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## Alternate Site Recommended for New Highway and Police Buildings

At the 2007 Bradford town meeting, a \$3.5 million bond issue to build new highway and police facilities and renovate the town hall received a majority vote in favor, but failed by 28 votes to reach the 2/3 voter support required for passage of a bond issue. This proposal located highway and police buildings on the level portion of the Town-owned Transfer Station site to the east of the area currently used as a "burn pile" with the access from Route 103.

In May, the Board of Selectmen appointed a Needs Assessment Steering Committee charged with moving forward to accomplish the goals of providing adequate space for the police and highway departments and to deal with the needs of the historic Town Hall building. Chair Tom Riley, Eileen Kelly, and Everett Kittredge were appointed with selectmen serving on a rotating basis as non-voting liaison. Subcommittees for police, highway, town hall, finance, and public relations prepare reports for consideration by the Steering Committee who then forward recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for their approval. Concerns were expressed at the May 5 meeting for the limitations

posed by having only three voting members on the committee. This has been shown by frequent two-to-one votes of the committee. Following a site walk in June at which time some test pits were dug, the steering committee focused its attention on the north portion of the site. Requests for Proposals (RFP) were solicited for site work engineering, asking for "detailed plans for each site", but stating, "The buildings will be located on the area of the property north of the transfer station, with a new access road from the dump road." Of the firms responding to the RFP, only Eckman Engineering provided advantages and disadvantages for both the north and east sites of the property, noting the extra construction costs associated with up-grading the dump road off Route 114 and the more difficult permitting process

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**PRELIMINARY DESIGN REVIEW**  
**Thursday September 6 @ 7 PM**  
**Bradford Town Hall**  
**NAC Steering Committee invites the Public**  
**to an open session to see an outline of the proposed access to and sketches of the new Highway and Police buildings.**

**Come, look, listen, be informed.**

## 10 QUESTIONS - ALICE LOWE

*This is a continuation in a series of Bradford Bridge interviews with people who make a difference in Bradford.* By Phyllis Wilcox



Alice Lowe was born in Portland, Oregon. She attended public school in Whittier, California and graduated from Whittier College. She received a Masters in Education from the University of California at Berkeley. She taught for one year and then married Christopher Gray in 1939. During this marriage she did volunteer work and in World War Two had a paid job with the Red Cross. Her husband started the History of Art Department at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Mr. Gray died in 1970.

The family arrived in Bradford in 1963 and has spent summers here since then. During these years, Alice has been very involved with the Bradford Center Meetinghouse, volunteering her help in many ways. Her home-made ice cream will long be remembered by all

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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.

**From The Editors**

The recent cool mornings and the bright red maple branch by the river today remind me that summer is almost over. By the time the September Bridge is on the street, school will have started and autumn activities will have replaced the summer ones. The July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration, youth and adult sports, boating and swimming, the Lettvin Concerts, family visits and trips – all contribute to the fond memories of the season.

Remember to send announcements of events to the Bridge so your neighbors will know and can participate in them. This is your community newspaper and is only as useful a tool as the information we receive. Deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, but last minute items are included whenever possible.

Think about what contribution you can make to improve the Bridge – sending in material, attending a meeting and reporting back, offering some time to help as you can. There is an ongoing need for someone to contact our advertisers and to assist with the business end of this truly volunteer project. Call any member of the Bridge Board (we are all in the phone book) to explore the possibilities.

Marcia Keller, September Editor

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Friday 8 am - 12 noon

Selectmen meet 1st and 3rd  
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# Bradford News

## New Hampshire Writers Share Tea and Conversation with Candlelite Guests:

The Candlelite Inn, located in Bradford NH, is hosting a "NH Author Tea & Cookies" event with 9 NH authors on Saturday, September 29th, from 11 am to 2 pm, open to the public. Danielle Beaudette, of "The Cozy Tea Cart", will be serving specialty teas and answering any questions on making that perfect cup of tea. Innkeepers Marilyn and Les Gordon will be serving some of their delicious cookies and delicate pastries as you meet the authors in an intimate, conversational setting from mystery writers, sci-fi writers to young adult and nonfiction writers.

*More info?, call Marilyn Gordon @ the Candlelite Inn 603-938-5571 or visit our website [www.candleliteinn.com](http://www.candleliteinn.com).*

## Bradford Women's Club:

The Bradford Women's Club has had a difficult month with the loss of Marian Tebaldi and Jean Gaito. Both of these members were an important part of the BWC and will be greatly missed.

Our 2nd Annual Bulb drive is in effect and orders are being taken for delivery to be planted in the fall. All members have catalogues and we would appreciate your support. Our books will be out in time for the Annual Red Hat Tea so please let me know if you do not receive yours (938-5951). Our schedule for the 2007-2008 year is wonderful and we are opening membership to any women in Bradford, Sutton or Newbury who want to make a difference in the

lives of others. We would be happy to send out membership information to all interested. *Interested? Call Jackye Pehrson, President at 938-5951.*

## Bradford Historical Society:

Meet at the turn out on Route 103 to join the Historical Society for a walk to the Bradford Pines and the Ames Monument on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm. If the parking area is full, park at the town hall or Baptist Church lot and walk through the fire station property. *Call 938-5386 for more information.*

## Bradford Area Community Center:

**Computer Basics:** Thursdays, 3pm September 13, 20, 27 and October 4th. \$20 for the session. Class size limited - call 938-6228 to register.

## French Language Discussion and Learning: 2nd & 4th

Thursday of each month beginning in September (13th and 27) 6 to 7:30 pm call 938-6228 or 789-5592 (Lynn)

**Bridge Group:** Always looking for new players Mondays 1 to 4pm.

**Six Healing Sounds:** call Sasha Wolfe at 938-2115 to register for the 6 week sessions, Mondays, 6pm.

**Women's Circle:** call Sasha at 938-2115 to register, Thursdays 6::30 pm.

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 who sampled it.

Alice married John Pere who was vice president of Brazilian Airlines. She volunteered at the International Center in New York City for a number of years where she was in charge of home hospitality and entertained people from all over the world who came to the International Center. The marriage lasted four years, one year spent in traveling the world by air. Alice married Victor Lowe who was a retired professor of Philosophy at Johns Hopkins. He passed away in 1988.

**Q. How did you arrive in Bradford?**

I was a history major in college and when I found this old home on Forest Street I became interested in its history and decided to restore it to its original beginnings. The home was said to be the second oldest place in Bradford. My daughter Margaret was good at architecture and construction and at the age of seventeen decided to help me with the restoration. My husband told the two of us to get on with it and he would visit when it was done. The restoration was completed in 1967 with the help of builders from Contoocook. It was quite unusual at the time to restore homes, since that simply was not done in those days.

**Q. Did the fact that you were a history buff have a bearing on your interest and dedication to the restoration of this historic dwelling?**

Yes, absolutely, I was interested in the history of the house.

**Q. Was it difficult to find the**

**artisans and builders to help with this project?**

It wasn't difficult since the neighbors told me where to go. I had friends up the street. They knew that the house was built in 1787 and that it was about to collapse. The woman who owned it got it from her family. I paid \$2500 for the place with five acres and later bought 145 acres from a real estate company that was going to develop the property in 1969. So, I was able to save the acreage from development.

**Q. Your background would not suggest that small town life would appeal to you but you have spent forty years summering in Bradford where there is little in the way of culture and entertainment. What is the appeal here for you?**

The beauty here, the good climate and my close friends make Bradford an attractive location for me. I enjoy some cultural activities in New London. The in-laws from my first marriage live in Boston and it is convenient to visit there.

**Q. What were some of the highlights and breakthroughs in the restoration process?**

There was wallpaper everywhere. We didn't like wallpaper. My

daughter and I scraped all the paper. I had no idea that there was wonderful wooden wainscoting halfway up the wall. We saved that. I was interested in the basement which was the early refrigerator. The water flowed through the basement and kept food fresh and cool in the early days.


**Q. You have other lives elsewhere in large cities, it must be different living here without the noise of big cities- is this a good thing?**

Of course it is. I will tell you that I have lived around the world. I am happy to be here.

**Q. During your lifetime have there been people who have influenced your thinking and made a difference?**

Of course there have been people like that. My father was remarkable. He was a Certified Public Accountant. My mother died when I was nine years old of breast cancer. I was left with my father, grandfather and three younger siblings. I never felt resentful. I was made to be responsible for my siblings. My daddy helped me with the bills.

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