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Bradford Town Hall Awarded Grant

The Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford, Inc., and the Bradford Historical Society have received a \$500 Preservation Services Grant from the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance for the Bradford Town Hall, a building listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The scope of the grant is to conduct a building assessment of the current conditions and submit a written report to include preliminary recommendations for reuse options.

The NH Preservation Alliance has chosen Christopher Closs, of Christopher W. Closs & Company of Hopkinton, NH to be the specialist for the Bradford Town Hall. Closs has an extensive background as a planning and development consultant offering spe-

cialized services to municipalities, government agencies and private clients in the integrated areas of historic preservation and contextual community planning, adaptive re-use of certified historic structures and innovative approaches to downtown revitalization.



Resources that the Town of Bradford, pending approval by the Governor and Council, will receive a \$10,000 "Moose Plate" grant to inspect and, possibly address, the structural needs of the Town Hall building. This project is funded in part by a grant from the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources through the sale of Conservation License Plates.

LATE BREAKING NEWS: Word has just been received from the Department of Historic

An Urgent Message from the Bradford Rescue Squad

We need new members. That's the whole message. Bradford is fortunate to have an ambulance—most of the other towns around us must wait for an ambulance from another town to arrive. But if we can't staff our rig the town will lose this valuable asset. Help us keep that service available by joining us as an Emergency Medical Technician-to-be or a driver.

Yes, it is a commitment, but one that brings great rewards. Any member of the Squad would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Here are a few names and numbers: Deborah Bede, captain, 938-2393; Jon Thomas, lieutenant, 763-5405; Carl Goldberg, training officer, 938-2449; Heidi Slatunas, secretary, 938-5583; and Linda Powell, 938-2228.

Register to Vote!

Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on September 5 at the Bradford Town Hall from 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm to register new voters before the Primary on Tuesday, September 12, 2006. Please bring proof of residency and age.

10 Questions: Selectman Bruce Edwards

by Phyllis Wilcox

This is the second in a series of Bradford Bridge interviews with town leaders. Selectman Bruce Edwards is our guest this month.

Bruce Edwards moved to New Hampshire from Somerville, Massachusetts at the age of eight. He commuted from Loudon to work as a sawyer for Breezy Hill Lumber from 1995 until 1999 when the plant moved out of town. He needed another occupation and bought a carpet cleaning business from Carl Olson. He married Lynne Burdette on October 1, 2005; they combined families and are raising three boys and one girl.

Q. What got you interested in becoming a selectman?

I complained about a hole at the bottom of my driveway. I wanted to get it fixed. Cheryl Behr said, "become a selectman." I ran in 2001 and this is my last year in office.

Q. What advice do you have for someone interested in becoming a selectman?

Primarily what a selectman does is maintain the town roads and public safety. Selectmen make the overall decisions, with input from the town committees, but the final say is made by the voters.

How long have you been in office? What is your specific area of expertise?

This is my sixth year in office. The first year my area was planning board, but then for the next years it has been roads. I'm the Emergency Management Director (EMD) for the town. Bradford belongs to the Capital Area Public Health Network (CAPHN). We joined in December, 2005 along with 21 other towns. The fiscal agent is Concord Hospital. We start training for mass inoculations on September 19, 2006 with a public forum. In the

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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. We reserve the right to edit submissions for length or content. Send articles or letters to Mike Quinn at *The Bradford Bridge* address or e-mail address above before or by the 15th of the month.

From The Editor's Desk: *Speak Up!*

by Mike Quinn

Our town may be diminutive in population, but it is rich in a natural resource: opinions.

At the transfer station and the post office, in homes and in shops, there are plenty of opinions about ways to do things better, faster, cheaper—or the way we've always done them.

Instead of our welcome signs at the town borders referencing Bradford's position as a regional gateway, they should read, "Welcome to Bradford. Just Ask Me."

There is nothing wrong with small, informal gatherings. They represent the kind of grassroots advocacy we enjoy here in Bradford and across New Hampshire. Unfortunately, we tend to wait for public hearings or town meeting to let fly with our comments.

While those gatherings make for interesting, often entertaining evenings, many minds have already been made up when we approach the microphone.

I'd like to offer a suggestion: help to shape the debate months before the hearing or vote by sending a letter to the *Bradford Bridge*. We'll print up to 250 words (more than enough to make your point), and your opinion will be read by hundreds of residents and voters. Just be accurate and fair, and provide us with contact information to verify your identity and check facts.

The Board of Directors and I are committed to printing reader letters. We have the space, you have the opinions. Let's work together to improve Bradford. (Including this note, my opinion is 240 words long—Editor.)

Bradford Fun Day.....



The third annual Bradford Fun Day, sponsored by Bradford Parks and Recreation and the Kearsarge Area Preschool, is scheduled for Saturday, September 30, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Brown Shattuck Field on Cilley Lane.

The festivities include live animals, crafts, face painting, and games. Hot dogs, hamburgers and sausage grinders will be served at the snack shack.

Hay rides will be scheduled throughout the day and the popular pie eating contest will return.

If you bake a mean apple pie, make sure it is entered into the apple pie baking contest! There will be music from noon to 3:00 pm, and a performance by Mr. Phil who will do a little magic and make balloon hats for everyone.

At 1:00 pm there will a presentation with Nancy Lyons from the NE K-9 Search and Rescue on "Lost Proofing Your Kids." This presentation is designed to show children 4-12 how to stay safe if they get lost in the woods. The presentation will end with a live demonstration using the search and rescue dogs.

Nonprofit organizations and groups are encouraged to set up at this event to promote and solicit new members. Businesses, artists, and crafters are also encouraged to set up, but a small fee may be required.

Watch for a complete schedule in mid-September. For more information about this event, please call Jarna at 938-6228.

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Bridge to the Past: September 1991

by Mike Quinn

Each month from now through July 2007, we'll take a look back at the Bradford Bridge published 15 years ago that month.

As the September 1991 edition of the *Bradford Bridge* rolled off the press, Gorbachev's Soviet Union—Reagan's Evil Empire—was unraveling; newly-independent Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia were recognized as sovereign nations by the United States.

Bradford residents had one eye on tumultuous world events and the other on a lawsuit that was making its way toward the New Hampshire Supreme Court.

The issue's lead story, written by Hugh Keays, described a suit filed by Bradford and Warner that challenged the manner in which Kearsarge Regional School District taxes were apportioned.

Nicknamed the "50/50" suit, it called for apportionment based on an equal ratio of payment between student enrollment and assessed valuation.

That month, 96-year-old Alma May Ryder received the Boston Post Cane and Congressman Dick Swett came to town to meet with constituents. The then-recently-reformed Friends of the Library held its second annual meeting and birthday party complete with "Bigford's famous cake," as reported by Mary Keegan-Dayton.

Bradford's recycling efforts took a quantum leap forward with the purchase of a

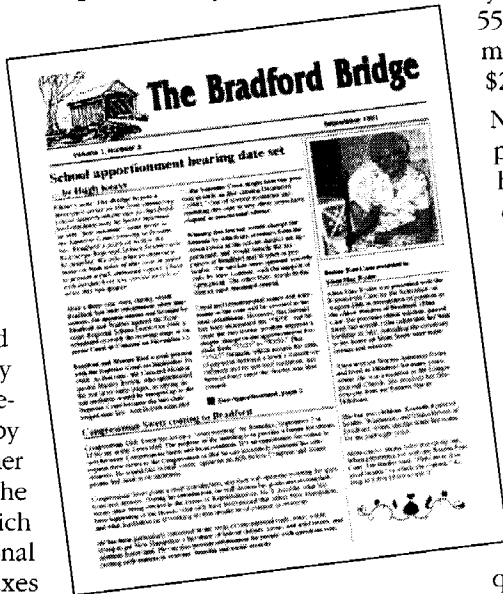
Philadelphia Tram Rail baler, replacing the pit baler that the *Bridge* article defined as "cumbersome, difficult to repair, and often of questionable safety." Even then, Bradford was serious about its recycling, generating 55.5 tons of recyclable materials and \$2,078.48 in revenue.

New balers aside, the process was still quite hands-on: "The Recycling Committee would welcome additional volunteers to join Nora and Larry White, Joe Cleary, Millie Kittredge, Charlie Betz, John Forgiel, John Robie and numerous others who devote time to sorting the vast quantities of paper that pass through the facility."

A photo of Joe Battles, 12, and Amanda Battles, 11, and their working steers appeared with a lengthy caption chronicling impressive records of competition victories and appearances.

By the *Bridge's* second issue, the columnists were well-established. Howard Brooks' "Tech Talk" noted parallels between the rapid development of the automobile and computers; and Mildred Schmidt's "Cozy Corner" offered up a chicken salad recipe—and took the occasion to mark her and husband Gene's

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50th wedding anniversary, complete with a delightful description of their trip to Atlantic City. "The Taj Mahal in Atlantic City is the glitziest!," Schmidt wrote. "...For one special week, we were really with the 'fast crowd.'"

Maggi Ainslie's "Library Lantern" column revealed that 1,519 books and videos had circulated through Brown Memorial Library in July 1991. In "Gardening," Fred Winch advocated the use of fallen leaves for composting.

Debbie Pickman, sports reporter, ran a photo of the Carter & Co. softball team, which competed in the Black Water Beer Ball Softball league. The Bradford Newbury Sports organization and coaches Scott MacLean, Dan Wolf, Peter Kusinski, Gene Fox, Kevin Daniel, Harry Seidel, Lou Garcia and Peter Fenton were setting up co-ed youth soccer teams for the first time, holding practices at Brown-Shattuck Field.

In a letter to the editor, Hugh Keays congratulated the people who launched the newspaper and wrote, "I'm sure the editors are waiting for stimulating letters to publish in each issue. Such communication will make Bradford a finer town for our children to grow up in!" Well said, Mr. Keays.



Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

The library will be closed on Labor Day, Monday September 4. The library will remain open on Sundays from 11 am until 3 pm until the 2007 Town Meeting where we hope our budget including these new hours will be approved by the town. The Sunday hours have been very successful, we have seen many new faces!

Thank you to everyone who attended our fundraising dinner on August 26. It is always a fun event for us.

Copies of our next book-to-movie title are available at the library. We will be reading *The Game of Their Lives* by Geoffrey Douglas. The movie night will be on Friday, October 6 at 7 pm.

Our final book sale of the season will be on Saturday, October 7 from 9 am until 2 pm. Lots of new donations keep streaming into our book sale area, so stop by and beef up your fall reading stash.

The librarians and trustees would like to thank the Bradford Pizza Chef for donating free ice cream cones to children who participated in the Summer Reading Program; and B. Edwards and Sons for the great job cleaning our very dirty carpet and for donating a large portion of the bill.

Here are some of the new books added to your library in August:

FOR ADULTS:

Can't Wait to Get to Heaven by Fannie Flagg

Alentejo Blue by Monica Ali

The Places In Between by Rory Stewart

Angels Fall by Nora Roberts

The Stolen Child by Keith Donohue

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From the Senior Council:

The Senior Council will hold its annual picnic at the home of Dick and Jean, 21 Crittenden Rd., by the lake, on September 9 from 1pm to 3pm.

All area seniors are welcome to attend; bring a favorite dish to share. The Council expresses its thanks to the Kennedys for sharing their home, beautiful gardens and lawn for this annual event. In the event of rain, the event will be rescheduled. Information: 938-2640.

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Cub Scout Pack 69 of Bradford/Sutton invites all boys in first through fifth grades to attend its "Join Scouting" night on Friday, September 15 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the First Baptist Church in Bradford. Leaders and current Scouts will be available to talk about the Scouting program and what it can offer for boys. Registration will be available at the event.

Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports (BNSYS) will host its sixth annual golf tournament on September 28 at the Newport Golf Club. Shotgun start for the scramble-format tournament is at 10:00 am, and a social hour with a cash bar and appetizers will follow. The fee (which includes lunch) for each team of four golfers is \$400; there are hole prizes, mulligans for sale, and a Rolex watch from MJ Harrington and Company for a hole-in-one. Advertising opportunities are available for sponsors. Proceeds benefit BNSYS fields and equipment. To register, or for more information about sponsorships, visit www.bnsys.org or call Jill Firstbrook at



John Huber, (center, seated) formerly of Newbury, celebrates his 100th birthday with tennis buddies and friends from the elite 10th Mountain Division. John is a tennis pro and coach who taught many Bradford residents over the past thirty years. John was inducted into the USTA New England Hall of Fame in 2002.

938-6128 for more information.

The Sunapee Ragged Kearsarge (SRK) Greenway Coalition's 13th annual Fall Walkabout starts Saturday, September 9 and continues every Saturday and Sunday for seven weeks. Call the hike leader two nights before to learn starting location and time. Remember to bring water, sun screen lotion, a hat, and a snack. For more information about the SRK Greenway Coalition see

www.srkg.com. The SRK Greenway Coalition, is a ten-town, all-volunteer non-profit organization with members throughout the SRK region and beyond. Greenway guidebooks are available at local book stores.

A connection to Bradford's past can be found in "Suspended Worlds: An Exhibition of Vermont's Historic Painted Theater Curtains" at Shelburne Farms, Shelburne, Vermont. The exhibition begins on September 23 and runs through October 22. The exhibition of historic painted theater curtains will feature the work of Charles Washington Henry, Vermont's foremost painter of theatrical scenery and creator of Bradford's own painted backdrop. There will be examples of his best curtains, information about the Henry Family Troupe, and the nature of rural entertainment in Vermont between 1880 and 1915. The exhibition is free and open daily, 10 am to 5 pm. A "Grand Opening Symposium" will be held on Sat. September 23 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Seating in the Shelburne Farms coach barn is limited. To reserve a seat (\$5 contribution) for the symposium and reception, call 802-863-4938 or chris.hadsel@gmail.com.

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Zoning Board of Adjustment Highlights - August 2006

Special Exceptions granted: To Laura Joslin and Richard King, 111 Pleasant View Road, to build an addition to a home on a non-conforming lot.

To Saxonville Lumber, (aka the Lumber Barn), 2460 Route 114, for an addition to the present building that does not meet wetlands setbacks. The Board determined that the undercover storage will reduce traffic in the back, and the proposed grass swale will improve present drainage. This now proceeds to the Planning Board for a Site Plan Review.

Sign Ordinance: The Board decided that the present "apple barn" at the Merrimack Farm Store is a separate operating space and will be a separate business. As a result, owner John McPherson will be allowed a sign on the building.

Continuations to September 5: An

application from John and Ruth-Ann Harris to install a shed that requires both a variance and a special exception from shoreline and property setbacks. A right-of-way question will be reviewed.


An application from Kevin Allen, Route 103 East, for a special exception to permit a commercial (professional) building in a rural residential area. The Board requested a list of the types of businesses to occupy the building.

A request for a rehearing from Chris and Jean Bishop on East Shore Drive, who were denied permission to construct a garage on an under-sized lot. Additional information was requested.

Alternate Member: Brian Muchow was appointed as an alternate member of the Board.

Official minutes of the Zoning Board of Adjustment's meetings are on file at the Bradford Town Hall.

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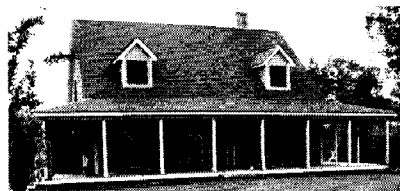
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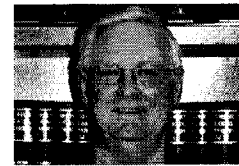
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Tom Greenlaw

August Selectmen's Meetings Highlights

Needs Assessment Committee NAC Chair Dick Keller updated the Selectmen on the committee's progress. The committee is working toward deciding whether to propose a complete package to cover the priority needs or to present a long term building program. The selectmen commented on some of the possible sites and suggested a public forum to be held soon.

Naughton Property The renewal application for testing on the property was signed and the required number of tests to be conducted was decreased.

Utilities The selectmen approved a request from TDS to extend a pole on Old County Road. PSNH will do extensive maintenance work on Fairgrounds and Pleasant View Road.

Appointments Kirsten Lemire was appointed as the deputy town clerk. Office space for building inspector Edwin Fowler is being researched.

Emergency Management Coordinator Selectman Bruce Edwards is overseeing the certification of members of town emergency personnel under the National Incidence Management System.

Transfer Station Ken Anderson, transfer station manager, spoke about a problem of dumping after hours. He provided information regarding new state restrictions on disposal of electronic equipment. This issue will be referred to the Solid Waste Recycling Committee for study.

Highway Issues A portion of Center Road will be paved on September 6. Chipping on Fairgrounds Road will begin September 18. Decking for the Bement Bridge will be done by the town crew with donation of lumber and cutting provided by Chris Mock and Perry Teele. A warrant article for repairing the roof will be prepared for the next town meeting.

Following a public hearing, the selectmen voted to replace "yield" signs with "stop" signs at the intersections of Davis Road and Massasecum Lake Road and Davis Road and East Shore Drive.

The selectmen also voted to place "No Parking" (for any vehicle) signs at the boat launch. The milfoil worker on duty will be given proper identification and allowed to park there.

Town Hall Usage Committees are reminded to check the availability of the meeting room before scheduling any meetings.

Official minutes of the Selectmen's meetings are on file at the Bradford Town Hall.

Planning Board Notes

Subdivision Regulations After two years of work, many hours of effort, and response to input from the Fire and Highway Departments, the Planning Board unanimously adopted a major revision of the Subdivision Regulations. The new version has been edited for clarity and a comprehensive table of contents added.

The public hearing held on August 22 resulted in several changes to Board regulations. An amended Subdivision Application form was adopted. The Site Plan Review Application form was also amended and a required section dealing with developments in special flood hazard areas was added to the Site Plan Review Regulations.

The revised documents will be used for any subdivision or site plan review developments. Copies will be available as soon as they are printed.

Site Plan Review John MacPherson presented the an amended site plan for changes he wishes to make at the Merrimack Farm Store property. The Zoning Board of Adjustment determined that the proposed signage for

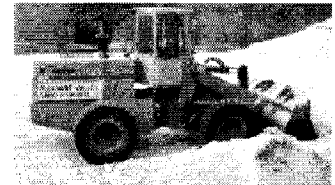
an antique business in a separate building could be allowed. The remaining issue is separation between an existing building and a proposed storage building. Fire Chief Mark Goldberg will be consulted on this issue. The public hearing was continued to September 12.

Subdivision An application for a minor subdivision presented by Katryna Jacobsen for property on East Washington Road was discussed on August 8. The Board determined the application was not complete at that time. The required elements were detailed for the applicant and the revised plan was presented by RCS Designs on August 22. The application was deemed complete and, following the public hearing, the Board voted to approve the subdivision.



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