

# THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

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## Fire Claims Another Bradford Business

### Town Unites to Help

On the morning of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, fire completely consumed the repair garage on Massasecum Avenue owned and operated by Bruce Caswell. The presumed cause was damage to the electrical circuits caused by red squirrels. Caswell lost his collection of antique toys and signs. Caswell's adjacent house was not involved.

Within weeks, with snow still on the ground around the building site, friends raised nearly \$4,000 with a dinner. Concrete was poured for a new garage. "I don't even know their names," stated Caswell about the men doing the concrete work. Friends donated shop equipment and a lift. As of this writing, C.S. Rowe Construction of Sutton has completed the framing, roofing, and sheathing, all with donated labor. Completion is expected by the end of April.

Bill Hatt



Photos by  
Bindi



### What, Late Again?

As your editor, I have to apologize for such a late publication date of the April *Bridge*. Health issues have slowed my work schedule, and Susie Janiki has offered to do the May and June issues for me. Thank you for your patience, and for all the well wishes.

Bev Leo, Editor

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### Submissions

The *Bradford Bridge* is written by neighbors, for neighbors. Anyone is welcome to submit articles and/or photographs of interest to the community. The *Bridge* reserves the right to edit submissions for length or content. Send articles or letters to Beth Rodd/Bev Leo at the address, FAX number, or e-mail address above by the 20th of the month.

## Route 114 Needs Improvement

What do you think of the condition of Route 114 between Bradford and New London? Do you have safety concerns? Tales to tell of traveling woes? This section of highway is on the state's Ten Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), but is near the bottom of the list. Your compelling stories may help move it forward.

There is a copy of the draft TIP available for review at the Town Hall. Please send your thoughts to Nicholas Alexander, the Transportation Planner for the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC). Mail comments to 28 Commercial Street, Concord, NH 03301, or e-mail [nalexander@cnhrpc.org](mailto:nalexander@cnhrpc.org).

You can also attend a public hearing on the plan on April 14th at 8pm. This meeting will be held at the Community Resource Center, Horseshoe Pond Place, 26 Commercial Street, Concord. For directions, visit the CNHRPC web site ([www.cnhrpc.org](http://www.cnhrpc.org) and pick "Office Location") or call 226-6020. Your comments will be presented to the full regional planning commission at its next meeting.

Bill Glennie

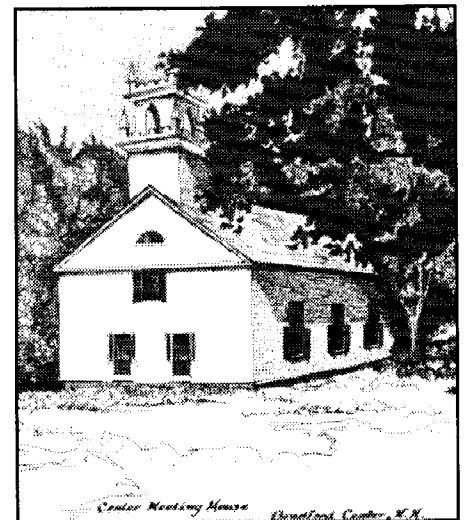
## Bradford Union Congregational Society

The Board of Director's of the Union Congregational Society wish to thank all the people who have made donations for the restoration of the Meeting House at Bradford Center.

If you have not made a donation yet, we are still accepting them, and would love to hear from you.

The Union Congregational Society and the Bradford Historical Society are joining together to present Leonard Spencer, who has researched and is in charge of the restoration project. Leonard will give a presentation about what he has found in the restoration process of the Meeting House. This will be held at the Meeting House on Wednesday, June 22, 2005 at 7pm, and the public is invited. Watch for further details.

Marge Cilley



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## Bradford Area Community Center

National Volunteer Week is April 17th-23rd and the BACC would like to thank all its volunteers who dedicate time and energy all year long. Volunteers are a valuable asset that make an important and positive difference.

We would especially like to thank the BACC Governance Board for their continued support; Edythe Craig, Administrative Assistant, for always being there; Addy Stewart for taking care of our health issues; and the duo of Bev Leo and Bill Hatt for giving computer students another dimension into cyberspace. We appreciate and thank you for your services and time.

Clockwise from Top Right: Addy Stewart, Edyth Craig, Bill Hatt and Bev Leo.



## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today;  
And give us not to think so far away  
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here  
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*Robert Lee Frost, Mar. 26, 1874 ~ Jan. 29, 1963. One of America's leading 20th-century poets and a four-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize.*

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## Selectmen's Minutes

March 1, 2005

ROLL CALL: Bruce Edwards, Chairman; Peter Fenton, Selectman. Dave Pickman is on vacation. Personnel: Cheryl Behr Minutes of February 15 accepted.

### Appearances:

Gary Wall came to discuss the Selectmen's health benefits. A letter from him was read into the minutes. He expressed the opinion that the Selectmen should not accept the financial benefits of health coverage, as it gives the appearance of financial gain and attacks the fundamental basis of government by offering financial benefits for filling an elective office. He feels the taxpayers are unaware of the health benefits. Cheryl said in this town, since one employee had been offered health insurance, it was insurance policy to offer the benefits to salaried, elected town officials, and had been discussed on the floor at town meeting a few years ago. Mr. Wall intends to discuss this at town meeting this year. Cheryl will provide more information for Mr. Wall.

### Regular Business:

1. Accounts payable manifest reviewed, discussed, and signed.
2. The highway department is within budget so far.
3. A Veterans exemption signed.
4. Tax abatements were explained and signed.
5. The Selectmen signed a reimbursement for mileage, and requested Cheryl to make a list of people qualified for mileage.
6. Cheryl explained the computer policy with the laptops purchased at state auction.
7. The Town Report is finished and is being distributed around town.
8. The on-line banking agreement will be more convenient and faster, Cheryl expects.
9. Bruce noted he's observed several new wrap-around driveways with no curb cut

permits.

10. The BACC director inquires what benefits are available for the hours she works for the town. The Selectmen offered six personal days.

11. Fire truck bids will come in, which will determine if the fire department can lower the amount requested at Town Meeting.

12. Various state departments and claims adjusters are involved concerning the fire at Bowie's Market and the cleanup there which will be done as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18.

March 14, 2005

ROLL CALL: Peter Fenton, Chairman; Bruce Edwards, Selectman; Dave Pickman, Selectman

TOWN PERSONNEL: Cheryl Behr, Town Administrator

### Appearances

1. None

### Regular Business

1. Accounts payable manifest reviewed and signed.
2. Discussion of roof repairs. Selectmen have decided to have an asphalt roof installed on the Town hall, but have additional questions on scope of work. Bruce Edwards will pursue.
3. RFP for Center Road will be written with the help of the Road Committee. Meeting date to be set for next month.
4. Cheryl has contacted Valley Transportation for the paperwork on the Fire Truck. The papers will be ready the end of this week per Fred Brunnhoezl.
5. Selectmen requested Cheryl contact the Conservation Commission regarding repairs to the Tillie Wheeler Fitness Trail.

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### Bradford Board of Selectmen

Bruce Edwards, Chairman

Peter Fenton

Dave Pickman

Cheryl Behr, Admin. Assistant

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**Selectmen's Minutes, Cont'd.**

6. Selectmen discussed proceeding with the preparation for the establishment of a building committee to investigate building needs for the Highway, Police and Town Offices. Department heads are being asked to outline the current requirements and future needs. The Local Government Center will send out an inspector to review the current buildings for liability issues. Chief Valiquet will contact the IACP for guidelines for departments the size of Bradford. Steve Lucier will contact Warner and the surrounding towns regarding their buildings. Fire Department and Town Offices will also be asked to contribute input.
7. Selectmen requested a new application be filed for a veteran's exemption for Reynolds.
8. Selectmen moved to non public session at 10:20 am. Vote was unanimous. Pickman, Edwards and Fenton all yes.
9. Return from non public session at 11:00am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05am

**April 5, 2005**

Roll Call: Peter Fenton, Chairman; Bruce Edwards, Selectman. David Pickman on vacation.

Town Personnel: Cheryl Behr, Town Administrator.

Minutes of March 14 accepted.

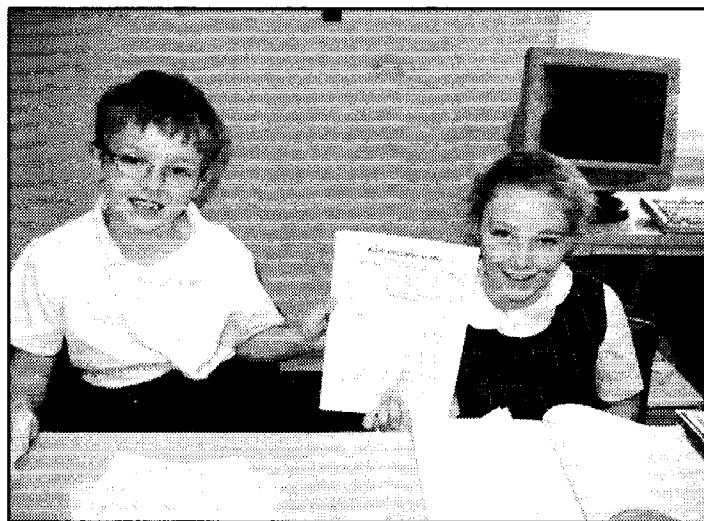
**Appearances:**

Tim Hastings discussed the Town Hall roof repair with the Selectmen, including what he would use and the extent of work. He has walked the roof, gave an estimate for materials which includes shingles with a 30 year warranty, and what his work schedule could be. The Selectmen will write up a contract for him. The insurance and contacting the state for an asbestos check will be arranged. Steve Lucier, road agent, updated the condition of the roads after the heavy rains, and felt the ditching the road crew had done last fall kept them from serious damage. The summer hours were suggested for the crew from June to September.

**Mount Royal Academy Enrichment Program**

SUNAPEE –Mount Royal Academy has introduced a twice weekly Enrichment Program for students talented in writing and math as an enhancement to its current curriculum. The program is headed by Mrs. Catherine Terry, a certified elementary and special ed. (elementary and secondary) teacher with 33 years experience in coaching students in gifted and enrichment programs. Prior to her work at Mount Royal Academy, Mrs. Terry ran similar programs in Barrington, RI, and currently works with students at Newport Middle School.

Students from classes in grades two



through eight were selected for the program based on their strong aptitudes in math or English. One to two students were selected from each of these grades. The students meet as a group with Mrs. Terry twice weekly for approximately 45 minutes each session. "This is the highlight of my week", says Terry, "the children are so excited to see me and so eager to work".


Karl Hambrecht, advisor for Lincoln National Insurance handling town retirement accounts, talked about continuing to represent certain town clients. A decision had been made to switch to someone local, and the agency did not inform Mr. Hambrecht.

**Reviewed and signed:**

- Accounts payable manifest.
- Ground water samplings contract, and the landfill monitoring contract for \$9400.
- The household hazardous waste agreement with Henniker held once a year.
- A supplemental gravel excavation, and an intent to excavate gravel, existing pits.
- One abatement agreement:
- An intent to cut for Peter Isham.
- Two timber tax bills.

The State Current Use taxes have changed. A junkyard renewal was submitted. Bradford/Newbury Youth Sports requested a tax abatement. There was a request from a part time employee regarding insurance. The Police Dept. report for March was submitted. The representative from property liability has reviewed the town hall. Bruce is investigating sidewalk needs. Cheryl will research the recycling policies, state and local, for the transfer station. Meeting adjourned 6:35.

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