

**TOWN OF BRADFORD
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Town Warrant of Town Meeting March 12, 2013

The Polls will open at 8:00 am to 7:00 pm on March 12, 2013

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Bradford Elementary School on Old Warner Road in said Bradford, NH on Tuesday, the twelfth of March next, at eight o'clock in the morning to act on the following articles:

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

Selectmen	James V. Bibbo III	86	
	Marlene Freyler	100	
	Charles F. Goodale	41	
	John D. Pfeifle	21	
	Harold H. Wright	200	Elected
Supervisor of the Checklist	Jacqueline Pehrson	417	Elected
Trustee of the Trust Funds	Dawn Pettiglio	397	Elected
Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library	Nola Jordan	392	Elected
	Garry Kalajian	367	Elected
Scholarship Committee	Nancy McEachern	409	Elected
Budget Committee	George A. Cilley	347	Elected
	Donald Jackson	373	Elected
Planning Board (1 Year)	Mark Keith	402	Elected
Planning Board (3 Years)	Marcia Keller	348	Elected
	Nicole Dubaere	6	
	Erich Caron	6	Elected
(Moderator, Brackett Scheffy, did a coin toss to decide whether Dubaere or Caron would be elected)			
Zoning Board	George A. Cilley	338	Elected
	Brooks McCandlish	365	Elected
Cemetery Commission	James Lalla	408	Elected

Article Two. By Petition. To see if the Town will vote to modify article III section G of the Bradford Zoning Ordinance by altering the minimum setbacks of junk yards from state highways, so that the last sentence of that section reads as follows: “Motor vehicle junk yards must conform to state regulation RSA Chapter 236, 1981, sections 111-129, except that the applicable setback from the right-of-way lines of a non-interstate Class I, Class II, or Class III-A highway shall be 450 feet. (Planning Board made no recommendation) **By Petition** 253 YES 190 NO

There was also a school Ballot. The Bradford Results were as follows:

Question 1. To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the Municipal Budget Committee’s recommended amount of \$ 37,278,065 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 \$37,316,069. 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 approves 8-0) (Municipal Budget Committee approves 7-0)

- A. \$37,316,069 for the proposed operating budget recommended by the School Board
- B. \$37,278,065 for the proposed operating budget recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee
- C. \$37,278,065 for the proposed operating budget, an increase of \$50,000 (MBC proposed operating budget, as amended at the 1st session)

A. 161 B. 227 C. 48

Question 2. To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost item included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Kearsarge Regional School Board and the Kearsarge Regional Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits

Year 2013 -14	Estimated Increase	\$455,791
	230 YES	204 NO

Question 3. To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost item included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the school district and the Para Educators at Kearsarge (PEAK) which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels.

Year 2013 -14	Estimated Increase	\$72,159
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And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$72,159 for the upcoming 2013 – 2014 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. (School Board recommends 8-0) (Municipal Budget Committee recommends 7-0) 225 YES 210 NO

Race for School Moderator (1 Year)

Brackett Scheffy

417 Votes

Election officials present at the March 12th, 2013 Town Election were Brackett Scheffy, Moderator, Fred Hubley, Assistant Moderator, Harold Wright, Sonny Harris, John Pfeifle, Selectmen, Erica Gross, Town Clerk, Melissa Cloutier, Deputy Town Clerk, Ruth Marden, Judith Marshall, Jacqueline Pehrson, Supervisors of the Checklist, Robert Toppi, Marge Cilley, Linda Niven, Jane Lucas, Phyllis Wilcox, Carolyn Verity, Harriet Douglass, Margaret Ainsle, Miriam D'Angona, Christopher Small, Steve Pierce, Thomas Marshall and Mary Keegan Dayton, Ballot Clerks, Eileen Kelly, Mary Keegan Dayton, Beth Rodd, Robert Toppi, Marilyn Gordon, Carey Rodd, Sarah Hirsch, Geoffrey Hirsch, Steven Patten, Paul Gross, Christopher Small, Tandy Hartford, Sandy Paul, Thomas Marshall, Julie Leonard, Jane Johnsen, Susan Smith, Marlene Freyler, Harold Wright, Steve Pierce, Ruth Marden, Counters.

Article Three. At the close of polls the meeting was adjourned until Wednesday, March 13th, 2013 at 7:00 pm at Bradford Elementary School on the Old Warner Road. Raising the money and remaining articles in the Warrant will be taken up at the adjourned meeting.

The count ended at 10:15 pm. The Results were announced and emailed. The meeting reconvened at Kearsarge Regional Elementary School on Old Warner Road. A total of 309 voters attended.

Brackett Scheffy opened the meeting at 7:08pm with the Pledge of Allegiance done by Bob Selig. Brackett stated that this was the 227th town meeting for the Town of Bradford. The rules for procedure are based on Roberts Rules. Brackett also explained that due to the fact that the first two articles are bond issues they must be voted on with paper ballots and voting will be left open for 1 hour on each. The other difference with bond issues is that if someone moves for reconsideration of that bond article and the motion passes, then we have to adjourn the meeting for at least 7 days before we can take it up again.

Article Four. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One Million Seven Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$ 1,767,000.00) (gross budget) to renovate the Bradford Town Hall at map 16 lot 92 and to authorize the issuance of not more than One Million Seven Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Dollars (1,767,000.00) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, the term and other details. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (2/3 ballot vote required) (passage of this article will not impact the tax rate until 2014)

Eileen Kelly spoke for the Town Hall Restoration Committee. They have held three town forums to solicit ideas and input from the townspeople. With direction from the townspeople, the committee decided to complete the project completely and not to do it in phases. A generator has been added to the plan. The plan includes preservation of the

basic outline, structure and historical and architectural features of the building. New additions to the building, in two locations, creating a total of 2,021sq. ft. of additional interior space. New systems include electrical, mechanical, well, septic, fire suppression and alarm system. New and expanded 1st floor offices, meeting rooms, lavatories, storage and stairwells, installation of handicap lift, retrofit windows, new parking lot and kitchen and catering area. A construction manager, Joe Campbell of North Branch Construction was hired which will allow us to use local sub-contractors and researchers. Jim Bruss contributed invaluable information for free. Eileen went over the working finance figures researched by the committee showing different rates at 15 year interest rate 2.25% a tax impact of .63 cents per 1000, 20 year rate goes to 53 cents and 30 year goes to 42 cents. The restored Town Hall will be completed and ready to reopen late fall/winter of 2013.

Article Five. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) (gross budget) to repair and rebuild asphalt roads in Bradford and to authorize the issuance of not more than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, the term and other details. The roads to be repaired include Rowe Mountain Road and Sunset Hill Road. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend. (2/3 ballot vote required) (passage of this article will not impact the tax rate until 2014) Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non recommendation of the Budget Committee.

Article Six. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Eight Hundred and Five Thousand, Six Hundred Ninety Seven Dollars and Eighty Seven Cents (**\$1,805,698.00**) for the general municipal operation. This article **DOES NOT** include amounts appropriated by other warrant articles. (Majority vote required). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Comm	Selectmen	Budget
1. Executive	127,802.00	121,488.00 carried
2. Elections and Vital Records	4,510.00	4,510.00 carried
3. Financial Administration	87,196.19	87,196.00 carried
4. Revaluations	25,082.00	25,082.00 carried
5. Legal	16,000.00	16,000.00 carried
6. Employee Benefits	262,616.74	262,617.00 carried
7. Planning	8,100.00	8,100.00 carried
8. General Government	38,863.00	38,863.00 carried
9. Cemetery	25,275.00	25,275.00 carried
10. Insurances	69,881.00	78,540.00 carried
11. Other General Gov	8,800.00	8,800.00 carried
12. Police Department	314,251.55	314,252.00 carried
13. Fire Department	61,500.00	61,500.00 carried

14. Rescue Squad	70,860.00	70,860.00 carried
15. Building Code Dept	10,000.00	10,000.00 carried
16. Emergency Management	250.00	250.00 carried
17. Highway Department	384,230.00	384,230.00 carried
18. Bridge Account	500.00	500.00 carried
19. Street Lighting	4,800.00	4,800.00 carried
20. Solid Waste Collection	58,157.00	58,157.00 carried
21. Solid Waste Disposal	40,100.00	40,100.00 carried
22. Inoculations	100.00	100.00 carried
23. Welfare Administration	5,100.00	5,100.00 carried
24. Welfare Payments	32,843.00	32,843.00 carried
25. Parks and Recreation	2,000.00	2,000.00 carried
26. Library	64,610.00	64,610.00 carried
27. Patriotic Purposes	14,500.00	14,500.00 carried
28. Community Center	30,745.00	55,745.00 carried
Amendment to increase \$25,000 for repairs		
29. Other Conservation	800.00	800.00 carried
30. Long Term Notes	31,880.00	31,880.00 carried
31. Interest on Tan Notes	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u> carried
Total	\$1,803,353.00	1,830,698.00

Article Seven. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Five Year lease/purchase agreement to acquire Bradford Corners Map3 Lot 103,103-a to be used for town office space for the amount of Six Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000.00). In addition, to vote to raise and appropriate One Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$138,450.00) for the first year payment. This payment would be funded from Thirty One Thousand Dollars (\$31,000.00) in rents with the remaining One Hundred Seven Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$107,450.00) to be raised by taxation. This lease has a non funding clause. **(By Petition)** Majority vote required. Selectmen do not recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

Article Eight. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000.00) to renovate and move the offices of the Town of Bradford to the Bradford Corners. This will be a non lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2018. This article is contingent upon the passage of Article Seven. **(By Petition)** Selectmen do not recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

Article Nine. 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 following Capital Reserve Funds:

	12/31/12 balance	2013 request
1. Fire Department Heavy Equipment	\$110,853.97	\$40,000.00
2. Ambulance	60,262.03	10,000.00
3. Revaluation	10,605.99	10,000.00
4. Highway Heavy Equipment	42,127.77	30,000.00

5. Town Buildings emergency repair	15,601.37	5,000.00
6. Town Facilities	18,392.54	5,000.00
7. Main Street Improvements/sidewalks*	41,778.97	10,000.00

*A portion of the Main St Improvement balance is committed to current sidewalks.

Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.(passage represents \$.50 on the tax rate).

Article Ten. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four year lease/purchase agreement on a new Police Cruiser and to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$8,770.00) for the first year payment to purchase and outfit with equipment a new all wheel drive police cruiser. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (passage of this article represents \$.04 on the tax rate)

Article Eleven To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the future funding of police cruisers and to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) to fund this reserve. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend. (passage represents \$.04 on the tax rate)

Article Twelve To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to purchase a solar Highway Safety Sign with proceeds from a Highway Safety grant of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) to offset the cost with Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000.00) to be raised by taxation. This will be a non lapsing per RSA 32:7 VI to continue until December 31, 2018 or until the money is spent. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (passage represent \$.04 on the tax rate)

Article Thirteen. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$37,000.00) for the purchase and installation of a new Generator for the Bradford Fire Station. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until December 31, 2018 or until the money is spent. Grants will be applied for and may reduce this amount by 50%. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (passage represents \$.12 on the tax rate)

Article Fourteen To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000.00) for a Vehicle Exhaust Removal System for the Fire House, This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and continue until the money is used or December 31, 2018. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (passage represents \$.16 on the tax rate).

Article Fifteen. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Fifty Three Thousand Two Hundred and Fifteen Dollars (\$53,215.00) for Bridge design and replacement. This will be a non lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI to continue until the money is used or December 31, 2018. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (passage represents \$.24 on the tax rate).

Article Sixteen. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Salt and Fuel Emergency Capital Reserve. Current balance in this reserve is \$5,565.47. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (passage represents \$.02 on the tax rate).

Article Seventeen. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the completion of resurfacing sections of Fairgrounds Rd and asphalt road repairs and shimming. The current available for this purpose is \$34,071.00. This will be non lapsing per RSA 32:7, VI and continue until the project is complete or December 31, 2018. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (passage represents \$.23 on the tax rate).

Article Eighteen. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to oversee the activities at the Boat Launch including certain safety regulations and milfoil inspection. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (passage represents \$.02 on the tax rate)

Article Nineteen. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$2,750.00) to support the Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (passage represents \$.01) on the tax rate.

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

Bradford Board Selectmen
Harold Wright, Chairman
Sonny Harris, Selectman
Barry Wheeler, Selectman resigned
John Pfeifle, Selectman