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## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING POSTPONED

On May 20, by a vote of 3 – 0, the Board of Selectmen approved a motion to pull the existing petition to hold a special town meeting on June 3 and to begin the process anew.

Merrimack County Superior Court had scheduled a hearing for May 27 on the original petition. The revised petition will ask for a later date for the meeting, the end of July or early August. This will allow time to finalize the proposal, re-word the warrant articles to provide greater flexibility, and provide the time needed to hold a bond hearing if the decision is made to use that approach for financing.

Selectmen approved a contract bid of \$2,850 from Lake Sunapee Survey to complete a survey of the highway garage property that will include siting the proposed building.

The selectmen's meeting on June 3 will be held at the town hall.

## 10 QUESTIONS:

by Phyllis Wilcox

*This is a continuation in a series of Bradford Bridge interviews with people in Bradford.*

### MARLENE FREYLER

*Marlene Freyler was born in Franklin, New Hampshire where she attended local schools. She studied hairdressing at Houle's Hair Academy in Manchester. After working for a time for other beauty shops, she opened her own place in Manchester and divided her time between Manchester and rented space in Bradford. Marlene rented space above the Stewart Agency on Main Street where she combined hair dressing and a gift and craft shop. Her next move was to a trailer on Route 114 and then she and her husband built their home. Over the years they added two greenhouses and to this day she combines hairdressing and her florist business on the Rte. 114 premises.*

**Q. You have combined two businesses, hair dresser and florist, and have apparently created a successful enterprise. Can you explain how you did this? What is there in your background that formed these somewhat disparate choices?**

When I was growing up most girls didn't go to college. I think that I fell into the career at the age of 18 when I heard about a beauty salon for rent in Manchester. The florist business seemed attractive and over the years I've taken courses at the University of New Hampshire in forestry and

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*First Place Winner in the Bradford Fish & Game Club's Annual Trout Derby, Morganne Flinkstrom, shows her catch (a 16-1/2" Rainbow Trout). This year's event was dedicated to the memory of Karen Blackman and, was attended by 82 children under the age of 16. Morganne's prize was an Ugly Stick fishing rod and reel.*

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**From The Editor**

Our family has been busy attending graduations this season and it made us think about the young men and women who have spent time with us over the years in Bradford and how the nurturing power of small town living has enhanced our lives. There is, for example, our former Fresh Air Fund child, Benjamin, who began spending some or all of the summers with us when he was six. Our long term investment in his future was a blessing for him and for us. Winning a scholarship to a local boarding school was a wonderful opportunity and just last week we sat proudly beside his amazing family as he graduated from the College of the Holy Cross. There were tears of joy in all our eyes. This young man would have done well anywhere, we're sure of it, but summers here at the lake, at KAT company, visiting the local goat farm, climbing trees, working as a dishwasher at the Appleseed, helping to bring in the wood for winter—all these experiences molded him and us and would not have been possible to duplicate anywhere else. We are grateful for all we have and the ability to share the experience of country living with others.

If you would like to give a city child a two week vacation in our town, contact me. It could change your life as it did ours.

Enjoy the summer getting to know new and old neighbors, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities, Lettvin concerts, the new Farmer's Market and our beautiful lakes and mountains. We'll see you around, neighbor.

Beth

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Proposed Museum

In 2005, the town voted to “dedicate a 3.6 acre portion of town property with frontage on East Main Street for the purpose of developing a cultural center for the town”.

A building 34 x 20 feet to be a Blacksmith and Woodworking Museum on the front Marshall lot is proposed. It will house a collection of local artifacts, fulfilling a need for display of old tools which were essential for building early homes in

Bradford. This will be a positive project for and by Bradford people, with donations staying in our town.

The building will be seasonal with no electrical connection. It will be funded by private sales and donations. Constructed of clapboard, the south facing window is planned with small panes resembling the late Arthur Gardner Tin Shop, now retained by the Stewart Agency. There will be two

double doors at ground level, a demonstration area and demonstrations, including a working smithy. Donations including granite, gravel, old bricks and rough pine boards will be appreciated.

On Wednesday, June 25th, there will be a meeting to see Steve Hansen’s Bradford collections. Call for directions, 938-5386, or 938-2634.

The 1793 Bradford Center Schoolhouse roof is being replaced. There have been very generous donations to accomplish this. When finished, there are plans to open it more often. Anyone interested in being a docent, please contact anyone on the Historical Society Board. Call 938-5386.

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