the cost out over several years. Switching our fire and EMS reporting system over to a free state system, improved how we report both EMS and fire incidents as required by the State of New Hampshire while saving the Fire Department money. In 2023 Capital Area Mutual dispatch switched to a new computer aided dispatch system. With this process completed we are now able to complete fire reporting easier through this CAD implementation. Currently the Department is 100% compliant with the State Fire Marshall and the State EMS medical reporting requirements.

In 2022, the Department applied for a grant from the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery. The \$50,000 grant that we were awarded allowed us to update our Rescue squad equipment, our monitor/AED and our automated CPR device. This upgrade was instrumental in improving our level of EMS services provided to the citizens of Bradford. In 2022, the Bradford Fire Rescue Association stepped up and purchased new battery powered rescue/extrication equipment at a cost of \$48,000. Both these rescue purchases came at no expense to the taxpayers. In 2023, we were awarded a FEMA grant in the amount of \$8,714.28 to purchase NFPA compliant structural turnout gear for two of our members. This was a 5% matching grant from the town. Also, a warrant article was funded with \$25,000 to help us purchase PPE.

The Fire Department recruited 3 new members in 2023 and have been working to recruit more and retain our current members. Recruitment and retention are big issues for small towns as well as throughout New Hampshire and the United States. Several members increased their Skills in 2023, LT Green and FF Felicia Starr completed the SCBA/PPE module of Firefighter 1 certification, Starr Completed her emergency medical responder certification and EMT Emily Roy and Tom Gleason are wrapping up their advance EMT class. FF Donnenfeld is completing his EMR class and FF Hill and FF Starr are registered in the winter/spring EMT class in Henniker.

The Fire Department was very active with the community this year. Participating in the following events:

- Story time with the Library
- Fire Department Chicken BBQ at Bradford's Independence Day
- Staffed the Fireworks display for Bradford's Independence Day
- Food drive for the Bradford Food Pantry
- Help host the Jingle Bus at the Fire Department
- Help staff the Polar Bear plunge 1/1/2023
- Regular report outs to the local papers

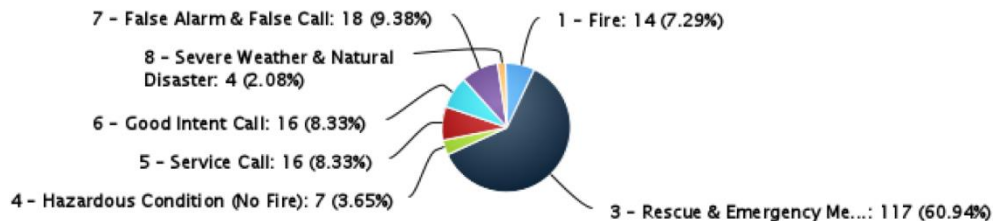
- Smoke detector and battery collection for home without supplies
- Red Cross blood drives
- Street Addressing Program
- Assisted the PD with delivering holiday meals

On the prevention side, all places of assemblies were inspected and permitted for 2023. Fire inspections for life safety were completed on the Town Hall, including sprinkler system, fire alarm, and elevator systems.

Forest Fire Warden Hansen issued fire permits for all outside fires when the ground wasn't covered with snow. In total, 127 Category I and II permits were issued. There were 38 Category III permits issued.

The Town continues its contract with Henniker Fire Rescue to provide Ambulance transports to a hospital as initiated in 2014. 2024 will see a newly reviewed contract which both Bradford and Henniker agree is a positive relationship for both towns. This contract will help with maintaining the same level of service but with the hopes of reducing the costs to the taxpayers.

The Fire Department also took over the Emergency Management position and Health Officer position. We have worked very closely with NH Homeland Security and Department of Health and Human Service to ensure we are helping the town and the citizens when an emergency or health outbreak occurs.



2023 was a very busy and successful year for the Fire Department. As Fire Chief I look forward to 2024, there are many challenges to overcome in 2024, ensuring the Fire Department overcomes challenges such as financial, equipment availability, recruitment and retention of firefighters and EMS personnel, or the health care issues that we are dealing with as a State or a Nation. We plan to continue to seek grants and other funding sources to assist with our operating budget and long-range Fire Department plans.

As a department we will be here to serve the town and continue to provide the level of service that the citizen expects and we thank the taxpayers who have supported us for decades.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Nowell

Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director

Interim Health Officer

Chief – Bryan Nowell

Deputy Chief – James Raymond

Captain – Carl Goldberg

Lieutenant – Steve Hansen

Lieutenant – Steve Snyder

Lieutenant – Bobby Green

Matt Cox

Neil Donnenfeld

Mark Dowd

Bruce Edwards

Matt Gerald

Mark Goldberg

John Hill

Brooks McCandlish

Brian Rondeau

Emily Roy

Felicia Starr



## REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

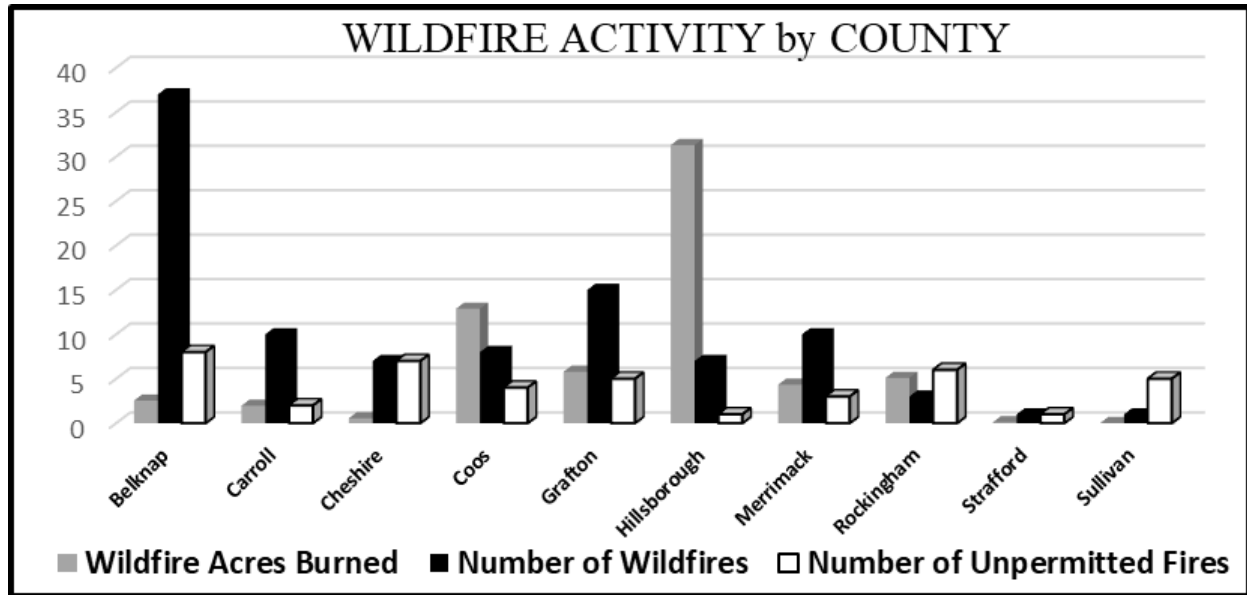
This past year we observed wet weather in late spring and throughout the summer. This led to reduced wildfire activity throughout the state and allowed many of our state firefighting resources to respond to Nova Scotia and Quebec to assist our Canadian neighbors with their record wildfire season. We were also able team up with local fire departments and provide many wildfire trainings throughout the state.

This time of year, we see fires caused 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. Even with the lower wildfire threat in New Hampshire in 2023, properties within the Wildland Urban Interface were still impacted, with 8 structures threatened and 3 destroyed by wildfires. 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](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe! 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 2024 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](http://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/](http://www.nh.gov/nhdfl/). For up-to-date information, follow us on Twitter and Instagram: @NHForestRangers



## 2023 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS



Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2023	99	64.5	42
2022	59	203	48
2021	66	86	96
2010	113	89	165
2019	15	23.5	92

\* 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
0	0	22	3	80	4	4	10	1	2	0	4



## BRADFORD HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

2023 was a very busy year going in many directions with tasks and projects that added to the town's general betterment. We moved forward with the program outlined with input from Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Committee, The Road Committee, The Highway Department and the Select Board. This was the second year the Town voted to appropriate money to allow work to be done on designated roads. Jones Road, a portion of Center Road and a portion of Fairgrounds Road were selected to have the work done. We started on Jones Road by having A Cut Above Tree Service remove a 106 foot tall, rotted pine tree. We removed the stump to widen the road to match the rest of the road. We then replaced 3 old metal culverts that were rotted out with plastic pipes, boxed out an area that had clay material which caused poor



New 3-foot Concrete Pipe on Fairgrounds Road

Photo by Steve Hall

drainage and replaced it with gravel. Then the locations were shimmed with asphalt and prepped waiting for Pike to pave. On Fairgrounds Road, we replaced 6 old rotted metal pipes with new plastic culverts and added a catch basin at the intersection of Old Fairgrounds Road. We also removed an old rotted 3-foot metal pipe, replaced it with a 3-foot concrete pipe and ditched to improve the drainage. Again, we shimmed the cut outs with asphalt and prepped waiting for Pike to pave. We had assistance from Ordway Excavating to help with both of these projects. After the paving on both these projects was completed, we backed up the shoulders with gravel. I believe the end result was awesome.

Our new John Deere Grader arrived and works great. The wing has been installed and it is in our shed. We also had a new stainless steel dump body installed on our 2014 Ford 550. This truck does the majority of spreading salt and plowing in town and the salt had rotted holes in the original steel body. We had a new well installed by Contoocook Artesian Well at the town shed. The old well had become contaminated with sand which was causing a lot of problems in the system. On West Road we removed a number of large rocks causing humps and bumps in the road. We replaced a culvert on Forest Street on the asphalt section as well as 2 culverts on Cressy Road and 1 culvert on Cilley Lane. These are all replaced under general maintenance work because they were either rotted or collapsed. We had to rebuild a large retaining wall on Fairgrounds Road for the second time because high water from the spring rains caused it to wash out the road bank. Center Road Bridge was closed by the State due to its deteriorating condition. The deck was replaced with concrete and rebar as opposed to steel beams. It reopened in August and should last a long time.

We asphalt shimmed Oakdale Road, Hogg Hill Road, Rowe Mountain Road, Breezy Hill Road, West Road, Massasecum Lake Road, Jones Road, Fairgrounds Road, West Main Street, Melvin

Mills Road and the Transfer Station roads. Ditching was performed on Jones Road, Center Road, West Road and Fairgrounds Road.

We had a opportunity to get grindings from the I-89 construction project so we ended up with about 1000 yards to mix with our crushed gravel which works well on the roads. The cost was much less than having to purchase the same amount of gravel from a vendor. We added gravel to Rowe Mountain Road, Massasecum Avenue, Howlett Road and the Transfer Station road with shoulders on Jones Road, Center Road and Fairgrounds Road.



2023 John Deere Grader Photo by Steve Hall

The crew also trimmed brush in different locations along bridges and intersections to help with visibility and made it look much better. One location in particular is West Main Street in front of the Fire Station pond which looks great. At the same time, the fence was repaired in the same area. The Highway crew built an addition onto the sander shed to accommodate the larger sander to extend its life.

As always, you can call or email with any questions or concerns and we will get back to you. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully,

Bradford Highway Department

## BRADFORD TRANSFER AND RECYCLING CENTER

When residents come into the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center, they realize that we want to recover every piece of metal, no matter how small--even staples and beer caps! Every piece of metal contributes to the revenue that Bradford receives for its metals. Metals recycled at the Transfer Station fall into two categories: ferrous and non-ferrous. When these two metals are kept separate from each other, they bring in the most revenue to the town of Bradford.



Photo by Lois Kilnapp

The large container "up on the hill" collects what is known as scrap light iron. This is for all ferrous metals. Ferrous metals attract a magnet. Non-ferrous metals are collected in barrels placed on either side of the municipal waste container (ie the compactor). Examples of non-ferrous metals that we recycle include aluminum, any item made of copper, insulated wire, brass, and lead. Non-ferrous metals do not stick to a magnet. Residents who are not sure if a metal is ferrous or non-ferrous, will ask us where their item goes. We appreciate that they will ask us before tossing their item in any of the metal containers. It is very difficult and often too dangerous for us to fish non-ferrous items out of the large scrap light iron container. Recently a resident found out that we were soon going to make a non-ferrous metal trip to Radius. He brought in his unwanted four cast aluminum car rims before we left. His stewardship brought in more revenue for his town.

Throughout 2023, the Transfer Station has netted \$7,256.58 for metals from the scrap light iron roll-off container, \$3,801.66 for aluminum beverage cans, and \$3,554.95 for non-ferrous scrap metals. We desire to be good stewards of the items that are brought to be discarded at the Transfer Station. This involves employing the most efficient methods of recycling (such as, separating ferrous from non-ferrous metals) and finding the vendors that will pay Bradford the most for these recycled materials. Ken and I find the act of recovering and recycling enjoyable and satisfying. Many Bradford residents are joining us in our recycling efforts and caring about the effective collection and disbursement of our tax dollars.

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!

Recycling isn't just good for your wallet, it's great for the environment, saving energy and resources.

*The Northeast Resource Recovery Association – your recycling nonprofit – helped market the recyclable materials listed below to be processed into raw materials, ready to be remanufactured into new products!*

RECYCLABLE MATERIAL	2023 RECYCLED AMOUNTS	ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT! Here is just one benefit of recycling materials, rather than manufacturing new products from virgin resources.
ALUMINUM CANS	9,640 LBS	 You saved enough energy to run a TV for <b>559,120</b> hours!
PLASTICS	8,223 LBS	 You saved <b>432</b> gallons of gasoline!
GLASS	69,520 LBS	 You saved about <b>416</b> trash bags from ending up in a landfill!
SCRAP METAL	131,101 LBS	 You saved <b>195,340</b> pounds of iron ore!

## 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 **761,054 lbs. of carbon dioxide emissions**. This is equivalent to removing **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](mailto:info@nrrarecycles.org) | [www.nrrarecycles.org](http://www.nrrarecycles.org) | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/NRRAreCycles) /NRRAreCycles

## **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

2023 was pretty busy. We issued 91 permits for \$4,298,828.00 in construction value and \$32,428.00 in collected fees.

We thank all of our citizens for their help in making our participation rate as high as it is. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out and we will answer your questions.

2	Commercial Buildings
4	New Homes
12	Barns, Sheds and Garages
2	Additions
12	Remodel/Renovations
6	Roof Replacements/Repairs
14	Heating and Electrical Services
5	Porches and/or Decks
2	Demolitions
1	Foundation
11	Solar
2	Pools
9	Generators
1	Modular Classroom

Walter Royal  
Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

## **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.

## BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Brown Memorial Library offers resources, programs, and services to enhance the quality of life in Bradford. Town funding and generous donations enabled us to add 790 new books and 96 DVDs to our collection. Additionally, we provided access this year to digital audio-books and E books through the NH Downloadable Book Consortium known as Overdrive/Libby. This year, those who used this service, checked out 1,397 audio-books and 594 E books. Our knowledgeable staff members are available to provide assistance needed in accessing our online catalog through Biblionex as well as the Overdrive system.

This year marked the return of regular programming! Programming is incredibly important to a community in that it allows for people to learn, be entertained, and to gather in one communal location. The Library, until the Town Hall opens, is at the heart of this community. The Librarians, with the help of Friends of the Brown Memorial Library, and many volunteers offered a variety of programming this year to our rural library. Our annual programs include: Easter Egg hunt (with help from the fourth graders at KRES Bradford who help stuff all the eggs), Trick or Treat at Halloween (where kids get to pick out a free book and get to come show off their costumes), Summer Reading Program (which offers prize incentives, programs, and a fun raffle), and of course, we can't forget a visit from Santa (This year, Santa Tom, was a big hit).



Photo by Laurie Buchar

Our Children's Librarian, Laurie Buchar, continues to provide weekly story time to the children of Bradford. It's been wonderful meeting a variety of new families that have moved to Bradford this year. Story time gathering not only benefits the children but also allows parents, caregivers, etc, to connect and get to know each other.

This year, we added a Junior Book Group, through the enthusiasm of Emma Connors, and it was a success with up to ten kids at our last group! They have read a Nancy Drew book, *The Mystery of the 99 Steps*, *The Secret Garden* / Frances Hodges, *Island of the Spies* / Sheila Turnage, and *Fantastic Mr. Fox* / Roald Dahl. The adult book group continues to thrive, meeting every third Wednesday of the month. New members are always welcome.

We continued the tradition of having our annual Plant & Book Sales for Memorial Day and the Independence Day Celebration. Donations from these sales provide additional funding for 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 BML, and the BML Trustees.

We encourage patrons to use our library passes (Currier Museum, Mt Kearsarge Indian Museum, NH Telephone Museum, NH Park pass, & The Fells) as well as Ancestry Library for in-library use only. We provide three computers with free Wi-Fi access 24/7. The signal is accessible from the parking lot of the library during off hours.

This year our big project was to install mini-splits for both air conditioning in the summer and heat in the winter. So far, the addition has created a more comfortable library environment through all the seasons. We thank AGS for their services.

#### Programs of 2023:

Addiction Resource & Referral / Archways of NH  
Over the Head wall: History of Tuckerman's  
Ravine / Jeff Leich

Quest for Happiness / Maria Sanders

Introduction to Mindfulness / Libby Curtis Webb

Valentines Crafts / Anne Kratz

Reducing Inflammation with Holistic Health / Nourish - Kristin Mihaly

The Softer Side of Celtic / Jeff Snow

Breeding Season Backyard Birds / Steve Hale

Balancing Hormones Naturally / Nourish - Kristin Mihaly

A Lesson in Resilience: One Month in Ukraine / Natalia and Peter Blanc

Postpartum Fitness & Wellness / Kelly Bridgewater

Pollinator Garden / Suzanne Paul

Early Morning Bird Walk / Gary Kalajian

Civil War Stories / Bill McKinley

Introduction to Beekeeping / Kearsarge Bee Association

Living History-Colonial Times / Bill McKinley

Bradford Bog Bees Presentation / Bradford Conservation Commission

Art Reception for Margo Steeves

Virtual Reality Experience / Geoff Cook

Lost-proofing in the Woods / New England K-9 Search & Rescue

Digging into Native NH History / Robert Goodby / NH Humanities

Book Chat with author Joyce Maynard (Bird Hotel)

Tiny Creatures / Wild Encounters of New England

Ghost Tales & Spirits with spiritual medium Karen Taetro

Orienteering / Ed Rehor

Halloween Crafts / Anne Kratz

Buildwave Enrichment Program / Buildwave

The Survival Story of Moose in NH / NH Fish & Wildlife

Santa Visit & Tree Lighting

Ornament & Holiday crafts / BML staff

Our goal is to provide the community with an atmosphere of acceptance and welcome, learning,





connection, and community for the people of Bradford. I thank our wonderful and enthusiastic staff who both have a love of reading and a love for this library. Thank you for your attention to detail, organizational skills, and personality. Thank you to our trustees for making important decisions about the library as a group with big appreciation to Jason Grey who is our bookkeeper/treasurer, and to all the volunteers who help with fundraising and keeping our beautiful basement donations in such immaculate shape. Lastly, thanks to our patrons who provide us with new perspective, suggestions, stories, and laughter.

Library Staff:

Ellen Barselle  
Seth Benowitz  
Laurie Buchar  
Ellie Brown  
Connie Scheffy  
Patty Furness  
Deb Gregory  
Joy Baker

Trustees:

Laura Beaton  
Caitlin Banaszak  
Devin Pendleton / Chair  
Mary Keegan-Dayton / Secretary  
Jason Grey / Treasurer  
Robin Steiner  
Beth VonBeren



Art with Anne Kratz

## REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT



## BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY 2023

### Revenues

Town Appropriation	82,560.00
Donations	
Book sales	3,247.25
Programs	300.00
Other	4,090.68
Non-resident fees	0.00
Copier Receipts	423.60
Interest	
Craigie/Bibbo Fund	10.82
Payson Fund	9.18
General	1.68
Town-Held Funds	580.41
Special Projects Fund	3.89
Operating Funds	2.97
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$91,230.48</b>

### Expenditures

	<b>Category Totals</b>	<b>From Donated Funds</b>	<b>From Appropriation</b>
Accounting	46.63	0.00	46.63
Books & Materials	12,256.93	2,696.11	9,560.82
Computer Equipment	2,923.55	750.00	2,173.55
Dues/Education	270.00	0.00	270.00
Furnishings/Fixtures	17,978.00	17,978.00	0.00
Maintenance	5,228.99	841.56	4,387.43
Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00
Programs	4,912.66	300.00	4,612.66
Publications and notices	0.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies & Postage	1,554.17	0.00	1,554.17
Digitizing	990.00	0.00	990.00
Utilities			
Electric	2,283.98	0.00	2,283.98
Internet	1,077.00	0.00	1,077.00
Oil	2,460.59	0.00	2,460.59
Telephone	577.48	0.00	577.48
Payroll Expenses	52,565.69	0.00	52,565.69
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$105,125.67</b>	<b>\$22,565.67</b>	<b>\$82,560.00</b>

## BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

## Fund Report 2023

### Town-Held Funds

(for books & technology)

Balance 1/1/23	\$1,500.13
Interest	580.44
Transfers	0.00
Balance 12/31/23	\$2,080.57

### Special Projects Fund

(for library purposes)

#### Investments

Balance 1/1/23	\$45,937.77
Unrealized gain/(loss)	5,224.51
Realized gain/(loss)	0.00
Dividends & Interest	1,007.69
Balance 12/31/23	\$52,169.97

#### Savings

Balance 1/1/23	\$25,301.30
Interest	3.89
Donations	8,061.53
Non-Resident Fees	0.00
Transfers	40.39
Expenditures	(22,565.67)
Balance 12/31/23	\$10,841.44

### Craigie/Bibbo Fund

(for children's books & materials)

Balance 1/1/23	\$7,121.22
Interest	10.82
Deposit	1.03
Transfers (books)	0.00
Balance 12/31/23	\$7,133.07

### Payson Family Fund

(for books and technology)

Balance 1/1/23	\$5,324.16
Interest	9.18
Transfers (books)	(0.14)
Balance 12/31/23	\$5,334.20



**FRIENDS OF BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

Formed in 1989, the Friends of Brown Memorial Library's mission is to create interest 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 funds to benefit the library.

The group of Friends of Brown Memorial Library (FOBML) lost members and was mostly quiet this year. As of this date, there are currently five members of the group who no longer meet regularly. This year, FOBML, helped with the annual Easter Egg Hunt. We provided general assistance to the library for programming. We also assisted the Library in purchasing a new laser printer. FOBML held two bake sale fundraisers in conjunction with the book & plant sales. We are seeking additional members for the group to assist in fundraising and supporting the library. New members are welcome!

President	Harry Wright
Secretary	Harry Wright
Treasurer	Laura Beaton
Sandy Paul	
Sheila Denoncourt	
Sandra Wright	



Maya Phelan Collecting Eggs      Photo by Laurie Buchar

Year End Financials  
January 1 – December 31, 2023

Income

Foundation Contributions	\$2,500.00
Individual Contribution	\$791.00
Total Income	<b>\$3,291.00</b>

Expense

Events and Programs	\$600.00
Printer and Supplies	\$750.00
Total Expense	<b>\$1,350.00</b>

**Net Income End of 2023** **\$1,941.00**

## PARKS AND RECREATION

Parks and Recreation kicked off the new year with our first annual New's Years Day Polar Plunge at French's Park. We had a great turn out and surprisingly warm weather for January 1st. Bradford Fire cut the ice to create a swim lane and was on site to keep all participants safe. We look forward to making this a Bradford tradition for many New Year's Day's to come.

Bradford brought back the Independence Day Celebration in 2023 and had a HUGE crowd show up to enjoy the festivities. The Bradford Historical Society hosted the event at their property on East Main Street and it was a great location for enjoying Nicks Other Band and seeing the fireworks. The road was closed in front of the Historical Society which made a great dance floor for the Bradford Country Squares to show off their Square Dancing.



Flooding at French's Park

Photo by Devin Pendleton

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

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.

In December, Parks and Recreation teamed up with Bradford Fire Department, Brown Memorial Library, and the Bradford Community Church for a Town Holiday Celebration. Santa read stories, the Grinch showed up and scowled in pictures, the church made delicious Macaroni and Cheese, and there was a vendor fair and food drive. The Jingle Bus toured the town to see Holiday Lights contestants. There were a lot of amazing homes with beautiful lights, and we even got a fireworks show!

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 2024 and your feedback ensures we are doing things the community is interested in.



## 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 highlights of the Commission in 2023:

- UNH grad students under the direction of Dr. Heidi Asbjornsen have completed one year of research on Atlantic White Cedar regeneration and historical use of the area incorporating native knowledge and perspective. They will continue their studies in 2024;
- Alaina Bandanza, former grad student at Antioch College presented her findings on the wild bees of the Bradford Bog in a public talk;
- Worked with ASLPT and the Rural Heritage Connection to limit development on a 71acre property on East Washington Road - protecting the headwaters that run into the Bradford Spring Site and the Bog. This parcel will be kept in forestry and will be open to the public for hunting and passive recreation;
- Coordinated volunteers for the sixth year of the Adopt-a-Road Program to monitor Class VI Road conditions. Several roads continue to have erosion problems due weather events;
- Welcomed Becca Herman as an Alternate member of the Commission;
- Signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk Abenaki Nation over use of the Bradford Spring Site and Bradford Bog conservation areas;
- Updated the Bradford Trail Map, which can be found at the Library, Sweet Beet Market, and town offices;
- Reviewed DES and Shoreland applications;
- Researched Planning and Zoning Board requests for information about projects potentially impacting the town's natural resources;
- Offered input on the Surface Water Overlay District proposed by the Planning Board;
- Members attended the NH Association of Conservation Commissions annual meeting and one member attended the Coverts training project;
- Continued to work closely with Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT). We are coordinating a comprehensive conservation plan that will identify important areas for rare species protection, significant forestry and agricultural soils, flood and erosion issues, unfragmented landscapes, and more.



George Beaton Cleaning Out a Duck Box

Photo by Kim Lowe

- Continued data collection in the Warner River watershed. Members and volunteers are pursuing long term water quality information on Hoyt Brook. The Commission continues to be involved with the Volunteer River Assessment project and the Warner River Local Advisory Committee;

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](http://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.



Ausbon Sargent Annual Easement Monitoring Photo by Bill Duffy



Pitcher Plant in the Bradford Bog

Photo by Ann Eldridge

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](mailto:BCC@bradfordnh.org).

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

Alternates: Scott MacLean  
Seth Benowitz  
Rebecca Herman



## 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 165 projects and protected 13,541 acres – including sixteen working farms and over eight miles of lake frontage. All of these conservation lands provide for some public benefits in the form of forest, farm, wetland, or open space conservation 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 of completing land projects, working on others in various stages of completion, bringing awareness to land protection, and stewarding the 165 projects under our care. We completed two land projects, in the towns of Bradford and Wilmot. You may recall in last year's report, we noted that the Bradford Bog Headwaters project was underway. I am happy to report that the 71.66-acre property was purchased by Ausbon Sargent in June of



2023! If you haven't been out on this important property yet, we urge you to explore our newly constructed trail (a map is available on our website)!

2023 has also been a year of transition, as we honored the remarkable legacy of Debbie Stanley, our first Executive Director, who retired in June after 36 years leading Ausbon Sargent. We also created and filled the new position of Stewardship and Outreach Coordinator.

This summer, we held lots of hikes and other events as the threat of COVID lessened. We collaborated with LSPA, local Conservation Commissions, The Council on Aging, Woodcrest Village, and Tracy Memorial Library on outings and presentations to showcase and connect people with the wonderful properties we preserve. We held hikes in Wilmot, Bradford,

Grantham, New London, Sutton, and Springfield, and a rail trail bike ride in Andover. A new snowshoe trail guide was created for this winter (including the Bradford Bog Headwaters trail) and can be downloaded from our website! A butterfly program was offered at LSPA last March, in preparation for springtime pollinator gardens, and we held volunteer training workshops for people who wished to become conservation easement monitors. In addition to these activities, which are open to all, we held our Volunteer Appreciation party at LSPA, we resumed the in-person version of the ever-popular Progressive Dinner, and we were thrilled to hold our holiday party at the beautiful and historic Livery in Sunapee Harbor. It has been a pleasure for the board and staff to be able to hold events and activities in so many of the towns we serve.

Ausbon Sargent is thankful to have the assistance of over 200 volunteers who help with easement monitoring, committee support, and clerical work. Your community members help to protect these special places in many ways as members, conservation easement donors, volunteer easement monitors and participating in various committees at the Land Trust. They also encourage town officials throughout our 12-town region to conserve our rural character by supporting land conservation.

Our website ([www.ausbonsargent.org](http://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. Our calendar of events for the winter season is also available on our website, so take a look and join us! 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,

*Ben Wallace*  
*Executive Director*



#### **Board of Trustees**

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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 103/114 provided continuous color 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, right through the end of October. A huge thank you to them for transforming an important crossroads in Bradford and to other gardeners who stopped in to give them a much-appreciated hand.

The nine self-watering planters, donated to the BCG by the Woodward and Ellie James Foundation, were placed at the rail trail benches at Lake Todd, the Bement Bridge, the BHS, and the BACC, where they grew larger than we ever imagined. (Maybe too tall!).



The geraniums, provided again by Sandra and Harry Wright, after overwintering at their home, were mixed in with a variety of colorful annuals with better results than the previous year when the wet season did in the geraniums. But like all gardeners, we are already scheming about what to change in 2024, looking forward to the next season with hopes of what can be better!

Elsewhere, we tended the gardens at the Bradford Historical Society, the Little Library planter, and the lilies at the Tall Pines turnout. Daffodils that were planted at the base of our four town-line signs on 103 and 114, and by the rail trail at Lake Todd came up for their first showing this spring, and we look forward to them spreading and filling out in the coming years.

Just as the growing season was wrapping up, the parking areas were graded and defined at the newly renovated Town Hall, and we were able to begin to plan for how best to maintain and improve current plantings. Some serious pruning was needed. Two large planters filled with fall annuals were placed by the flagpole to offer a bit of color and a hint of more to come in the spring.

Many generous donations of plants, bulbs and other needed materials come from our group, town residents and local businesses to make everything possible at no cost to the town. A generous gift card was purchased and left at 5 Acres for us to use over the summer – a wonderful surprise!

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. And as always, we are open to your suggestions!

The Bradford Community Gardeners: Bindy, Teresa and Mike Bryant, Libby Curtis Webb, Yvette Desmaris, Claire and Mike James, Lois Kilnapp, Kim Lowe, Susan Moss, Barb Southard, Maria Storm, 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 2023, BHS held meetings, programs, fundraisers, and events throughout the year. These included a progressive dinner traveling to the Wright house on the Lake for wonderful appetizers, followed by delish entrees on High Street at the Quigleys and ending a fun evening at the Tin Shop for wonderful desserts and coffee hosted by the Heffners.

This year, BHS concentrated on the interior of the Post Office with a view to restoring the front section as it would have originally been between 1920-1940. The back portion of the building will be a research area and storage for additional artifacts. This transformation was made



possible by volunteers, especially Jeff Quigley who designed and built the reconstruction. The building will now be able to be open to visitors and was officially opened at a special event in the summer. The ribbon cutting was performed by Harriet Douglass, the last postmistress to work in this building before the postal service was moved to the new post office in the 1970's.

Also, this year BHS hosted its first vintage car show, organized by trustee Buddy Allen. The event was well attended and a great success. We hope to continue holding these events.



BHS was delighted to host spectators for this year's town fireworks. It was a wonderful spot to enjoy the music and fireworks organized by the Parks and Rec Dept. We hope to continue this collaboration in the years to come.

### **2023 Board of Trustees**

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## BRADFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Take a close look at this old photo of Bradford Center taken one hundred years ago. There is a notable lack of trees, due to the agricultural practices of the times. This area was an active gathering place, including a store with postal service, a blacksmith shop, a tavern and many prosperous farms. This photo shows the scene from the hotel that never opened. Herbert Larkin paid John Hoyt in gold to construct a hundred-foot-long summer hotel on this site in 1903. It was completed in September and a dance was scheduled for the opening. Everyone had gone to the Bradford-Newbury Fair and left one woman in charge of the fires needed to dry out the new plaster. When the hotel caught fire, she had no one in reach to help extinguish the blaze. Luckily, the building was insured and Mr. Larkin eventually built a fishing camp for rent called Indian Head Cottage on the shore of Lake Massasecum.

Bradford Center has so many stories to tell and preserve. The Bradford Historic Commission was formed to protect this unique collection of landmarks located at Map 6, Lot 117, commonly known as Bradford Center and located at 24 Rowe Mountain Road. This tract includes the Burying Ground, Town Green, Town Pound, Center Schoolhouse, and Center Meetinghouse



Bradford Center circa 1923

The Meetinghouse is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and there is a NH historical marker on the premises. The Commission is comprised of a board of members from many organizations in town. It serves to field any changes that are proposed and to uphold the following mission:

- \*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 the District
- \*To foster civic pride
- \*To strengthen local economy through tourism
- \*To promote the education, pleasure, and welfare of Bradford's citizens.

The town maintains the grounds but the buildings at Bradford Center are under the auspices of the Friends of the Bradford Center Meetinghouse, a volunteer group that fundraises through concerts, rentals, and events to keep the buildings in good repair. Visit their website at [www.bradford.center](http://www.bradford.center) for more information.

Representatives for 2023:

Select Board – Marlene Freyler  
Conservation Commission – Seth Benowitz  
Bradford Historical Society – George Cilley

Cemetery Commission – Sheila Denoncourt  
Bradford Center Meetinghouse – Laurie Buchar

## FRIENDS OF THE BRADFORD CENTER MEETINGHOUSE AND CENTER SCHOOL

The Friends of the Bradford Center Meetinghouse and Center School (FBCM) is a group of volunteers dedicated to preserving the vital landmark of Bradford Center and retaining its 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. This year's event schedule included the annual music series, a maypole dance, two baby showers and a reunion, plus the ever-popular Christmas Eve pageant.

The 2023 music series featured the Kearsarge Community Band performing patriotic tunes for the Annual Ice Cream Social. Next, six world-renowned performers played in honor of Joan Lettvin, who established the classical music tradition at Bradford Center. Then, local favorite Nick's Other Band drew a lively crowd for an evening of rock and roll on the Green. And the

season's finale featured popular cover songs played by North River Band. You can expect a similar line-up in 2024. Watch for updates in the spring and join the fun.

The successful window restoration project involving private donations, a grant awarded by the NH Preservation Alliance, and matching funds from the Ellie and Woodward James Foundation, was completed by Olde Window Restorers of Warner this spring. Neither the Meetinghouse nor the Center School are supported by tax dollars. All repairs and events are funded by volunteer efforts and generous donations. We honestly couldn't protect these buildings without your help.

Our next maintenance project will complete restoration of the Center School with external painting by Al LeBlanc in 2024. Special thanks to Merrimack County Customs for a lovely and serviceable new railing at



Classical Concert

Photo by Laurie Buchar

the entrance and to Wet Basement Solutions for their dedication to ongoing maintenance of the crawl space below. This charming schoolhouse is now a welcome site for private rentals. See our website for details.

Thanks to all the loyal sponsors who made our summer music series possible, as well as the generous patrons who donate to our general fund each year. Perhaps, most of all, thanks to all of you who come out to attend our events. There is no greater reward for our efforts than to see townspeople enjoying this iconic area.

We are always looking for new people to share ideas and join in. Feel free to contact us and follow us on Face Book. And if you are interested in your town's history, check out our website. Bradford Center is where it all began.



Christmas Pageant

Photo by Laurie Buchar

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## THE BRADFORD BRIDGE NEWSPAPER

Marcia Keller was a founding member of the Bradford Bridge and we dedicate this report to her. Marcia worked tirelessly as a writer, contributor, supporter, and board member. Our mission: to help provide a well-informed citizenry, to encourage open and fair government, to encourage participation, volunteerism, and preservation were all synonymous with Marcia's goals.

Marcia was dedicated to the town of Bradford. She had the confidence, ability, and the intellect to be a good writer and good citizen. She was proud of her work at the Bridge, which grew out of the Bradford Voters Coalition. Marcia, Dick, and a group of their friends formed the Coalition, "We came up with a mission statement to get information out to the locals, since the Monitor didn't really cover us," Marcia said in a 2022 Bradford Historical Society interview with Harry Wright.

On the Bridge Board, Marcia was resourceful and strong. She asked smart questions and rarely settled. Rosalyn Carter said of strong women, "You have to have the confidence in your ability and then be tough enough to follow through." Marcia followed through and was the first woman to

be on the Town of Bradford Select Board. "She helped keep the town going in the right direction," commented Harriet Douglass.

Her *State House News* Column in the Bridge, which first appeared in October 1991, reviewed NH legislation that impacted Bradford citizens. She authored articles for the Women's Club, Historical Society, Lake Association, and Planning Board. She was concerned about lake conservation and along with her husband, Dick, led early Milfoil mitigation efforts.

In Marcia's memory, the Bridge continues to provide in-depth monthly reporting on civic matters. Thank you, Marcia, for helping make our mission and continued work possible.

To future writers and civic minded volunteers, we welcome your ideas. Please write to [bradfordbridge345@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://bradfordbridge.org). The Bradford Bridge is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and donations are always welcome.



Marcia Keller, 1920-2023

A founding member of the Bradford Bridge, Marcia's vision, writing skills, knowledge of local and state government, and good judgment played a vital role in maintaining the newspaper's mission, goals, and development for 30 years.

## BRADFORD SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations Bradford Town Scholarship Recipients! The Bradford Scholarship Committee is thrilled to announce that three Kearsarge High School graduates were awarded 2023 Bradford Town Scholarships. Pictured below from left to right are Kaitlin Blaisdell, Sabian Griffin, and Sydney Laurendeau. All were top graduates in their class, wrote excellent application essays, and are headed for exciting futures.

Kaitlin wrote, “. . . I began my education in the Bradford area and found my love for science and art, something I would carry into the rest of my education. This passion stemmed partly from my elementary school art teacher, Mrs. Dubreuil, which helped advance my artistic skills and allowed me to have the confidence to enter my first art competition as an elementary schooler. Though I will be continuing my education out of the state of New Hampshire, my hometown will always be remembered as my foundation.”



Sabian said, “Living in Bradford gave me a wonderful exposure to nature and the outdoors, as I was surrounded by the woods and lakes here. When someone is exposed to something as much as I was exposed to nature, they either love it or hate it, without much in between. I fell on the “love it” side of things; in fact, I love the outdoors so much I’ve decided to make a career out of it. I will be enrolling at Paul Smith’s College in the fall to study fisheries and wildlife science with the goal of becoming a field biologist. Growing up here made that the obvious choice, and I don’t think there are many places that would have such an influence in that manner as Bradford did for me.”

Sydney told us, “. . . I am so lucky to have lived in a community that has supported me so well while I was growing up and I hope to be able to give back to it even more throughout the course of my life. I think that I can thank this community for preparing me for the next chapter in my life. I am looking forward to the fall when I will be attending Keene State College. I plan to major in exercise science and minor in dance. With this degree I plan to then go through further schooling to become either a physical therapist or dance/movement therapist. I also plan to continue to be a dance teacher at Dance Arts Academy in Sunapee.



Congratulations to these young, bright Bradford residents who have contributed so much to our community and continue to remind us of the values fostered in Bradford.

Bradford Town School Scholarship Committee:

Kathleen Bigford, Mary Keegan-Dayton, and Devin Pendleton



## RURAL HERITAGE CONNECTION OF BRADFORD

Supporting the leadership of Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust and the Bradford Conservation Commission, in 2023 Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford, Inc (RHC) successfully conserved the 71.66 acre Bradford Bog Headwaters regenerating woodland and wildlife corridor. The project won LCHIP and Moose Plate grants. The initiative addressed RHC's strategic vision to open wildlife corridors between large tracts where wildlife thrives. The site offers a pristine buffer for the ancient Abenaki Healing springs and lies within the "Quabbin to Mount Cardigan (Q2C)" unfragmented forest block of national conservation importance.

More than a hundred generous donors allowed us to donate \$19,000 toward design and construction of the historically appropriate and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant entrance to the renovated Bradford Town Hall, providing access for all to exercise their civic rights; this added to important previous private and business donor contributions to strengthen the structure, study the archaeological history, and perform critical site work.



Around town, RHC donors contributed to the installation of Beaver Deceivers to protect furry engineers while deterring them from damaging low-lying roads, irking taxpayers. In 2024 RHC anticipates further collaboration with the Bradford Highway Department and Conservation Commission to prioritize sites for additional Beaver Deceiver installations. Looking ahead, we are contemplating a possible project to conserve an irreplaceable recreational mecca.

New Accessible Entrance with Railings Donated by Merrimack County Customs  
Photo by Karen Hambleton

RHC is actively seeking new members inspired by the opportunity to drive forward on enduring conservation and historic preservation missions. If you are intrigued by the idea of building an oasis for threatened wildlife or preserving a place that defines our rural uniqueness, please join us. Call (603) 938-2199 for information on our next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele V. Halsted, President  
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Beth A. Downs, Treasurer  
Sandra L. Paul, Assistant Treasurer  
Harry Wright  
Jim V. Bibbo  
Emily Downs  
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## **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. Mowing was done this year by Nathan Willett.

Under the guidance of our fundraising director Steph Perkins, the fall sports raffle was again a booming success and the annual golf tournament was our biggest fundraiser of the year.

Warren Brook Park was selected to host several league tournaments and jamborees in 2023 including the Kearsarge Mountain South (KMS) 12U Playoff Tournament, 10U and 8U jamborees, CAS soccer camp and the MVSL soccer jamboree.

Due to the success of the Fall raffle and golf tournament we were able to upgrade our fields. Mayo, Raymond and Emery fields were all leveled, filled in and made the recommended size by the Cal Ripken standards for age.

### **REGISTRATIONS**

2023 was a great year for BNSYS registrations. The year started off with Softball, Baseball and T-Ball. We were able to field 2 “minors” teams as well as a large turnout for T-ball.

The BNSYS 12U Girls Softball team completed the season by winning the Kearsarge Mountain South Championship, beating Warner in the finals. The 10U and 8U teams also had great seasons, both finishing in second place.

Baseball and T-ball also had great seasons with the “majors” and “minors” teams advancing in the playoffs.

CAS Soccer Camp (Formerly known as YES Soccer Camp) was a success again this year. Under a new name and leadership, a group of young collegiate athletes from US and Europe came to Bradford for a week in June and put on a full schedule of drills and scrimmages to help develop our athletes.

Fall soccer registrations were also up from 2022. Congrats to the 5/6 girls’ team who won their playoff bracket and the 5/6 boys’ team for winning theirs as well.

On October 3<sup>rd</sup> we held our 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament. Thank you to everyone that participated and a huge thank you 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, Legacy Mechanical, Mount Sunapee, Appleseed Restaurant, Lumber Barn and Go Lightly Consignment Boutique and our Eagle sponsors Old Hampshire Designs, Salt Hill Pub, Barton Insurance and Stiles & Associates.

Wrestling came back with a small team this year and we look forward to growing it in the future. We also added a ski and ride program in partnership with Pat's Peak with Mike Howley as acting Ski Director.

### **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.



Photo supplied by Jared LaMothe

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, <https://bradford-newbury-sutton-youth-sports.sportngin.com/>, or contact one of the Directors. We would love to have you involved in making BNSYS the best youth sports program possible.

There were many additions and changes to the Board in 2023. They were Jared LaMothe as President, Michael Howley as Vice-President, Christine Parsils as Treasurer, Kailey Roukey as Secretary, Vinny Marzelli as Soccer Director, Tom Gleason as Wrestling Director and Kayle McElroy as Merchandising Director. In 2024 Mike will also be taking over as Ski Director, Mike Ahern will be Equipment Director as Amy Cook will be leaving the Board, and Steph Perkins will be changing from Fundraising to Softball Director replacing Jeff Glover. Betsy Ahern will be replacing Steph as Fundraising Director. We are still looking for a Field Director.

### **Executive Board**

President: Jared LaMothe  
Vice President: Mike Howley  
Treasurer: Christine Parsils  
Secretary: Kailey Roukey

### **Board of Directors**

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Baseball Director: Devin Pendleton  
Softball Director: Steph Perkins  
Soccer Director: Vinny Marzelli/Alycia DiMuccio  
Wrestling Director: Tom Gleason  
Equipment Director: Mike Ahern  
Field Director: Vacant

Thanks,  
Jared LaMothe BNSYS President



## LAKE MASSASECUM IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

As 2023 comes to a close, I am happy to report the health of Lake Massasecum remains a strong and vibrant resource for the Town of Bradford. The Lake Massasecum Improvement Association (LMIA) continues to be diligent and keeps a watchful eye on the health of our gem. The Lake Host program, of which the Town of Bradford is the major funding source, continues to be the front line protecting the Lake from variable milfoil and prevent its spread to other lakes and rivers. Lake Hosts performed 1,599 courtesy inspections of boats entering and leaving the Lake in 2023. From Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, Lake Hosts are at the boat launch helping to mitigate all forms of invasive species from entering or leaving Lake Massasecum.

Weather-wise the wet start to the summer continued through the season resulting in high water levels and reduced clarity. This was conducive to an increase in Variable Milfoil. 30 gallons of Variable Milfoil was harvested from 32 locations with a focus on the northwest cove, including 6 locations in Melvin Brook. Spot checks in all other previously harvested spots were clear, this is good news as we were able to focus our attention to a confined area; and will continue to monitor. Thank you to Mike Davidson, and crew and special thanks to Jim Dexter for serving as tender, job well done!

The health and quality of the lake supports and sustains many forms of wildlife. From bald eagles soaring through the air making precision dives catching fish; loons calling out throughout the day and night; to the deer tracks on the water's edge at the boat launch in the early morning, it is important to remember that each of us plays a part and has a responsibility.

Our mission, "to promote the responsible and sustainable enjoyment of the Lake by all its users, and to educate the public on issues related to these objectives," remained front and center in 2023 and will continue in the years ahead. It is truly a team effort. Thank you to The Town of



Bradford, NH Lakes Association, Lake Host staff, the State's Department of Environmental Services, the campground staff, and of course LMIA volunteers to make this all happen.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Shield  
LMIA President

Photo by Frank Shield

## WARNER RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



The Warner River Local Advisory Committee (WRLAC) is pleased to report on its work for the calendar year 2023. This Committee has statutory authority (RSA 483:8-a) to advise state and local governments on federal, state, and local permit applications and other environmental issues within the Designated Warner River Corridor, which extends for ¼ mile outward from each riverbank as the main stem of the river flows through our five riverfront towns: Bradford, Sutton, Warner, Webster, and Hopkinton. Committee members work with citizens and state and local officials to promote thoughtful stewardship of this treasured element of our natural and social landscape.

One of the main tasks of the Committee is to provide its perspective on town permits within the corridor as described above. This year, the Committee provided comments on permits issued in the towns of Bradford, Sutton, and Warner. We have received thoughtful responses to our comments from residents, town officials, and state regulators. WRLAC has also provided its unique perspective to NH DOT officials on the Davisville Bridge reconstruction project, and to DES about the launch of the Instream Flow Study Management Plan. The Committee also discusses and tries to find ways to encourage communities to address river-related problems such as flooding, run-off, and erosion.

WRLAC also maintains communication with members of state agencies whose work is related to ours. We have written in support of a culvert restoration project in tributary brooks spearheaded by NH Fish & Game. This project will increase the health and resilience of the river, both the water itself as well as the creatures who live in and near the river. In addition, members of this Committee have participated in the Volunteer River Assessment Program, sponsored by NH DES. This program provides an opportunity for citizen scientists to assist in assessing the quality of the river's water. In its 7th year, the data continue to show that the quality of the water is, for the most part, excellent. The raw data sets are available at DES's Volunteer Assessment Programs webpage, as well as WRLAC's website ([www.wrlac.com](http://www.wrlac.com)). However, with increased pressure from human development and changes in weather patterns, we are reminded that the river and its ecosystem, while resilient in many ways, are dependent on a natural balance that must be maintained over time.

This Committee has also engaged with our neighbors across the five towns. Early in the year, we heard from advocates of the Concord Lake Sunapee Rail Trail project as well as citizens concerned about the impact of a rail trail on the riverine communities. We also have the good fortune to have a dedicated member of Trout Unlimited (TU) on our Committee who keeps us informed about that organization's work and its partnership with state agencies like NH Fish & Game. These two organizations will soon provide an opportunity for the five riverfront towns' citizen scientists to gather data through macroinvertebrate surveys in the Warner River. With support from local organizations like TU, MainStreet Bookends, and the Mt Kearsarge Indian Museum (MKIM), WRLAC has worked to raise its visibility in the community by having a booth at the Warner Fall Foliage Festival and the Warner Palooza business event at the MKIM.

During the past year, the Committee has found itself discussing how it can get the information it needs in order to be more effective. Thus, for the coming year, we will be working to create stronger ties to, and better coordination with our communities' hardworking and dedicated local agencies and committees whose work is related to ours. This includes staying in touch with the

five towns' conservation commissions, planning boards, water precincts, road committees, and select boards. There is also work that can be done in analyzing data to continue to learn about the health of the river and its relationship to its human neighbors. Finally, we hope to increase the number of representatives on the Committee. We invite interested members of the community to join us in our work.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Russell, WRLAC Secretary

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Warner River Local Advisory Committee

Bradford: Marlene Freyler, Rebecca Herman, Mike Howley

Sutton: Peter Savickas, Treasurer

Warner: Laura Russell, Secretary; Christopher Spannweitz

Webster: George Embley

Hopkinton: Daniel Morrissey, Chair



Warner River

Photo by Laura Russell



## **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 \$3 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, Bingo, Card Games and a Mahjong Group. Future activities will include the following: 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](mailto:rhixson@capbm.org). To have your questions answered, please call the center at 938-2104.

Mountain View Senior Center



Dear Friends:

January 2024

On behalf of the entire 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 2023. We remain proud of our organization's culture of respect and our ability to respond to community need in a complex world. Medicare regulations related to how we care for patients and, in turn, are reimbursed changed in consequential ways last year. Responding to these new guidelines, which impact care plans and many processes, is a core focus of our updated strategic plan. While competition for staff, especially nurses, remains fierce, we successfully recruited a significant number of RN Case Managers in 2023. Retention of employees also remained a priority, and we saw an average retention rate last year of 90%, well above industry averages. We continued to offer a variety of meaningful employee benefits such as resources to help defray the cost of health care premiums and the establishment of a well-received car care fund to help staff maintain their vehicles and remain safe on the roads (staff drive 500,000 +/- miles annually delivering care in 25+ area towns!). The past year also welcomed the return of the beloved *Women Who Make A Difference Luncheon* and the much-needed *Good Day Respite Program*. Also in 2023, we created a unique partnership with New London Barn Playhouse to offer innovative workshops to address needs of caregivers. I am proud to report that for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2023, we served residents of Bradford in the following ways:

- ✚ Provided skilled nursing, therapy, hospice and supportive care to 28 residents;
- ✚ Provided free/reduced cost nursing, therapy and social work visits to residents; visits were 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 one at no cost to the family, as well as several support groups to help people through the grieving process;
- ✚ With the expertise of both a palliative nurse practitioner and a palliative care registered nurse (LSRVNA is the only local home care agency with these dedicated positions), patients and their families continued to benefit from our Palliative Care Program, helping them understand and navigate advanced illness;
- ✚ Foot Care Clinics were offered in six communities, in response to a general lack of access to this important care.

With so many challenges, our gratitude for those who help sustain LSRVNA as an enduring presence is enormous. Our dedicated team of frontline caregivers and behind the scenes employees, as well as generous community partners like you, keep us strong in service to our community. We understand that your funds, like ours, are limited. This makes us even more grateful for your ongoing confidence and your consideration of funding this year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or if there are other ways we may be of service to you and your Town's residents.

With respect,

*Jim Culhane, President & CEO*  
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## 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 Vice Chair) 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 2023, CNHRPC undertook the following activities in Bradford and throughout the Central NH Region:

- Provided circuit rider planner services to the Planning Board. Staff undertook Site plan reviews and applications for development and developed corresponding review memorandums; reviewed and recommended updated application fee and application form changes; provided assistance related to the Zoning Ordinance Table of Uses; held training sessions and began analysis for the potential consideration of a surface water protection ordinance for Town Meeting 2024.
- Provided support to the Economic Development Committees across the region, including meeting coordination, agenda development and work plan identification. 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.
- Completed the Regional Housing Needs Assessment in coordination with the NH Office of Planning and Development and the other eight NH regional planning commissions. Assisted communities with Housing Advisory Committees, zoning ordinance updates, and Master Plan Housing chapter updates.
- Assisted in the development of Hazard Mitigation Plans in six communities under the Building Infrastructure and Resilient Communities (BRIC) 2020 and 2021 programs and provided continued hazard mitigation plan implementation assistance in communities throughout the region. The update of the 2018 Bradford Hazard Mitigation Plan began 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 2023, CNHRPC held five TAC meetings. Represented community priorities by participation in the Governor's Advisory Council on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT)

hearing process, 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.
- 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. In 2023 the CommuteSmart NH program saved commuters almost \$200,000 as a result of 36,000 reduced trips.
- Conducted over 211 state and local traffic counts throughout the region. In Bradford, staff completed a total of 21 traffic counts 12 state and 9 counts in 2023.
- 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](http://www.cnhrpc.org). CNHRPC Commission meetings are open to the public and interested citizens are encouraged to attend.



Photo by Diana Flores



**Extension**

## **UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION MERRIMACK COUNTY**

UNH Cooperative Extension serves residents in each of Merrimack County's 25 towns and 2 cities with diverse programming through 4-H Youth Development & Education, Health & Well-Being, Nutrition Connections, Food & Agriculture, Community & Economic Development, Natural Resources. 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, trainings, diagnostic services, applied research, and one-on-one consultations. In 2023, a multitude of educational workshops were conducted with Extension at the helm. Hundreds of individuals received one-on-one consultation through email and phone conversations, 140 farm visits were conducted to fruit, vegetable, and dairy farms, during which recommendations were tailored towards the individual educational needs of the client. A total of 384 soil tests were reviewed and approved, optimizing soil fertility practices, and maximizing production on sites throughout the county. Extreme weather events impacting producers required a pivot in the scope of our work, which we shifted towards economic impact analysis to inform legislators and partner organizations in hopes that state and federal legislative action will help mitigate the impact to individual farms.

**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, 1,945 Merrimack County residents received one-on-one education from woodlot visits, educational events, telephone calls, and email correspondence. At least 1,426 County residents participated in 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 to provide residents with virtual learning opportunities. To find out more about our programs and events check out the UNH Forestry and Wildlife Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/nhwoods.org>). This year, there were over 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 & 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 throughout the community in developing a vision, designing an approach, and moving to action. Over the past year, the Merrimack County CED team has supported ongoing statewide programming on housing and broadband/digital equity. Continued support of the Northfield-based Foothills Foundation, along with a collaborative project to support outdoor economy, trails, and non-profit capacity and development across central Merrimack County and portions of Belknap County is ongoing. Additionally, the CED team has nearly completed the



Downtowns and Trails program in Hopkinton and Contoocook, NH, which began in December 2022. This project will result in a detailed report for the community, action, and next steps, and include a community presentation and ongoing support from the CED team as goals are worked towards.

**4-H Youth Development & Education:** 4-H is the youth development program of UNH Cooperative Extension and is offered in partnership with the USDA/ NIFA. The mission of 4-H is to provide hands-on learning opportunities, through positive youth-adult partnerships and peer-reviewed curriculum, to create tomorrow's leaders. 4-H programming helps youth find their spark, or their passion, so that in their adult life they find meaningful ways to contribute to their communities. A timeless tradition is Merrimack County 4-H members participating in events at the Hopkinton Fair. The 2023 fair hosted 114 4-H animal exhibitors and 92 youth exhibitors in the Ruth Kimball 4-H Exhibit Hall. All these opportunities serve as a capstone experience for a 4-H project, for youth to demonstrate their learning from the past program year. To close out the 2022-2023 program year, Merrimack County involved 371 youth in the program with the help of 109 volunteers.

**Nutrition Connections** is a no-cost, hands-on nutrition and physical education program that provides limited-resource youth, adults, and families the knowledge and skills needed for better health. In Merrimack County, Nutrition Connections engaged adults through partnerships with local agencies, including housing sites for older adults, senior centers, emergency housing, peer support, and more. Participants explored topics like saving money at the grocery store, reading food labels, simple recipes, and physical activity. Nutrition Connections also worked with youth in Franklin and Pittsfield. Middle schoolers learned how to set nutrition and physical activity goals and make healthy food choices. Two garden nutrition programs were offered to youth attending an afterschool and summer program and three preschool groups learned about fruits and vegetables. Nutrition Connections will continue to collaborate with local organizations and schools to help engage all ages around the skills and knowledge for better health.

**Health & Well-being:** Provides information, programs and training grounded in research to help individuals 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 collaborating 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 Community First Responder Program, funded by SAMHSA, which is bringing opioid prevention education to audiences across NH.

We would like to thank our Advisory Council that consists of 10 citizens from 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 2022-2023 council members included: Janine Condi, Chip Donnelly, Ken Koerber, Josh Marshall, Jill McCullough, Tim Meeh, Page Poole, Scott Reynolds, Dee Treybig, Anya Twarog, Commissioner David Lovlien, and Rep. Thomas Schamberg.

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

**Resident Death Report**

**January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023**

<u><b>Decedent's Name</b></u>	<u><b>Death Date</b></u>	<u><b>Father's Name</b></u>	<u><b>Mother's Name</b></u>	<u><b>Military</b></u>
Krummel, Keith A.	02/02/2023	Krummel, Cardin	Nini. Bonita	N
Willoughby Sr., Richard J.	03/17/2023	Willoughby, Donald	Foy, Mary	N
Messer, Marjorie	03/22/2023	Edwards, George	Roberts, Winifred	N
Morrissey, William R.	05/18/2023	Morrissey, Patrick	Lovett, Catherine	Y
Teele, Jonathan Perriway	06/20/2023	Teele, Stanley	Newman, Dorothy	Y
Kelly, Michael Leo	07/27/2023	Kelly, Leo	Champagne, Violette	N
Keller, Marcia Olive	08/08/2023	Nelson, Victor	Unknown, Olive	N
Olsen, Robert Edwin	09/04/2023	Olsen, Clinton	Flagg, Leslie	N
Mancuso, Theresa B.	10/26/2023	Yannaco, Ralph	Gereullo, Maria	N
Dame, Cecile M.A.	11/07/2023	Dube, Joseph	Labrecque, Marie	N
Wynands Sr., Anthony	11/25/2023	Wynands, Anthony	Stewart, Edith	Y

Total Number of Records – 11

**Resident Birth Report**

**January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023**

<u><b>Child's Name</b></u>	<u><b>Birth Date</b></u>	<u><b>Birth Place</b></u>	<u><b>Father's Name</b></u>	<u><b>Mother's Name</b></u>
Castor, Agnes Bernadette	01/05/2023	Lebanon, NH	Castor, Adam D.	Castor, Pamela J.
DeFabrizio, Claire Marie	01/06/2023	Concord, NH	DeFabrizio, Joseph J.	DeFabrizio, Katie L.
Ksander, Skye Adalyn	02/07/2023	Concord, NH	Ksander, William J.	Ksander, Laurelyn
Fogg, Nova Wednesday	03/08/2023	Lebanon, NH	Fogg, Jordan M.	Rowell, Kyra R.
Bogolin, Naomi Roisin	03/24/2023	Concord, NH	Bogolin, Ryan P.	Bogolin, Kellie M.
Boisvert, August Levi	04/07/2023	Lebanon, NH	Boisvert, Jacob J.F.	Boisvert, Lindsey A
Campbell, Sophia Rose	04/16/2023	Lebanon, NH	Campbell Jr, William	Campbell, Kara E.
Blank, Yaroslav Lion	08/03/2023	Lebanon, NH	Blank, Peter C.	Karaulova, Natalia
Magistro, Grayson Ace	08/19/2023	Lebanon, NH	Magistro, Gavyn F.	Acevedo, Evalyse J.
Legato, Chiara Isabella	10/05/2023	Concord, NH	Legato Jr, Paul J.	Roitman, Karina Y.

Total Number of Records - 10

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

**Resident Marriage Report  
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023**

<b><u>Person A's Name and Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Person B's Name and Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Place of Marriage</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Marriage</u></b>
Hunter, Katelynn Bradford, NH	Rhodes, James Bradford, NH	Bradford	01/28/2023
Blakeslee, Kenelm Bradford, NH	Collins, Tiana Bradford, NH	Merrimack	03/30/2023
Roy, Matthew Bradford, NH	Blake, Kendall North Sutton, NH	Henniker	05/17/2023
Charlton, Rachel Bradford, NH	Sweetbrown, Tate Bradford, NH	Bradford	10/07/2023
Total Number of Records – 4			



Arial of Bement Bridge

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