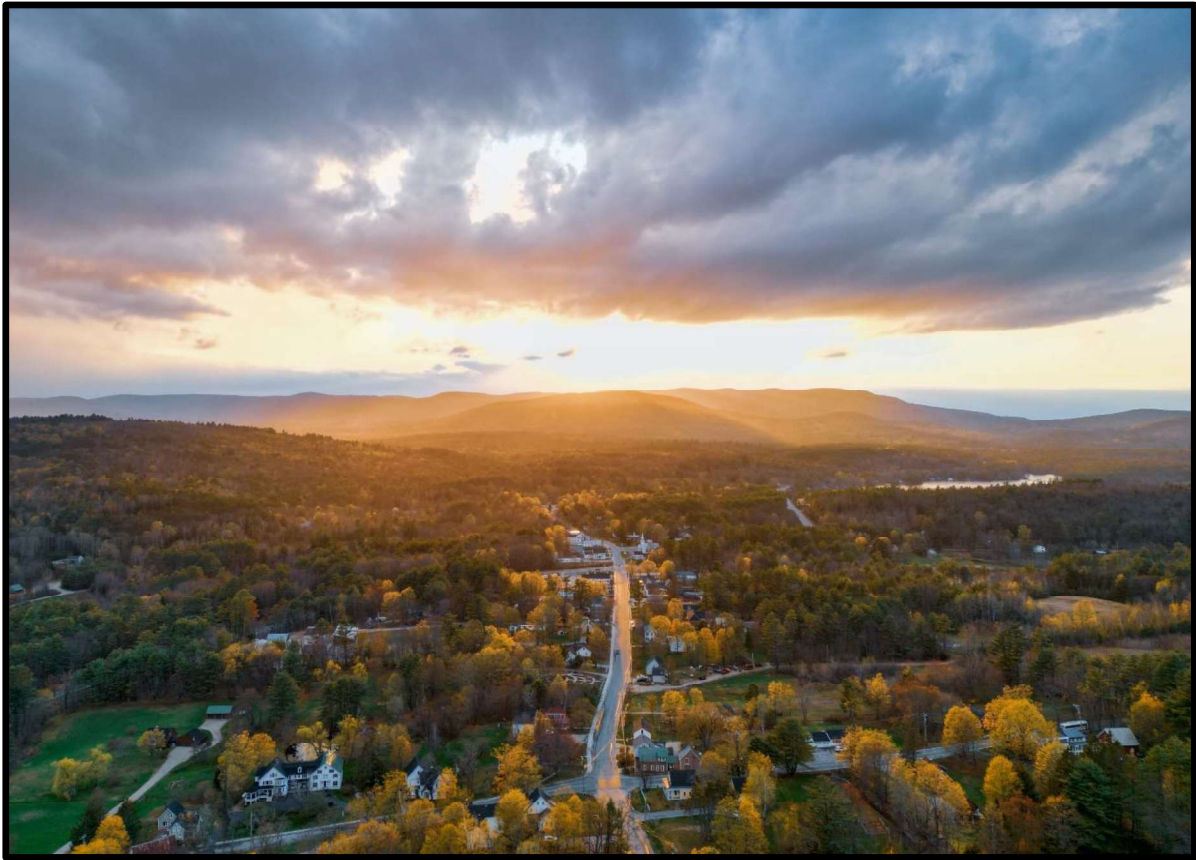


# Town of Bradford New Hampshire



Annual Reports of the Town  
For the year ending December 31, 2024



Annual Reports  
of the  
Select Board and Other Offices  
of the  
Town of Bradford, New Hampshire  
for the year ending  
December 31, 2024  
&  
Vital Statistics  
for the year ending  
December 31, 2024

Cover photo: Arial View of Main Street at Sunset

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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 Jimmy Raymond, Bob Selig and Helen Lynam



Jimmy was a resident of Bradford for most of his life and most remember him from the good old days at the IGA. He was a proud member of the Bradford Fire and Rescue for fifty years reaching the rank of Deputy Chief. Jimmy was very dedicated to the town, often helping his wife Margaret with Parks & Rec fundraisers and French's Park clean-ups. He enjoyed the Bradford Fourth of July Celebrations; running the road race, helping at the chicken BBQ, collecting donations with the Fire Department and assisting run the annual Fireworks display. He became an avid runner and was dubbed "Jimmy the Jogger". Bradford will miss his outgoing personality, kindness, sense of humor, infectious smile and sincerity.

Bob Selig, better known as "Gunny", moved to Bradford in 1974 after retiring from the Marine Corps. During his long residency, he owned and operated Selig's Tire Center and small engine repair in Bradford. He dedicated his second retirement to the local community where he was a Meals on Wheels driver for over



20 years. He continued to be involved with the Community Center until his passing. Gunny was a proud American and served as the Grand Marshal of the annual 4th of July parades for many years. He also led the Pledge of Allegiance at Town Meeting. Bob will be missed by all who knew him

Helen L. (Bagley) Lynam was born and raised in Bradford, where she met her husband, George. They later moved to Massachusetts where she worked in a New Bedford factory making men's suits. She was an incredible seamstress making all the clothing for her children, quilting and using up every piece of scrap material around. She sewed well into her 98th year, often making things by hand. Helen returned to Bradford in 1985. She was a member of the East Washington Baptist Church and held the Boston Post Cane for a time as the oldest resident in Bradford. She was also a member of the Grange and Rebekahs.





# Our Community Together



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## 2024 DIRECTORY OF OFFICIALS ELECTED

### **Moderator**

Bruce Storm	term expires 2026
Kathleen Bigford, Assistant Moderator	pro tem

### **Select Board**

Beth Downs, Chair	term expires 2025
Marlene Freyler	term expires 2026
Charles F. Meany III	term expires 2027

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

Erica Gross	term expires 2027
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### **Supervisors of the Checklist**

Tom Marshall	term expires 2026
Susan Gildersleeve	term expires 2028
Judy Marshall	term expires 2030

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

Scott McCaskill	term expires 2025
Dan Innis	term expires 2026
Bruce Gezelman	term expires 2027

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

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
Jason Grey	term expires 2027

### **Scholarship Committee**

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

### **Cemetery Commission**

Dawn Gezelman	term expires 2025
Sheila Denoncourt	term expires 2026
Marlene Freyler	term expires 2027

**Budget Committee**

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

Select Board Representative  
 term expires 2025  
 term expires 2025  
 term expires 2026  
 term expires 2026  
 term expires 2027  
 term expires 2027

**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**

Charles F. Meany III  
 Laurie Colburn  
 Carol Troy  
 Katie Olohan, Chair  
 Rich Olohan  
 Carol Meise  
 Shanna Griffin  
 Steve Chase

Select Board Representative  
 term expires 2025  
 term expires 2025  
 term expires 2026  
 term expires 2026  
 term expires 2027  
 term expires 2027  
 Alternate

**Zoning Board of Adjustment**

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

term expires 2025  
 term expires 2025  
 term expires 2026  
 term expires 2026  
 term expires 2027

**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  
 Town Treasurer

Steve Hall  
 Sam Fortune  
 Justin Fitzgerald  
 Dan Cilley  
 Al Piroso  
 Karen Hambleton  
 Maureen Brandon  
 vacant  
 Jason Grey  
 Cheryl Frey  
 Bryan Nowell  
 Marilyn Goldberg (Jan – Mar)  
 Steve Pierce



**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  
Joeseeph 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  
George Beaton

Nathanial Bruss  
Doug Southard  
Seth Benowitz, Alternate  
Scott MacLean, Alternate  
Rebecca Herman, Alternate  
Everett Weber, Alternate

**Parks and Recreation**

Devin Pendleton, Chair  
Patty Heffner  
Bruce Edwards

Katie Olohan, Secretary  
Libby Curtis Webb

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

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

Patty Furness  
Deborah Gregory  
Melissa Mitchell  
Joy Baker, Custodian

**Fire Department**

Bryan Nowell, Fire Chief  
James Raymond, Deputy Fire Chief (deceased)  
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  
Charles F. Meany III, Select Board Representative  
Nate Kimball  
Laurie Colburn

Matt Ordway  
Gary Perkins  
Dan Cilley  
Jim Pickman

**Economic Development Committee**

Scott McCaskill, Chair  
Jim Bibbo, Vice Chair  
Bruce Gezelman

Marlene Freyler, Select Board Representative  
Matt Monahan, Central NH Regional Planning

**Energy Committee**

Sandra Bravo, Chair  
Susan Reeder Moss, Secretary  
Marlene Freyler, Select Board Representative

Kathleen Bigford  
Laura Ryder  
Jenny Locke Howley

**Facilities Use Committee**

Bruce Gezelman, Chair  
Scott McCaskill, Secretary

Charles F. Meany III, Select Board Representative  
Andrew Pinard

**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

Without question, the most significant achievement this year was the reopening of Bradford's Town Hall. Thanks to the financial commitment of the Town, donations and fund-raising efforts, the renovation of the Town Hall was completed and the building was reopened for daily use in May. A grand open house celebration was held with much of the Town in attendance, as well as the Channel 9 News. The building is completely finished and operational, however the second floor still needs specialized equipment and furniture to enhance the performances held there. Nevertheless, since the reopening, the second-floor auditorium has been used for voting, the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance's Seven to Save announcement, dance and music performances, Tai Chi classes and private events.

At the 2024 Town Meeting, the Town adopted the Bradford Community Power Aggregation Program. This program offers more competitive electric rates to Bradford residents and in July of 2024, Bradford's default energy supplier became Bradford Community Power. To date, Bradford Community Power rates remain competitive with other suppliers, including Eversource.

After ten years in a successful and mutually beneficial ambulance service agreement with Henniker, the agreement was reviewed and refined. The revised contract is expected to save Bradford approximately \$15,000 over previous years.

Also in 2024, the Town settled the last of its utility assessment lawsuits with Public Service of New Hampshire. The legal challenges were a result of differences in how utilities had been assessed across the state. In 2020, the assessment formula was standardized by the State preventing future assessment inequities.

State law mandates that municipalities undergo an assessment revaluation every five years at a minimum. A revaluation brings property assessments in line with market value. After considering a revaluation in 2023, the Town chose to undertake the revaluation in 2024. Most property owners experienced an increase in their assessment. Townwide, the valuation upon which taxes are calculated increased from \$255,391,438 in 2023 to \$458,390,544 in 2024. As a result, the tax rate dropped from \$27.80 per \$1000 to \$15.73.

The Select Board meets twice a month on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. We value and appreciate input and participation from Town residents as we seek to keep Bradford an affordable and enjoyable place to live.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradford Select Board

Beth Downs, Chair  
Marlene Freyler  
Charles F. Meany III

Town of Bradford  
State of New Hampshire

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

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.

Total Votes Cast: 329 (19 absentee ballots were cast)

Moderator 2 years - Vote for not more than 1

Bruce Storm	293 Elected
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Selectman 3 years - Vote for not more than 1

Chip Meany	149 Elected
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Budget Committee 3 years - Vote for not more than 2

Jennifer Richardson	242 Elected
Kimberly Firth	249 Elected

Budget Committee 1 year - Vote for not more than 1

Dawn Gezelman	273 Elected
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Cemetery Commission 3 years - Vote for not more than 1

Marlene Freyler	281 Elected
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Cemetery Commission 1 year - Vote for not more than 1

Dawn Gezelman	275 Elected
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Planning Board 3 years - Vote for not more than 2

Shanna Griffin	228 Elected
Carol Meise	180 Elected

Scholarship Committee 1 year - Vote for not more than 1

Devin Pendleton	289 Elected
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Supervisor of the Checklist 6 years - Vote for not more than 1

Judith Marshall	295 Elected
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Supervisor of the Checklist 4 years - Vote for not more than 1

Susan Gildersleeve	284 Elected
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Town Clerk/Tax Collector 3 years - Vote for not more than 1

Erica Gross 321 Elected

Treasurer 3 years - Vote for not more than 1

Stephen Pierce 61 Elected

Trustees of the Brown Memorial Library 3 years - Vote for not more than 1

Jason Grey 282 Elected

Trustees of the Trust Funds 3 years - Vote for not more than 1

Bruce Gezelman 264 Elected

Zoning Board 3 years - Vote for not more than 1

William Duffy 197 Elected

KEARSARGE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ELECTION, March 12, 2024

**Question 1:** To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the **Municipal Budget Committee's recommended amount \$54,320,531** 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 **\$54,320,531**. 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 9-0)**

- A. \$54,320,531 for the proposed Operating Budget recommended by the School Board
- B. \$54,320,531 for the proposed Operating Budget recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee

A. 188

B. 97

**Question 2:** 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, 2024. **(School Board Recommends 7-0) (Municipal Budget Committee Recommends 8-1)**

Yes 230

NO 87

**Question 3:** To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to **\$100,000** to be placed in the Capital Reserve Roof Fund for the purpose of replacement or major repairs to roofs in the district with such amounts to be funded **from unassigned fund balance (surplus funds) remaining** on hand as of June 30, 2024. **(School Board Recommends 7-0) (Municipal Budget Committee Recommends 8-1)**

Yes 236

NO 79

For Moderator for 1 year (Vote for 1)

Derek D. Lick 262 Elected

Election officials present at the March 12, 2024, Town Election:

Moderator: Bruce Storm

Assistant Moderator: Kathleen Bigford

Town Clerk: Erica Gross

Supervisors of the Checklist: Judith Marshall, Thomas Marshall, and appointed Supervisor, Susan Gildersleeve

Selectmen: Beth Downs, Mel Pfeifle, and Marlene Freyler

Ballot Clerks: Mary Derry, Denise Renk, Robert Toppi, Maria Storm, Eileen Kelly, Kathleen Barr and Tandy Hartford

Counters: Carey Rodd, Robert Toppi, Steve Pierce, Tandy Hartford, Julie Leonard, Eileen Kelly, Julie Lutter, Jason Grey, Beth Downs, Dawn Gezelman, Bruce Gezelman, Thomas Marshall, and Dan Innis.

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

**Article Two:** To adjourn the meeting until Wednesday, March 13, 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.

The meeting reconvened on March 13, 2024 at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School on Old Warner Road in Bradford.

Beth Downs, Chair of the Select Board: Welcomed everybody to the 288<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting. She then recognized Marilyn Goldberg for 24 years of service to the town as the treasurer.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, opened the meeting at 7:17 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was then led by Bob Selig.

Bryan Nowell, Fire Chief, and Devin Pendleton, Parks and Recreation, made a public service announcement about making Bradford a Heart-Safe Community by having as many citizens trained on AED and CPR as possible.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, reviewed the rules of conduct for the meeting, and then read the election results for the town and the school.

Presentations were given for the following:

Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan – Kathleen Bigford, founding member of the Bradford Energy Committee: Asked for the support of Article Six, which would implement a more flexible electricity buying. The goal of this plan is to pursue community power, save money, and increase renewable energy. This allows the residents to lower electricity rates and participate with over 120,000 New Hampshire residents whose towns have already joined the Community Power Coalition.

SB2 – Sue McKevitt: Reminded everyone that attending town meeting allows everyone to make informed decisions. She stated participatory democracy requires that we know what we are talking about and what we are voting for. While researching SB2 with other towns that have it, she learned that fewer people show up for the deliberative session of an SB2 than a town meeting, where each article can be discussed, becoming informed, and voting.

Masonic Building Committee – Kristine Foss, Committee Chair: Explained how the committee members first went through the building and walked the entire site with maps to find any challenges they might encounter, including the Fire Department's egress issues. They then reviewed the options and costs that would best benefit the town. They did eliminate the option to repurpose the building where it stands since the cons far outweigh the pros with the shared lot lines, utilities, parking issues, and maintenance. The building is also cost-prohibitive to bring up to code for commercial or residential use. The 2 options being presented are Article Nine, to retain the building, and Article Ten, to sell and remove the building.

Budget Committee – Kim Firth, Committee Vice Chair: Stated that one of the Budget Committee's goals is to increase transparency. She explained in detail the dramatic increase in 2023 property taxes and overall costs in the operating budget, insurance, library, legal, rescue, highway, general government buildings, police, and fire department. She thanked the department heads for working closely with the committee and cooperating to reduce their budgets.

Andrew Pinard: Stated the importance of looking at the state portion of education. The total increase was 40%. The majority of the increase is not coming to Bradford students but coming out of our local school districts and going into private education, no matter the source or the school choice option. This money is being downshifted to our property taxes to pay other students to attend schools, not even in our district.

**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. <u>Interest on TAN notes</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,937,259.00	\$ 2,937,259.00

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Three and asked for a motion to accept the article. Jen Richardson moved to approve Article Three, which Bruce Gezelman seconded.

Chris Frey made a motion to amend Article Three to read Article Three: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Seven Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Dollars (\$2,731,000.00) for general municipal operations. This article does not include amounts appropriated by other warrant articles. The Board of Selectmen is to determine the adjustments to individual line items in Article Three as long as the total amount appropriated does not exceed Two Million Seven Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Dollars (\$2,731,000.00). Chris Mock seconded the motion.

Chris Frey: Stated that the budget trajectory is unsustainable now. He would like to start with a 7% reduction so that people of all ages can still afford their property.

Ed Shaughnessy, Police Chief: Responded that with the Police Department being one of the biggest drivers in the budget, realistically, the department is up Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) from last year, including a one-time mandatory upgrade for dispatch equipment and an increase to health benefits which is less than what the cost of living and merit increases were. Shortly after he started working for the Town, they started covering 24/7. He takes a lot of pride in the fact that anytime you call, you are going to get a Bradford police officer. To look at a 7% decrease (90% of the budget is personnel-related), they would be looking at their on-call (2 am to 6 am, and their coverage for the 11 Federal holidays), we would be giving up about Thirty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$38,000.00) and 24/7 coverage of you having a Bradford officer. Many towns around us have State Police coverage, which is great, but the State Police are very shorthanded. Knowing that we don't have coverage, he does not want to see crime and theft increase during those hours. The State Police are not active patrols. They are just a response to an incident. He then told of an incident that occurred, and it took the State Police 48 minutes to arrive. Bradford Police handle a lot of suspicious incidents that do occur during the later hours.

Laurie Colburn, Budget Committee: Reminded everyone that the committee budgets to make provisions for all the services this community has previously supported. A cut this big would have an impact on your services.



Bryan Nowell, Fire Chief: Stated that the Fire and Rescue budgets are down from the past two years. Their calls are up, and they have improved the quality of service. They do not have any full-time personnel; all of their personnel are your neighbors who respond. They also have a lot of equipment that needs maintenance. A 7% cut will impact service, vehicles, utilities, and the ability to get equipment.

Kris Foss: Reminded everyone that this is a true form of democracy. Democracy means not just going to a town meeting but participating in meetings and committees all year round. Ideas for cost savings are ongoing throughout the year, so it is not responsible to attend a town meeting and ask for the budget to be cut this deeply. As we have heard, these committees have done a lot of work to keep these budgets down.

Carol Conforti-Adams: Stated that if we listened to Andrew Pinard that one of the things affecting our property taxes is the school choice school funding. It is very easy to reach out to legislators. We need to stop the school charter system if it is going to affect 40% of our taxes. We want to keep a quality community and we need to keep fire and safety. We need to keep our employees satisfied so they don't leave. Carol Conforti-Adams then called to move the vote.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, re-read the article and called for a raised hand count to move the vote to amend the article. ***Amendment failed with a raised hand vote.***

Devin Pendleton, Chair of Library Trustees, motioned to amend line 27 from Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) to Ninety-Five Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy-Nine Dollars (\$95,479.00). Jen Richardson seconded the motion.

Jason Grey, Treasurer of Brown Memorial Library: Explained the amendment. He stated that 100% of the library's funding has always come from town appropriations, donations, and fundraising, which do not amount to operating budget items. The increase would enable the trustees to pay the library employees a fair wage. He noted that all of the library employees are your town residents. They choose to show up, work, and support the library, which is a vital community resource. They choose to work there instead of going somewhere that offers a higher wage like McDonalds. Another thought to remember is that since this is only part-time work, no benefits are offered.

Devin Pendleton, Chair of the Library Trustees: Presented statistics from other towns and showed that Bradford's funding for the library is quite low.

Laurelyn Ksander: Stated that when she moved here over a year ago, she was eight months pregnant, and the reason she has made friends and become a part of the community is because of the library. With all the festivities the library does to make this a better community, should we really be turning down a request for Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)? This should drive us to support the people who make our community what it is.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, repeated the motion to amend line item 27.

***Amendment passed with a raised hand vote.***

Bruce Storm, Moderator, re-read the newly amended article. **Article Three:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Nine Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars (\$2,942,738.00) for general municipal operations. This article does not include amounts appropriated by other warrant articles. (Majority vote required.)

Bruce Gezelman moved to approve Article Three, which Beth Downs seconded.

*Article Passed with a raised hand vote.*

**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.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Four and asked for a motion to accept the article. Bruce Gezelman moved to approve Article Four, which Beth Downs seconded.

*Article Passed with a raised hand vote.*

**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.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Five and asked for a motion to accept the article. Beth Downs moved to approve Article Five, which Bruce Gezelman seconded.

*Article Passed with a raised hand vote.*

**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.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Six and asked for a motion to accept the article. Bruce Gezelman moved to approve Article Six, which Beth Downs seconded.

*Article Passed with a raised hand vote.*

**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.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Seven and explained that this would be a private ballot vote using the pink “Yes and No” tabs. As required by law, the ballot box would stay open for one hour and needed a 3/5 majority vote. Bruce asked for a motion to accept the article. Andrew Pinard moved to approve Article Seven, which Kim Firth seconded.

Andrew Pinard: Stated he moved this for discussion purposes only. During his time as a Select Board Rep. and a School Board Rep., he attended the deliberative sessions at the school district level for nineteen years. At the deliberative session this year, seven residents from the Town of Bradford attended. He added they were all working the event. It goes to show that the SB2 does not necessarily engender participation in the process. It is very important to understand that this will have a significant impact moving forward. It also means, that the few people that show up

(this year being one of the shortest deliberative sessions in School Board history because of lack of participation), the yes people participated at the ballot box, but what form does that participation take? How informed are they on the decisions that are being made and how much does that shape what's going on? I want to express my deepest appreciation for everybody who got up from their televisions and came out tonight to show up in person to participate in this historic form of town government. I would support maintaining this town meeting form of government moving forward.

Beth Downs, Chair of the Select Board: Stated that at almost every Select Board meeting, she begs the public to come and give more input. This year, the participation has been, as usual, very little. I see a few faces that have come to the meetings; the same is true with the Budget Committee meetings. If you want to be part of it, you must participate and know how the town works. To take away everyone's voice in this room and go to SB2 would be a travesty.

Pam Bruss: Stated that, in theory, this would be a great thing, but in actuality, she does not support it. Look at our budgets. What do we have control over? Our Town. The schools have skyrocketed; no one shows up or has input. Look at all of you here. This is your voice, and we are educated because of that.

Rebecca Herman asked to move the vote and end the discussion.

Bruce Storm asked for a voice vote to end the discussion.

***The motion to end the discussion passed with a voice vote.***

Bruce Storm, Moderator, declared that voting for SB2 would begin, and the ballot box would stay open for one hour. Ballot boxes were opened for voting at 8:35 pm and closed at 9:35 pm. There were 197 votes cast. A 3/5 majority vote of 60% was required to pass the vote. The end count was 85% against the passage of this article.

***Article Failed Yes 31 No 166***

Andrew Pinard made a motion to restrict reconsideration on Article Seven. Beth Downs seconded.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, asked for a vote on the motion to restrict reconsideration on Article Seven.

***The motion to restrict reconsideration passed with a voice vote.***

**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.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Eight and asked for a motion to accept the article. Bruce Gezelman moved to approve Article Eight, which Beth Downs seconded.

Harry Wright: Explained that the Historical Society has been maintaining the property. The need for the easement clears legal documentation so that grants can be made for the property.

***Article Passed with a raised hand vote.***

**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.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Nine and asked for a motion to accept the article. Sue McKevitt moved to approve Article Nine, which Brooks McCandlish seconded.

Brooks McCandlish: Clarified that if you vote yes for this, the building stays where it is with no funding. If you want something productive done with this building, he suggests voting no and seeing if we can find someone to either move the building or salvage the good pieces from it.

***Article Failed Yes 12 No 153***

Andrew Pinard motioned to move ahead to Article 11 while the voting count was finished. Bruce Gezelman seconded.

***Motion passed with a voice vote.***

**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.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Ten and asked for a motion to accept the article. Bruce Gezelman moved to approve Article Ten, which Beth Downs seconded.

Gary Perkins: Asked if there was a time limit on this. There should be one that way if it doesn't sell in 3 or 6 months, then it could be torn down.

***Article Passed with a raised hand vote.***

**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.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Eleven and asked for a motion to accept the article. Bruce Gezelman moved to approve Article Eleven, which Beth Downs seconded.

***Article Passed with a raised hand vote.***

**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.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Twelve and asked for a motion to accept the article. Bruce Gezelman moved to approve Article Twelve, which Beth Downs seconded.

Bliss Dayton: Spoke with respect to all of these warrant articles for money, starting with this one, which is one of the larger appropriations. If my math is correct, at last year's town meeting, we

approved warrant articles that required Eight Hundred and Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$806,500.00) to be raised from taxes, and if again, if my math is correct on the amount to be raised, if we pass every single article starting with this one going through the rest of the funding, it looks like the amount to be raised from taxes this year is Five Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$583,000.00) which is a reduction of Two Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$223,500.00) on the amount to be raised from taxes. The Budget Committee presentation earlier showed that the operating budget is up One Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$138,000.00) on a net basis, that's with all these warrant articles. It's still an Eighty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$86,000.00) reduction, and I see the Budget Committee nodding, so my math is pretty accurate on this. I point out that a number of these articles are putting money into capital reserve or expendable trust. This gives the Select Board more discretion when dealing with emergency situations. The capital reserve is saved for expensive items like a police cruiser, a fire engine, a grader, and heavy equipment stuff, and if we don't want tax shock in future years, we should share that cost by helping to fund what will be needed for replacement. I like the idea of balancing it with some of the funding from notes to pay for some heavy stuff later because future residents will benefit. It balances how much to save and how much to raise by taxation at the time of purchase. With that in mind, I favor almost all these warrant articles, including this one.

Ed Otto: Asked if the capital reserve money is put in a place where it is making money.

Scott McCaskill, Trustee of the Trust Funds: Explained that the money goes into a Municipal account which makes about 3 1/2%. If the money doesn't need to be immediately accessible, we look to put it into a CD where it makes 5% or something like that. We do not want to take risks with it like throwing it into stocks. My first job is to make sure nothing is lost.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, called for the vote on Article Twelve.

*Article Passed with a raised hand vote.*

**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.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Thirteen and asked for a motion to accept the article. Bruce Gezelman moved to approve Article Thirteen, which Beth Downs seconded.

Ed Shaughnessy, Police Chief: Explained that we have a couple different items on the CIP plan from our radios to our tablets to other equipment and when that is set there, you have a year for replacing and you have a little bit of time within that approval to get those replaced. This is taking all those pieces and putting them into one fund. My laptops are slated for repair in 5 years on the CIP, but I can make one last six or seven. We don't want to be forced to replace them. We just want to have a fund that we can go out and replace it and hopefully extend the life. At the same time, we took all of our equipment, our radios, our weapons, our tasers, and our body cameras, did a shelf life on them with the costs for a year. That Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) or Seventy-Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) covers all of our equipment should something go wrong over that lifespan. Another example, our handguns, they recommend are good for 10 years, instead of in 10 years going out and buying all new ones (if one were to break

or one were to go down) we would have a fund to go and replace that. Which right now we don't do. We don't budget for any of that. A couple years ago, I had to go into the lake after a drunk and my radio, my taser, my belt, were ruined. All of that was gone and we don't budget for repairs like that. So having this fund, that we can go to the Select Board, to get something replaced and not have to do it just because it's on the schedule is just being fiscally responsible with our money and our equipment.

*Article Passed with a raised hand vote.*

**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.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Fourteen and asked for a motion to accept the article. Bruce Gezelman moved to approve Article Fourteen, which Beth Downs seconded.

*Article Passed with a raised hand vote.*

**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.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Fifteen and asked for a motion to accept the article. Bruce Gezelman moved to approve Article Fifteen, which Beth Downs seconded.

Ed Shaughnessy, Police Chief: Explained that when you're driving on the Interstate, and you see construction going on, and you see a police vehicle there, that's what's called, a detail. Those officers are working and getting paid by the company that's doing the paving, they are not getting paid by the State or if it's a Bradford car, it's not getting paid by Bradford. When we do that, and they request an officer, even if it's on Route 103, and it's for the cutting of trees or something, that company pays for the officer, that company pays hourly for the use of our vehicle, which is Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) an hour. Then, they pay all our admin fees, our retirement, our payroll expenses. What this fund is doing is, any excess that we get from the billing of the cruiser or the admin fees, at the end of the year goes into this fund. Then a couple years down the road, when we look to buy a new police cruiser, as you saw in the earlier one, there was Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) coming from fund balance. That's almost about what we brought in from the details last year. This fund would build, and the hope would be that we would be doing enough details that instead of pulling Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) from taxation, that if we put a little bit away each year, we would be able to take that money and apply it towards the car and not ask for it through taxation. Right now, the excess from details goes back into the general fund.

Andrew Pinard: Expressed concern with the language of the warrant. I understand that if it's excess that's going into a fund, but the language says to restrict 100% of revenues from the Bradford Police detail assignments. That revenue goes to paying the salaries, as you described, of the officers who are there. If we adopt this with the language, that means that 100% of the revenues coming from the companies, comes in and gets put into this fund which means that we

have to fund the salaries via our general fund. My concern is that we're putting all of the revenues into this fund, which part of that revenue goes to cover salaries and rental of vehicles. This is a contradiction to me in the language 100% of revenues. If I was an accountant 100% of revenue, is 100% of revenue. I just want it clarified before. I'm 100% behind doing the excess but if it's spelled out in statute, I'm okay.

Karen Hambleton, Town Administrator: Explained that the language came directly from the Department of Revenue Administration. It was vetted by the Town Counsel, and it will create a separate fund through which payroll expense and revenue will run. It is completely separate.

***Article Passed Yes 143 No 11***

**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.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Sixteen and asked for a motion to accept the article. Bruce Gezelman moved to approve Article Sixteen, which Beth Downs seconded.

***Article Passed with a raised hand vote.***

**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.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Seventeen and asked for a motion to accept the article. Bruce Gezelman moved to approve Article Seventeen, which Beth Downs seconded.

***Article Passed with a raised hand vote.***

**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.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Eighteen and asked for a motion to accept the article. Bruce Gezelman moved to approve Article Eighteen, which Beth Downs seconded.

***Article Passed with a raised hand vote.***

**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.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Nineteen and asked for a motion to accept the article. Bruce Gezelman moved to approve Article Nineteen, which Beth Downs seconded.

Amelia Dohrn moved to amend Article Nineteen to the originally requested amount of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00).

Brooks McCandlish seconded the motion.

Bryan Nowell, Fire Chief: Explained that we have some funds that were approved in 2022. We bought 11 bottles of our 28 bottles that we need to replace to the tune of about Eleven Hundred Dollars (\$1,100.00) a bottle. We have a little bit of money that doesn't lapse until 2027, but the total cost of replacing a pack is Eighty-Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) for the pack, Thirteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,300.00) per bottle, and Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for a mask. With the current funding, I would be able to replace four of our fourteen packs, which would leave us zero money. Similar to what the Police Chief said, putting a little away to spend down the road. It also spreads out the burden because if we try to replace them all at once, you're talking about Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) a pack times fourteen. It's a couple hundred thousand dollars to replace them. If we can replace them every couple of years, it kind of spreads out the cost of the taxes.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, reminded everyone that this is an amendment to Article Nineteen, which has been moved and seconded.

Brooks McCandlish: Stated that they have a lifespan. Bryan can tell you what the age is and how long each bottle is good for, but after a certain point, they have to be replaced.

Beth Downs, Chair of the Select Board: Clarified that there is Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000.00) already, and you're adding Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to it, which will give them Thirty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$38,000.00). So, raising it another Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) would give him way more than that.

Bryan Nowell, Fire Chief: Said it spreads it out so that funds are available until 2029 for the Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00). The other Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) is still available until 2027, similar to replacing cruisers or turnout gear or whatever. As Brooks said, the bottles usually have a fifteen-year life expectancy. In fifteen years, similar to when we asked for PPE before. It's a ten-year life expectancy on the PPE. If we wait until everything expires and purchase everything at once, we have a big peak in investment.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, asked to vote on the amendment from Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00). *Amendment failed with a raised hand vote.*

Bruce Storm, Moderator, asked for the vote on Article Nineteen, which had previously been motioned and seconded. *Article Passed with a raised hand vote.*

**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.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Twenty and asked for a motion to accept the article. Bruce Gezelman moved to approve Article Twenty, which Beth Downs seconded.

*Article Passed with a raised hand vote.*



**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.

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

Lincoln Hefner: Asked what the annual cost savings will be, based upon what they are spending now.

Bryan Nowell, Fire Chief: Stated that he wished he had that exact answer, but part of the problem is that when that department was built, the heat for the entire living area, which is the left-hand side of the building, runs off of one thermostat. If I happen to be there or there's a meeting. It heats up the whole 1/3 of the office areas at one time. With the windows currently in there (jalousie windows, that crank out), there is no way to put any cooling system in there. Where that is technically the Emergency Operation Center and a part-time chief's office and training area, we have no cooling in there. So, the system that has been put through with the Energy Committee is to have three control heads, one in the crew quarters, one in the chief quarters, and one in the training room, which will be regulated separately so they can either be heated or cooled individual rooms. At least it will save on trying to heat the entire building.

*Article Passed with a raised hand vote.*

**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.

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

*Article Passed with a raised hand vote.*

**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.

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

Steve Hall, Road Agent: Explained that four years ago the Town went to Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission who evaluated the Town's roads, and put a plan together. They went over our asphalt roads, giving us conditions and information on how to upgrade them. Two years ago, we started this program. We did some oiling and repairs on some the better roads that could take oil and chip sealing, which was about One Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$180,000.00). Last year, we ended up with about Three Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$360,000.00). We did some paving and repair work on Fairgrounds Road, Jones Road, and Center Road, and I think the people who drive those roads appreciate that. We've been working with the CIP group, Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission, and keeping the Select Board abreast of everything happening. The CIP identified Four Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$460,000.00) for this year. Due to taxation and how things are going, it was decided to bring it down to Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000.00). We all know the conditions of these roads. I'm not asking for more money. I'm just trying to fill people in on what's going on. This article says that One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$129,000.00) is coming out of my Roads and Bridges fund, which is already established. Now, that fund is going to be pretty well-depleted. I'm not going to have anything if there's an emergency. I want you to know that, and I want you to be aware of that, and hopefully, that'll pass the Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000.00). We've identified a lot of options, and basically, we're wondering if we could get that money. I think we are going to try and do something on West Road, and we're going to try to do something again on Fairgrounds Road.

*Article Passed with a raised hand vote.*

**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.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Twenty-Four and asked for a motion to accept the article. Bruce Gezelman moved to approve Article Twenty-Four, which Beth Downs seconded.

*Article Passed with a raised hand vote.*

**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.

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

*Article Passed with a raised hand vote.*

**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.

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

*Article Passed with a raised hand vote.*

**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.

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

*Article Passed with a raised hand vote.*

**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.

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

*Article Passed with a raised hand vote.*

**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.

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

Andrew Pinard: Asked how much money is in this fund.

Karen Hambleton, Town Administrator: Stated that at the end of 2023, there was Four Hundred Thirty Dollars and Sixty-Eight Cents (\$430.68).

*Article Passed with a raised hand vote.*

**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.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Thirty and asked for a motion to accept the article. Bruce Gezelman moved to approve Article Thirty, which Beth Downs seconded.

*Article Passed with a raised hand vote.*

**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.

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

*Article Passed with a raised hand vote.*

**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.

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

*Article Passed with a raised hand vote.*

**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.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Thirty-Three and asked for a motion to accept the article. Bruce Gezelman moved to approve Article Thirty-Three, which Rachel Sweetbrown seconded.

*Article Passed with a raised hand vote.*

**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.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Thirty-Four and asked for a motion to accept the article. Bruce Gezelman moved to approve Article Thirty-Four, which Beth Downs seconded.

*Article Passed with a raised hand vote.*

**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.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Thirty-Five and asked for a motion to accept the article. Bruce Gezelman moved to approve Article Thirty-Five, which Beth Downs seconded.

Tandy Hartford: Asked why we have established the fund when in the past we have over appropriated, hoping that it would cover the cost since we can't spend money that we don't appropriate. I was wondering if this is the fix to that problem.

Karen Hambleton, Town Administrator: Replied that a couple of years ago we had under appropriated. We appropriated Fifty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$57,000.00) and it came in at Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000.00) and that was a really tight year. You know coming up with that difference. Last year we appropriated One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00). The bill was just under Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000.00) which gives us Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) which is this Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00)

here. The over appropriation last year lapsed into fund balance which is why we're pulling it from fund balance. This is going to be a cushion, should we have another surprise in the future.

*Article Passed with a raised hand vote.*

**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.

Bruce Storm, Moderator, read Article Thirty-Six and asked for a motion to accept the article. Rachel Sweetbrown moved to approve Article Thirty-Six, which Bruce Gezelman seconded.

*Article Passed with a voice vote.*

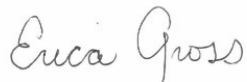
Bruce Storm, Moderator, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by everyone in attendance.

Bradford Board of Selectmen,

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

A true copy attest:

Official Town Warrant and Minutes for the Election on March 12, 2024, and Meeting on March 13, 2024. 207 registered voters attended.



Erica Gross  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

## TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR COMMENTARY

### **Want to know what the best thing about Bradford is? It's the Residents!**

This was a crazy, busy year for me without a deputy, but each of you was so patient, appreciative, and kind. We really are lucky to live in a small town with such great residents. I think that's why I love this job so much.

So, for a year in review:

Mid-May brought the big move back to Town Hall. I still remember the week we were originally kicked out in 2011. It is wonderful to be back here and have all the Town Clerk/Tax Collector cabinets back in one office again.

2024 brought four elections our way.

Two of them were held at the Bradford Area Community Center—for the January Presidential Primary, we had a turnout of 708 voters, and at the Town Election, 329 voters showed up, while 207 voters were present at the Town Meeting.

The other two elections were held at the newly renovated Town Hall auditorium. The September State Primary had 477 voters attend, and then the November State General Election broke all prior records with an 87% turnout. 1120 Ballots were cast that day!

A special thanks to all of the talented ballot clerks and counters who dedicated so much of their time and energy on election day and for their help with set-up and clean-up before and after.

On October 12th, Harriet Douglass was awarded the Boston Post Cane for being the eldest citizen (96) in Bradford. I gave a brief history of the Boston Post Cane and shared a short biography. It was a lovely ceremony with 70 attendees and a delicious buffet. We also enjoyed singing Happy Birthday and serving cake to celebrate Harriet's 96th birthday.

Notes:

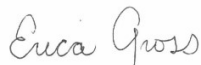
Remember to email a picture of your dog for the Dogs of Bradford wall in my office.

In 2025, the DMV will allow Town Clerks to issue Regular Veteran's plates and Antique plates.

If you change your address, drop or add a P.O. Box, please get in touch with my office so your tax records can be updated.

Once again, a huge thanks to all of you for helping me help you during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,



Erica Gross

### Office Hours:

Monday CLOSED

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

Wednesday 12:00-5:00

Thursday 10:00-7:00

Friday CLOSED

## TOWN CLERK RECEIPTS • JANUARY 1, 2024 – DECEMBER 31, 2024

<u>TOWN CLERK SERVICES</u>	<u>NET</u>	
2024 CIVIL FORFEITURES	420.00	
ATV REGISTRATIONS	1,873.00	
BAD CHECK FEE	12.00	
CHECKLIST	400.00	
HUNTING/FISHING LICENSES	1,346.50	
MARRIAGE LICENSES	300.00	
MISCELLANEOUS	15.60	
POSTAGE	1.00	
RETURNED PAYMENT	10.00	
SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATIONS	1,138.00	
UCC FILING	1,035.00	
VITAL STATISTICS	760.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,311.10</b>	<b><u>\$7,311.10</u></b>
 <u>DOG LICENSES</u>		
NEW	519.00	
RENEWALS	2,609.00	
LICENSE TRANSFER	10.50	
TAG REPLACEMENT	1.50	
VOID	(19.50)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,120.50</b>	<b><u>\$3,120.50</u></b>
 <u>DMV TRANSACTIONS</u>		
BOATS	5,353.66	
MOTOR VEHICLES	590,975.27	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$596,328.93</b>	<b><u>\$596,328.93</u></b>
 <b>TOTAL TOWN CLERK ACTIVITY</b>		<b><u>\$606,760.53</u></b>



Schedule of Credit and Debit Cards 2024			
Month	Clerk	Taxes	Total
January	\$15,139.96	\$168,676.14	<b>\$183,816.10</b>
February	\$13,202.82	\$29,097.25	<b>\$42,300.07</b>
March	\$8,321.80	\$19,500.82	<b>\$27,822.62</b>
April	\$17,747.58	\$3,482.29	<b>\$21,229.87</b>
May	\$13,978.52	\$42,755.69	<b>\$56,734.21</b>
June	\$17,385.23	\$140,952.54	<b>\$158,337.77</b>
July	\$17,036.06	\$145,823.33	<b>\$162,859.39</b>
August	\$16,112.57	\$40,036.00	<b>\$56,148.57</b>
September	\$14,218.55	\$1,112.62	<b>\$15,331.17</b>
October	\$19,060.54	\$27,894.89	<b>\$46,955.43</b>
November	\$13,596.94	\$3,873.01	<b>\$17,469.95</b>
December	\$12,065.62	\$273,439.00	<b>\$285,504.62</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$177,866.19</b>	<b>\$896,643.58</b>	<b>\$1,074,509.77</b>

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Town</b>	\$138,843.00	\$136,137.43	\$145,638.84	\$152,145.49	\$177,866.19
<b>Tax</b>	\$359,991.26	\$449,282.82	\$537,356.35	\$476,078.42	\$896,643.58
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$498,834.26</b>	<b>\$585,420.25</b>	<b>\$682,995.19</b>	<b>\$628,223.91</b>	<b>\$1,074,509.77</b>



Voting at Town Hall



**TOWN OF BRADFORD**  
**Collections Summary Year To Date for FY2024**  
 Requested by Erica -- 01/01/2025 at 12:12 pm

Warrant	Beginning Balance	Committed & Supplemented	Abated	Dedded	Collected		Prior Yr Credits Assigned		Balance Due	Errors
					Principal	Int/Pen	Principal	Int/Pen		
2020L01	2,995.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,735.56	65.93	0.00	0.00	259.72	0.00
2021L01	36,991.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	32,610.54	9,741.32	0.00	0.00	4,381.08	0.00
2022L01	82,552.38	0.00	193.87	0.00	59,942.93	10,213.24	0.00	0.00	22,415.58	0.00
2022T01	2,611.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,611.24	664.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2023L01	0.00	87,756.97	353.23	0.00	48,784.06	2,074.42	0.00	0.00	38,619.68	0.00
2023P01	73,935.52	0.00	69.00	0.00	73,758.03	6,113.43	1.49	0.51	107.00	0.00
2023P02	2,580,263.20	0.00	92.00	0.00	2,580,036.20	6,257.43	0.00	0.00	135.00	0.00
2023T01	5,482.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,482.16	605.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2024G01	0.00	10.56	0.00	0.00	10.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2024P01	0.00	3,557,959.00	0.00	0.00	3,474,061.39	2,133.17	8,324.62	0.00	75,572.99	0.00
2024P02	0.00	3,606,035.00	0.00	0.00	2,903,047.26	0.00	6,292.31	0.00	696,695.43	0.00
2024T01	0.00	19,239.32	0.00	0.00	13,612.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,626.67	0.00
2024U01	0.00	52,732.00	0.00	0.00	52,732.00	18.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	2,784,831.40	7,323,732.85	708.10	0.00	9,249,424.58	37,887.64	14,618.42	0.51	843,813.15	

Summary

Principal:	9,249,424.58
Interest/Penalties:	37,887.64
2024 Unassigned Credits:	9,005.48
* Net Receipts Year To Date:	9,296,317.70
* Including Prior Year Deletions	
* Net Receipts Year To Date:	9,296,317.70
Total Prior Year Deleted Receipts:	0.00
Total Prior Year Deleted Credits:	(0.00)
2024 Refunded Credits:	2,546.00
Gross Receipts Year To Date:	9,298,863.70

Credits

Prior Year Unassigned Credits:	360.17
2024 Unassigned Credits:	9,005.48
Total Unassigned Credits:	9,365.65
Total Refunded Credits:	2,546.00
Total Refund Abatements:	0.00
Total Prior Year Deletions:	94.00



## Tax Collector's Report

For the period beginning Jan 1, 2024 and ending Dec 31, 2024

This form is due March 1st (Calendar Year) or September 1st (Fiscal Year)

### Instructions

#### Cover Page

- Specify the period begin and period end dates above
- Select the entity name from the pull down menu (County will automatically populate)
- Enter the year of the report
- Enter the preparer's information

#### For Assistance Please Contact:

NH DRA Municipal and Property Division

Phone: (603) 230-5090

Fax: (603) 230-5947

<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

### ENTITY'S INFORMATION

Municipality: BRADFORD County: Merrimack Report Year: 2024

### PREPARER'S INFORMATION

First Name Last Name  
Erica Gross  
Street No. Street Name Phone Number  
75 West Main Street 603-938-2288  
Email (optional)  
tc@bradfordnh.org



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<b>Debits</b>					
		<b>Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)</b>			
<b>Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Levy for Year of this Report</b>	Year: <b>2023</b>	Year: <b>2022</b>	Year: <b>2021</b>
Property Taxes	3110		\$ 2,654,198.72		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185		\$ 5,482.16	\$ 2,611.24	
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189				
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$ 14,979.10)	\$ 0.00		
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00		

		<b>Prior Levies</b>			
<b>Taxes Committed This Year</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Levy for Year of this Report</b>			
Property Taxes	3110	\$ 7,163,994.00			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$ 52,732.00			
Yield Taxes	3185	\$ 19,239.32			
Excavation Tax	3187	\$ 10.56			
Other Taxes	3189				

		<b>Prior Levies</b>			
<b>Overpayment Refunds</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Levy for Year of this Report</b>			
Property Taxes	3110	\$ 2,546.00			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$ 2,151.66	\$ 12,977.11	\$ 664.47	
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				
<b>Total Debits</b>		<b>\$ 7,225,694.44</b>	<b>\$ 2,672,657.99</b>	<b>\$ 3,275.71</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>



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<b>Credits</b>				
<b>Remitted to Treasurer</b>	<b>Levy for Year of this Report</b>		<b>Prior Levies</b>	
Property Taxes	\$ 6,388,658.13	\$ 2,573,458.65		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 52,732.00			
Yield Taxes	\$ 13,612.65	\$ 3,338.75	\$ 2,611.24	
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$ 2,151.66	\$ 11,602.11	\$ 664.47	
Penalties		\$ 1,375.00		
Excavation Tax	\$ 10.56			
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$ 82,480.48		
Discounts Allowed				

<b>Abatements Made</b>	<b>Levy for Year of this Report</b>		<b>Prior Levies</b>	
Property Taxes		\$ 161.00		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Current Levy Deeded				



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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report		Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	\$ 772,268.42	\$ 242.00		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes	\$ 5,626.67			
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$ 9,365.65)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance	\$ 0.00			
<b>Total Credits</b>				
	\$ 7,225,694.44	\$ 2,672,657.99	\$ 3,275.71	\$ 0.00

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$ 768,771.44
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$ 65,676.06



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**Lien Summary**

**Summary of Debits**

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2023	Year: 2022	Year: 2021
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year			\$ 82,552.38	\$ 39,986.90
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		\$ 87,756.97		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)		\$ 2,074.42	\$ 10,213.24	\$ 9,807.25
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 89,831.39</b>	<b>\$ 92,765.62</b>	<b>\$ 49,794.15</b>

**Summary of Credits**

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		Year: 2023	Year: 2022	Year: 2021
Redemptions		\$ 48,784.06	\$ 59,942.93	\$ 35,346.10
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190		\$ 2,074.42	\$ 10,213.24	\$ 9,807.25
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		\$ 353.23	\$ 193.87	
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110		\$ 38,619.68	\$ 22,415.58	\$ 4,640.80
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 89,831.39</b>	<b>\$ 92,765.62</b>	<b>\$ 49,794.15</b>

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BRADFORD

**1. CERTIFY THIS FORM**

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.

Preparer's First Name

Preparer's Last Name

Date

Erica

Gross

Jan 1, 2025

**2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM**

Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Bureau Advisor.

**3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM**

This completed PDF form must be PRINTED, SIGNED, SCANNED, and UPLOADED onto the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal (MTRSP) at <http://proptax.org/nh/>. If you have any questions, please contact your Municipal Services Advisor.

**PREPARER'S 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.

Erica Gross - Town Clerk / Tax Collector  
Preparer's Signature and Title

## SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION 2024 ASSESSED VALUATION

<b>Value of Land</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Valuation</b>
Current Use	16,389.86	\$1,178,720.00
Conservation Restriction	91.90	\$4,974.00
Residential	3,631.09	\$193,052,350.00
Commercial	<u>202.38</u>	<u>\$7,241,200.00</u>
Total Taxable Land	20,315.23	\$201,477,244.00
Non-Taxable Land	1,888.19	\$8,168,200.00
Value of Buildings		
Residential		\$231,882,100.00
Manufactured Housing		\$2,744,600.00
Commercial		<u>\$16,198,900.00</u>
Total Taxable Buildings		\$250,825,600.00
Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings		\$9,832,300.00
Public Utilities		\$6,707,700.00
Total Valuation Before Exemptions Allowed		\$459,010,544.00
Less Elderly Exemptions		\$440,000.00
Less Disabled Exemptions		\$50,000.00
Less Blind Exemptions		\$0.00
Solar Energy Systems		\$120,000.00
Wind Powered Energy Systems		<u>\$10,000.00</u>
Valuation on which tax rate is computed		\$458,390,544.00

## CURRENT USE REPORT

<b>Type</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Total</b>
Farm Land	611.72	\$202,872.00
Forest Land	11,523.45	\$834,161.00
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	3,122.15	\$110,983.00
Unproductive Land	523.67	\$11,619.00
Wet Land	608.87	\$13,085.00

Total number of acres Exempt under current use	16,389.86 acres
Total number of acres receiving 20% recreation adjustment	8,386.93 acres



## TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

	Prior Year 2023	Approved for 2024
Town	11.07	5.89
Local School	12.57	7.64
State School	1.77	.97
County	<u>2.39</u>	<u>1.23</u>
Total Tax Rate	\$27.80	\$15.73

Total Town Appropriations	\$3,762,238.00
Total Revenues and Credits	(1,088,907.00)
Less Fund Balance Voted Surplus	(70,000.00)
Less Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	0.00
Add Overlay	45,976.00
War Service Credits	<u>47,400.00</u>
Net Town Appropriations	\$2,696,707.00

Lake Todd Village District: Tax Rate	0.24
Valuation	<u>14,211,100.00</u>
Net Appropriation	\$3,411.00

School Appropriations – Local	\$4,733,544.00
Less Education Grant	(789,791.00)
Less State Education Tax	<u>(439,737.00)</u>
Net School Appropriations	\$3,504,016.00

Education Tax	\$439,737.00
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County Tax Assessment	\$563,516.00
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Total of Town, School & County	\$7,203,976.00
Less War Credits	(47,400.00)
Village District Commitment	<u>3,411.00</u>
Property Taxes to be Raised	\$7,159,987.00

## PROOF OF TAX

	Net Assess Val	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax	451,682,844	.97	\$438,132.00
All Other Taxes	458,390,544	14.76	<u>\$6,765,844.00</u>
			\$7,203,796.00

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Town of Bradford					
Balance Sheet					
As of December 31, 2024					
Preliminary Figures					
<b>Assets</b>					
<b>Account Number / Description</b>					<b>Balance</b>
01-1013-0000	Petty Cash				200.00
01-1013-0001	BHB Savings Account				1,464.67
01-1013-0002	BHB Money Market CD				5,000.00
01-1014-0000	Bar Harbor Operating Acct				1,562,808.59
01-1081-0000	Property Tax Receivable/Credits				841,306.86
01-1081-0015	Property Taxes Overpayment				(55,634.20)
01-1083-0000	Yield Tax Receivable				3,483.26
01-1111-0000	Tax Liens Receivable				61,889.67
01-1311-0000	Due from Other				7,612.89
01-1311-0004	A/R Credit Cards				40,458.40
01-1311-0011	Transfer Station Revolving Fund				(25,000.00)
<b>Total Assets</b>					<b>\$2,443,590.14</b>
<b>Liabilities, Net Assets and Current Activity</b>					
<b>Liabilities</b>					
<b>Account Number / Description</b>					<b>Balance</b>
01-2020-0000	Accounts Payable				83,767.25
01-2035-0000	Accrued Payroll-Retirement				(14.36)
01-2039-0000	Accrued Payroll-Disability				628.56
01-2042-0000	Accrued Payroll-Health FSA				(1,022.55)
01-2043-0000	Accrued Payroll-Dependent Care				1,585.00
01-2075-0000	Due KRSD				1,443,753.16
01-2078-0000	State of NH - DMV				(5,576.59)
01-2082-0000	Cleaning Deposit/Escrow				100.00
01-2431-0000	Encumbrance Control				47,334.59
01-2441-0000	Reserve for Encumbrances				(47,334.59)
<b>Total Liabilities</b>					<b>\$1,523,220.47</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>					
<b>Account Number / Description</b>					<b>Balance</b>
01-2531-0000	Unreserved Fund Balance				909,822.49
<b>Total Net Assets</b>					<b>\$909,822.49</b>
<b>Current Activity</b>					
<b>Net Revenue / (Expense)</b>					<b>\$10,547.18</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Net Assets and Current Activity</b>					<b>\$2,443,590.14</b>

The Town is audited annually by Roberge & Company PC. CPA.

Our 2024 audit will be posted on our website when available.

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

<b>Balance as of 12/31/2023</b>		(\$482,362.70)
Town Clerk	\$428,922.60	
Tax Collector	\$8,315,075.77	
Selectmen's Office	\$675,153.93	
Invoice Cloud	<u>\$1,061,918.35</u>	
Total Remitted	\$10,381,070.65	\$10,481,070.65
Bar Harbor Bank Interest	<u>\$367.77</u>	
	\$367.77	\$367.77
Returned Checks	(\$2,790.97)	
Void Checks	\$2,179.93	
Miscellaneous	<u>(\$485.83)</u>	
	(\$1,096.87)	(\$1,096.87)
TAN to General Fund	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
General Fund to Savings	\$0.00	
Funds from Savings	\$0.00	
Fund Transfer*	\$947,171.55	\$947,171.55
Disbursements		
Direct Deposit	(\$566,531.25)	
Payroll (checks)	(\$381,066.21)	
Accounts Payable	(\$8,345,987.62)	
ACH Fleet Debit WEX	(\$1,613.23)	
941 Tax Payments	(\$203,033.58)	
Transfers to State MV	<u>(\$157,218.97)</u>	
	(\$9,655,450.86)	<u>(\$9,655,450.86)</u>
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/2024</b>		<b>\$1,789,450.86</b>

\* From the closed checking account

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

## Individual Account Activity

Conservation Fund	
Balance 12/31/2023	\$948.20
Deposits	4,075.36
Withdrawals	(0.00)
Interest Earned	.32
Balance 12/31/2024	<u>\$5,023.88</u>
Conservation Commission	
Balance 12/31/2023	\$1,239.89
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	(0.00)
Interest Earned	0.18
Balance 12/31/2024	<u>\$1,240.07</u>
Conservation Commission (CD)	
Opened 6/26/24	\$5,844.79
Rate 4.41% APR Due 3/18/25	
Conservation Commission (CD)	\$52,667.76
Opened 6/26/24	
Rate 4.41% APR Due 3/18/25	
Conservation Commission (CD)	
Opened 8/18/23	\$5,777.50
CD closed 1/18/24	
New CD 1/18/24	
Closed 6/18/24	\$5,844.79
Conservation Commission (CD)	
Opened 8/18/23	\$52,061.41
Closed 1/18/24	
New CD 1/18/24	
Closed 6/18/24	\$52,667.76
Conservation Commission Scholarship Fund	
Opened 6/5/2024	\$0.00
Deposits	870.00
Withdrawals	(0.00)
Interest Earned	.03
Balance 12/31/2024	<u>\$870.03</u>

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

## Continued

Parks and Recreation	
Balance 12/31/2023	\$25,626.25
Deposits	4,550.80
Withdrawals	(3,622.18)
Interest	2.60
Balance 12/31/2024	\$25,557.47
Planning Board	
Balance 12/31/2023	\$2,021.51
Deposits	1,500.00
Withdrawals	(2,265.00)
Interest Earned	0.00
Balance 12/31/2024	<u>\$1,256.51</u>
Ambulance Billing	
Balance 12/31/2023	\$61,079.64
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	(0.00)
Interest Earned	30.38
Balance 12/31/2024	<u>\$61,110.02</u>
Town of Bradford	
Money Market Savings	
Balance 12/31/2023	\$6,464.31
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	(5,000.00)
Interest Earned	.37
Balance 12/31/2024	<u>\$1,464.68</u>
Town of Bradford	
Money Market CD (new)	
Opened 8/29/24	\$5,000.00
4.45% APR due 5/29/25	
Town Hall Project*	
Balance 12/31/2023	\$165,828.83
Deposits	71,474.49
Withdrawals	(237,303.32)
Interest Earned	0.00
Balance 12/31/2024	<u>\$0.00</u>

\* This checking account was opened in May 2017 and closed in September 2024. The final balance of \$84.54 was transferred to the Town's Operating Account.

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

			FMV	Additions	Income	Withdrawals	Change in	FMV
			1/1/2024				Value	12/31/2024
	Cemetery Trustees:							
1905	Cemetery Care Funds	^	\$ 443,450.31	\$ 22,870.17	\$ 14,365.61	\$ -	\$ 26,996.34	\$ 507,682.44
1994	Cemetery Maintenance Funds		\$ 75,906.35	\$ 5,965.80	\$ 2,130.79	\$ 4,520.00	\$ 1,913.04	\$ 81,395.98
2002	Gravestone Repair		\$ 683.54	\$ -	\$ 21.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 705.10
	Bradford Scholarship Committee:							
1964	School Scholarship Funds	^	\$ 12,379.47	\$ 318.90	\$ 387.71	\$ -	\$ (96.57)	\$ 12,989.51
2023	Bradford Town Scholarship Exp Trust Fund		\$ 71.10	\$ 3,530.00	\$ 36.12	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 637.22
	Trust Fund:							
1929	French's Park Fund	^	\$ 6,024.30	\$ 209.44	\$ 160.51	\$ -	\$ 111.74	\$ 6,505.99
	Library Trustees:							
1907	Library Funds	^	\$ 17,243.09	\$ 491.48	\$ 660.13	\$ 660.13	\$ (124.40)	\$ 17,610.17
	Selectmen:							
1991	Repair Town Buildings	*	\$ 21,177.79	\$ -	\$ 668.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,845.80
1997	Town Facilities and Bldg		\$ 32,384.69	\$ -	\$ 1,021.52	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,406.21
2002	Police Facility		\$ 75,198.61	\$ -	\$ 2,372.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 77,570.62
2003	Fire Dept Repair Maint and Imp	*	\$ 10,799.52	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 340.65	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 11,140.17
2004	Park and Rec Building Fund	*	\$ 18,269.22	\$ -	\$ 576.27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,845.49
2006	Fire Dept Heavy Equipment		\$ 312,437.83	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 9,853.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 342,291.49
2006	Main Street Improvement	*	\$ 130,075.74	\$ -	\$ 4,103.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 134,178.76
2007	Emergency Bridge Repair	*	\$ 430.68	\$ -	\$ 4.84	\$ 435.52	\$ -	\$ -
2008	Revaluation		\$ 16,089.50	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 506.24	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 7,595.74
2009	Salt & Fuel	*	\$ 12,525.81	\$ -	\$ 395.11	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,920.92
2010	Communications Equipment	*	\$ 24,025.93	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 758.31	\$ 5,201.16	\$ -	\$ 24,583.08
2013	Independence Day Celebration	*	\$ 5,310.86	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 187.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,197.94
2013	Town Hall Restoration	*	\$ 167.88	\$ 9,351.00	\$ 51.71	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,570.59
2015	Town Equipment Repair & Purch Exp Trus	*	\$ 62,135.39	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,731.24	\$ 8,100.70	\$ -	\$ 65,765.93
2019	Road and Bridge Expendable Trust	*	\$ 146,216.76	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 4,639.22	\$ 129,000.00	\$ -	\$ 86,855.98
2019	Town Hall Repair and Renovation	*	\$ 798.29	\$ -	\$ 25.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 823.47
2020	Fire Equipment Expendable Trust	*	\$ 27,179.97	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,079.37	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,259.34
2020	Highway Dept. Heavy Equipment		\$ 107,220.81	\$ 107,100.00	\$ 4,101.83	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 218,422.64
2021	Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Trust		\$ 40,763.77	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,277.96	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -	\$ 12,041.73
2022	Emerg Road and Bridge Repair Exp Trust	*	\$ 36,018.81	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,144.69	\$ 3,800.00	\$ -	\$ 33,763.50
2022	Long Term Planning Expendable Trust	*	\$ 10,296.33	\$ -	\$ 324.78	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,621.11
2022	Matching funds for Grants	*	\$ 10,296.33	\$ -	\$ 324.78	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,621.11
2024	Police Department Equip Exp Trust Fund		\$ -	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 170.37	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,670.37
2024	Ambulance Serv Expense Overage Exp Trust		\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 340.73	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,340.73
2024	Bridge and Culvert Expendable Trust Fund		\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 14.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,014.25
	Total of All Trust Funds 2024		\$ 1,655,578.68	\$ 405,436.79	\$ 53,775.25	\$ 214,717.51	\$ 28,800.16	\$ 1,928,873.38
	* Funds Expendable by Select Board							
	^ Funds Where Only Income is Expendable							

Town of Bradford						
Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures						
January 1, 2024 thru December 31, 2024						
Acct Number / Description	Additional Appropriations	Adopted Budget	Available	Actual Expenditures	Encumber	Surplus (overdraft)
4130 Executive		\$237,011.00	\$237,011.00	\$222,322.62		\$14,688.38
4140 Elec, Reg & Vital Stat		\$11,050.00	\$11,050.00	\$9,365.16		\$1,684.84
4150 Financial Admin		\$95,450.00	\$95,450.00	\$80,777.17		\$14,672.83
4152 Reval of Property		\$39,800.00	\$39,800.00	\$37,154.26		\$2,645.74
4153 Legal		\$66,000.00	\$66,000.00	\$47,382.04		\$18,617.96
4155 Employee Benefits		\$1.00	\$1.00	\$(4.99)		\$5.99
4191 Planning & Zoning		\$13,349.00	\$13,349.00	\$11,685.79		\$1,663.21
4194 Gen Govt Bldgs		\$157,750.00	\$157,750.00	\$123,462.80		\$34,287.20
4195 Cemetery		\$25,700.00	\$25,700.00	\$23,365.19		\$2,334.81
4196 Insurances		\$103,951.00	\$103,951.00	\$103,925.00		\$26.00
4199 Other Gen Govt		\$8,750.00	\$8,750.00	\$5,685.70		\$3,064.30
4210 Police Dept		\$635,471.00	\$635,471.00	\$607,575.75		\$27,895.25
4220 Fire Dept		\$160,740.00	\$160,740.00	\$141,948.25		\$18,791.75
4225 Rescue Squad - FAST		\$9,150.00	\$9,150.00	\$9,062.50		\$87.50
4226 Rescue Services - Henniker		\$95,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$75,096.00		\$19,904.00
4240 Building Dept		\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$26,590.76		\$(2,590.76)
4290 Emergency Management		\$1.00	\$1.00	\$0.00		\$1.00
4312 Highway Dept		\$700,845.00	\$700,845.00	\$738,220.25		\$(37,375.25)
4313 Bridges		\$1.00	\$1.00	\$0.00		\$1.00
4316 Street Lighting		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,430.71		\$(430.71)
4323 Solid Waste Collection		\$99,991.00	\$99,991.00	\$92,519.53		\$7,471.47
4324 Solid Waste Disposal		\$26,200.00	\$26,200.00	\$27,779.27		\$(1,579.27)
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	\$18,314.00		\$11,956.00
4520 Parks & Recreation		\$21,509.00	\$21,509.00	\$15,263.62		\$6,245.38
4550 Library		\$95,479.00	\$95,479.00	\$95,479.00		\$0.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes		\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$17,250.74		\$2,749.26
4589 Community Center		\$43,800.00	\$43,800.00	\$27,835.44		\$15,964.56
4619 Other Conservation		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		\$0.00
4652 Economic Development		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00		\$500.00
4711 Long Term Notes		\$209,000.00	\$209,000.00	\$209,000.00		\$0.00
4723 Interest on Tan Notes		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,696.17		\$(2,196.17)
<b>Operating Budget</b>		<b>\$2,942,738.00</b>	<b>\$2,942,738.00</b>	<b>\$2,781,606.65</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$161,131.35</b>
4902-7410 Highway Misc Projects	\$ 5,943.00	\$0.00	\$5,943.00	\$5,943.00		\$0.00
4902-7600 Town Equip Expendable Trust	\$ 63,866.63	\$0.00	\$63,866.63	\$8,100.70		\$55,765.93
4902-7600 Town Equip Expendable Trust - appropriation		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00		\$10,000.00
4903-4300 BACC Exterior/LED Lighting	\$648.38	\$0.00	\$648.38	\$596.00		\$52.38
4903-4300 Feasibility Study - BACC		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00		\$5,000.00
4903-7200 Fire Station - Energy Efficiency	\$ 25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$24,386.48		\$613.52
4903-7200 Fire Station - Heat Pump		\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$12,400.00		\$2,600.00
4903-7200 Highway Building - Energy Efficiency		\$0.00	\$371.24	\$0.00		\$371.24
4912-0001 Conservation Fund		\$27,336.00	\$27,336.00	\$27,336.00		\$0.00
4913-6000 Revaluation	\$ 32,000.00	\$0.00	\$32,000.00	\$30,000.00		\$2,000.00
4913-6002 Communications Capital Reserve - appro		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00		\$5,000.00
4913-7001 Police SUV	\$ 7,014.00	\$0.00	\$7,014.00	\$7,014.00		\$0.00
4913-7001 Police SUV		\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$59,882.88		\$117.12
4913-7002 Town Bldg Maint/Rep (TH tin)	\$ 16,656.89	\$0.00	\$16,656.89	\$16,656.89		\$0.00
4913-7002 Town Hall (Fit-Up and Furnish)		\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00		\$0.00
4913-7011 Police Equipment - cruiser radic	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$2,408.21		\$2,091.79
4913-7011 Police Equipment -grant funded		\$20,653.15	\$20,653.15	\$20,653.15		\$0.00
4913-7013 Fire Dept Equip - radios (2023)	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00		\$0.00
4913-7013 Fire Dept Equip - communications		\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00	\$3,991.11		\$9,508.89
4913-7013 Fire Dept Equip Expendable Trust Fund		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00		\$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
4913-7013 Fire Dept Hoses/Nozzles		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00		\$10,000.00
4913-7251 Center Road Bridge - from ETF		\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00		\$0.00
4913-9300 Road Maint/Preservation	\$25,283.66	\$325,000.00	\$350,283.66	\$349,663.42		\$620.24
4913-9302 Class A Pumper - radios (2022)	\$12,380.00	\$0.00	\$12,380.00	\$12,380.00		\$0.00
4915-7403 Highway Heavy Equipment - CRF		107,100.00	\$107,100.00	107,100.00		\$0.00
4915-7501 Road and Bridge Exp Trust - appropriation		65,000.00	\$65,000.00	65,000.00		\$0.00
4915-7502 Emergency Road and Bridge Repair ETF		400.00	\$400.00	400.00		\$0.00
4915-7503 Bridge and Culvert Repair/Replace ETF		100,000.00	\$100,000.00	100,000.00		\$0.00
4915-9300 Police Department Equipment ETF		7,500.00	\$7,500.00	7,500.00		\$0.00
4915-9302 Fire Heavy Equip CRF - appropriation		32,380.00	\$32,380.00	32,380.00		\$0.00
4915-9303 Fire Dept. Bldg Maintenance		5,000.00	\$5,000.00	5,000.00		\$0.00
4915-9312 Ambulance Service Expense Overage Exp TF		15,000.00	\$15,000.00	15,000.00		\$0.00
4915-9315 Police Vehicle Capital Reserve		10,000.00	\$10,000.00	10,000.00		\$0.00
<b>Total Warrants</b>		<b>\$862,669.15</b>	<b>\$1,107,035.95</b>	<b>\$975,036.84</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$131,999.11</b>
5000-0015 County Tax		0.00	563,516.00	563,516.00		\$0.00
5000-0017 Lake Todd Dist		0.00	3,411.00	3,411.00		\$0.00
5000-0016 Kearsarge School Dist		0.00	3,943,753.00	3,943,753.00		\$0.00
5000-8001 Tax abatements (overlay used)		0.00	79,249.77	79,249.77		\$0.00
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>			<b>4,589,929.77</b>	<b>4,589,929.77</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$3,805,407.15</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$293,130.46</b>

Town of Bradford									
Detail Payments - Operating Budgets									
January 1, 2024 thru December 31, 2024									
<b>4130 Executive</b>				<b>4153 Legal</b>				<b>4210 Police Dept</b>	
01-4130-1100 FT Salaries		133,027.54		01-4153-3201 Counsel Fees	47,382.04			01-4210-1000 Salaries	186,308.51
01-4130-1201 PT Budget Sec		505.80		01-4153-3202 Damage Fees	0.00			01-4210-1101 PD Disability	1,300.00
01-4130-1300 Elected Officials		9,000.00		<b>TOTAL 4153 Legal</b>	<b>\$47,382.04</b>			01-4210-1200 PT Wages	9,203.73
01-4130-1400 PT Wages		1,768.10						01-4210-1205 Wages-Police Secretary	11,349.95
01-4130-1401 Budget Comm Expense		130.00		<b>4155 Employee Benefits</b>				01-4210-1206 Wages-On Call	14,497.37
01-4130-2100 Health Insurance		41,855.33		01-4155-2100 Health Insurance	0.00			01-4210-1211 Wages-PT Administration	96,377.35
01-4130-2150 Life Insurance		139.62		01-4155-2190 Dental Insurance	(4.99)			01-4210-1212 Wages-PD Detail	0.00
01-4130-2160 Short Term Disability		489.06		<b>TOTAL 4153 Legal</b>	<b>(\$4.99)</b>			01-4210-1213 Wages-PD Detail Town	0.00
01-4130-2190 Dental Insurance		3,264.12						01-4210-1214 Wages- PD Grant Funded	6,443.70
01-4130-2200 Payroll Taxes		11,039.32		<b>4191 Planning &amp; Zoning</b>				01-4210-1400 Overtime	19,136.06
01-4130-2300 Retirement		6,569.97		01-4191-1200 PT Planning Wages	1,150.45			01-4210-2100 Health Insurance	70,904.07
01-4130-2400 Conference		140.00		01-4191-1201 PT Zoning Wages	848.30			01-4210-2150 Life Insurance	312.00
01-4130-3410 Telephone		1,746.85		01-4191-2200 Payroll Taxes	152.89			01-4210-2160 Short Term Disability	1,154.40
01-4130-3420 Computer Equipment & Supp		0.00		01-4191-2400 Conferences - Planning	0.00			01-4210-2190 Dental Insurance	6,280.92
01-4130-3422 Software Support		5,447.66		01-4191-3901 Circuit Rider	6,552.50			01-4210-2200 Payroll Taxes	6,412.91
01-4130-5500 Printing		2,417.39		01-4191-5600 Dues & Subscriptions	2,204.00			01-4210-2300 Retirement	101,564.68
01-4130-5600 Association Dues		1,871.00		01-4191-6002 Supplies - Planning	357.24			01-4210-2400 Conferences	1,303.07
01-4130-6000 Supplies		1,138.07		01-4191-6003 Supplies - Zoning	305.41			01-4210-3201 Legal Fees-Counsel	2,070.00
01-4130-6250 Postage		1,237.27		01-4191-6200 Zoning Seminars	115.00			01-4210-3410 Telephone	6,834.09
01-4130-6901 Advertising		265.00		01-4191-6250 Postage	0.00			01-4210-3422 Software Support	800.00
01-4130-6902 Mileage		119.04		<b>TOTAL 4191 Planning &amp; Zoning</b>	<b>\$11,685.79</b>			01-4210-3902 Hospital blood draw	0.00
01-4130-7401 Equipment Purchase		151.48						01-4210-3903 Animal/Vet	0.00
<b>TOTAL 4130 Executive</b>		<b>\$222,322.62</b>		<b>4194 Gen Govt Bldgs</b>				01-4210-3904 Dispatch	22,354.00
				01-4194-1200 PT Wages	675.20			01-4210-4100 Electricity	1,912.52
<b>4140 Election, Registration &amp; Vital Statistic</b>				01-4194-2200 Payroll Taxes	51.65			01-4210-4301 Repair-Radios	0.00
01-4140-1200 PT Wages-Ballot Clerks		1,350.39		01-4194-3410 Telephone	4,175.95			01-4210-4302 Repairs-Computer	0.00
01-4140-1301 Supervisors Wages		6,522.80		01-4194-3901 Contract Services	33,570.88			01-4210-5600 Dues & Subscriptions	1,500.00
01-4140-1303 Moderator Wages		873.05		01-4194-3902 Copier Contract	679.31			01-4210-6000 Supplies	2,417.13
01-4140-2200 Payroll Taxes		498.99		01-4194-4001 Copier Contract - Services	2,615.14			01-4210-6001 SOU	3,000.00
01-4140-6000 Supplies		119.93		01-4194-4100 Electricity	6,291.08			01-4210-6004 Supplies-Training	1,977.94
<b>TOTAL 4140 Election, Registration &amp; VS</b>		<b>\$9,365.16</b>		01-4194-4110 Heat/Oil	11,443.37			01-4210-6005 Supplies-Uniforms	2,190.03
				01-4194-4300 Repairs & Maintenance	0.00			01-4210-6006 Police equipment	2,363.02
<b>4150 Financial Administration</b>				01-4194-4301 Town Beautification	250.00			01-4210-6250 Postage	474.16
01-4150-1200 PT Wages		0.00		01-4194-4302 Town office upgrades	150.03			01-4210-6350 Gasoline & Oil	9,067.12
01-4150-1202 Deputy TC/TC Wages		0.00		01-4194-4303 Town Hall Repairs & Expense	23,284.72			01-4210-6600 Vehicle Repairs	4,062.85
01-4150-1203 Deputy Treasurer Wages		108.00		01-4194-4310 Town Landscaping	4,571.25			01-4210-7500 Rental & expenses	13,393.00
01-4150-1304 Wages-TC/TC		39,626.20		01-4194-6000 Supplies	2,273.60			01-4210-9314 Copier	401.23
01-4150-1305 Wages-Treasurer		5,053.17		01-4194-6001 Computer repairs	33,040.62			01-4210-9316 Protective Vests	209.94
01-4150-2200 Payroll Taxes		3,417.94		01-4194-9311 Town Clock	390.00			<b>TOTAL 4210 Police Dept</b>	<b>\$607,575.75</b>
01-4150-2400 Conferences		115.00		<b>TOTAL 4194 Gen Govt Bldgs</b>	<b>\$123,462.80</b>				
01-4150-3010 Audit Fees		14,000.00						<b>4220 Fire Dept</b>	
01-4150-3011 Trustee of Trust Funds		250.00		<b>4195 Cemetery</b>				01-4220-1200 PT Wages	22,440.00
01-4150-3410 Telephone		262.73		01-4195-1208 Wages-Town Landscaping	23,000.00			01-4220-1211 Wages - Administration	41,901.60
01-4150-3422 Software Support		6,504.00		01-4195-4100 Electricity	205.19			01-4220-1213 Wages - Detail	210.00
01-4150-3901 Lien Search		667.05		01-4195-6000 Supplies	160.00			01-4220-2200 Payroll Taxes	4,938.64
01-4150-5600 Association Dues		20.00		<b>TOTAL 4195 Cemetery</b>	<b>\$23,365.19</b>			01-4220-2400 Conferences & Seminars	19.84
01-4150-6000 Supplies		2,152.44						01-4220-3410 Telephone	2,559.57
01-4150-6008 Clerk election expense		5,489.28		<b>4196 Insurances</b>				01-4220-3421 Software	810.00
01-4150-6250 Postage		2,081.10		01-4196-2500 Unemployment Comp	674.00			01-4220-3904 Contract Services-Dispatch	21,369.00
01-4150-6902 Mileage		0.00		01-4196-2600 Worker's Compensation	46,649.00			01-4220-3914 Contract Services-Maint	3,848.92
01-4150-6903 Fees & Licenses		827.73		01-4196-4800 Property Liability	56,602.00			01-4220-4100 Electricity	5,177.49
01-4150-7401 Equipment Purchase		202.53		<b>TOTAL 4196 Insurances</b>	<b>\$103,925.00</b>			01-4220-4301 Repairs & Maint - Radios	2,500.00
<b>TOTAL 4150 Financial Administration</b>		<b>\$80,777.17</b>						01-4220-4303 Repairs & Maint - Vehicles	14,349.88
				<b>4199 Other General Govt</b>				01-4220-5600 Dues and Subscriptions	254.99
<b>4152 Revaluation of Property</b>				01-4199-3904 Milfoil remediation	1,000.00			01-4220-6000 Supplies	4,091.80
01-4152-1200 PT Wages-Assessing		0.00		01-4199-3910 Contract Services-Env Test	3,115.70			01-4220-6005 Supplies-Uniform/Prot Cloth	2,711.94
01-4152-3900 Tax Map Updated		5,200.00		01-4199-6207 Sanitation Units	1,300.00			01-4220-6300 Repairs & Maint - Equipment	1,714.78
01-4152-3901 Contract Services		28,291.26		01-4199-9313 French's Park Testing	270.00			01-4220-6350 Gasoline	2,608.82
01-4152-3902 Timber Monitor		1,050.00		<b>TOTAL 4199 Other General Govt</b>	<b>\$5,685.70</b>			01-4220-6900 Training	865.25
01-4152-6204 Assessing software		2,613.00						01-4220-6902 Mileage	355.57
<b>TOTAL 4152 Revaluation of Property</b>		<b>\$37,154.26</b>						01-4220-7300 Repair & Maint - Bldg	2,107.38
								01-4220-7401 Equipment Purchases	7,112.78
								<b>TOTAL 4220 Fire Dept</b>	<b>\$141,948.25</b>



Town of Bradford									
Detail Payments - Operating Budgets									
January 1, 2024 thru December 31, 2024									
<b>4225 Rescue Squad</b>				<b>4323 Solid Waste Collection</b>				<b>4589 Community Center (con'd)</b>	
01-4225-4303 Repairs & Maint - Equipment	198.70			01-4323-1100 Wages-FT	44,912.03			01-4589-7301 Maintenance septic	290.00
01-4225-4304 Service Contracts	0.00			01-4323-1200 Wages-PT	25,897.17			01-4589-7303 Maintenance furnace & stove	1,431.76
01-4225-4305 Continuing Education	6,160.00			01-4323-1200 Wages-Other	39.33			01-4589-7304 Generator/elevator/ansul/air	5,468.71
01-4225-4306 Oxygen	606.44			01-4323-2100 Health Insurance	8,236.78			01-4589-7305 Annual Roof/Floors	2,150.00
01-4225-6000 Supplies	1,695.43			01-4323-2150 Life Insurance	90.33			01-4589-7306 Pest Control	1,205.00
01-4225-6903 Fees & Licenses	25.00			01-4323-2160 Short Term Disability	357.96			01-4589-7307 Alarm/trash/telephone	1,140.00
01-4225-7401 New Equipment	376.93			01-4323-2190 Dental Insurance	1,211.76			01-4589-7401 Equipment Purchase	0.00
<b>TOTAL 4225 Rescue Squad</b>	<b>\$9,062.50</b>			01-4323-2200 Payroll Taxes	5,419.85			<b>TOTAL 4589 Community Center</b>	<b>\$27,835.44</b>
				01-4323-2300 Retirement	1,300.00				
<b>4226 Rescue - Contract Services</b>				01-4323-3410 Telephone	1,882.48			<b>4619 Other Conservation</b>	
01-4226-3500 Contract Services Henniker	65,096.00			01-4323-4100 Electricity	1,479.87			01-4619-2400 Conferences & Seminars	60.00
01-4226-3600 Henniker Ambulance C/R	10,000.00			01-4323-4303 Repairs & Maintenance-Equip	273.40			01-4619-5600 Dues & Subscriptions	250.00
<b>TOTAL 4226 Rescue - Contract Services</b>	<b>\$75,096.00</b>			01-4323-5600 Dues & Subscriptions	185.68			01-4619-6800 Supplies-Educational	204.64
				01-4323-6000 Supplies	334.10			01-4619-7200 Land Protection	5.36
<b>4240 Building Dept - Code Enforcement</b>				01-4323-6350 Equipment Fuel	756.04			01-4619-9320 Trail Development	480.00
01-4240-1200 Wages-PT	23,325.00			01-4323-6902 Mileage	135.16			<b>TOTAL 4619 Other Conservation</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
01-4240-2100 Health Officer	106.31			01-4323-7300 Repairs & Maintenance-Bldg	7.59				
01-4240-2200 Payroll Taxes	1,784.53			<b>TOTAL 4323 Solid Waste Collection</b>	<b>\$92,519.53</b>			<b>4652 Economic Development</b>	
01-4240-3410 Telephone	120.00							01-4652-6000 Supplies	0.00
01-4240-6000 Supplies	13.50			<b>4324 Solid Waste Disposal</b>				<b>TOTAL 4652 Economic Development</b>	<b>0</b>
01-4240-6171 Education	116.62			01-4324-3914 Contract Services-MSW	23,567.72				
01-4240-6902 Mileage	954.80			01-4324-3915 Contract Services-Comp Serv	2,600.00			<b>4711 Long Term Notes</b>	
01-4240-6906 Fees & Licenses-Code Enf	170.00			01-4324-3916 Contract Services-C&D Disp	141.00			01-4711-0001 Long Term Notes	101,622.27
<b>TOTAL 4240 Building Dept - Code Enfor</b>	<b>\$26,590.76</b>			01-4324-3919 Contract Services-Glass Rem	1,419.55			01-4711-0002 Interest on Long Term Note	107,377.73
				01-4324-3921 Contract Services-Roadside W	51.00			<b>TOTAL 4711 Long Term Notes</b>	<b>\$209,000.00</b>
<b>4290 Emergency Management</b>				<b>TOTAL 4324 Solid Waste Disposal</b>	<b>\$27,779.27</b>				
01-4290-6000 Supplies	0.00							<b>4723 Interest on Tan Notes</b>	
<b>TOTAL 4290 Emergency Management</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>			<b>4415 Inoculations</b>				01-4723-8100 Interest on Tan Notes	3,696.17
				01-4415-3500 Inoculations	0.00			<b>TOTAL 4723 Interest on Tan Notes</b>	<b>\$3,696.17</b>
<b>4312 Highway Dept</b>				<b>TOTAL 4415 Inoculations</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>				
01-4312-1100 Wages-FT	237,445.70			<b>4441 Welfare</b>				<b>4902 New Equipment - HW Exp Trust</b>	
01-4312-1200 Wages-PT	28,112.61			01-4441-1200 Wages-PT	6,868.44			01-4902-7410 New Equipment	5,393.00
01-4312-1250 Wages-Winter Stipend	1,600.00			01-4441-2200 Payroll Taxes	525.48			01-4902-7600 Equipment Repair Expendable	10,000.00
01-4312-1201 Outside Services	21,966.65			01-4441-6000 Welfare admin supplies	30.00			<b>TOTAL 4902 New Equipment - HW Exp T</b>	<b>\$15,393.00</b>
01-4312-1400 Wages-Overtime	61,587.90			<b>TOTAL 4441 Welfare</b>	<b>\$7,423.92</b>				
01-4312-2100 Health Insurance	269.10			<b>4445 Welfare Payments</b>				<b>4903 Capital Projects - Buildings</b>	
01-4312-2150 Life Insurance	1,094.97			01-4445-3900 Vendor Payments	2,244.00			01-4903-4300 Capital Projects- Rep/Maint B	596.00
01-4312-2160 Short Term Disability	4,117.32			01-4445-3908 Contract Services-CAP	10,500.00			01-4903-7200 Buildings	36,786.48
01-4312-2190 Dental Insurance	22,118.08			01-4445-3909 Contract Services-VNA	4,820.00			<b>TOTAL 4903 Capital Projects - Building</b>	<b>\$37,382.48</b>
01-4312-2200 Payroll Taxes	5,228.66			01-4445-3920 Contract Services-CASA	750.00				
01-4312-2300 Retirement	100.00			<b>TOTAL 4445 Welfare Payments</b>	<b>\$18,314.00</b>			<b>4912 Transfers to Special Rev Funds</b>	
01-4312-2400 Conferences & Seminars	2,170.66							01-4912-0001 Transfer to Conservation	27,336.00
01-4312-3410 Telephone	33,785.00			<b>4520 Parks &amp; Recreation</b>				<b>TOTAL 4912 Transfers to Special Rev Fu</b>	<b>\$27,336.00</b>
01-4312-3901 Contract Services-General	0.00			01-4520-2200 Payroll Taxes	1,920.00				
01-4312-3907 Contract Services-Tree Remov	0.00			01-4520-3901 PT Wages	146.89			<b>4913 Capital Project Funds</b>	
01-4312-3912 Contract Services-Blasting	110.00			01-4520-4300 Repairs & Maintenance	1,100.00			01-4913-3000 Highway equipment	230.00
01-4312-3913 Contract Services-Drug Testin	2,799.04			01-4520-6000 Supplies	285.92			01-4913-6000 Revaluation Capital Reserve	36,000.00
01-4312-4100 Electricity	6,791.50			01-4520-6800 Special Events	1,060.81			01-4913-6002 Communications	5,000.00
01-4312-4300 Repairs & Maintenance-Tires	75,127.22			01-4520-7000 BNSYS	2,750.00			01-4913-7001 Police Cruiser	72,386.42
01-4312-4303 Repairs & Maintenance-Equip	7,773.12			01-4520-7009 Boat Launch	8,000.00			01-4913-7002 TH/PD Repairs	31,656.89
01-4312-4307 Repairs & Maintenance-Bridge	4,975.00			01-4520-7401 Equipment Purchases	0.00			01-4913-7011 Police Equipment	23,061.36
01-4312-4400 Equipment Rental	11,150.00			<b>TOTAL 4520 Parks &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>\$15,263.62</b>			01-4913-7013 Fire Dept Equipment	20,991.11
01-4312-6000 Supplies	14,126.71							01-4913-7251 Center Road Bridge 128/114	3,800.00
01-4312-6005 Supplies-Uniforms	10,211.41			<b>4550 Library</b>				01-4913-9300 Road Maint and Construction	349,663.42
01-4312-6006 Supplies-Chains & Blades	6,859.60			01-4550-6000 General Appropriation	95,479.00			<b>TOTAL 4913 Capital Project Funds</b>	<b>\$542,789.20</b>
01-4312-6007 Winter Salt & Spring Repairs	43,054.05			<b>TOTAL 4550 Library</b>	<b>\$95,479.00</b>				
01-4312-6008 Supplies-Road Signs	0.00			<b>4583 Patriotic Purposes</b>				<b>4915 Capital Reserve</b>	
01-4312-6009 Supplies-Culverts	5,188.90			01-4583-6000 Supplies-Markers/Flags	843.40			01-4915-7403 Highway Heavy Equip	107,100.00
01-4312-6010 Supplies-Gravel	31,147.67			01-4583-6802 Parade Expenses	665.89			01-4915-7501 Road and Bridge Expendable T	65,000.00
01-4312-6011 Supplies-Road Patch	37,256.72			01-4583-6803 Departmental-Fireworks	15,128.95			01-4915-7502 Emer Road and Bridge Rep ET	400.00
01-4312-6012 Dust Control	5,600.00			01-4583-6804 Police Detail	612.50			01-4915-7503 Bridge and Culvert Rep/Repl E	100,000.00
01-4312-6300 Maintenance & Repairs/Inspec	885.97			<b>TOTAL 4583 Patriotic Purposes</b>	<b>\$17,250.74</b>			01-4915-9300 Police Dept Equipment EFT	7,500.00
01-4312-6350 Equipment Fuel	36,930.78							01-4915-9302 Fire Dept Heavy Equipment	32,380.00
01-4312-7300 Repairs, Maint-Bldgs	10,170.91			<b>4589 Community Center</b>				01-4915-9303 Fire Dept. Bldg Maintenance	5,000.00
01-4312-7312 New Equipment	8,465.00			01-4589-3410 Telephone	1,708.40			01-4915-9312 Ambulance Service Exp Over I	15,000.00
01-4312-9500 Storm Damages	0.00			01-4589-4100 Electricity	3,908.79			01-4915-9315 Police Cruiser	10,000.00
<b>TOTAL 4312 Highway Dept</b>	<b>\$738,220.25</b>			01-4589-4110 Heat-Propane	3,470.20			<b>TOTAL 4915 Capital Reserve</b>	<b>\$342,380.00</b>
				01-4589-4300 Landscaping	2,617.50				
<b>4313 Bridges</b>				01-4589-6000 Supplies	1,263.05			<b>5000 Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	
01-4313-3901 Contract Services-Bridges	0.00			01-4589-7200 Alarm System	1,550.00			01-5000-0015 County	563,516.00
<b>TOTAL 4313 Bridges</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>			01-4589-7300 Repairs & Maint & testing	1,632.03			01-5000-0016 Due to KRSD	3,943,753.00
								01-5000-0017 Lake Todd Village District	3,411.00
<b>4316 Street Lighting</b>								01-5000-8001 Abatement-Previous Yr Taxes	79,249.77
01-4316-4100 Electricity	2,430.71							<b>TOTAL 5000 Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,589,929.77</b>
<b>TOTAL 4316 Street Lighting</b>	<b>\$2,430.71</b>								



Proposed Budget

Bradford

For the period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025

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

This form was posted with the warrant on: \_\_\_\_ February 24, 2025 \_\_\_\_

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	Select Board 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 12/31/2024	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025 (Not Recommended)
<b>General Government</b>								
4130	Executive	05	\$222,323	\$237,511	\$243,610	\$0	\$243,610	\$0
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	05	\$9,365	\$11,050	\$4,600	\$0	\$4,600	\$0
4150	Financial Administration	05	\$80,777	\$95,450	\$105,368	\$0	\$105,368	\$0
4152	Property Assessment	05	\$37,154	\$39,800	\$47,500	\$0	\$47,500	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	05	\$47,382	\$66,000	\$45,000	\$0	\$45,000	\$0
4155	Personnel Administration	05	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
4191	Planning and Zoning	05	\$0	\$13,349	\$13,138	\$0	\$13,138	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	05	\$138,463	\$172,750	\$137,551	\$0	\$136,501	\$1,050
4195	Cemeteries	05	\$0	\$25,700	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	05	\$0	\$103,951	\$113,560	\$0	\$113,560	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4198	Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	05	\$0	\$8,750	\$9,500	\$0	\$9,500	\$0
<b>General Government Subtotal</b>			<b>\$535,464</b>	<b>\$774,312</b>	<b>\$744,828</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$743,778</b>	<b>\$1,050</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>								
4210	Police	05	\$614,626	\$635,471	\$647,134	\$0	\$647,134	\$0
4215	Ambulances		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4220	Fire	05	\$230,098	\$278,390	\$248,700	\$0	\$248,700	\$0
4240	Building Inspection	05	\$26,591	\$24,000	\$26,780	\$0	\$26,780	\$0
4290	Emergency Management	05	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
4299	Other Public Safety		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Public Safety Subtotal</b>			<b>\$871,315</b>	<b>\$937,862</b>	<b>\$922,615</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$922,615</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>								
4301	Airport Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4302	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4309	Other Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Highways and Streets</b>								
4311	Highway Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	05	\$1,087,833	\$1,025,845	\$732,630	\$5,000	\$737,630	\$0
4313	Bridges	05	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	05	\$2,431	\$2,000	\$2,400	\$0	\$2,400	\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Highways and Streets Subtotal</b>			<b>\$1,090,264</b>	<b>\$1,027,846</b>	<b>\$735,031</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$740,031</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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<b>Sanitation</b>								
4321	Sanitation Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	05	\$92,520	\$99,991	\$100,910	\$0	\$100,910	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	05	\$27,779	\$26,200	\$31,100	\$0	\$31,100	\$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>\$120,299</b>	<b>\$126,191</b>	<b>\$132,010</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$132,010</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	05	\$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	05	\$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	05	\$18,314	\$30,270	\$30,177	\$0	\$30,177	\$0
4449	Other Welfare		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Welfare Subtotal</b>		<b>\$25,738</b>	<b>\$37,738</b>	<b>\$37,645</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$37,645</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>								
4520	Parks and Recreation	05	\$15,264	\$21,509	\$23,759	\$0	\$22,759	\$1,000
4550	Library	05	\$95,479	\$95,479	\$95,479	\$0	\$95,479	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	05	\$17,251	\$20,000	\$5,450	\$0	\$5,450	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	05	\$27,835	\$48,800	\$38,550	\$0	\$38,550	\$0
	<b>Culture and Recreation Subtotal</b>		<b>\$155,829</b>	<b>\$185,788</b>	<b>\$163,238</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$162,238</b>	<b>\$1,000</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	05	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$0	\$1,200	\$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	05	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
4659	Other Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Conservation and Development Subtotal</b>		<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$1,201</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,201</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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Account	Purpose	Article	Actual Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2024	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025 (Not Recommended)
<b>Debt Service</b>								
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	05	\$101,622	\$101,390	\$106,181	\$0	\$106,181	\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	05	\$107,378	\$107,610	\$102,819	\$0	\$102,819	\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes	05	\$3,696	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Debt Service Subtotal</b>		<b>\$212,696</b>	<b>\$210,500</b>	<b>\$210,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$210,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>								
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$59,883	\$80,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$12,400	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Capital Outlay Subtotal</b>		<b>\$72,283</b>	<b>\$100,000</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>\$2,946,569</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$2,949,519</b>	<b>\$2,050</b>

**Special Warrant Articles**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Article</b>	<b>Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)</b>	<b>Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)</b>	<b>Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)</b>
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	12	\$375,000	\$0	\$375,000
		<b>Purpose: Fund Road Maintenance, Preservation and Paving</b>			
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	10	\$72,000	\$0	\$72,000
		<b>Purpose: Purchase Turnout Gear for Fire Department</b>			
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	11	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
		<b>Purpose: SCBA Bottle and Apparatus Replacement</b>			
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	13	\$254,000	\$0	\$0
		<b>Purpose: Purchase 6-Wheel Dump Truck</b>			\$254,000
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	23	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
		<b>Purpose: Fund the Demolition and Removal of the Masonic Building with Fund Balance</b>			
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	27	\$0	\$97,500	\$0
		<b>Purpose: Asbestos Abatement and Demolition of the Masonic Building - by Petition</b>			\$97,500
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	07	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
		<b>Purpose: Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Trust Fund (2021)</b>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	08	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
		<b>Purpose: Fire Department Heavy Equip Capital Reserve (2006)</b>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	14	\$110,000	\$0	\$110,000
		<b>Purpose: Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (2020)</b>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	15	\$74,000	\$0	\$0
		<b>Purpose: Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (2020)</b>			\$74,000
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	20	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
		<b>Purpose: Revaluation Capital Reserve (2008)</b>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	21	\$11,745	\$0	\$11,745
		<b>Purpose: Fund the Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund (2021)</b>			
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	22	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
		<b>Purpose: Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (2020)</b>			
4916	To Expendable Trusts	06	\$8,500	\$0	\$8,500
		<b>Purpose: Police Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund (2024)</b>			
4916	To Expendable Trusts	09	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
		<b>Purpose: Fire Equipment Expendable Trust Fund (2020)</b>			

**Special Warrant Articles**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Article</b>	<b>Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)</b>	<b>Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)</b>	<b>Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)</b>
4916	To Expendable Trusts	16	\$20,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Purpose:</b> <i>Road and Bridge Expendable Trust Fund (2019)</i>					
4916	To Expendable Trusts	18	\$80,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Purpose:</b> <i>Town Equipment Repair and Purchase Expendable Trust Fund (2015)</i>					
4916	To Expendable Trusts	19	\$41,500	\$0	\$41,500
<b>Purpose:</b> <i>Town Equipment Repair and Purchase Expendable Trust Fund (2015)</i>					
<b>Total Proposed Special Articles</b>			<b>\$1,153,745</b>	<b>\$97,500</b>	<b>\$745,745</b>
					<b>\$505,500</b>

**Individual Warrant Articles**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Article</b>	<b>Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)</b>	<b>Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)</b>	<b>Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)</b>
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	17	\$38,500	\$0	\$38,500
<b>Purpose:</b> <i>Lease/Purchase Agreement for Backhoe</i>					
<b>Total Proposed Individual Articles</b>			<b>\$38,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$38,500</b>

Revenues					
Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes for General Fund	05	\$52,732	\$3,000	\$3,000
3180	Resident Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Taxes	05	\$19,239	\$15,000	\$15,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax		\$11	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	05	\$38,798	\$30,000	\$30,000
		Taxes Subtotal	\$110,780	\$48,000	\$48,000
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	05	\$17,997	\$17,000	\$17,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	05	\$418,116	\$410,000	\$410,000
3230	Building Permits	05	\$43,394	\$30,000	\$30,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	05	\$3,128	\$3,000	\$3,000
		Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal	\$482,635	\$460,000	\$460,000
From Federal Government					
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
		From Federal Government Subtotal	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues - Block Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	05	\$165,579	\$160,000	\$160,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	05	\$90,983	\$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	05	\$566	\$560	\$560
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		\$0	\$0	\$0
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues - Other	05	\$53,486	\$8,200	\$8,200
		State Sources Subtotal	\$310,614	\$258,760	\$258,760



## Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025
<b>Charges for Services</b>					
3401	Income from Departments	05	\$23,131	\$17,000	\$17,000
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>\$23,131</b>	<b>\$17,000</b>	<b>\$17,000</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>					
3500	Special Assessments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$12,745	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3503	Rents of Property	05	\$13,575	\$13,500	\$13,500
3504	Fines and Forfeits		\$1,766	\$0	\$0
3506	Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements		\$8,644	\$0	\$0
3508	Contributions and Donations		\$250	\$0	\$0
3509	Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified	05	\$12,693	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal</b>			<b>\$49,673</b>	<b>\$23,500</b>	<b>\$23,500</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
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	13	\$64,841	\$218,000	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$140,901	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal</b>			<b>\$205,742</b>	<b>\$218,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>					
3934	Proceeds from Long-Term Notes/Bonds/Other Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	23, 21, 22	\$70,000	\$17,745	\$17,745
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Other Financing Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$70,000</b>	<b>\$17,745</b>	<b>\$17,745</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>			<b>\$1,252,575</b>	<b>\$1,043,005</b>	<b>\$825,005</b>

### Budget Summary

Item	Selectmen's Period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Period ending 12/31/2025 (Recommended)
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$2,946,569	\$2,949,519
Special Warrant Articles	\$1,153,745	\$745,745
Individual Warrant Articles	\$38,500	\$0
Total Appropriations	\$4,138,814	\$3,695,264
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$1,043,005	\$825,005
<b>Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>\$3,095,809</b>	<b>\$2,870,259</b>

### Supplemental Schedule

<b>1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee</b>	<b>\$3,695,264</b>
<b>Less Exclusions:</b>	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$106,181
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$102,819
4. Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
5. Mandatory Assessments	\$0
6. Total Exclusions <i>(Sum of Lines 2 through 5 above)</i>	\$209,000
<b>7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 1 less Line 6)</b>	<b>\$3,486,264</b>
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions <i>(Line 7 x 10%)</i>	\$348,626
<b>Collective Bargaining Cost Items:</b>	
9. Recommended Cost Items (Prior to Meeting)	\$0
10. Voted Cost Items (Voted at Meeting)	\$0
11. Amount voted over recommended amount (Difference of Lines 9 and 10)	\$0
<b>12. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted at Meeting: (Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 12)</b>	<b>\$4,043,890</b>

Town of Bradford  
State of New Hampshire

Town Warrant of Town Meeting March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The Polls will open at 8:00 am, and not close earlier than 7:00 pm, on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Bradford Town Hall on West Main Street in said Bradford, N.H. on Tuesday the eleventh day of March next, at eight o'clock in the morning to act on the following articles:

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

**Article Two:** Zoning Ordinance - To see if the Town will vote to adopt provisions which seek to update dates, definitions, map references and provide clarity for various requirements as recommended by the State of New Hampshire. These requirements are recommended by the State to ensure that Bradford stays in compliance with the Federal Flood Program. Maintaining compliance with the Flood Program is required for Bradford property owners to maintain their flood insurance. 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 amend Article IX, FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE, as necessary to comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program.

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

**Article Three:** Zoning Ordinance - To see if the Town will vote to adopt provisions which seek to establish a Surface Water Overlay District. The Surface Water Overlay District (SWOD) is an overlay that establishes buffers from the major lakes, ponds, rivers and streams in Bradford. The provisions of the SWOD only apply to area within the SWOD buffer area and they establish a series of prohibited land uses and conditional land uses. Conditional uses within the SWOD buffer are those uses allowed in the underlying zoning district that are allowed if additional stormwater protections are put in place. It also establishes that the Planning Board is the permitting authority for Conditional Use Permits. Lastly, the SWOD also establishes additional standards and setbacks for all land uses within the SWOD buffer. The following question will appear on the Official Ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Bradford Planning Board for the Town of Bradford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To establish a new Article, SURFACE WATER OVERLAY DISTRICT, that creates setbacks and standards for surface water protection to be administered by the Bradford Planning Board through a Conditional Use Permit process as described in NH RSA 674:21.

This Article will replace the current Article XI, ENFORCEMENTS, which will be redesignated as Article XII; all subsequent amendments articles will be renumbered accordingly.

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

**Article Four:** To adjourn the meeting until Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00 pm, at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School, on Old Warner Road in Bradford. Raising the money and remaining articles in the Warrant will be taken up at the adjourned meeting.

**Article Five:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Nine Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$2,949,519.00) for general municipal operations. This article does not include amounts appropriated by other warrant articles. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends \$2,946,569.00. Budget Committee recommends \$2,949,519.00.

	<u>Select Board</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>
1. Executive	243,610.00	243,610.00
2. Elections & Vital Statistics	4,600.00	4,600.00
3. Financial Administration	105,368.00	105,368.00
4. Revaluations	47,500.00	47,500.00
5. Legal	45,000.00	45,000.00
6. Employee Benefits	1.00	1.00
7. Planning & Zoning	13,138.00	13,138.00
8. General Gov	137,551.00	136,501.00
9. Cemetery	25,000.00	25,000.00
10. Insurances	113,560.00	113,560.00
11. Other General Gov	9,500.00	9,500.00
12. Police Department	647,134.00	647,134.00
13. Fire Department	159,000.00	159,000.00
14. Rescue Services - FAST	9,700.00	9,700.00
15. Rescue Services – Contract	80,000.00	80,000.00
16. Building Code Department	26,780.00	26,780.00
17. Civil Defense	1.00	1.00
18. Highway Department	732,630.00	737,630.00
19. Bridges	1.00	1.00
20. Street Lighting	2,400.00	2,400.00
21. Solid Waste Collection	100,910.00	100,910.00
22. Solid Waste Disposal	31,100.00	31,100.00
23. Inoculations	1.00	1.00
24. Welfare Administration	7,468.00	7,468.00

25. Welfare Payments	30,177.00	30,177.00
26. Parks and Recreation	23,759.00	22,759.00
27. Library	95,479.00	95,479.00
28. Patriotic Purposes	5,450.00	5,450.00
29. Community Center	38,550.00	38,550.00
30. Other Conservation	1,200.00	1,200.00
31. Economic Development	1.00	1.00
32. Long Term Notes	209,000.00	209,000.00
33. <u>Interest on TAN notes</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,946,569.00	\$ 2,949,519.00

**Article Six:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) to be placed in the 2024 Police Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Seven:** 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.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Eight:** 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 Nine:** 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. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Ten:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Dollars (\$72,000.00) to purchase turnout gear 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, 2030. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Eleven:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) 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, 2030. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twelve:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$375,000.00) to fund road maintenance, preservation and paving. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2030. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Thirteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Two Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$254,000.00) to purchase a 2026 International six-wheel dump truck outfitted with equipment. This appropriation will come from the 2020 Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of Two Hundred Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$218,000.00) with the balance of Thirty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000.00) 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, 2030. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee does not recommend (6-1).

**Article Fourteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00) to fund the 2020 Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Trust Fund. This article is null and void with the passage of Article Thirteen. (Majority vote required). Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends (4-3).

**Article Fifteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand (\$74,000.00) to fund the 2020 Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Trust Fund. This article is null and void with the passage of Article Fourteen. (Majority vote required). Select Board recommends. Budget Committee does not recommend.

**Article Sixteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to fund the 2019 Road and Bridge Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends (5-1).

**Article Seventeen:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a lease purchase agreement to acquire a Caterpillar four-wheel drive backhoe and further to authorize the Select Board to issue and negotiate such notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (This agreement will contain a fiscal funding non-appropriation clause). The total cost of the backhoe is One Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$173,300.00). The lease amount of One Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$173,300.00) will be payable over a term of 5 years with an annual appropriation of not more than Thirty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$38,500.00). Further, to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$38,500.00) to fund the 2025 payment. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee does not recommend (5-1).

**Article Eighteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) to fund the 2015 Town Equipment Repair and Purchase Expendable Trust Fund. This article is null and void with the passage of Article Seventeen. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee does not recommend.

**Article Nineteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$41,500.00) to fund the 2015 Town Equipment Repair and Purchase Expendable Trust Fund. This article is null and void with the passage of Article Eighteen. (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 One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to fund the 2008 Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. (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 Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-Five Dollars (\$11,745.00) to be placed in the 2021 Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Trust Fund. This appropriation will come from unassigned fund balance and represents the funds received from the Police Department's sale of two cruisers in 2024. (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 One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) 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 Highway Department's sale of a dump body in 2024. (Majority vote required). Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends (5-1).

**Article Twenty-Three:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to fund the demolition and removal of the Masonic Building at 89 West Main Street (Map 16 Lot 87) from Town property. This appropriation will come from unassigned fund balance, be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2030. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twenty-Four:** "Resolution to Conserve and Maintain New Hampshire's Public Natural Resources"

"People, plants, and wildlife require clean air, pure water, and a healthy environment. The voters in the Town of Bradford call upon our governor, senators, representatives, and other elected officials to conserve and maintain New Hampshire's public natural resources for the benefit of this and future generations."

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Bradford's State Legislators and to the Governor of New Hampshire, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by Bradford's Select Board, within thirty days of this vote."

**Article Twenty-Five:** "Property Taxes for Private Education: A Call for Responsible Use"

"Whereas, taxpayers have a right to know how their money is spent and deserve clear, verifiable evidence that it is being spent wisely and delivering results; and

Whereas, taxpayer dollars are being diverted from public schools to private and religious education through Education Freedom Accounts (vouchers), and this shift does not reduce public school expenses, leaving local taxpayers to cover the difference through higher property taxes; and

Whereas, unlike public schools, private education funded by taxpayers through vouchers lacks key accountability measures, such as reporting how funds are used, tracking student performance, ensuring services for students with disabilities, and conducting background checks for staff;

Therefore, we, the voters of Bradford, New Hampshire, call on our state elected officials to uphold their duty to fiscal responsibility by rejecting any expansion of taxpayer funding for private education until we have full accountability, transparency, and a sustainable funding plan that ensures no further strain on public schools or local property taxpayers.

We further direct the Bradford Select Board to deliver this warrant article and results in writing to New Hampshire's Governor and members of the State Legislature within thirty days of this vote.”

**Article Twenty-Six:** To see if the Town will vote to create the Efficiency Opportunity Committee for the purpose of identifying strategies to reduce Bradford’s unsustainable property tax growth while continuing to maintain quality services. The Committee shall include one or more members of the Select Board, one or more members of the Budget Committee, one or more members of the Capital Improvement Plan Committee/Planning Board, and any Bradford resident with interest. Members of the Efficiency Opportunity Committee will collaborate, document and present strategic opportunities to the Select Board for consideration and discussion with Bradford residents. **By Petition.** (Majority vote required.) Select Board does not recommend (2-1). Budget Committee recommends (4-2-1).

**Article Twenty-Seven:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$97,500.00 (Ninety-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) for the purpose of asbestos abatement and the demolition of the former Masonic Lodge located at 89 Main Street (Map 16, Lot 87). This is to be non-lapsing funds pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI and will continue till the project is complete or December 31, 2030. **By Petition.** (Majority vote required.) Select Board does not recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

**Article Twenty-Eight:** 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 Select Board,

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Beth Downs,  
Chairman

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Marlene Freyler,  
Selectman

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Charles F. Meany III,  
Selectman



## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Map/Lot	Value	Map/Lot	Value
01/26 Forest Brook	1,500	2/103 Burial Hill Cemetery	1,900
3/29 Sunny Plains Cemetery	900	3/53 Union Cemetery	1,600
03/107 Jones Road	33,300	3/110 Transfer Station	420,200
4/7* West Road	40,000	4/9* Fortune Road	100,800
5/68* Off East Washington Road	7,900	5/69* East Washington Road	1,400
5/74* West Road	6,700	5/75* West Road	181,700
5/81 95 West Road	187,200	5/94* West Meadow Road	23,900
5/99 West Meadow Road	97,200	6/17 Center Road	175,500
6/22 Presbury Cemetery	400	6/31 West Road	45,000
6/48 West Road	11,600	6/93-B Cheney Hill Road	77,400
6/94 Cheney Hill Road	98,500	6/102 Route 114 & Jones Road	399,900
6/111 Howlett Cemetery	400	6/117 Meeting House (land)	161,000
7/23 Marshall Cemetery	900	9/5-1 East Washington Road	41,400
9/9 Durrell Cemetery	0	9/20* West Road	67,900
9/22* West Road	30,500	9/23* West Road	31,000
11/43 Massasecum Avenue	0	11/50 New Pond Cemetery	900
11/62* State Route 114	33,700	11/63 Old Pond Cemetery	600
12/13* East Washington Road	44,000	12/15* East Washington Road	20,600
12/16* Conservation Commission	8,100	12/17* Washington T/L	121,300
13/15* Conservation Land	34,500	13/32* Off East Washington Road	3,800
16/40 Lake Todd	184,000	16/60* Old Railroad Bed	8,100
16/75 Public Library	990,200	16/80* Route 103	23,900
16/85 Pleasant Hill Cemetery	800	16/87 89 West Main Street	319,000
16/88 Fire Station	544,500	16/92 Town Hall	1,661,700
17/9 Bradford Comm Cent	1,072,200	17/12 Main Street (land)	192,400
17/53 Town Highway Garages	634,200	18/9 Breezy Hill Road	295,900
20/19 Parking Lot for Foot Path	48,500	21/21 French's Park	980,300
23/14 Ryan's Way/Boat Launch	465,600		

\* Under Stewardship of the Conservation Commission

## BUDGET COMMITTEE

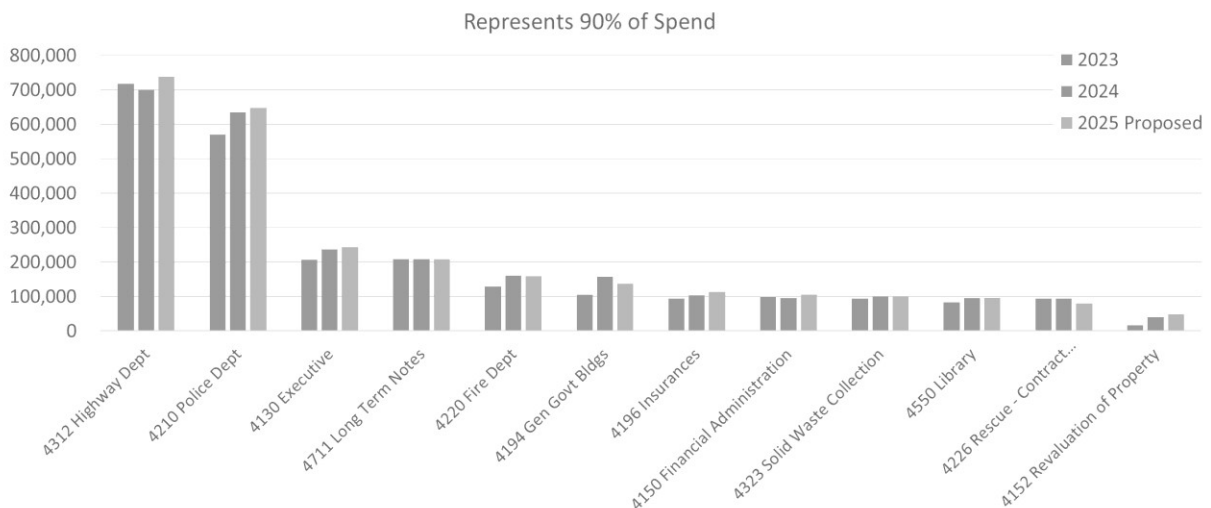
Serving on Bradford's 2024 Budget Committee were Jennifer Richardson (chair), Kim Firth (vice chair), Justin Dohrn, Tim McKenna, Laurie Colburn, Dawn Gezelman, and Beth Downs as Select Board Representative.

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 requests 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.

Department Heads work with both the Select Board and Budget Committee to explain their needs for the upcoming year. Departments have worked hard to keep increases to a minimum. Some of the driving factors for budget increases include wages, insurance, electricity costs, fuel, and equipment to name the largest factors.

Department Heads have also worked hard to save money wherever possible, keeping costs to a minimum. Our Department Heads have secured several grants. The Bradford Police Department received an \$8,200 grant to pay for additional patrols to increase their presence on the roads to enforce speed, hands free, and DUI laws, as well as youth seatbelt law awareness. The Fire Department received a grant from the State of NH Forests and Lands, which was used to purchase three pagers, a portable radio and a backpack leaf blower for the forestry truck. The Fire Department also participates in the NH Work Invest EMT training program for which the training costs are 100% reimbursed after completion of the coursework.

The Budget Committee has worked diligently this budget season to increase transparency throughout the budget process. The public hearing in 2024 saw the best attendance in years. We would encourage people to participate and engage in the budget process. There is much to consider, and more voices are needed and welcome.



## BRADFORD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) is an appeals board intended to provide fairness and flexibility to the Town's zoning ordinance. Since each situation is unique, no set of rules set down in a zoning ordinance 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, after the fact, a lot or structure is found to be in violation of the zoning ordinance due to a measurement error made in good faith, or to an error in ordinance interpretation made by a municipal official;
- Hear and decide *Appeals* to decisions relating to the Zoning Ordinance made by the Planning Board, the Select Board, and/or other Town boards and officers.

In 2024, the ZBA considered applications for five special exceptions and one variance. After public hearings and consideration of the evidence presented, the ZBA made the following decisions:

- An application for a special exception for Map 17 Lot 57 at 123 East Main Street, to increase the extent of a non-conforming use by converting an attached barn into two additional dwelling units, was granted with conditions.
- An application for a special exception for Map 19 Lot 38 at 77 Oakdale Road, to increase the footprint of a non-conforming building, was granted with conditions.
- An application for a special exception for Map 16 Lot 6 at 20 High Street, to construct a front porch within the set back from the street, was granted as presented to the board.
- An application for a special exception for Map 11 Lots 14 & 18 at 131 Massasecum Avenue, to run a seasonal wellness retreat in the Residential/Rural District, was granted with conditions.
- An application for a special exception for Map 21 Lot 20 at 24 Frenchs Park Road, to add a deck to an existing residence on a nonconforming lot, was granted as presented to the board.
- A variance to side setback requirements for Map 22, Lot 87 at 55 Water Street, to increase the footprint on a nonconforming residence by adding an attached garage, was granted as presented to the board.

Copies of Bradford's Zoning Ordinance, the application forms for variances and other appeals, ZBA Rules of Procedure, meeting minutes, agendas, and notices of decision are all available 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 to 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.

2024 Zoning Board of Adjustment:

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



Golden Tamarack at Bradford Bog      Photo by George Beaton

## **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 responsibility, as needed. All meetings are posted and open to the public. During 2024, the Planning Board engaged in the following:

- Site Plan Application - Fisherfield Apartment Condominium Conversion Map 16 Lots 73, 77 & 82
- Site Plan Application - Beata Bzura Golden Light Retreat Map 11 Lots 14 & 18
- Site Plan Revision - Jessica and Matt Michie 5 Acres Garden Center Map 3 Lot 52-2A
- Subdivision and Lot Line Adjustment application- Kathie and Roy Joseph Messer Map 5 Lots 12 & 114
- Lot Line Adjustment - Richard and Judy Curless Map 22 lots 29 & 30
- 2025 CIP Public Hearing
- Conditional Use Permit for Wetland Impact - Map 6 Lot 26
- SWOD - Surface Water Overlay District Zoning Ordinance amendment and Public Hearings
- Tiny home ordinance, Masterplan Sub Committee and Short-term rental discussions
- Provided feedback to the Board of Selectmen for a request to build on a Class VI Road
- Provided feedback on the Class VI Road policy
- Sign Permit Application - NFI North Map 3 lot 35
- Voluntary Lot Merger - Ashley Bauer Map 17 lot 31 & 3
- Conceptual Consultation - Chad Richie from Fieldstone Land Consultants regarding a subdivision on County Road Map 9 Lot 38
- Conceptual Consult- Debra and James Six regarding a possible subdivision Map 2 Lot 20
- Conceptual Consult - Cheryl Croto inquiring about subdividing 26 Fortune Road.
- The Planning Board supports the drafted Highway driveway access regulations that have been sent to the Board of Selectmen

Also of note, 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, to assist residents with Planning questions.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Olohan, Chair

## ENERGY COMMITTEE

Starting in 2022 Town Residents approved several energy saving Warrant Articles including:

- Committing to a community-wide goal of transitioning to 100 percent reliance on renewable sources of electricity by 2030 and renewable sources of fuel for heating and transportation by 2050:
- Weatherization of three Municipal Buildings: and
- Joining the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH), a statewide non-profit power agency serving over 50 Community Power programs (as of October 2024).

Bradford Community Power launched service in June 2024 and has since provided 2,000 megawatt-hours of electricity and resulted in \$10,000 of savings for enrolled electric customers as of September 30th, 2024.

Weatherization of three of Bradford's municipal buildings, the Library, Highway and Fire Station, under the NHSaves Energy Efficiency Program, were concluded. In addition, energy conservation measures beyond those required by the building code were implemented during the renovation of our historic Town Hall. The Town's investment in energy saving and conservation measures in these four buildings of \$101,538 was reduced by \$40,619 in NHSaves incentive payments. This lowered the Town's investment to \$60,918, a reduction of 40%.

We are evaluating non-fossil fuel heating options such as ground source (geothermal) heat pumps for our Municipal Buildings in preparation for replacing aging oil burning equipment. Additionally, we are investigating other electrification opportunities for Municipal operations and residents such as switching to battery powered vehicles, generators and tools, etc.

The BEC hosted several public hearings and communicated to residents and others about a wide variety of energy related topics through The Bradford Bridge, attendance at various Municipal Department meetings and events, and in person. Topics included: operation of heat pumps and their suitability in cold weather, advice for replacing hot water heaters with more energy efficient ones, Community Power, demystifying energy tax credits and recommendation for due diligence prior to purchasing or leasing solar panels.

Members of the BEC will continue to raise awareness of energy issues and initiatives and 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 2025. Thank you!

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

## BRADFORD COMMUNITY POWER



In March 2024, Bradford Community Power was adopted by Town Meeting vote.

Our non-profit Community Power program launched service in June 2024 and has been saving Bradford electric customers money while also offering expanded energy choices.

To date, Bradford Community Power has provided 2,000 megawatt-hours of electricity, and resulted in \$10,000 of savings for electric customers in Bradford (as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024). This program provides electricity to approximately 937 electric accounts in our Town. Of these accounts, 3 have chosen products with higher levels of renewable energy.

There are approximately 44 residents and businesses in Bradford who generate their own renewable electricity and utilize net metering. While problems with utility regulations are currently preventing these customers from choosing to supply power to Bradford Community Power, the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH) is working to resolve those issues to enable more local power options.

Jenny Locke Howley and Kathleen Bigford are the Member Representative and Alternate from Bradford to CPCNH. CPCNH is governed by its municipal members who elect its Board of Directors.

Residents and businesses can visit <https://CommunityPowerNH.gov/bradford> to learn more, see our rates, opt into or out of Bradford Community Power, and choose a cleaner energy option.

### Looking Ahead

<b>CPCNH Supply Rates February 1<sup>st</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025</b> <i>For Residential, General Service, &amp; Outdoor Lighting</i>			
<b>Power Options</b>	<b>Renewable Content <sup>†</sup></b>	<b>Rate (¢/kWh)</b>	<b>Estimated Cost of Supply per Month <sup>*</sup></b>
Clean 100	100%	12.3 ¢	~ \$80/month
Clean 50	50%	10.3 ¢	~ \$67/month
Granite Plus	33%	9.6 ¢	~ \$62/month
Granite Basic (Default Power Option)	25.2%	8.9 ¢	~ \$58/month

<sup>\*</sup>Based on average household usage of 650kwh per month.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Economic Development Committee continues to look for opportunities to promote Bradford as a desirable place to live and to do business.

We have recently started working with the Currier & Ives Scenic Byway Council and the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation, to extend the Warner branch of the Byway through Bradford. The Warner branch is currently an out-and-back spur; this change would create a loop through Warner and Bradford, and back down to Henniker, making the route more attractive to tourists and sightseers.

We have also been working with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation to allow permanent, fixed business signage at the intersection of Main Street and Route 103, to replace the temporary signs that are often used there. We already have one proposed design, and would welcome any additional suggestions or ideas.

We are beginning the process of redoing our applications for grants under the Central New Hampshire Regional Development Commission's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Our applications were among the top finishers in the last round, although none were able to advance to the Federal grant level. Some of the criteria used by the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration have changed, and we are hoping that our region will be able to qualify for these grants now.

We continue to evaluate and apply for grants at the State and Federal level, and are considering using a professional grant writer to assist us.

The Committee meets once a month, meetings are open to the public, and we value community participation. Check the calendar on the town web site for meeting times.



Bement Bridge – A Bradford Attraction on the Proposed Scenic Byway Extension



## CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Board of Cemetery Trustees were very busy in 2024. We were able to secure a new landscaping company when our prior vendor was unable to service the cemeteries for us. The crew did a terrific job in keeping the cemeteries looking nice and completed some extra work as well. We look forward to working with them, in 2025, including additional projects.

A big thank you to Steve Hall and the Highway crew for installing the speed limit signs in the Sunny Plains Cemetery.

Signs, with the abbreviated 2025 cemetery rules were installed in four of the Town Cemeteries.

Cemetery Rules and Regulations (starting January 1, 2025) were finalized and approved by the Board of Selectmen in the fall of 2024. The price/size of cemetery lot information and updated 2025 Rules and Regulations have been posted on the Town website ([www.bradfordnh.org](http://www.bradfordnh.org)).

A plumber has been retained for work to be completed in the Sunny Plains Cemetery, in 2025 (date TBD).

Every cemetery has been assessed for work that needs to be done. The Board of Cemetery Trustees will be prioritizing this list in early 2025 and commence work once weather permits. A tree service company has also been retained to perform work, in 2025, in the necessary cemeteries.

Repair work to broken headstones is being coordinated with Corner Stone Repair for 2025.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact one of the Cemetery Trustees: Dawn Gezelman, Marlene Freyler or Sheila Denoncourt.



The Center Cemetery

Photo by Laurie Buchar

## BRADFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

In 2024, the Bradford Police Department covered 4,275 calls for service, up slightly from the 4,224 calls in 2023. Outside of the various calls officers are dispatched to, calls for service include, but are not limited to, office walk ins/citizen assists, mutual aid request, after hours business checks, house check requests, motor vehicle stops, community policing events, etc.

This year the Bradford PD was awarded a grant for \$8,200 from the New Hampshire Office of Highway Safety. The grant was approved by the State of New Hampshire at the tail end of 2023, making the funds anticipated revenue and therefore they had to be included in the 2024 department budget. This budgeted amount was offset by matching revenue in a separate account. The grant allowed us to increase our presence on the roads in town to enforce laws regarding speed, hands free driving and driving under the influence. We were also able to monitor school and business parking lots at busy times to educate motorists about child safety belt laws. While we do not receive any portion of ticket/citation money when issued to violations, we do benefit in the fact that by being visible and enforcing the laws of the road thru warnings and citations, we can make our roads safer for those who live in or travel thru our town.

In 2020, Governor. Sununu signed into effect the Commission on Law Enforcement Accountability, Community and Transparency (**LEACT**). Part of this order was to gradually increase the required in-service training of law enforcement in NH from 8 hours annually to 24 hours by 1/1/2024. This increase put a focus on specific trainings dealing with de-escalation, implicit bias/cultural responsiveness, and ethics. Another requirement of the order was that all departments have one officer attend a week-long Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Mental health Awareness & De-escalation training. This year all Full-Time and Part-Time officers met the new standards of 24 hours minimum. Officer Jacob Hubbard attended the week-long CIT training in November. All expenses as well as back-fill of his shifts were covered via a grant and reimbursed to the Town. Sgt. Flanagan and Sgt. Drewniak both attended the first of three leadership classes put on by the FBI – Law Enforcement Executive Development Association.



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

In December, the Department recognized Officer Henry “Hank” Thomas for 10 years of service and Carolyn Valiquet for 20 years of service to the Town of Bradford.

As always, please reach out if we can be of assistance to you in any way. I encourage all to please share with me any positive or negative dealings you have with one of our officers. I am always open to discussing any interactions so that we can talk it through and make changes if need be. Lastly, I want to thank all the residents of Bradford for your continued support. It was loud and clear from all in attendance at the 2024 Town Meeting the level of service you wanted and expected from our department. I am pleased to again say that every hour of every day was covered by an officer from our department. This allows us to always know what is happening in town, enables you to always see a familiar face that is invested in this town and lastly, allows us to be out and about and proactive in deterring crime or quick to respond for any emergency.

Respectively Submitted,  
Chief Edward Shaughnessy

## POLICE DEPARTMENT 2024 ACTIVITY

Burglary/Theft/Trespass	17	House/Building/Business Checks	2077
Scam/Fraud/Forgery	11	Alarm Response	46
Criminal Mischief	3	Assist Fire/Rescue	126
Firearms Offence	1	Assist Citizen/Motorist	176
Sex Offenses	11	Mutual Aid Assist	76
Child Abuse/Social Services	15	Community Policing/Events	31
DV/Neighbor Disputes/Assaults	20	Animal Dog Complaints	86
DUI	1	Welfare Check/Untimely Death	24
Harassment	1	Directed Patrols	237
Noise Complaints	12	Property Found/Returned	34
Mental Health/Suicidal	9	Suspicious Persons	42
Littering/Illegal Dumping	2	Paperwork Service	53
Runaways	1	Pistol Permits	17
Motor Vehicle Accidents	48	Road Hazard/Obstruction	52
Motor Vehicle Warn/Citation/Arrest	705	Follow Up Investigations	31
Parking Violations	8	Police Info/Area Related Pass-Ons	83
		Other	219

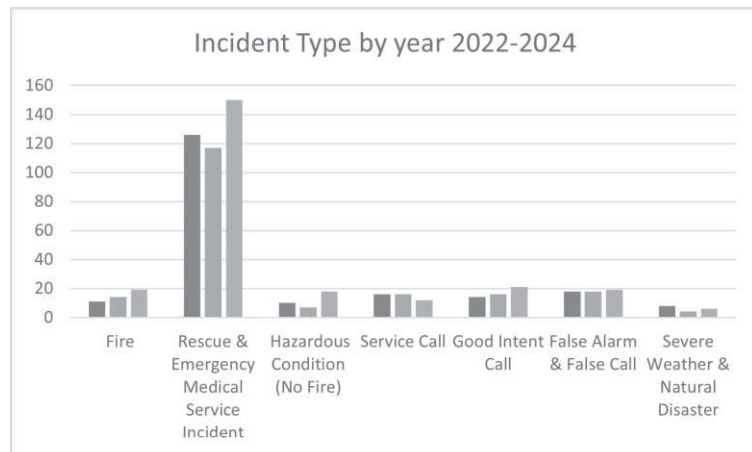
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE                      4275

## BRADFORD FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department has been extremely busy for the year 2024. We ended 2024 with 249 incidents. Of those 249 incidents, 156 were medical aid incidents and 93 were fire related. Those numbers may not seem too large, however in 2023 we responded to 193 calls for service and in 2022, 203 calls for service.

In 2024, we lost a long time Bradford Citizen and Fire Fighter Deputy Chief Jim “Jimmy the Jogger” Raymond. His loss can still be felt by the department and members of the Bradford Community. Deputy Chief Raymond was a very active member of the Bradford Fire Department for 50 years.

Notable calls for 2024 were our mutual aid calls to help our neighboring towns. We responded to Springfield, Sutton, Newbury, Warner, Washington and Henniker for building fires. We had a structure fire on Lake Massasecum while we were responding to Newbury for a report of fire in a building and another structure fire on West Main Street. Our crews responded to Lake Massasecum two times for water rescues. We also responded to several motor vehicle accidents on both Route 103 and 114.



In 2024, the Department worked on revising the 2014 contract for Ambulance coverage for the town. The Towns of Henniker and Bradford worked very closely on this contract and the final outcome helped solidify the current ambulance service netting a significant cost savings to the town. Based upon the preliminary calculations, the town will see about a \$24,000 savings with the new contract.

The Fire Department remained active in the community this year. We kicked 2024 off with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Polar Bear Plunge at French’s Park. We hosted a free pancake breakfast before the candidate forum. We held three Red Cross blood drives collecting 68 units of blood for the National blood cause. Members helped deliver meals to our Bradford families as part of the Team Appleseed gracious meal service. The weather was a little damp for the Town’s Fourth of July event; however, the Fire Department sold more than 250 Chicken BBQ meals and donated the extra meals to the FREEdge. In December, we supported the Bradford Holiday event with an open house at the Fire Department and collected food for the Food Pantry. Giving back to the community has been important to the Fire Department over the last three years.

The town received the new Fire truck at the end of August. This was a warrant article from the 2022 Town Meeting. The truck is still being outfitted with radios, hose, nozzles and equipment, and it is in service to respond to emergencies. The new Engine made its first call and performed extremely well throughout the incident as the primary attack truck.

The Fire Department has grown over the past year. We recruited 3 new members. One of the members is enrolled in the Fire Academy for their Level I and II certification. Another member is enrolled in their Advanced EMT increasing her level from EMT to AEMT. We also had four members increase their EMS certification. One completed their EMR, two members completed their EMT and finally another advanced their certification from EMT to Advanced EMT. I'm certainly proud of the members not only to keep their certification current but to seek additional training and increase their certifications. Much of this training was made possible by a grant program from the Department of Labor that paid for the class at no cost to the town or its members. A total of \$5,033 was reimbursed to the Town of Bradford.

The Fire Department has been able to increase our level of staffing, certification, and equipment compliance all while keeping our budget fairly flat. (2021-\$169,580, 2022-\$192,309, 2023-\$177,150, 2024-\$169,890). By actively seeking grants, the Chief was able to complete a survey and received two portable radios worth \$12,266.80. We have been very conscious of our budget requests and have been trying to provide the level of service the citizens expect all while keeping an eye on the budget. I thank the CIP and Budget Committees for their work and for all the residents who came to the meetings to give public feedback.

The Fire Rescue Association's Street numbering program has been very active. Since the start of this initiative there have been 77 signs applied for. I would still like all residents to consider making sure the street address is visible from the road in all seasons. It is very tough to help you if we can't find you. Every bridge article has the form to request an address number.

I would like to close out the report and the year by urging all homes to have both Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Detectors on all floors. There have been numerous deaths around the state from both CO and fires. It has been determined that many did not have detectors or working detectors. The Fire Department has detectors available for free at the station if you need assistance obtaining a detector. You can always contact the Fire Department with any questions about fire safety at the number below.

The Fire Department is here to serve you. If there is anything we can help you with, please feel free to reach out to us at the department. Our dedicated Fire and EMS providers are your family, friends, and neighbors and they are here 24 hours to respond to any call no matter what time.

Bryan Nowell

Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director, Acting Health Officer

Fire Chief – Bryan Nowell  
Captain/EMT Carl Goldberg  
Lieutenant Steve Hansen  
Lieutenant Bobby Green  
Lieutenant Steve Snyder  
Firefighter Matt Gerald  
EMT Brooks McCandlish  
Firefighter/EMT Felicia Starr

Firefighter/EMR Neil Donnenfeld  
Firefighter/EMT Emily Roy  
Firefighter/AEMT Tom Gleason  
Firefighter/AEMT Brian Rondeau  
Firefighter/EMT John Hill  
Firefighter John McDonald  
EMT Kathleen Payne  
Firefighter Rob Naughton

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook: Bradford NH Fire Rescue  
Contact us at 603-938-2231 or [firechief@bradfordnh.org](mailto:firechief@bradfordnh.org)  
Remember all emergencies should be called into 911.

## REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

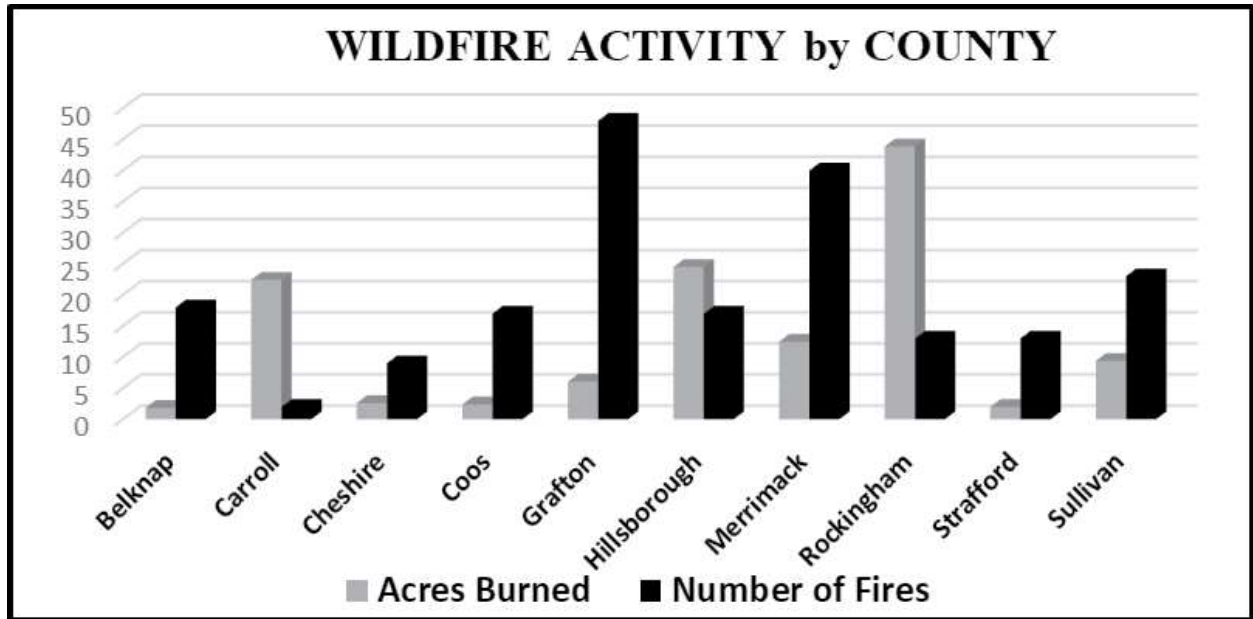
In 2024, New Hampshire experienced an average spring wildfire season which included a 20-acre fire in Effingham in late April. Conditions remained wet enough throughout most of the summer to keep fire occurrence low. However, the fall conditions experienced throughout the northeast were higher than normal as drought conditions set in, keeping state and local firefighters very busy. The week before Thanksgiving found firefighters and forest rangers spending 3 days in an effort to extinguish a 21-acre fire in Exeter. State resources also responded to Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont to assist with large fires which occurred in the fall.

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. In 2024, New Hampshire properties within the Wildland Urban Interface were impacted, with 37 structures threatened and 4 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 2025 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) or using the QR code. 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.nhdfl.dncr.nh.gov](http://www.nhdfl.dncr.nh.gov). For up-to-date information, follow us on X and Instagram: **@NHForestRangers**



## 2024 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS



Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2024	123	125	77
2023	99	64.5	42
2022	59	203	48
2021	66	86	96
2020	113	89	165

\*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

CAUSES of FIRES REPORTED											
Fireworks	Firearm & explosives use	Undetermined	Recreation & ceremony	Debris & open burning	Natural	Other causes	Power generation, transmission, distribution	Smoking	Arson	Misuse of fire by a minor	Equipment & vehicle use
1	2	29	13	108	7	10	9	5	7	2	7

## BRADFORD HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Here we are at the end of another year, almost midwinter, waiting for spring, mud season and Town Meeting. I would like to start by saying thanks to Alan Piroso for working with us part-time (pretty much every day) and helping us with our projects and day to day operations. Al has moved on to retirement so we wish him well.

We have brought on a replacement person to help with the snow plowing. Bill Raulinaitis lives in town and helps out during snow storms. Much appreciated.

Fairgrounds Road, in the area we call the great rock wall, had trees fall on the banks of the West Branch Brook. We needed to remove them so the trees and debris wouldn't cause a dam or problems.

We removed rocks on Fairgrounds Road, West Road, Sutton Road, Center Road, West Meadow Road trying to improve and prepping for future upgrades. We ditched Fortune Road, West Road, Fairgrounds Road, Massasecum Ave. We added gravel to Fortune Road, Fairgrounds Road, West Road, County Road and Craig Road. Collectively, these functions add up to improving our infrastructure piece by piece.

We replaced three culverts on West Road, one on Cressy Road and one on West Meadow Road. We also hired a company to repair/replace guard rail on Jones Road, Center Road Bridge and Breezy Hill Road that had been damaged.



Grading During February Mud Season

Photo by Steve Hall

We placed asphalt shim on East Washington Road, Breezy Hill Road, Massasecum Avenue, Forest Street and Melvin Mills Road. The shim, along with patching holes, covering the rocks that had been dug out and culverts that had been replaced, totaled approximately 600 tons of asphalt. Again, we try to work with conditions and material available to help the infrastructure.

Having said that, we moved ahead with two projects this year that I feel have made a vast improvement on these two pieces of road. We hired a contractor (United Construction) to help



with eight culvert replacements on West Road. This went well allowing us to focus on general maintenance and repairs. After this work was done, Pike came in to grind, layout and pave approximately one mile on West Road, starting at Bradford Center. I feel it came out nice and is a big improvement to the road. We hope to continue these types of efforts going forward.

The other project was Fairgrounds Road from the fire pond (Solitude Ridge) for approximately 3500 feet towards Box Corner. There was much controversy about removing the trees whose roots were breaking up and heaving the road, however, I think it is a large improvement. The road is much smoother as the sun gets in there to melt a nice corridor.



Finished Results on Fairgrounds Road      Photo by Steve Hall

Thank You for your continued support.

Respectfully,

The Bradford Highway Department

## BRADFORD TRANSFER AND RECYCLING CENTER

Many Bradford residents use the compost that is available at the Transfer Station from spring into late fall. It is of a quality that vegetables and flowers love. They can be planted directly into the compost and thrive. Residents have used the compost when planting trees and bushes, to side dress a variety of plants growing on their property, as well as to enrich their garden plots to improve plant health and vitality. Many residents report that the compost that we provide is so rich that they do not have to provide fertilizer for their plants. Many different components go into making compost: fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, cardboard, paper towels, shredded paper, grass clippings, hair, shredded twigs, feathers, coffee filters, tea bags, cooked pastry, bread, grains, dead leaves, plant debris, and more. Ken and I are able to answer inquiries about what will make your compost, or ours, rich and workable.

Our clearly marked compostables container, which is a large oil tank sliced in two, is placed adjacent to the office door for convenience for our residents. There are days that the bin fills up so quickly that we must empty the bin twice into our compost pile in the lower lot of the Transfer Station. In addition to saving the Town of Bradford the rising cost of tipping fees for our municipal waste container, collecting compostables helps to reduce methane emissions, store carbon in the ground, reduce problem wildlife, and assure a cleaner environment in our town's neighborhoods. We are pleased with the amount of compostables that we received this year, and we would like to receive tons more to better meet the growing need for quality compost in 2025.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois Kilnapp, Manager



Daffodils Thriving in Compost at the Intersection of 103 and 114




# Northeast Resource Recovery Association

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

## BRADFORD, NH

### CONGRATULATIONS FOR BEING SUCH ACTIVE RECYCLERS!

Recycling isn't just good for your wallet, it's great for the environment, saving energy and resources. From October 2023 through September 2024, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) helped your community move the recyclable materials listed below to market to be processed into raw materials, ready to be remanufactured into new products! NRRA – **your recycling nonprofit** – partners with communities like yours to make recycling strong through economic and environmentally sound solutions.

RECYCLABLE MATERIAL	2024 RECYCLED AMOUNTS	ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT! Here is just one benefit of recycling materials, rather than manufacturing new products from virgin resources.
ALUMINUM	9,140 LBS.	 You saved enough energy to run a TV for <b>530,120</b> hours!
PLASTICS	6,246 LBS.	 You saved <b>328</b> gallons of gasoline!
GLASS	92,400 LBS.	 You saved about <b>553</b> trash bags from ending up in a landfill!
SCRAP METAL	115,375 LBS.	 You saved <b>171,909</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 **684,870 lbs. of carbon dioxide emissions**. This is equivalent to removing **69** 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@nrrarecycling.org](mailto:info@nrrarecycling.org) | [www.nrrarecycling.org](http://www.nrrarecycling.org) | [f /NRRArecycles](https://www.facebook.com/NRRArecycles)

## **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

In terms of the number of building permits issued, 2024 was about the same as 2023. That said, we have seen an increase in interest in building lots and the associated questions on permits. I expect permit totals to increase as the economy improves. We issued 96 permits for \$5,185,079.00 in construction value and \$38,551.82 in collected fees.

We thank all of our residents for their help in making our participation rate as high as it is. If you are considering or planning a project and have any questions, please reach out and I'll get the answers for you.

1	Commercial Buildings
8	New Homes
20	Barns, Sheds and Garages
3	Additions
15	Remodel/Renovations
9	Roof Replacements/Repairs
12	Electrical Services
10	Porches and/or Decks
2	Demolitions
7	Solar
1	Pool
2	Generators
6	Heating Systems

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 a variety of resources, computer/internet access, programs, and services to enhance the quality of life for the people of Bradford. This year we were witness to the Town Hall being finished, directly across the street, so now there's a bigger beat in the heart of Bradford. Town funding and generous donations enabled us to add 833 new books and 93 DVD's 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 1,821 audio-books and 714 E books. Our knowledgeable staff members are here to help the patrons in many ways; assisting with computer issues, recommending books/movies, helping with programs, and providing resources and referrals. Our staff are available to provide assistance needed in accessing our online catalog through Biblionex as well as the Overdrive system.

This year the library offered 46 programs. 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 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. Here are a few of the programs we offered this year: US Constitution 101, monthly Fiber Arts Circle, Mud Season Pottery, Edible Wild Plants, Music Appreciation series, UFO and Spy Balloons, Dried Flower Votive Vases, Terrarium Globes, Big Trees of Northern New England, and Groundwater and Wells. For more information on the types of programs our library offers, please check out our website or Facebook page. 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, returned, albeit an hour late due to a crash in the sky, aka, Rt. 103).



Music Appreciation with Garry Kalajian

Our Children's Librarian, Laurie Buchar, continues to provide weekly story time to the children of Bradford. Her enthusiasm, patience, and warmth are appreciated by all. We continue to be greeted by new families with young children. Storytime is a benefit for both the kids and adults as it allows for personal connection and a place to gather in the cozy atmosphere of the children's room.

This year, we added a Fiber Arts Craft Circle which creates a friendly, relaxed atmosphere for people to come work on their craft and socialize. The Junior Book Group continued this year and the group met six times. They read a variety of books and had a lot of fun talking about the book, eating snacks, and laughing. Adult book group continues on the last Wednesday of the month at 6pm. We read a variety of books chosen by the Director, although she always welcomes ideas for other books. New members for all these groups are always welcome!

Our annual Plant & Book Sales for Memorial Day and the Independence Day Celebration continue to be our biggest fund raiser. Donations from these sales provide additional funding to



Laurie and the Summer Reading Program

help have money 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 passes, The Fells, McAuliff Discovery Center, and Canterbury Shaker Museum) 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 on off hours.

This year the Trustees helped clean out the basement storage areas in order to make room for The Library of Things. For those of you unfamiliar with this concept, this library allows people to check out items they might not want to purchase for a one time use such as a bread maker and other baking supplies, laminator, metal detector, baby items, etc. A

big thank you to Seth Benowitz for making the shelving for the items. We are in the process of collecting items, cataloguing, and preparing for people to check out the new “things.”

I want to thank the people of Bradford for voting “yes” to increase our annual budget! This has allowed up to have a proper budget line item for programming, among other things, and to raise the standard of living for the employees.

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. This year we said goodbye to Connie Scheffy, a wonderful employee who served first as a trustee and later as an employee. Connie moved to Brunswick, Maine, in October of 2024. We miss you, Connie. We added a new employee, Melissa Mitchell, who has been coming to the library for years as a patron, and now is employed here. She has an easy demeanor and a warm personality. Welcome, Melissa! 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.



Parachute Fun at the End of the Summer Reading Program

Library Staff:

Joy Baker (Custodian)  
Ellen Barselle (Director)  
Seth Benowitz (Page)  
Ellie Brown (Assistant Librarian)  
Laurie Buchar (Children's Librarian)  
Patty Furness (Page)  
Deb Gregory (Page)  
Melissa Mitchell (Page)

Trustees:

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

## REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY 2024

### Revenues

Town Appropriation	95,479.00
Donations	
Book sales	2,196.00
Programs	300.00
Other	3,042.52
Book Replacement	35.84
Non-resident fees	0.00
Copier Receipts	431.00
Interest	
Craigie/Bibbo Fund	32.09
Payson Fund	27.34
General	2.74
Town-Held Funds	474.75
Special Projects Fund	4.30
Operating Funds	0.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$102,025.58</b>

### Expenditures

	<b>Category Totals</b>	<b>From Donated Funds</b>	<b>From Appropriation</b>
Accounting	9.80	9.30	0.00
Books & Materials	10,606.40	0.00	10,606.40
Computer Equipment	180.00	0.00	180.00
Dues/Education	240.00	0.00	240.00
Furnishings/Fixtures	779.00	0.00	779.00
Maintenance	5,394.52	0.00	5,394.52
Mileage	150.00	0.00	150.00
Programs	7,309.60	0.00	7,309.60
Publications and notices	0.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies & Postage	2,449.17	108.46	2,340.71
Digitizing	990.00	0.00	990.00
Utilities			
Electric	3,093.95	0.00	3,093.95
Internet	1,009.00	0.00	1,009.00
Oil	1,988.66	0.00	1,988.66
Telephone	558.16	0.00	558.16
Payroll Expenses	62,450.91	0.91	62,450.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>97,209.17</b>	<b>118.67</b>	<b>97,090.00</b>



## BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY Fund Report 2024

### Town-Held Funds

(for books & technology)

Balance 1/1/24	\$2,080.57
Interest	0.23
Vanguard/Wellesley	474.52
Transfers	0.00

Balance 12/31/24	\$2,555.32
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### Special Projects Fund

(for library purposes)

#### Investments

Balance 1/1/24	\$52,169.97
Unrealized gain/(loss)	3,671.17
Realized gain/(loss)	(2,030.30)
Dividends & Interest	3,844.93

Balance 12/31/24	\$57,655.77
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#### Savings

Balance 1/1/24	\$10,841.44
Interest	4.30
Donations	5,357.19
Non-Resident Fees	0.00
Transfers	0.00
Expenditures	(118.67)

Balance 12/31/24	\$16,084.26
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### Craigie/Bibbo Fund

(for children's books & materials)

Balance 1/1/24	\$7,133.07
Interest	32.09
Deposit	0.00
Transfers (books)	0.00

Balance 12/31/24	\$7,165.16
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### Payson Family Fund

(for books and technology)

Balance 1/1/24	\$5,334.20
Interest	27.34
Transfers (books)	0.00

Balance 12/31/24	\$5,361.54
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Viewing the Solar Eclipse

## 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 Friends of Brown Memorial Library (FOBML) did not meet in 2024. As of this date, there are currently two members of the group. This year, FOBML, helped with the annual Easter Egg Hunt. 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



### Year End Financials January 1 – December 31, 2024

#### Income

Individual Contributions	\$200.00
Total Income	<b>\$200.00</b>

#### Expense

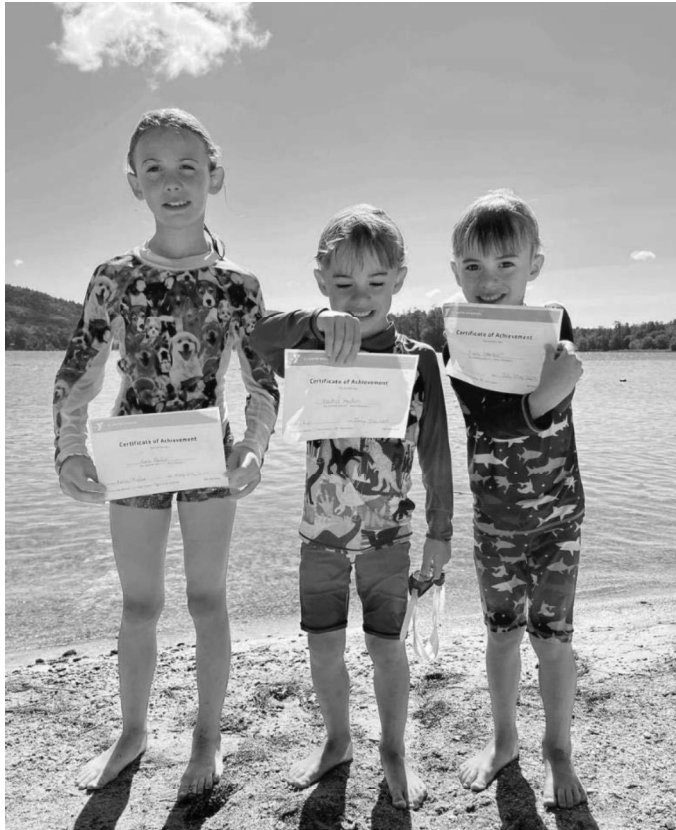
Events and Programs (Easter Egg Hunt)	\$141.05
Total Expense	<b>\$141.05</b>

<b>Net Income End of 2024</b>	<b>\$58.95</b>
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## PARKS AND RECREATION

The Parks and Recreation Department had an exciting year filled with community engagement and cherished traditions.

We kicked off 2024 with the second annual Polar Plunge, which was a chilly yet exhilarating success! We are thrilled to see so many adventurous participants embrace the new year with a jump into the icy waters of the lake. Thank you to the Bradford Fire Department for cutting the hole in the ice and ensuring the safety of all involved.



Swim lesson participants with their certificates of achievement.

In May, the French's Park Cleanup brought together a fantastic group of volunteers who dedicated their time and energy to making our beach beautiful. We deeply appreciate their efforts and commitment to maintaining our treasured park.

Our partnership with the Concord YMCA continued to thrive, as we hosted swim lessons at French's Park. Attendance for the 2024 lessons was strong, and we were fortunate to enjoy great weather during the two weeks of classes.

The Independence Day Celebration started on a high note with the 5K Road Race, the Church Fair and Breakfast, and a delightful children's bike parade. Unfortunately, rain dampened the rest of the day, forcing the cancellation of evening activities and fireworks. While we were disappointed, we are eager to bring back the festivities next year, better than before (and hopefully with sunnier skies).

The Bradford Holiday Celebration was another wonderful collaboration between Parks and Recreation, Bradford Fire Department, Brown Memorial Library, and the Bradford Community Church. This festive event brought joy and holiday spirit to our town. Attendees were delighted by visits from both the Grinch and Santa, who spread cheer to children and adults alike. The Jingle Bus was a big hit, taking three full loads of passengers on a scenic tour around town to view the dazzling holiday lights. We are proud to share that the event also supported a great cause, raising a significant amount of food for the Bradford Food Pantry. It was heartwarming to see the community come together to celebrate and give back during the holiday season.

We sincerely appreciate the support of our residents, volunteers, and partner organizations. Your involvement helps us create meaningful programs and events that strengthen our community. As we plan for another exciting year, we welcome your input on the types of programs and activities you'd like to see. Together, we can continue building a vibrant and connected community!

Follow us on Facebook, Town of Bradford NH Parks and Rec, for information on upcoming events.

## 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 2024:

- UNH grad students under the direction of Dr. Heidi Asbjornsen have continued their studies on Atlantic White Cedar regeneration and historical use of the area incorporating native knowledge and perspective;
- The BCC coordinated volunteers for the seventh year of the Adopt-a-Road Program to monitor Class VI Road conditions;
- Rett Weber was welcomed as an Alternate member of the Commission. He has been assisting with grants for culvert work;
- A scholarship for sending one or two kids to an environmental summer camp was initiated;
- Two wetland lots by Box Corner, each of two acres, were added to the management of the Conservation Commission by town vote;
- Turtle crossing signs were designed, and positioned this summer;
- Talks were given via the library on Big Trees, Bradford trails and a talk and hike on Battles/Trails End farm was held in conjunction with Ausbon Sargent Land Protection Trust and Laurie Buchar. The Bradford Trail Map can be found at the Library, Sweet Beet Market, town offices, and on the town website;
- DES and Shoreland applications were reviewed;
- Planning and Zoning Board requests for information about projects potentially impacting the town's natural resources were researched and commented on;
- The BCC worked with the Planning Board and Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission on the Surface Water Overlay District;
- A member attended the NH Association of Conservation Commissions annual meeting;
- The BCC continues to work closely with Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) identifying potential areas that should be maintained as open land for rare species protection, significant forestry and agricultural soils, flood and erosion issues, unfragmented landscapes, and more;
- Data collection continues 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;



American Caesar's Mushroom

Photo by Ann Eldridge

- Our Trailmaster George Beaton continues to keep the trails in order with the assistance of volunteers.



George Beaton and Kim Lowe clearing trails.

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 the Brown Memorial Library. We welcome comments and corrections. Trail maps are available at Brown Memorial Library and Sweet Beet Market.

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

## AUSBON SARGENT LAND PRESERVATION TRUST

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

Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (Ausbon Sargent) contributes to all this through its mission to protect the rural character of the twelve towns of the Mt. Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee region. We do this through land conservation, stewardship, and community engagement in 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 169 projects and protected 14,156 acres – including sixteen working farms and over eight miles of lake frontage. All these conservation lands provide public benefits in the form of forest, farm, wetland, or open space conservation and two-thirds of these properties offer public access.

Ausbon Sargent has had a busy year. We completed four land projects, comprising a little over 615 acres of land, now protected in the towns of Andover, Grantham, Salisbury, and Springfield. The organization welcomed a new Executive Director, a new Stewardship and Programs Coordinator, and welcomed back Sue Andrews, who had retired in 2022, as an office assistant during this past year of transitions. Early in 2025, our new website went live, retiring the 10-year-old previous version.



Ausbon Sargent and the Bradford Conservation Commission led hikers on a tour of Battles Farm and along Hoyt Brook to a viewpoint on Jewitt Hill.

In 2024, we held many hikes and other events. We collaborated with LSPA, local Conservation Commissions, UNH Cooperative Extension, 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 Andover, Bradford, New London, Sutton, and Wilmot, and guided paddles on both Little Lake Sunapee (with the Little Lake Sunapee Protective Association) and Otter Pond (with the Otter Pond Protective Association). We held volunteer training workshops for people who wished to become conservation easement monitors, and additional training using an app called “Gaia” that enables the use of smart devices while monitoring. Our Annual Meeting was held at Wilmot’s Community Association on a beautiful October day. We held our

Volunteer Appreciation party at Lake Sunapee Protective Association's Center for Lake Studies in Sunapee Harbor to thank our wonderful volunteers who give so much of themselves to forwarding our mission. Our "members-only" fundraisers this year consisted of our ever-popular and always sold-out Progressive Dinner, and our Holiday Party fundraiser which was held for the second year in a row, at the beautiful and historic Livery in Sunapee Harbor.

Ausbon Sargent is thankful for the assistance of the over 200 volunteers who help with easement monitoring, committee support, and clerical work. Your friends and neighbors help to protect the special places in our region in many ways. Whether they are members, conservation easement donors, volunteer easement monitors, or participate in various committees at the Land Trust, each hour provided is important. Some volunteers also work with their town officials, throughout our 12-town region, to conserve our rural character by encouraging land conservation.

Our website ([www.ausbonsargent.org](http://www.ausbonsargent.org)) will show you 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 and snowshoe series, and driving directions. Our calendar of events for the upcoming seasons is available on our website, too, so take a look and join us! In addition to finding information on all of Ausbon Sargent's protected properties on our website, you can 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,

*Hans Carlson*  
Executive Director



Baltimore Checkerspot Photo by J Ann Eldridge

## Ausbon Sargeant Land Preservation Trust

### Board of Trustees

<i>Robin Albing</i>	<i>Deborah Lang</i>
<i>Aimee Ayers</i>	<i>Russ Moore</i>
<i>Chuck Bolduc</i>	<i>Jim Owers</i>
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<i>Lexi Garcia</i>	<i>Steve Root</i>
<i>Neal Harris</i>	<i>Bob Zeller</i>

### Staff

Executive Director  
Land Protection Specialist  
Stewardship Manager  
Operations Manager  
Development and Communications Coordinator  
Stewardship and Programs Coordinator  
Office Assistant

*Hans Carlson*  
*Andy Deegan*  
*Anne Payeur*  
*Jen Deasy*  
*Kristy Heath*  
*Jamie Wilson*  
*Sue Andrews*



## BRADFORD COMMUNITY GARDENERS

The Bradford Community Gardeners (BCG) is a group of town residents dedicated to enhancing 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. Here is what 2024 looked like:

The two triangle gardens at 103/114 provided continuous blooms, beginning with daffodils in May, iris in June, and lilies and annuals right through the fall, with special thanks to Lois Kilnapp for taking charge of both gardens. Kim Lowe took on the revival of the strip at the Tall Pines pullout on 103. Both Lois and Kim searched for plants that could take summer's heat and drought, and they spent days nurturing seedlings and transplants, and watering and watering. It was a hot dry summer and daily waterings meant filling water containers to then disperse from their pick-up trucks. Chances are pretty good that you often witnessed both Lois and Kim tending these gardens through the summer. We so appreciate their expertise and dedication.



Kim Lowe planting at the Tall Pines Turnout on 103.

Elsewhere, Maria Storm, Teresa Byrant, Bindy, and Susan Moss planted and cared for container gardens that were placed around town: four at the rail trail benches at Lake Todd, two at the Bement Bridge, three at Town Hall, one at the BHS, and three at the BACC including the Little Library Planter. Some plants did beautifully, some were less vigorous than hoped for, and so like all gardeners, we are already scheming what to change in 2025. Daffodils planted along the Lake Todd Rail Trail continue to fill in and we look forward to seeing them again this spring.

And finally, we answered the call to help plan landscaping around the newly opened Town Hall, with an eye on adding no extra costs to the town. Three whiskey barrel planters were donated and filled with annuals to place at the building entrances. Using onsite granite slabs from the old foundation, Bindy designed two unique and historic benches to frame the front steps, and our Highway Dept patiently maneuvered these mammoth stones into place. New lawn and new bushes and trees will be planted as soon as possible in the spring.

Many generous donations of plants, bulbs and other needed materials come from our group, town residents, and local businesses. There is no cost to the town budget. We thank the generous folks who donated Five Acres gift cards for our use on town gardens and Town Hall plantings, and we will start off 2025 able to begin purchasing some of the new shrubs and trees needed. We are so grateful for this support.

We are always looking for 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. Speak to any of us.

The Bradford Community Gardeners: Bindy, Teresa and Mike Bryant, Claire James, Lois Kilnapp, Kim Lowe, Susan Moss, Maria Storm, Libby Curtis Webb



## 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 for future generations. 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 supported with donations, memberships, and grants. BHS owns and maintains the Old Post Office building, the Blacksmith's Forge & Woodshop, the Corn Crib, and the Tin Shop all located on East Main St.

2024 was a busy year for BHS starting with the passing of a warrant article at Town Meeting allowing the creation of an easement on the designated cultural site on East Main Street for BHS to use in perpetuity. As with most organizations in Bradford, BHS is run with a small group of dedicated volunteers. Enhancing this group is even more important now to secure the future of Bradford's history.

Funds raised in 2023 and 2024 were used to complete the work on the Old Post Office, the exterior received much-needed maintenance and new paint. The forge chimney was completed, and the woodshop was reorganized to feature new exhibits featuring a donation of shoemaker tools from Brackett Scheffy and his family.

2024 Events included a field trip from Bradford Elementary School which visited BHS, the Center Meeting House, and Newbury sites, thanks to Laurie Buchar for organizing.



In July a flagpole was installed by trustees, Link Heffner and Buddy Allen and was dedicated to Perry Teele in a small ceremony with his family and friends. Perry's support and guidance are greatly missed by BHS.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> vintage car show, run again by trustee Buddy Allen was a wonderful day with the turnout of cars and visitors far surpassing our expectations. We hope to continue to grow each year.

BHS was delighted to host an open house for the NH Preservation Alliance before their Seven to Save presentation at the Town Hall in October and had over 50 visitors.



The Board would like to thank outgoing trustee Mary Derry for her many years of volunteering on the BHS Board. Mary served diligently as a trustee, secretary, and treasurer during her time and we will miss that!

#### **2024 Board of Trustees**

Harry Wright	President
Steve Hansen	Vice-President
Susan Allen	Treasurer
Linda Cansler	Secretary
Sandra Wright	Membership Chair
Buddy Allen	
George Cilley	
Marge Cilley	
Harriet Douglass	
Mary Derry	
Link Heffner	
Sandy Paul	
Tracey Quigley	Archivist

## BRADFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Bradford Center is where your hometown's history began in 1787. As was customary at the time, Meetinghouses were constructed at the geographical center of each town so that all folks had equal access. It wasn't until the 1850s that most commerce in Bradford moved down to the valley to be near to the new railroad line.

This particular Meetinghouse had some drama one Sunday in 1838 when Abby Fulsome, noted pioneer for women's rights and the anti-slavery movement, interrupted the sermon. According to Mary August Lull's Historic Statement in the Centennial Book, the minister and deacons tried to persuade her to leave the pulpit, but she insisted on speaking. "When they laid hands on her, her tongue stopped and she dropped to the floor as if shot. The deacons looked frightened and let go their hold; then she was up again on her feet talking more enthusiastically than ever." Eventually, they escorted her to her carriage and watched her depart. Apparently, Abby felt it was time that sermons no longer be addressed to only Men and Brethren.

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. 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 2024:

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



Bradford Center Photo by Laurie Buchar

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 (FOBCM) 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.

Education and enlightenment go hand in hand. Our goal in preserving the Schoolhouse and Meetinghouse is to provide insights into the past here at Bradford Center in hopes of facing our future with understanding and respect. To that end, we offer a variety of educational programs in addition to the concerts in our summer series. In the past, the Meetinghouse has been considered a lyceum where folks could hear lectures as well regular church services. In recent years, we have likewise conducted political forums, historical reenactments, family art workshops, tours, and school field trips.

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, a wedding, several tours and singalongs, plus the ever-popular Christmas Eve pageant.

The 2024 music series featured the North River Band performing Americana music. Then, local favorite Nick's Other Band drew a lively crowd for an evening of rock and roll on the Green. The Lettvin Classical Concert hosted cellist Ashley Bathgate and the Suore Project performing both modern and ancient selections. Next, the Kearsarge Community Band regaled us with patriotic tunes for the Annual Ice Cream Social. The season's finale featured Hot Skillet Club playing both jazz and swing tunes. Watch for updates in the spring about the 2025 music lineup.



Kearsarge Community Band

Photo by Laurie Buchar

Sue and Al LeBlanc Painters did a great job refreshing the exterior of the Schoolhouse this year and Kyle Clark spiffed up the flagpole. Thanks again to Wet Basement Solutions for ongoing maintenance of the Schoolhouse crawl space. This charming schoolhouse is now a welcome site for private rentals. See our website for details at [www.bradford.center](http://www.bradford.center).

Neither the Meetinghouse nor the Center School are supported by tax dollars. All repairs and

events are funded by volunteer effort and generous donations. Our next major maintenance project will be to paint the steeple of the Meetinghouse which requires a crane and will be costly.

Below is a summary of our expected 2024 results:

	Total	Music Series	General
Cash from sponsors, event fees, donations, etc.	\$15,500	\$11,400	\$4,100
Program events, maintenance & repairs and operating costs	<u>15,600</u>	<u>5,600</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Net	(\$100)	\$5,800	(\$5,900)

In addition, we have received \$2,100 in donations so far this year for our board-designated endowment fund, which has a current market value of \$74,000, and is estimated to earn \$2,700 per year. The endowment fund is growing but we would roughly have to double it to provide the sustainable source of income needed to fund the general deficit (\$5,900).

Our Board is committed to FOBCMs future and in providing for its lasting legacy, but we cannot do it without your help. Please donate and let this community gem thrive.

Thanks to all the loyal sponsors who made our summer music series possible, as well as the generous patrons who donate to both our general and endowment fund each year. But 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.



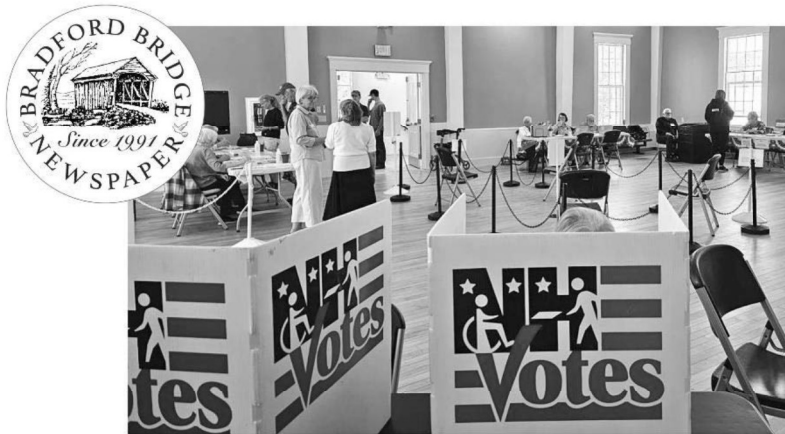
Christmas Pageant

Photo by Laurie Buchar

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Board members:  
 Laurie Buchar, Chair  
 Stephen Bravo, Treasurer  
 Susan Moss, Secretary  
 Laura Beaton  
 Leah Cummings  
 Christian Kirsch  
 Carey Rodd

## THE BRADFORD BRIDGE NEWSPAPER



2024 marked the return of  
voting to our renovated  
Town Hall

Our town, our newspaper. The mission of the Bradford Bridge is to support and encourage open and fair government in the Town of Bradford; to promote communication and dialogue between residents and officials, and to encourage greater participation in town, school and volunteer projects.

We are pleased to continue to bring you the town news since 1991. With a volunteer staff of 20 and 15 regular contributors, we finished the year with approximately 898 readers: 48 subscribers, 700 readers of our paper edition and 150 for our digital color edition. We are ending the year on strong financial footing, with a growing readership and an increase in digital engagement. Thank you to our advertisers, donors, and readers who make our work and mission possible.

And to our contributors, a thank you song. We appreciate reports from the Bradford Police, Fire & Rescue and Highway Departments, the Transfer Station, and School. In 2024, we read about the free pancake breakfast at the Fire Dept, the Spelling Bee winner at KRES at Bradford, First Graders studying hibernation, the Transfer Station encouraging residents to bring their organic and brown matter to compost and the Police Dept letting us know that when we call, "You will get a familiar face who cares about you and this town."

Thank you to the Highway Department who work on our roads all year with a special challenge in mud season to keep them passable. And to the Library hosting book groups with local authors and the Mountain View Senior Center on their wellness and foot care clinics. You read about Community Events, Church news, Community Resources, views of the natural world by Ann Eldridge, Election information, Bradford Power updates and Selectmen's Meeting Minutes all here at the Bridge. Our free community newspaper written by neighbors and for neighbors.

If you are new in town, the Bridge welcomes you as a reader. If you have a new business in town, you can advertise with us. If you have moved, physical mail subscriptions can keep you in touch, or you may read the newspaper online, in color at [bradfordbridge.org](http://bradfordbridge.org).

The Bridge is distributed to many locations in Bradford and in five neighboring towns. Volunteers in our line of work make a difference, so thank you to our Distribution Volunteers! The Board and Editor continue to seek and discover new material for the newspaper. Would you like to report local news, write an article, submit a photograph, short story, photograph, poem, or illustration? We welcome your ideas. Please write to [bradfordbridge345@gmail.com](mailto:bradfordbridge345@gmail.com) or PO Box 463, Bradford, NH 03221.

## **BRADFORD SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Bradford Town Scholarship Committee was pleased to award three 2024 Bradford Town Scholarships last spring.

**Adara Boucher** plans to attend Western New England University and wants to become a Doctor of Occupational Therapy, “because of the way I will be able to help all kinds of people reach their goals.” Adara says living and learning in Bradford gave her extraordinary opportunities in the school system as well as experiences with community members.

**Anna Cook** will be attending Westminster University Honors College in Salt Lake City, Utah. She plans to major in outdoor education and leadership and minor in computer science. Her many outdoor activities, working at Sweet Beet Market, and on Sweet Beet Farm have given her, “the kind of loving community that has shaped my future.”

**Evan Miller** will be a senior studying Mechanical Engineering at Clarkson University in Potsdam, NY. Living in Bradford and attending Kearsarge regional schools, Evan participated in a wide variety of activities and worked in Bradford businesses. He maintains an excellent grade point average at Clarkson, is excited about what he is learning, and wants to explore the possibilities of a master’s degree and a career in research and design.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to these exceptional Bradford students.

Bradford Town School Scholarship Committee:

Kathleen Bigford, Mary Keegan-Dayton, and Devin Pendleton

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**Bradford Town Scholarship Committee would like to thank all those who donated to the Bradford Scholarship Fund in 2024.**

**You made it possible to award scholarships to three exceptional Bradford students continuing their education.**

**Your generosity supports the future of our community.**

## **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 program participation fees, individual and local business donations, fundraising events, and appropriations from the three towns that we serve. Our annual expenses include, but are not limited to, utility bills, liability insurance, athlete medical insurance, team sports equipment, league fees, uniforms, field/building maintenance, toilet rentals, and providing need-based scholarships for athletes.

### **FACILITIES**

If you attended any events at our facility or just drove by, you probably noticed the fantastic condition of our fields and the new dugouts constructed on Mayo Field and Raymond Field. Landscape maintenance was done this year by Willett's Forest and Property Maintenance. The dugouts were constructed by local volunteers and board members who generously donated their time and expertise. These improvements were partially funded by our fundraising efforts. Under the guidance of our fundraising director Betsy Ahearn, the annual golf tournament was again a booming success and our biggest fundraiser of the year. Spring and fall raffles were held during baseball/softball season and soccer season, and the proceeds were put towards materials for dugouts and field improvements.

Warren Brook Park was selected to host several league tournaments and jamborees in 2024, including the Kearsarge Mountain South (KMS) 12U and 10U Softball Playoff Tournaments, the CAS soccer camp in June, and the MVSL 5/6 soccer jamboree.

### **REGISTRATIONS**

2024 was a record-setting year for BNSYS registrations. The year started off with the first BNSYS Ski and Ride program at Pats Peak in February-March, Softball/Baseball/T-Ball in the spring, CAS soccer camp in June, a free summer drop-in soccer program in July and August, and soccer season in August to October. BNSYS had a total of 534 registrations for the various sports that were offered in 2024. Of those 534 registrations, 244 athletes (46%) were from Bradford, 148 athletes (28%) were from Newbury, 70 athletes (13%) were from Sutton, and 72 athletes (13%) were from other towns.

Registrations for softball/baseball/t-ball and soccer were record-setting in 2024, with more athletes participating in BNS sports programs than any prior year. CAS Soccer Camp was a success again this year, also with record number of registrations. The CAS soccer coaches are a group of young collegiate athletes from the US and Europe who came to BNSYS for a week in June and put on a full schedule of drills and scrimmages to help develop our athletes. Fall soccer





Photo supplied by Betsy Ahearn

Harvesting LLC and Old Hampshire Designs; Bubba's Bar & Grille, Jake's Market & Deli, Pike Industries, Salt Hill Pub, and Sweet Beet Market.

registrations were also up from 2023. Congrats to the 5/6 girls' team who won their playoff bracket.

On October 10<sup>th</sup> BNSYS held our 24th Annual Golf Tournament at the Country Club of New Hampshire. Albatross sponsors Colby Insurance, Crown Point Cabinetry, Legacy Mechanical, Lumber Barn, Mount Sunapee, Naughton and Son Recycling, and Relax & Co.; our Eagle sponsors Innovative Timber

## **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 coach the sports teams, run the snack shack, line the fields, and maintain our buildings and facilities, we are where we are because of all of you.

If you would like to get involved with BNSYS, look at what we have to offer, or think you can help in other ways, please visit our website at [bnsyouthsports.org](https://bnsyouthsports.org) 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 BNSYS Board in 2024, including Mike Howley becoming President, Betsy Ahearn becoming Vice-President, Michelle Marzelli joining as Secretary, John Dean joining as Baseball Director, Mike Ahearn joining as Equipment Director, and Jason Carter joining as Field Director. In 2024, Christine Parsils continued to serve as Treasurer, Alycia DiMuccio and Vinny Marzelli as Soccer Co-Directors, Steph Perkins as Softball Director, and Kayle Lambert as Merchandising Director. Mike Howley also served as Ski Program Director and Betsy Ahearn as Fundraising Director. Departures from the BNSYS Board of Directors in 2024 included Jared LaMothe who served as Board President for 2 years and before that as Soccer Director for 5 years, Devin Pendleton who was Baseball Director for 5 years, and Kailey Roukey who was Secretary for 1.5 years. BNSYS appreciates the enormous amounts of time and effort that all past Board of Directors and volunteers have committed to furthering BNSYS' mission to provide quality sports to our children.

### **Executive Board**

President: Mike Howley  
Vice President: Betsy Ahearn  
Treasurer: Christine Parsils  
Secretary: Michelle Marzelli

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mike Howley  
BNSYS Board President

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### **Board of Directors**

Field Director: Jason Carter  
Merchandising Director: Kayle Lambert  
Equipment Director: Mike Ahearn  
Baseball Director: John Dean  
Softball Director: Steph Perkins  
Soccer Co-Directors: Alycia DiMuccio & Vinny Marzelli  
Fundraising Director: Betsy Ahearn  
Ski Program Director: Mike Howley

## LAKE MASSASECUM IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

As 2024 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 continues to be diligent and keeping a watchful eye on the health of our beautiful treasure. 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. Our three full-time Lake Hosts performed 1,568 courtesy inspections of boats entering and leaving the lake. 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.

Through the persistence and assiduousness of our veteran milfoil team leader Mike Davidson and his team were able to focus on a contained area. Through their efforts 43 gallons of variable milfoil were harvested from 54 distinct locations, all but 5 of which are in the northwest cove and Melvin Brook. This is reflective of lost progress in 2021 and 2023, when high water years made harvesting impossible through most of the summer. Shout outs to Jim Dexter for being a regular mask and snorkel spotter, Mike McKenna for joining the spotting team, Nancy and Scott Rice for their harvest activities, and Chuck Cheney, Rick Hudson, Sharon Hudson, Dave Nunally and Cindy Nunnally for tending.

The health and quality of the lake supports and sustains many forms of wildlife. As a result, the Bradford community and beyond are drawn to this beautiful lake we all call Massasecum; from fishing, swimming, boating, and enjoying the natural beauty that surrounds its shores, we are reminded that each of us plays a part and 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 2024 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 2024. 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 one-quarter 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 and Warner. This included comments on two alteration-of-terrain permits, two notices of intent-to-cut, three NH Department of Environmental Service Shoreland permits, and two NH Department of Environmental Service Wetlands permits. We have received thoughtful responses to our comments from residents, town officials, and state regulators. In addition, the Committee discusses and tries to find ways to encourage communities to address river-related problems such as flooding, run-off, and erosion.

The WRLAC also partners with members of state agencies whose work is related to ours. This summer and fall, members of this Committee participated with other local citizen-scientists in a macroinvertebrate survey sponsored by NH Fish & Game (NH F&G) and Trout Unlimited (TU) and spearheaded by the Warner Conservation Commission. Volunteers took water samples, recorded stream conditions, and counted the presence of important and diverse species of macroinvertebrates in seven brooks that empty into the Warner River: Ballard, Frazier, French, Stevens, Bartlett, Willow and Silver. Based on the data, all the streams were in good condition for supporting macroinvertebrate life, which in turn provide food for our native brook trout populations. Members of this Committee have also participated in the Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP), 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 8th 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 the NH DES's Volunteer Assessment Programs webpage, as well as the WRLAC website ([www.wrlac.com](http://www.wrlac.com)). These data provide good news, but we are also reminded that increased pressure from human development and changes in weather patterns can disrupt the river and its ecosystem. While resilient in many ways, the river depends on a delicate balance that must be maintained over time. The WRLAC thanks NH F&G, TU, and the Warner Conservation Commission for providing these opportunities to understand the river's importance to our community.

This Committee has also engaged with organizations across the five towns. We had an update about the Concord Lake Sunapee Rail Trail's plans for developing trail through the Exit 9 area in Warner. We heard from both advocates of the plan as well as from those who have concerns about the trail's impact on the river's ecosystem. The Committee will continue to review and comment on permits associated with this project. The Committee also heard from the commissioner of the Warner Village Water District about how that organization works to provide clean and plentiful water to the village of Warner, and this Committee looks forward to supporting the commission in any way that it can. Also in Warner, the Committee's chair met

with the Tom's Pond Association to share their mission and goals with each other. In Bradford, our Committee stays in contact with the Bradford Conservation Commission regarding permits and other environmental conversations that are related to the quarter-mile corridor. Finally, the Committee had the opportunity to introduce itself to representatives of 12 towns at a meeting of the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust.

The Committee continues to work on raising its visibility and communicating its mission and goals with community members. One important way we do this is by partnering with Trout Unlimited at a booth during the Warner Fall Foliage Festival. We greatly appreciate the generosity of TU and MainStreet Bookends of Warner for providing the space for us to do this.

For the coming year, we will continue to create stronger ties to, and better coordination with our communities' hardworking and dedicated local agencies, boards, 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 selectboards. There is also work that can be done in analyzing data in order to continue to learn about the health of the river and its relationship to its human neighbors. In addition, we will begin updating the "Appendix B - Action Plan" of the Warner River Corridor Management Plan, first published in 2021.

In 2025, this committee will meet every other month at 7:00 PM at the Pillsbury Library, Warner, on the following Wednesdays: January 29, March 26, May 28, July 23, Sept 24, and Nov 19. We invite interested members of the community to join us in our work. For more information about the WRLAC, please visit [www.wrlac.com](http://www.wrlac.com).

Finally, the Committee extends its sincere thanks to three former representatives for their dedication, leadership, and expertise on many topics related to our work: Ken Milender (Warner), Mike Howley (Bradford), and George Embley (Webster).

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Russell, WRLAC Secretary

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Warner River Local Advisory Committee

Bradford: Marlene Freyler, Rebecca Herman

Sutton: Peter Savickas, Treasurer

Warner: Laura Russell, Secretary; Christopher Spannweitz, Mickey Benson

Webster: Bob MacGowan

Hopkinton: Daniel Morrissey, Chair

## **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 has 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 serve regular congregate meals every Tuesday and Thursday at noon time 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 Quilting Group, Therapeutic Yoga, Domino's, and a Mahjong Group. Future activities will include the following: Card Games, Bingo, Art Class, monthly movies, and field trips during warm weather months.

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

Mountain View Senior Center



Dear Friends:

January 2025

On behalf of the entire team at Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice (LSRVNA), thank you for the opportunity and privilege to provide home health, hospice, palliative care, personal care, clinics, support groups and more. We remain proud of our ability to respond to community need in a complicated and ever-changing industry.

One priority over the past year has been to update our Strategic Plan, a collaborative project of the Board and management team. Key focus areas with measurable goals have been identified, and seeing the tangible progress toward these goals is very rewarding and improves outcomes for those we serve. Staff retention remained a priority, and we are proud to report a remarkably strong average employee retention rate over the past year of 97%. One reason for this is our culture of respect and inclusion, showing everyone how much they are valued. Innovative benefits like our *Employee Car Care Fund*, established to help keep staff safe and reliable as they drive 400,000+/- annually to care for patients, is another reason. Nurse managers dedicated many hours in 2024 mentoring future nurses and health care professionals through impactful educational programs such as the Colby-Sawyer College Senior Capstone Projects. The past year also celebrated two agency milestones: the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the *Women Who Make A Difference Luncheon* and the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *The Renaissance Shoppe*. These cherished traditions ground us in our history as we look to the future with intention and pride in our mission. Unique collaborations, such as our *Improv for Caregivers* series with New London Barn Playhouse which expanded to new locations in 2024, brings attention and resources to real issues facing people every day. Finally, the commitment and kindness of 80+ talented volunteers added depth and quality to programs throughout the agency. I am proud to report that for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2024, we also provided residents of Bradford with:

- ✦ Skilled nursing, therapy, hospice and supportive care to 31 residents;
- ✦ 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);
- ✦ 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;
- ✦ 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) to help patients and their families continued to benefit from our Palliative Care Program, helping them understand and navigate advanced illness;
- ✦ Foot Care Clinics in six communities in response to a general lack of access to this vital care.

Our gratitude for those who help sustain LSRVNA as an enduring presence is difficult to fully express. A dedicated team of frontline caregivers and behind the scenes support staff, as well as generous community partners like you, keep us strong in service to the community. We understand that your funds, like ours, are limited. This makes us even more grateful for your ongoing confidence and support. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or if there are other ways we may be of service to 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 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 2024, CNHRPC undertook the following activities in Bradford and throughout the Central NH Region:

- Provided circuit rider planner services to the Planning Board, including the development of the potential Surface Water Overlay District (SWOD) ordinance and mapping. Staff attended Planning Board meetings, held office hours and conducted site plan and subdivision reviews on an as-needed basis.
- Coordinated the development of updated Hazard Mitigation Plans in nine communities under the federal Building Infrastructure and Resilient Communities (BRIC) 2021 and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) 4516. In Bradford, staff provided assistance to prepare the updated Bradford Hazard Mitigation Plan that is scheduled for completion in 2025.
- Provided support to 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). In Bradford, CNHRPC staff provided continued staff and meeting support to the Economic Development Committee (EDC).
- Coordinated the activities of the CNHRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). In 2024, CNHRPC held six TAC meetings. The CNHRPC TAC solicited, evaluated, and ranked projects for inclusion in the NHDOT 2027-2036 Ten-Year Plan, including the proposed West Main Street Sidewalk project.
- Provided conceptual engineering and cost estimates for new sidewalk, culvert repair, and stormwater drainage on West Main Street.
- Provided assistance related to the Road Surface Management System (RSMS) program for three communities, including the proposed road maintenance plan, additional paving scenarios for comparison, and forecast of future road conditions under each scenario.
- 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

2024 the CommuteSmart NH program saved commuters almost \$270,000 as a result of 32,000 reduced trips.

- Conducted 186 state and local traffic counts throughout the region, including six in Bradford.
- Worked in coordination with Lakes Region Planning Commission to update the Mid State Region Coordinated Transportation 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 and regional trail organizations and trail committees is a key component to this work.
- 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.
- Provided Development of Regional Impact (DRI) review services for communities.

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.



Porcupine

Photo by Bill Duffy





# 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 2024, 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, 150 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 416 soil tests were reviewed and approved, optimizing soil fertility practices, and maximizing production on sites throughout the county. Widespread weather events in 2023 caused the greatest crop losses in decades. UNHCE leveraged relationships with partner organizations and growers to distribute a crop loss survey which captured estimated damage levels on over 100 farms representing thousands of acres. Estimates of loss totaled nearly \$15 million. As a result of our efforts, the Governor of New Hampshire allocated \$8 million in crop relief funding for impacted farms. Twelve Merrimack County farms received disaster relief awards totaling \$1,064,310. Farmers report that this funding enabled them to recover losses without taking on substantial new loans, pay for supplies needed for the 2024 season, pay for labor, and bring remaining debt from the prior year current to start 2024 with a clean slate.

**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, 1,124 Merrimack County residents received one-on-one education from woodlot visits, educational events, telephone calls, and email correspondence. At least 604 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. 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 UNHCE 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. Areas of focus include revitalizing main streets, retaining and growing local businesses, supporting entrepreneurs and innovators, and leveraging tourism and outdoor recreation to help grow the economy. Central to the CED team's work is engaging communities in developing a collective vision, designing an approach to achieve that vision, and organizing

community leaders and volunteers to implement effective strategies. In terms of activities in Merrimack County over the past year, the CED team engaged over twenty businesses, organizations, and municipalities in the Developing Interconnections for Regional Trails (DIRT) project—a joint initiative with the Foothills Foundation—aimed at building the capacity of trail organizations to expand the region’s network of biking trails to enhance recreational opportunities and support the economy. Additionally, the CED team completed the Downtowns and Trails program in Hopkinton and Contoocook, NH, and is now working with the town to implement strategies and actions aimed at building connectivity between local businesses and surrounding trails and recreational resources. Lastly, Extension engaged six Merrimack County communities in the Housing Academy, a program that is tied to the state’s Housing Opportunity Planning (HOP) Grant program and seeks to build communities’ capacity to address housing challenges. Of the six Merrimack County communities that UNHCE engaged in the Housing Academy, four have since passed zoning amendments and warrant articles aimed at expanding housing opportunity.

**4-H Youth Development & Education:** 4-H is the youth development program of UNHCE 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 2024 fair hosted 110 4-H animal exhibitors and 82 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 2023-2024 program year, Merrimack County involved 316 youth in the program with the help of 108 volunteers.

**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, Diabetes, 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.

**Nutrition Connections:** Through Nutrition Connections programming, limited-income youth, adults, and families are reached with evidence-based education around healthy eating and physical activity. In Merrimack County, adults were engaged through partnerships with local agencies, including housing sites for older adults, senior centers, family resource centers, adult education, peer support, and more. Nutrition Connections worked with youth in Franklin, Pittsfield, and Concord through partnerships with schools, afterschool programs, summer school programs, and Head Start.

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 2023-2024 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, 2024 – December 31, 2024**

<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>
Martin, Gerald Harris	01/10/2024	Martin, Herbert	Harris, Harriet	Y
Elsesser, Mary Elizabeth	01/20/2024	Elsesser, James	Jones, Sharon	N
Sauls, Susan I.	02/23/2024	Soucy, Leo	Durant, Bertha	N
Edwards, Clarke Robert	03/08/2024	Edwards, Robert	Knight, Ruby	Y
Clark, Mark David	03/24/2024	Clark, Everett	Buchard, Hildegard	N
Verity, Robert	03/31/2024	Verity, Albert	Reid, Vera	Y
Raymond, James W.	04/14/2024	Raymond Sr, Edward	Danforth, Sally	N
Lynam, Helen L.	04/29/2024	Bagley, Horace	Heselton, Lena	N
Preston, Kimball	05/04/2024	Preston, John	Cooke, Helen	N
Groblewski, George N.	08/28/2024	Groblewski, Steven	Dennis, Francis	N
Duverger, Mark D.	09/19/2024	Duverger Jr, Merle	Porter, Cynthia	Y
Selig Jr, Robert E.	11/25/2024	Selig Sr, Robert	MacNamera, Kathleen	Y
Bryant, Ian M.	12/26/2024	Bryant, Michael	Dolan, Teresa	N

Total Number of Records – 13

**Resident Birth Report**

**January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024**

<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>
Paquette, Elias Martin	01/21/2024	Lebanon, NH	Paquette, Gerid D.	Paquette, Shannon E.
Calvert, Abbie Elizabeth	02/02/2024	Nashua, NH	Calvert, Robert J.	Calvert, Erin E.
Morrison, Celeste Justine	02/25/2024	Manchester, NH	Morrison, Jaime L.	Morrison, Molly L.
Fogg, Rachael Virginia Isaiah	06/07/2024	Concord, NH	Fogg, Jordan M.	Rowell, Kyra R.
Courser, Bailey Drew	07/11/2024	Concord, NH	Courser, Lucas F.	Courser, Erika R.
Campbell III, Paul Andrew	08/11/2024	Lebanon, NH	Campbell Jr, Paul A.	Peng, Yuanyuan
Masko, Mariella Gianna	08/30/2024	Lebanon, NH	Masko, Austin J.	Harwood, Melanie M.
Boisvert, Cameron Ellis	11/13/2024	Lebanon, NH	Boisvert, Jacob J.F.	Boisvert, Lindsey A.
Stys, Amalia Noel	11/27/2024	Concord, NH	Stys, Philip J.	Stys, Tracy L.
Stys, Ryan Jeremy	11/27/2024	Concord, NH	Stys, Philip J.	Stys, Tracy L.

Total Number of Records - 10

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**Resident Marriage Report  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024**

<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>
Cook, Madison E. Bradford, NH	Burns, Hunter L. Bradford, NH	North Sutton	05/04/2024
Schwarz, Benjamin T. Bradford, NH	Peschel, Jessica L. Hillsborough, NH	New London	05/24/2024
McCaskill, Kelly A. Bradford, NH	Eneguess, David M. Bradford, NH	Hancock	09/14/2024

Total Number of Records – 3



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