

Town of Bradford, Vermont **ANNUAL REPORT** Year Ending December 31, 2020



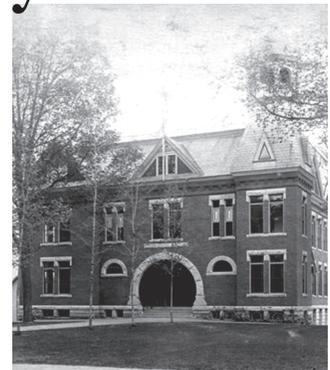
**Celebrating the 200th Anniversary
of Bradford Academy**



1820



2020



TOWN MEETING DAY
Tuesday, March 2, 2021
BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

Polls Open at the Bradford Academy 10 AM to 7 PM

*Informational Meeting, Feb. 22 at 6:30 PM
on Zoom. See Page 5 for Details.*

The 2020 Bradford Town Report is dedicated to Barbara Kulzyck



It is fitting that in 2020, the 50th anniversary of Vermont's Green Up Day, that we dedicate this Town Report to Barb Kulzyck, Bradford's stalwart conservationist and Green Up Day coordinator. Barb exemplifies volunteerism, always willing to pitch in and help with a smile.

Selectboard member Ted Unkles said, "There are so many things Barb has done for our community. Besides the Conservation Commission and Green Up efforts, for over a dozen years, Barb has volunteered at the community Christmas dinners and also served as a volunteer for Red Cross blood drives held at the United Congregational Church in Bradford. There is no question Barb has worked incredibly hard for many years making Bradford a better place."

After moving to Bradford, Barb joined the Bradford Conservation Commission (BCC) in the early 2000s. BCC Chairperson Nancy Jones said that Barb began coordinating Green Up Day in 2007. She also spearheads the April tire recycling program and has been a faithful volunteer at Bradford's polling place to help with town, state and national elections.

Journal Opinion editor Alex Nuti-de Biasi stated that Barb has always dedicated so much time to Green Up Day and the tire collection. "It's her baby. She goes above and beyond," said Alex.

Ted said that thanks to Barb, Bradford's Green Up Day efforts have been recognized as one of the best run in the entire Green Mountain state.

In 2010, she was involved with Bradford's Energy Committee, a subcommittee of the BCC and a member of the team that helped conduct the energy audit of the Bradford Academy (BA) building. Nancy said that the results of this audit led to several energy-saving and cost-saving improvements in the BA.

Originally from Connecticut, Barb, her husband Ed and their son Micky lived in the Ryegate area. Barb worked at Kimberly Clark paper mill in East Ryegate. The Kulzycks raised sheep at their Ryegate farm.

When they moved to Bradford, they established Shady Hill Farm and raise purebred and registered Scottish Blackface sheep.

Barb was an instrumental part of the North of the Falls store that Richard and Nikki Darling opened on Main Street in Bradford. When the store closed, the closeknit store friends continue to meet weekly.

One of the North of the Falls veterans, Annie Puciloski of Bradford says, "Barbara is one of those true friends, who sincerely means 'If you need anything, call.' She is the Bradford go-to person from organizing Green Up Day, manning the polls at elections, helping at the Bradford Conservation Marchi-gras or at numerous other community events."

Nikki had many wonderful things to share: "Barbara has been a true friend, through thick and thin, ever since I joined her as a fellow Bradford Conservation Commission member in 2004. She is hard working, ever energetic, always helpful to anyone in need. There is never too little time to stop and chat with anyone she knows, which is almost everyone in the Upper Valley. Instinctively she takes on all tasks with a 'can-do' attitude."

"She loves the outdoors, her farm animals, working for a sustainable planet, as well as for the immediate good of her community. She also helps with the Prouty Bicycle Walk Fundraiser each summer.

"Barbara grew up farming in the Nutmeg state and for many years has been a Vermont presence. She has farmed as well as worked in the former paper mills, the former Fairlee Feed Store and the former North of the Falls Gift Store in Bradford.

"Barbara with her husband, Ed and niece, Alaina, continue to farm on a small scale with their sheep, chickens, four Jersey heifers and Barbara's 20-year-old horse. Her flock of free-range hens lays eggs which Barbara sells to her neighbors. We are so lucky to have her here in Bradford."

Nikki couldn't have said it more succinctly, "We are so lucky to have Barb here in Bradford!"

Thank you, Barb, for all of your volunteer efforts that have benefited so many aspects of our Town.

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Celebrating the 200th Anniversary of Bradford Academy



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The theme of this Town Report is the 200th anniversary of the charter the Vermont Legislature issued on November 5, 1820 to establish a private school, the Bradford Academy in this Town. See Pages 53 and 54 for the history of the school and the buildings that housed it.

We thank Meroa Benjamin and the Bradford Historical Society for supplying us with the majority of photographs of school years at Bradford Academy.

WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Including Annual Water & Sewer District Meeting
by *Australian Ballot Vote*

Tuesday March 2, 2021 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

2021 Town Meeting Day will be held by Australian Ballot vote due to the COVID19 pandemic. The polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at the Bradford Academy Building (172 North Main Street Bradford,

VT). Requests for mailed ballots can be made to the Town Clerk at:

clerk@bradford-vt.us or call 802-222-4727 ext: 200

Article 1: To elect all town officers as required by law and to fill all vacancies that may occur at or prior to said meeting.

Moderator: for a one-year term (currently held by Peter Mallary)

Selectboard Member: for a three-year term (currently held by Randy L. Moore)

Selectboard Member: for a two-year term (currently held by Carole P. Taylor)

Lister: for a three-year term (currently held by Robert Wing)

Auditor: for a three-year term (currently held by Erin Odell)

Town Grand Juror: for a one-year term (currently held by Gary Moore)

Town Agent: for a one-year term (currently held by Gary Moore)

Trustee of Public Funds: for a three-year term (currently held by Graham Gove)

Article 2: To vote to determine the time and manner of collecting monies for General Fund and Town Highway purposes.

Article 3: To see what sum of money the town will vote for General Fund and Town Highway purposes for the year 2021.

Article 4: Shall the Town of Bradford change the date and time of Town Meeting Day to:

- The third day preceding the first Tuesday in March (Saturday) at 9:00 a.m.
- The first Tuesday in March at 6:00 p.m.
- The first Tuesday in March at 9:00 a.m. (traditional date/time)

Article 5: Shall the Town of Bradford establish an on-going capital fund for the tree warden to remove diseased trees or trees that pose a hazard to public safety on town-owned property or in the Town right-of-way, and appropriate \$2,000 in the year 2021 to be placed in that fund?

Article 6: Shall the Town of Bradford establish an on-going capital fund for match money for various grants which may become available through the year, and appropriate \$1,500 in the year 2021 to be placed in that fund?

Article 7: Shall the Town of Bradford, Vermont appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to support Northeast Slopes?

Article 8: Shall the Town of Bradford, Vermont appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to support Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc.?

Article 9: Shall the Town of Bradford, Vermont appropriate the sum of \$4,413 to support Clara Martin Center?

Article 10: Shall the Town of Bradford, Vermont appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to support Tri-Valley Transit (formerly Stagecoach) services?

Article 11: Shall the Town of Bradford, Vermont appropriate the sum of \$13,500 to support Visiting Nurse and Hospice?

Article 12: Shall the Town of Bradford, Vermont appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to support The Space On Main?

Article 13: Shall the Town of Bradford, Vermont appropriate the sum of \$500 to support Woodsville/Wells River 4th of July Committee?

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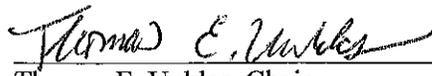
Article 14: Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to support Old Church Theater, Inc. in its renovation of the oldest public building in Bradford?

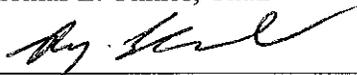
Article 15: To elect all Water and Sewer Commissioners as required by law, and to fill all vacancies that may occur at or prior to this meeting. (Only resident ratepayers of the Bradford Water and Sewer checklist may vote on this article.)

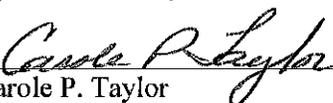
Water and Sewer Commissioner for a five-year term (currently held by Leonard Dobbins).

Article 16: To adopt a budget for the Bradford water and wastewater systems for the year 2021. (Only resident ratepayers of the Bradford Water and Sewer checklist may vote on this article.)

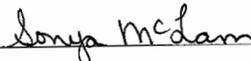
Dated at Bradford, Vermont, this 14th day of January 2021.


Thomas E. Unkles, Chair


Ryan Lockwood, Vice Chair

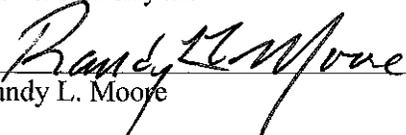

Carole P. Taylor

I hereby certify that the foregoing Warning was duly recorded before being posted.

Attest:  Sonya McLam, Town Clerk


Daniel A. Perry III

Dated at Bradford Vermont this 22nd day of January 2021.


Randy L. Mooye

BY LAW,
THIS REPORT
CANNOT BE EDITED
OR ALTERED.



**Bradford Academy's smallest graduating class in 1901.
PHOTO COURTESY OF BRADFORD
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**SPECIAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING
WILL BE HELD
Monday, February 22, 2021
at 6:30 PM via Zoom.**

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89968779702?pwd=OGJCK0VPTXJxQkJDQ0o0WVY3Tk0vQT09>
Meeting ID: 899 6877 9702
Passcode: 706272
Dial by your location
+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C)
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)
Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89968779702?pwd=OGJCK0VPTXJxQkJDQ0o0WVY3Tk0vQT09>

**Bradford's 2021 Town Meeting
will be held by
Australian Ballot vote
due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Polls will be open
in the Bradford Academy Auditorium
from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

Requests for mailed ballots can be made
to the Town Clerk at:
clerk@bradford-vt.us or
call 802-222-4727 Ext. 200

VOTER ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

In order to vote in **any election** you must be on the Bradford Voter Checklist.
To check if your name is on the checklist, you can go to the Vermont
Secretary of State's mvp.vermont.gov to see if you are on the checklist. If your
name is there, you are registered to vote.

If your name is **not** on the checklist, you can register online at the
mvp.vermont.gov or make an appointment with the Town Clerk's Office to register
to vote. Bring identification that shows your address in Bradford and/or your
Vermont driver's license. If you registered to vote at the Department of Motor
Vehicles, bring the copy of the registration application.

The last day to register to vote is on election day from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

If you have questions, call the
Town Clerk's Office at 222-4727 Ext. 200
or, call the Secretary of State's Office at 800-439-8683.

COVID-19 PROCEDURES

AT THE BRADFORD TOWN OFFICE BUILDING

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Town Building is locked but the Town Offices are open. Please schedule an appointment to conduct your business.

COVID-19: Out of concern for public health, we have altered the operational process at the Bradford Town Office, Listers Office, Water & Sewer Department, and Selectboard Administrative Assistant's office. We will be assessing normal operational hours continuously based on the evolving situation. While the office is staffed, we are limiting exposure by requesting that you conduct your business via phone, email or mail.

Upon entrance in the Town Building, take your temperature at the touch-free thermometer that has been installed in the lobby.

Record your temperature/date/time/name/phone number (phone number for visitors only) on the chart on the registration table. This is required every time you enter the Town building, per Selectboard policy.

At that station, masks and sanitized wipes available. Also hand sanitizer stations were installed in the building.

NOTICE: All persons entering the Town Office building shall NOT have:
Fever • Cough • Shortness of Breath

Also: All vendors and members of the general public are encouraged to wear face masks upon entering and while within this facility. Employees must wear face masks when in the presence of others.

ATTENTION BRADFORD RESIDENTS! It is SAFE and SECURE to leave payments in the Town Office Drop Box.

Leave all payments (taxes, dog licenses, water payments) and/or applications (building permits, marriage licenses) in the RED MAILBOX between the front doors EVEN WHEN THE OFFICE IS OPEN. The box is emptied at regular intervals during business hours.

**PLEASE continue to follow the recommended
guidelines of the CDC and VT Department of Health.
Visit the Town website
www.bradford-vt.us
for up-to-date COVID-19 resources.**



Thank you.

BRADFORD TOWN INFORMATION

BRADFORD TOWN OFFICES
PO BOX 339
172 North Main St., Bradford VT 05033
802-222-4727
www.bradford-vt.us

Our website has forms, minutes, policies, regulations, contact information for town officials.

APPOINTMENTS FOR TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS ARE REQUIRED

(until further notice).

The Bradford Academy Building is closed to the public until further notice.

**Please call 802-222-4727 Ext. 200
to schedule an appointment to conduct
any business with the Town Clerk, Treasurer,
Water/Sewer Administrator, or
Selectboard Administrative Assistant.**

CLERK'S HOURS: Mondays-Thursdays 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Fridays 8 a.m. to 12 Noon
TREASURER'S HOURS: Mondays-Thursdays 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Fridays 7:30 a.m. to 12 Noon

APPOINTMENTS FOR THESE ADDITIONAL SERVICES ARE REQUIRED (until further notice).

- REGISTER TO VOTE
- MARRIAGE LICENSES
- DOG LICENSES
- COPIER (15 Cents per copy for Personal Copies)
- FAXING (\$1 per Fax)

• NOTARIZING

Free service for documents except real estate transactions

• CAR REGISTRATION RENEWALS

Avoid getting a ticket when you get the sticker from the Town Clerk

- VERMONT HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES
- GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORTS

62 years or older OR a Veteran of the Armed Services and a Vermont resident can get a Green Mountain Passport for only \$2, a lifelong card that has benefits such as free admission to Vermont State Parks. Paperwork needs to be completed and on file in the Town Clerk's Office in your town of residence. This is a one-time expense. If your card wears out, we will replace it at no cost.

We accept credit cards through Municipay which charges a convenience fee for their service. Contact the Town Office for further information.

BRADFORD FOOD SHELF

**LOCATED IN THE BASEMENT
OF THE BRADFORD ACADEMY BUILDING
Run by the Inter-Church Council
Contact Jenny Copeland at 802-222-5108**



NEW HOURS

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays: 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesdays: 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Fridays: 11 a.m. to Noon

NEW ENTRY PROCEDURE: Please go to the side gym door and wait for a volunteer to invite you in. You must wear a mask and practice safe social distancing. If you don't have a mask, we will give you one. Please have only 1 household member at a time come into the food shelf (if you have young children, they may accompany you). If the volunteer is busy with another client, it may be a while before they come to invite you in, so please be patient.

We serve residents of Bradford, Corinth, Fairlee, Newbury and Topsham.

VERMONT 2-1-1

VERMONT 2-1-1 is a free, 3-digit number to dial for information about community, health and human services in your community, state or region. With 2-1-1, a trained knowledgeable call specialist will problem-solve and refer the caller to applicable government programs, community-based organizations, support groups, health agencies and other resources in a locality as close to the caller as possible.

Dialing 2-1-1...

- Is a free, confidential, local call from anywhere in Vermont, 24/7
- Will provide accurate, updated information above available resources
- Utilizes a statewide database
- Provides live translation services for over 170 languages
- Has capability to transfer emergency calls to 9-1-1 or specialized hotlines
- Will provide call-back followup if needed and requested



The school panoramic photograph of Bradford Academy students that hangs in the Bradford Academy Conference Room. This is a partial view of that photograph.



Turn your hopes and ideas into actions and realities.
Volunteer your time and energy.



AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

At first glance, you may see this report as full of numbers, requests for your tax dollars, and reports of what happened in 2020. We invite you to take a closer look.

Contained in these pages are real stories of change! These pages tell the story of a year in the lives of people you pass on your way to work, the people you call your neighbors, the people whose children attend school with yours, and the people who make up the community of which you are a part. This report is for you.

Your hopes, your voice, and your vote matters. It is up to you to take an interest. It is up to you to take an interest in how your money is spent and how your money is invested in the future of this town you call home.

This report communicates the stories of employees and volunteers who dedicate countless hours, days, weeks, and years of their lives to improving Bradford's Main Street, forests, schools, and institutions. Every organization in this report would love to have you share your thoughts, time, and presence with them. Every official in this report is tasked with representing you. Unless you show up, you are giving the people who are present the power to represent you. Are you keeping up with what actions are being taken on your behalf?

We encourage you to take some time to imagine what your future and your children's futures looks like in Bradford. Share your vision with us. Volunteer with your children. Turn your hopes into actions and a reality. We want to help you lead, but we can only do this if you step up. This is your town. Our town. Together. Participate with us. We are here to help.

If you are interested in getting involved and participating, please contact the Bradford Town Office for more information! Bradford Town Offices, 802-222-4727, Mondays-Thursdays 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Fridays 8 a.m. to noon.

CONSIDER YOURSELF INVITED TO ENGAGE!

**<https://www.facebook.com/connectingbradford>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bradfordgeneral>**

**ELECTED OFFICERS
Town of Bradford as of 1/28/21**

Moderator:	Peter Mallary		Term Expires March 2021
Town Clerk:	Sonya McLam	802-222-4727 Ext. 200	Term Expires March 2023
Town Treasurer:	Jennifer Rivers	802-222-4727 Ext. 203	Term Expires March 2023

Selectboard: 802-222-4727 Ext. 204

Randy L. Moore	Term Expires March 2021
Carole P. Taylor	Term Expires March 2021
Thomas “Ted” E. Unkles, Chair	Term Expires March 2022
Daniel A. Perry III	Term Expires March 2022
Ryan Lockwood, Vice Chair	Term Expires March 2023

Water & Sewer Commissioners: 802-222-4727 Ext. 211

Leonard Dobbins, Chair	Term Expires March 2021
Daniel A. Perry III	Term Expires March 2022
Robert Lefebvre, Vice Chair	Term Expires March 2023
Lunnie Lang	Term Expires March 2024
Larry Russ	Term Expires March 2025

Listers: 802-222-4727 Ext. 206

Robert Wing	Term Expires March 2021
Vince Pacillio	Term Expires March 2022
Nila Newstrom-Anaya	Term Expires March 2023

Auditors:

Erin Odell	Term Expires March 2021
Monique Priestley	Term Expires March 2022
Mary Ellen Gray	Term Expires March 2023

Collector of Current Taxes: Jennifer Rivers Term Expires March 2023

Collector of Delinquent Taxes: Jennifer Rivers 802-222-4727 Ext. 203 Term Expires March 2023

Town Grand Juror: Gary Moore Term Expires March 2021

Town Agent: Gary Moore Term Expires March 2021

Trustees of Public Funds:

Graham Gove	Term Expires March 2021
Martina Stever	Term Expires March 2022
Anthony “Tony” Brainerd	Term Expires March 2023

Justices of the Peace, Terms expire 2/1/2021

Henry Isley
Lawrence L. Coffin
Leonard O. Dobbins
Robert W. Nutting
Daniel A. Perry III
Monique Priestley
Carole P. Taylor
Mary M. Wendell
Jill Baron
Gary Moore

APPOINTED OFFICERS
Town of Bradford as of 1/22/21

Bradford Police Department: NON-EMERGENCY 802-222-4727 Ext. 201
EMERGENCY DIAL 9-1-1
BRADFORD DISPATCH 802-222-4680

Police Chief: Russell Robinson

Full-time Police Officer: Vacant

Police Department Administrative Assistant: Carole Taylor

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer & Grant Manager: Jesse Meyer 802-222-4727 Ext. 211

Selectboard Administrator: Danielle Kingsbury 802-222-4727 Ext. 204

Chief Water & Sewer Operator: Jon Thornton 802-222-4727 Ext. 208

Assistant Water & Sewer Operator: Mike Tessier 802-222-9640

Water & Sewer Administrative Assistant: Jesse Meyer 802-222-4727 Ext. 211

Facilities Manager: Claude Ciurleo 802-222-4727 Ext. 205

Animal Control Officer: Glen Godfrey Term Expires March 31, 2022

Zoning Administrator: Paul Berlejung Term Expires March 31, 2022

Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Doug Miller	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Carole Taylor	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Shirley Beresford	Term Expires March 31, 2022
Janice Larabee	Term Expires March 31, 2022
Christine Pratt	Term Expires March 31, 2023
Bonnie Prouty	Term Expires March 31, 2024

Planning Commission:

Monique Priestley	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Dan Perry III	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Ron Huntington	Term Expires March 31, 2022
Thomas "Ted" Unkles	Term Expires March 31, 2023
Marcey Carver, Chair	Term Expires March 31, 2023

Recreation Director: Vacant

Parks & Recreation Commission:

Vacant	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Charles "Skip" Barrett	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Jean Carlan	Term Expires March 31, 2022
Jared Pendak	Term Expires March 31, 2023
Karen Danforth	Term Expires March 31, 2024

Conservation Commission:

Nancy Jones, Chair	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Barbara Kulzyck	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Rick Evans	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Shilo Gregory	Term Expires March 31, 2022
Jared Pendak	Term Expires March 31, 2022
Thomas Gray	Term Expires March 31, 2022
AJ Follensbee	Term Expires March 31, 2023
Sandra Price	Term Expires March 31, 2023
Bob Clafin	Term Expires March 31, 2023

Public Safety Commission:

Gary Moore, Chair	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Monique Priestley	Term Expires March 31, 2021
John Hersh	Term Expires March 31, 2022
Edward Garone	Term Expires March 31, 2022
Ryan Chase	Term Expires March 31, 2023

Town Service Officer: Carole Taylor Term Expires March 31, 2021

Health Officer: Camilla Thibodeau	Term Expires Sept. 30, 2021
Assistant Health Officer: Vacant	Term Expires Sept. 30, 2021

Tree Warden: Ben Rubenfeld Term Expires March 31, 2021

Fence Viewers:

Shirley R. Beresford	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Vacant	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Peter Hatch	Term Expires March 31, 2021

Forest Fire Warden: Robert W. Nutting	Term Expires June 30, 2021
Deputy Fire Warden: Ryan Terrill	Term Expires June 30, 2021

Walter Lee Committee:

Emily Willems	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Vacant	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Charles D. Barton	Term Expires March 31, 2022
Vacant	Term Expires March 31, 2022
Randy Odell	Term Expires March 31, 2023
Brian Schlager	Term Expires March 31, 2024
Robert Wing	Term Expires March 31, 2024

Revolving Loan Fund Committee:

Peter Terry	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Brian Schlager	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Dan Perry III	Term Expires March 31, 2022
Erin Odell	Term Expires March 31, 2023
Anthony "Tony" Brainerd	Term Expires March 31, 2023

Fire Key-men:

Stephen Sampson	Term Expires March 31, 2021
Steve Longmoore	Term Expires March 31, 2021

Emergency Management:

Gary Moore, Director
Dan Perry III, Coordinator

Term Expires March 31, 2021
Term Expires March 31, 2021

911 Coordinator: Phil Page 802-222-5718

FAST Squad: (NON EMERGENCY) 802- 222-5224

Daniel Perry IV, President/EMT
Ryan Dutton, Vice-President/EMT
Ryan Terrill, EMT
Stephen Sanborn, Paramedic
Colleen Ford, AEMT
Holly Creamer, Paramedic
Zach Lang, EMR
Trish Johnson, EMR Student

Fire Department: (NON EMERGENCY) 802- 222-5224

Nick Balch	Stephen Sampson
Zach Bagley, Asst. Chief	Drazen Smith
Hunter Benoit	Tony Stockman
Hunter Bingham	Chris Taylor, Deputy Chief
Nate Brooks, Captain	Ryan Terrill, Fire Chief
Holly Creamer	Nate Thompson
Josh Danforth	Allen Thurston
Ryan Dutton	Nick Vance
Zach Lang	Bill Walters
Ryan Peebles	Cole Nanopoulos, Student Member
Zack Peebles	
Dan Perry IV, Captain	
Brandon Perkins	

UVA Local Representative: Bonnie G. Thurston

Term Expires March 31, 2021

Two Rivers Ottaquechee Regional Commission:

Nancy Jones
Marcey Carver, Alt.

Term Expires March 31, 2021
Term Expires March 31, 2021

CVSWMD Representative: Vacant

Term Expires March 31, 2021

TriValley Transit Representative: Cody Plante

Term Expires March 31, 2021

Green Up Coordinator: Barbara Kulzyck

Term Expires October 31, 2021

Connecticut River Joint Commission: Nancy Jones

Term Expires March 31, 2021

Green Mountain Economic Development Representative:

Mark D. Johnson
Joseph Sampson

Term Expires March 31, 2021
Term Expires March 31, 2021

EC Fiber Representatives:

Ryan Lockwood
Randy Moore
Monique Priestley, Alt.

Term Expires March 31, 2021
Term Expires March 31, 2021
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Bradford Public Library: 802-222-4536

Library Director: Gail Trede
Assistant Librarian Betsy Kane
Assistant Librarian Kathy Davidow
Trustees Emeriti: Eris Eastman, Charles “Bud” Haas
Trustees: Anthony “Tony” Brainerd
Diane Chamberlain (Vice President)
Laura Wolf Lornitzo (Treasurer)
Angela Conrad-Schlager (President)
Larry Coffin
Brad Johnston
Dorothy Unkles
Pamela Johnson
Arvid Johnson
Jill Baron
Elaina Vitale (Secretary)

Highway Department/Town Garage: 802-222-5718

Phil Page, Road Foreman
Peter Hatch
Grant Poliquin
Tyler Gillis

Co-Road Commissioners:

Daniel A. Perry III Term Expires March 31, 2021
Carole P. Taylor Term Expires March 31, 2021

Deputy Registrars: (Appointed by Town Clerk)

Hale Funeral Home Term Expires March 15, 2021
Ricker Funeral Home Term Expires March 15, 2021

Beautification Committee: Emily Shipman

Members Emeriti: Jeannette Nordham, Vida Perry Munson, Carolynn Floryn, Carolyn Coffin, Margaret Kidder,
Diane Smarro, Diane Bennet, Cynthia Bazzano, Jeff Bensel, Harvey Dorr, Penny Hodge, Kathy Thibault,
Kathy Munson and Geri Mooney

Bradford Resilience Committee:

Monique Priestley
Nancy Jones
Brian Schlager
Marcia Tomlinson
Patti Clark
Ashleen Buchanan
Justina Kenyon
Carole Taylor, Alternate
Marcey Carver, Alternate

BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

GENERAL FUND – REVENUE	2019	2019	2020	2020	2021
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES					
BAGSD Tax Collection Revenue	8,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	6,000	16,293	8,000	3,882	3,500
Delinquent Tax Penalty Revenue	6,000	10,421	7,000	6,999	6,000
Total GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES	20,000	28,714	17,000	12,881	11,500
PERMITS & LICENSES					
Liquor Licenses	900	1,270	1,000	740	700
Dog Licenses	3,000	3,040	3,000	1,781	1,500
Building Permits	1,000	1,475	1,000	2,550	1,500
Marriage Licenses	100	160	100	190	100
Hunting/Fishing Licenses	0	106	100	91	100
Park Use Permits	150	140	100	160	100
Total PERMITS & LICENSES	5,150	6,191	5,300	5,512	4,000
STATE GRANTS					
VT Reimbursed for Current Use Tax	46,000	51,897	51,897	51,109	51,000
State of Vermont PILOT	13,000	16,750	14,000	17,208	15,000
Total STATE GRANTS	59,000	68,647	65,897	68,317	66,000
FEES FOR SERVICES, SALES					
Clerks Fees	14,000	19,225	15,000	26,380	16,000
Photocopies	2,000	2,851	2,000	3,450	2,000
Total FEES FOR SERVICES, SALES	16,000	22,076	17,000	29,830	18,000
MISCELLANEOUS					
Miscellaneous - General Fund	0	218	100	42	100
Reimbursed Expense: School	0	0	0	7,559	0
Town Police Misc. Income and Grants	100	1,018	500	296	100
Municipal Fines - Police	1,500	1,964	1,500	1,325	1,000
Police Contracted Service	500	0	0	135	0
Interest Income	900	2,031	1,000	1,205	1,000
Sewer Connection Fees	0	0	0	0	7,500
Total MISCELLANEOUS	3,000	5,232	3,100	10,562	9,700
RENTS AND BA USAGE					
Rents	29,405	32,825	36,013	20,621	18,738
Bradford Academy Usage	500	1,434	800	412	0
Total RENTS & BA Usage	29,905	34,259	36,813	21,033	18,738

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BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

GENERAL FUND – REVENUE	2019	2019	2020	2020	2021
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
PARKS & RECREATION					
Summer Camp	28,300	34,323	29,846	395	0
BPRC Donations/Fundraising	0	8	0	252	100
BPRC Scholarships	1,000	0	0	0	0
Bugbee Landing Maintenance	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	1,000
Total PARKS & RECREATION	30,300	35,331	30,846	647	1,100
Total General Fund Revenues	163,355	200,451	175,956	148,782	129,038
Highway Funds					
FEES					
Driveway Permits	0	0	0	0	0
Overweight Permits	400	410	400	425	400
State Highway Payments	110,500	111,832	110,500	115,135	111,000
Highway Misc. Income	0	909	0	900	500
Grant Reimbursement	0	3,740	0	0	0
Total FEES	110,900	116,891	110,900	116,460	111,900
Total Highway Fund Revenues	110,900	116,891	110,900	116,460	111,900



After the Woods school building was constructed in 1893, the property was home to three school buildings on one lot. This aerial photograph, circa 1893, shows the Methodist Church far left, the District 12 school building and first Bradford Academy building in front of the Woods building.

PHOTO COURTESY OF BRADFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

GENERAL FUND – EXPENSES	2019	2019	2020	2020	2021
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
GENERAL FUND					
SELECTBOARD					
Salaries Selectboard	7,600	7,600	7,600	7,600	7,600
Salary - Administrative Assistant	35,227	35,882	36,275	36,213	36,825
Salary- Additional Staffing	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,500
Grant Management*	8,183	7,971	6,137	6,317	6,412
Social Security-Board	581	581	581	581	581
Social Security- Administration	2,695	2,745	2,775	2,770	2,817
Social Security- Grant Management	626	610	469	483	491
Benefits-Employer Paid Health	0	0	0	0	15,600
Retirement - Administration	1,057	1,076	1,088	1,086	1,105
Travel	100	0	100	0	100
Staff Training	200	190	200	0	100
Legal Fees	1,500	1,038	3,000	8,167	6,000
Advertising	600	425	600	486	500
Grant Expenses	500	0	500	0	500
	60,169	59,418	60,626	65,005	80,131
LISTERS					
Salaries - Listers	34,707	28,585	35,755	26,581	36,297
Social Security - Listers	6,400	2,187	2,735	2,033	2,777
Travel	300	248	300	85	300
Telephone - Listers	800	792	650	776	750
Dues/Training/Meetings	1,300	874	1,300	50	1,000
Parcel Mapping	2,000	2,025	2,500	2,150	2,350
Contracted Services	3000	2,142	3,600	2,507	3,654
Equipment & Supplies	360	198	1,200	0	1,200
Advertising	200	0	200	0	200
	49,067	37,051	48,240	34,183	48,528
CLERK					
Salaries-Clerk	43,618	44,427	44,928	44,914	45,594
Assistant Clerk Salary*	8,183	7,971	6,137	6,320	6,415
Social Security Clerk	3,337	3,394	3,437	3,431	3,488
Assistant Clerk Social Security	626	615	469	488	491
Benefits-Employer Paid Health	0	0	0	0	0
Retirement Clerk	1,309	1,333	1,348	1,347	1,368
Training	300	203	300	0	300
Elections	100	0	500	1,132	3,000
Dues/Meetings	100	0	100	38	100
Advertising	250	82	250	43	250
Cotts System	3,190	3,060	3,200	3,060	3,200
	61,012	61,084	60,669	60,773	64,206

*The cost of this employee's time is divided between the Treasurer, Clerk and Selectboard. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 18)

BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

GENERAL FUND – EXPENSES	2019	2019	2020	2020	2021
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
TREASURER					
Salaries - Treasurer	44,138	44,957	45,470	45,458	46,155
Salaries- Assistant Treasurer*	8,183	7,971	6,137	6,320	6,415
Social Security Treasurer	3,377	3,440	3,478	3,477	3,531
Social Security Assistant Treasurer	626	610	469	484	491
Benefits-Employer Paid Health Ins.	9,442	9,442	10,810	10,802	11,280
Del Tax Coll Fee	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Social Security Del Tax Collector	306	306	306	306	306
Retirement Treasurer	1,324	1,349	1,364	1,364	1,385
Retirement Assistant Treasurer	0	0	0	889	0
Training	300	203	250	0	250
Dues/Meetings	100	0	100	38	100
Advertising	1,200	82	1,200	43	200
	72,996	72,358	73,585	73,180	74,112
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Auditing	18,000	14,950	18,000	16,900	18,000
Salaries-Additional Staffing	500	0	500	0	500
Social Security- Additional Staffing	38	0	38	0	38
Moderator Stipend	100	100	100	100	100
Supplies	5,000	5,142	5,000	4,343	5,000
Postage	3,500	3,677	3,600	7,913	6,000
Printing Town Reports	3,800	3,691	3,800	3,726	3,800
Town Report Postage	600	739	700	638	700
Office Equipment	8,000	6,088	8,000	8,091	8,000
Computer Maintenance/Training	7,500	3,129	5,500	3,129	4,000
Server	0	0	600	0	5,000
Website Maintenance & Upgrades	900	495	700	495	500
Copier Maintenance	1,850	1,614	1,800	1,694	1,800
NEMRC Expenses	4,500	5,495	9,000	7,262	9,000
Technology Equip Capital Fund	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Computer Monthly Service Charges	10,500	11,307	11,000	10,850	11,000
CAI GIS Mapping	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400
Travel	200	0	100	38	100
Transfer Station Utilities	1,000	760	1,000	807	800
Telephone-ISP	2,000	3,912	4,000	5,431	5,500
VLCT	4,169	3,887	4,376	4,047	4,376
Insurance	63,467	64,745	65,000	68,592	92,354
Unemployment Insurance	499	444	1,000	1,679	1,000
Emergency Management	500	169	500	143	500
Advertising	200	0	200	0	200

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BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

GENERAL FUND – EXPENSES	2019	2019	2020	2020	2021
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
GENERAL GOVERNMENT (continued)					
Trash/Recycle Center	0	4,695	0	0	5,000
Trash/Recycle Center Capital Fund	0	0	2,000	2,000	2,000
CV Solid Waste	3,000	2,765	3,000	1,356	3,000
Sewer Principal Bond Payment	0	25,548	0	25,548	0
Sewer Bond Interest Payment	0	25,190	0	25,190	0
Tax Abatements	1,000	0	1,000	335	1,000
Cemetery Mowing/Maintenance	2,000	2,635	2,500	1,800	2,500
2015 Library Repairs	0	29,779	0	17,485	0
2015 Library Loan Principal	42,000	42,000	0	0	0
2015 Library Loan Interest	777	698	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	1,000	0	1,000	613	1,000
	191,001	268,054	158,414	224,608	197,168
PLANNING/ZONING					
Salary - Zoning Administrator	9,641	7,216	8,000	3,572	6,000
Planning Commission Chair Stipend	0	0	750	0	0
Social Security - Zoning	760	552	574	273	459
Supplies	400	0	200	0	300
Postage	100	0	100	0	100
Education/Training	250	0	250	20	100
Advertising	500	355	300	1,321	1,500
Town Bylaws/Plan/Subdivision	0	0	0	0	0
Grant Town Match	4,400	0	0	0	2,500
	16,051	8,123	10,174	5,186	10,959
ACADEMY BUILDING					
Salary- Academy Building	38,653	41,943	41,960	42,729	42,588
Social Security - Academy	2,957	3,208	3,210	3,269	3,258
Benefits- Employer Paid Insurance	15,615	15,615	18,085	18,009	11,280
Retirement	1,254	1,278	1,291	1,291	1,310
Safety Compliance	500	0	500	0	500
Utilities	42,400	36,705	42,000	31,330	37,000
BA Capital Fund	5,000	5,000	10,000	10,000	5,000
Maintenance	14,351	11,594	10,280	8,141	12,100
Tools & Equipment	600	0	600	549	600
Supplies	2,000	1,701	2,000	752	1,000
	123,330	117,044	129,926	116,069	114,636
FIRE DEPARTMENT					
Firefighter Expense Reimbursement	17,500	17,500	17,500	17,500	17,500
Chief Officers Stipend	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Custodial Salary	1,045	691	1,076	506	1,092

BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

GENERAL FUND – EXPENSES	2019	2019	2020	2020	2021
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
FIRE DEPARTMENT (continued)					
Custodial Social Security	78	53	82	39	82
Chief Officer Social Security	115	115	115	115	115
FD Background Checks	375	375	375	375	375
Office Supplies	500	369	500	278	500
Fire Service Training	800	688	800	30	600
Utilities	7,500	7,976	8,000	6,939	8,000
FD- Telephone & Internet	2,200	2,564	2,200	2,327	2,200
Equipment Repair	5,400	4,996	5,400	7,435	5,400
New Equipment	8,600	8,689	8,600	4,667	7,600
Dues	680	709	900	800	900
Fire Dispatching	19,000	9,589	19,655	19,464	19,655
Package Insurance	17,500	16,120	17,500	19,249	17,500
Gasoline/Diesel	2,000	1,554	2,000	1,010	2,000
Safety Gear	4,000	6,320	7,000	4,238	6,000
Truck Maintenance	10,000	5,877	10,000	5,897	10,000
Capital Fund-Fire Equipment	20,000	20,000	40,000	40,000	30,000
Building Maintenance	6,000	3,601	6,000	5,755	6,000
Grounds Maintenance	1,800	1,775	1,800	1,581	1,800
FD Travel	300	439	450	0	50
	126,893	111,499	151,453	139,703	138,869
RESCUE-FAST SQUAD					
Squad Member Reimbursement	3,000	2,989	3,000	3,270	3,500
Vaccines & Testing	100	0	100	0	100
Office Supplies	250	0	200	70	200
Training	1,200	478	1,000	205	1,000
Safety Gear	900	0	700	320	500
Medical Equipment	2,000	0	2,000	1,977	2,000
Equipment/Medicine Replacement	2,500	1,286	2,500	1,255	2,000
Oxygen Tank Refills	150	37	100	61	100
Pagers/Radio Maintenance	1,000	558	1,000	14	500
Background Checks	300	0	300	0	300
Fuel	0	0	0	0	500
Insurance	0	0	0	0	1,500
	11,400	5,347	10,900	7,171	12,200
POLICE DEPARTMENT					
Salaries- PD Officers	145,055	129,666	145,055	118,177	145,055
Salary PD- Administrative Assistant	18,188	18,667	18,728	18,118	19,011
Salaries -- Contracted Services	1,000	0	1,000	0	500
Social Security-PD Officers	11,097	9,920	11,097	9,040	11,097
Social Security- Admin. Assistant	1,391	1,428	1,433	1,386	1,454

BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

GENERAL FUND – EXPENSES	2019	2019	2020	2020	2021
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
POLICE DEPARTMENT (continued)					
PD - Health Insurance	0	214	0	0	0
Retirement - PD	0	0	0	0	0
Uniforms - PD	1,500	547	1,500	152	1,200
Supplies - PD	300	210	300	98	300
Police Radio Maintenance & Upgrades	500	0	500	0	500
Computer Software	950	869	1,000	888	1,000
Cont. Education	1,200	100	1,200	0	700
Telephone/Cell/Pager	1,200	1,086	1,200	1,073	1,200
New Equipment - PD	1,500	64	1,500	0	1,000
Vehicle Maintenance	3,000	3,278	4,000	3,042	4,750
Fuel	5,000	4,211	5,000	2,841	4,000
Vehicle Capital Fund	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500
Advertising/Dues/Subscription	450	250	450	150	450
	200,831	179,010	202,462	163,465	200,717
PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE					
Social Security- PH & Welfare	150	148	150	147	150
Animal Control	2,200	2,484	3,000	1,832	3,200
Health Officer	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,500	1,500
Orange County Tax	49,944	56,729	58,640	55,072	58,640
Tree Warden	500	0	500	0	2,000
Historical Society- Flags	500	500	650	650	650
Beautification Committee	400	400	400	400	400
Bradford Annual Parade	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	1,000
Cemeteries	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
Central VT Adult Basic Education	1,500	3,000	0	3,000	0
Central VT Capstone Community	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Central VT Council on Aging	0	0	1,500	1,500	1,500
Clara Martin Center	0	4,413	0	4,413	0
Conservation Fund	0	5,000	0	5,000	0
Downstreet Housing	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Green Mountain Economic Devel.	1,361	1,361	1,355	1,355	0
Green Up Day Local Program	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0
Library	57,000	57,000	59,000	59,000	59,000
Little Rivers Health Care	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Cohase Chamber of Commerce	683	683	700	700	700
Northeast Slopes	0	0	0	2,500	0
Old Church Theater	0	0	0	10,000	0
Orange County Restorative Justice Ct.	480	480	700	700	700
Orange County Child Advocacy Ctr.	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Orange East Senior Center	0	8,500	0	10,000	0
Oxbow Senior Independence Program	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0
Public Health Council	0	0	500	500	0

BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

GENERAL FUND – EXPENSES	2019	2019	2020	2020	2021
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE (continued)					
Safeline	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0
Sawyer Chapel	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
The Space On Main	0	0	0	2,500	0
Tri-Valley Transit	0	7,000	0	8,000	0
The Mentoring Project	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Two-Rivers Ottauquechee	4,168	4,168	4,279	4,279	4,279
Upper Valley Ambulance	123,068	123,068	123,068	123,068	128,662
Vermont Family Network	500	500	0	0	0
Visiting Nurse & Hospice	0	12,450	0	13,500	0
	293,954	339,383	306,442	359,115	307,381
CONSERVATION COMMISSION					
Supplies	450	428	450	394	450
Postage	250	249	250	254	250
Stationary	250	200	0	0	0
Publications	350	311	350	122	350
Seminars	175	84	175	0	175
Association Dues	150	155	150	130	150
Public Info & Education	475	499	475	198	475
Contracted Services- Energy Coord.	0	0	0	0	3,700
Energy Subcommittee	400	135	525	0	1,050
Cons. & Beautification Projects	350	349	475	425	475
	2,850	2,409	2,850	1,524	7,075
PARKS & RECREATION					
Salaries - Park Maintenance	2,089	2,878	2,089	3,444	5,172
Salary BTA Coordinator	0	0	0	0	0
Salaries- Camp	23,100	29,430	23,100	0	0
Salary Recreation Director	23,406	23,729	23,406	8,641	7,200
Social Security - Park Maintenance	160	220	160	263	396
Social Security - BTA Coordinator	0	0	0	0	0
Social Security- Camp Salaries	1,767	2,251	1,767	0	0
Social Security- Rec Director	1,791	1,815	1,791	661	551
Materials & Supplies- Parks	400	237	400	61	400
Materials & Supplies for BTA	0	202	0	0	0
Materials/Supplies for BPRC	500	115	300	0	300
Food/Snacks- BPRC	350	74	350	89	0
Equipment- Parks	300	110	300	0	300
Rec Director Workshops/Trainings	800	721	800	0	0
Meetings & Travel- Parks	200	0	200	0	200
Travel- Rec Department	200	85	200	0	0
Utilities- Parks	3,800	2,259	3,000	2,468	2,500
Repairs & Maintenance	9,000	8,094	9,000	8,913	9,000

BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

GENERAL FUND – EXPENSES	2019	2019	2020	2020	2021
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
PARKS & RECREATION (continued)					
Park Building Maintenance	1,000	465	1,000	4	1,000
Denny Park Landscaping	250	0	200	0	200
Association Dues: Parks	200	0	200	0	200
Contracted Services: Parks	300	247	300	0	300
Advertising- Parks	250	125	250	1,114	300
Advertising-Recreation	250	250	250	454	300
Swim Program	3,000	0	3,000	0	0
P&R Cap Fund	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Fund Raising Expense: Park	50	0	50	0	50
BPRC Summer Camp Expenses	3,400	2,657	4,800	0	0
Background Checks	150	98	150	245	250
Rec Director Activities/Events	2,000	0	2,000	0	0
BPRC Offsite Activities	500	0	500	0	500
BPRC Events	500	0	500	167	500
	80,713	77,062	81,063	27,526	30,618
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXP.	1,290,266	1,337,842	1,296,804	1,277,508	1,286,600
LESS ANTICIPATED REVENUE	163,355	200,451	175,956	148,782	129,038
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX	1,126,911	1,137,392	1,120,848	1,128,725	1,157,562
HIGHWAY FUND - EXPENSES					
SUMMER MAINTENANCE					
Salaries	75,000	74,571	88,450	87,208	89,780
Social Security	5,738	5,596	6,766	6,502	6,868
Health Insurance Summer	20,000	20,365	18,800	17,744	19,488
Retirement Summer	1,800	1,095	2,654	1,280	2,693
Purchased Services	6,000	5,433	6,000	5,711	6,000
Downtown Mowing	4,500	4,503	4,500	2,754	4,500
Roadside Mowing	7,000	4,000	7,000	9,120	10,000
Equipment Rental	500	0	500	0	500
Materials	55,000	54,853	60,000	68,729	70,000
	175,538	170,416	194,670	199,049	209,830
WINTER MAINTENANCE					
Salaries	113,000	117,362	132,675	132,169	134,665
Social Security-Winter	8,645	8,814	10,150	9,880	10,302
Health Insurance - Winter	29,300	28,389	28,200	29,225	29,232
Retirement Highway	2,800	1,854	3,980	1,896	4,040
Purchased Services	5,000	3,753	5,000	3,917	5,000
Contracted Snowplowing	20,000	28,154	25,000	15,396	30,000
Sidewalk Maintenance	12,000	16,874	15,000	9,213	17,000
Sand	20,000	19,431	25,000	27,158	30,000
Salt	88,750	101,721	88,000	59,787	75,000
	299,495	326,352	333,005	288,641	335,239

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BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

GENERAL FUND – EXPENSES	2019	2019	2020	2020	2021
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
ADMINISTRATION					
Uniforms	2,300	1,610	2,300	1,858	2,500
Road Commissioner Stipend	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Social Security- Road Commissioner	77	77	77	77	77
Safety Compliance	2,000	2,363	2,000	1,614	2,000
Supplies - Garage	3,500	3,504	3,500	3,142	3,500
Technology Equipment Replacement	1,500	1,443	1,500	2,344	1,500
Travel	500	935	500	436	500
Utilities	5,000	5,953	5,500	4,961	5,500
Park/Streetlights	14,000	14,612	14,000	14,563	14,000
Tele/Pagers/ISP	3,500	3,753	3,500	3,190	3,500
Street Bond Principal	0	4,613	0	4,613	0
Street Bond Interest	0	1,057	0	-1,254	0
2016 Dump Truck Loan Repay	13,398	13,398	13,398	13,398	0
2016 Dump Truck Interest	512	503	503	253	0
2014 Grader Payment	22,000	22,000	0	0	0
2014 Grader Interest	440	440	0	0	0
Maintenance - Garage	3,000	3,484	3,000	3,288	3,500
Highway - Bid Advertising	100	115	100	0	100
Downtown Trash Pickup	13,000	11,946	13,000	10,662	4,000
Training	100	0	100	0	250
	85,927	92,806	63,978	64,145	41,927
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE					
Fuel, Oil & Lubes	38,000	38,430	38,000	27,244	38,000
Parts & Maintenance	30,000	49,132	34,500	45,219	45,000
Tools & Equipment	7,500	6,773	7,500	5,759	7,500
	75,500	94,334	80,000	78,222	90,500
SPECIAL ROADS					
Better Back Roads Grant	0	0	0	0	0
Paving Projects	250,000	239,040	250,000	228,790	250,000
Special Roads	10,000	0	10,000	9,960	12,000
Signs	2,500	846	1,500	914	2,000
Guardrails	8,000	0	5,000	0	5,000
Culverts	6,500	9,414	7,000	8,772	8,000
Line Painting	4,500	2,614	3,000	3,840	4,000
Sidewalk Repair	50	55	500	0	500
Projects Capital Fund	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Equipment Capital Fund	75,000	75,000	78,000	78,000	80,000
HW Facility Capital Fund	17,000	17,000	12,000	12,000	12,000

BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

GENERAL FUND – EXPENSES	2019	2019	2020	2020	2021
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
SPECIAL ROADS (continued)					
Stormwater Discharges	2,500	0	2,000	1,350	2,000
Sidewalk Reserve Fund	15,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
	416,050	408,969	434,000	408,626	440,500
TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND EXP.	1,052,509	1,092,878	1,105,652	1,038,682	1,117,995
LESS ANTICIPATED REVENUE	110,900	116,891	110,900	116,460	111,900
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX	941,609	975,987	994,752	922,223	1,006,095
Total Town & Highway	2,342,775	2,430,720	2,402,456	2,316,190	2,404,595
Less Anticipated Revenue	274,255	317,342	286,856	265,242	240,938
Offset from prev. years surplus	100,000	100,000	0	0	100,000
Total to be Raised by Taxes	1,968,520	2,013,378	2,115,600	2,050,948	2,063,657

General Fund	
2021 Proposed Budget	1,286,600
Less Anticipated Revenue	129,038
Less Accumulated Surplus	<u>50,000</u>
NET OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE RAISED IN TAXES	1,107,562
Highway Fund	
2021 Proposed Budget	1,117,995
Less Anticipated Revenue	111,900
Less Accumulated Surplus	<u>50,000</u>
NET OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE RAISED IN TAXES	956,095
COMBINED AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	2,063,657

TREASURER'S REPORT
December 31, 2020 (unaudited)

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS

General Checking at Merchants	5,165,811
Due to/from Other Funds	-2,186,937
Current Taxes Received - School	310,920
School Delinquent Tax Receivable: Principal	664
School Delinquent Tax Receivable: Penalty	10,631
Town Delinquent Tax Receivable: Principal	89,976
Town Delinquent Tax Receivable: Interest	20,334
Town Delinquent Tax Receivable: Penalty	6,398

Total Assets	3,417,797
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LIABILITIES

Next Year Invoices	-9,644
Wrights Mtn Timber Contract	1,000
Deferred Revenue:Principal	71,339
Deferred Revenue:Interest	19,462
Deferred Revenue:Penalty	5,705
Tax Overpayment Payable	12,154
Deferred Revenue School Tax:Principal	62,143
Deferred Revenue School Tax:Interest	280
Deferred Revenue School Tax:Penalty	4,971
Due to School Taxes	2,852,682
State Tax Withholding	1,939
Aflac Ins. Payable	-321
Dog Fees to State Treasurer	35
Marriage Fees State Treasurer	50
Hunt/Fish Fees to State	-71
Suspense	2,189

Total Liabilities	3,023,913
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Prior Year Fund Balance	160,181
Current Year Fund Balance	233,703

Net Accumulated Surplus	393,884
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TREASURER'S REPORT
December 31, 2020 (unaudited)

HIGHWAY FUND

ASSETS

Due to/from General Fund	113,430	
Total Assets		113,430

LIABILITIES

None

Prior Year Fund Balance	37,543	
Current Year Fund Balance	75,887	
Net Accumulated Surplus		113,430

Outpouring of Community Support for Local Family



In the midst of the pandemic, Bradford residents and businesses extended encouragement and support to the Longmoore family of Newbury. Road signs, business windows, placards, banners even marquees had messages of support. “Sierra Strong” was seen all over Bradford, giving support to Sierra Longmoore, a teenager who was in an automobile accident in July and in a coma for a month. Sierra, the daughter of Amy and Steven Longmoore, has been on the road of recovery and back in school. What a miracle!

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CAPITAL, RESERVE AND SPECIAL FUNDS

Capital, Reserves and Special Funds (also see Trustees of Public Funds)	Fund Balance 12/31/2019	2020 Income	2020 Expense	Fund Balance 12/31/2020
D Darling Quad Reserve	45	0	0	45
Bicentennial Cane Reserve	254	0	0	254
Lavelle Memorial Fund	5,008	0	0	5,008
Fire Department Capital Fund	244,791	40,000	0	284,791
Fire Department Reserve Fund	1,400	0	0	1,400
Bradford Academy Capital Fund	29,873	10,000	4,800	35,073
Bradford Academy Roof Project	1,531	0	0	1,531
Reappraisal	64,785	12,606	0	77,391
Technology Equipment Capital Fund	88	2,000	0	2,088
Highway Projects	49,988	54,856	3,418	101,426
Highway Equipment	15,500	78,000	0	93,500
Highway Facility Capital Fund	73,641	14,000	10690	76,951
HWY: Ustore Tank Replacement	10,000	0	0	10,000
Police Reserve Fund	518	40	0	558
Police Vehicle Capital Fund	30,748	8,500	0	39,248
Sidewalk Reserve Fund	204,789	40,000	0	244,789
Pager/Radio Capital Fund	1,480	0	1,480	0
BPRC Capital Fund	13,598	1,000	0	14,598
Record Restoration & Misc. Revenue	28,468	8,379	1027	35,820
Resilience Covid-19	0	515	0	515
Green Up Day	1253	1,908	962	2,199
BPRC Reserve Fund (Recreation)	3,331	0	0	3,331
Prepay Sewer Hookups (for offsetting future bond payments)	63,555	8,875	25,000	47,430
Beautification Committee Funds	746	450	396	800
Revolving Loan Fund	108,100	3651	0	111,751
Library: VCDP Planning Grant	215	0	0	215
Highway Structures Grant: Mink Hill	-64126	64126	15,747	-15,747
Total Capital Reserves and Special Funds	889,579	348,906	63,520	1,174,965

TREASURER'S REPORT
December 31, 2020 (unaudited)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION ASSET ACCOUNTS

Bradford Conservation Commission:Misc.Grants WRSB	4,270
Bradford Conservation Commission WRSB	26,751
Bradford Conservation Commission:Friends Wrights Mtn WRSB	5,013
Bradford Conservation Commission:Friends Wrights Mtn WGSB CD	5,153
Bradford Conservation Commission WGSB CD	18,335
Bradford Conservation Commission WGSB CD	11,295
Bradford Conservation Commission WGSB CD	13,315
Bradford Conservation Commission WGSB CD	15,433
Bradford Conservation Commission WGSB CD	5,126
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Conservation Commission Asset Accounts	104,691

GENERAL FUND – BONDS & LOANS

Department	Loan Description	Origination Date	Original Amount	Maturity Date	Balance 12/31/2019	Balance 12/31/2020	Difference
Sewer	L.Plain Sewer	May-11	1,540,000	Aug-42	1,284,405	1,243,710	40,695
Highway	Street Bond	Jul-96	106,853	Dec-26	21,510	16,897	4,613
Highway	2016 Highway	Apr-16	66,990	Apr-20	13,398	0	13,398
Total Long Term Debt as of December 31, 2020					1,319,313	1,260,607	58,706



Swenson Insurance's office artwork was a source of community support and encouragement throughout the state shutdown and continuing pandemic. This beautiful outpouring of hearts was a standout on Main Street.

REPORT OF AUDITORS

The Bradford Town Auditors met at the end of December 2020 to perform our annual review of the financial records of the Town. To complete our review, we randomly selected a representative sample of transactions that occurred in the Town accounts during the year, both deposits and disbursements, to ensure that funds received were deposited in a timely and accurate manner and to ensure that disbursements were duly authorized for payment by the Selectboard and that checks were issued with the correct payee and in the correct amount. We initially met via Zoom and then physically verified the appropriate paperwork from the necessary documents at the office of the Town Treasurer by appointment with proper COVID-19 precautions. We were able to satisfactorily document and verify all the transactions selected.

Traditionally in Bradford, the Auditors prepare the Town Report for printing and distribution to residents. As we have done in previous years, the Town hired Michelle Sherburne of the *Journal Opinion* to do the actual compilation of the Report, and we employed RePro Vermont, a printing company in Winooski, Vt. to print and mail the reports.

The Town hires professional auditors annually to perform a full examination of the Town's financial records and accounts, and these professionals issue a report when they have completed their audit.

We would like to thank Jennifer Rivers, Bradford Treasurer; Danielle Kingsbury, Town Administrative Assistant; and Jon Thornton, Director of the Water System, for their assistance in completing this Report. We would also like to acknowledge the *Journal Opinion* for the use of their computer equipment.

*Erin Odell
Monique Priestley
Mary Ellen Gray
Bradford Town Auditors*



**1948 Bradford Academy Band posing in front of the school.
PHOTO COURTESY OF BRADFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

REPORT OF SELECTBOARD

2020 was a year like no other in Bradford's history. At last year's Town Meeting, a resident asked how well prepared we were for the COVID-19 pandemic. We answered that we thought we were as well prepared as we could be. While that reply was truthful and sincere, none of us sitting at Town Meeting in early March could have anticipated what was to come. The first wave of the pandemic, in the spring, hit Vermont along with the rest of the nation, but Bradford was spared the worst of the illness. But the fact that few, if any, Bradford residents got sick from Covid did not insulate us from the changes everyone adapted to. Many businesses closed down entirely; others switched to remote operations or takeout only. Many people were laid off, and some of those jobs have not yet been reinstated. Our local schools had to develop remote curriculums, and the Town Offices closed, with services available through appointments only. When the second wave hit in the fall, Bradford saw several cases. We were not hit as hard as many other communities but the fact that the virus had reached our small town was stressful nonetheless.

Throughout these difficult times, Bradford residents showed their remarkable spirit. A group of volunteers, led by Monique Priestley, created a group which became known as Bradford Resilience. This small band of volunteers quickly recruited others and without any direction from the Selectboard, neighbors began helping neighbors with rides to medical appointments, food distribution, grocery delivery, etc. Eventually Bradford Resilience was formally appointed as an official Town committee, but it is important to note that it started as a group of concerned members of our community who saw a need, and quickly took action. As difficult as this year has been, we are proud of and grateful to our caring and dedicated neighbors who stepped up to help.

Because of the dangers of large indoor gatherings, the Selectboard made the difficult decision to hold the 2021 Town Meeting by Australian ballot. Instead of in-person discussion and debate, followed by voting on each article, voters will have to come to the polls and mark paper ballots. The polls will be open from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2. We hope we will be able to return to our traditional town meeting next year.

Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 crisis, the Selectboard was kept busy with other issues as well. We usually welcome commercial development in the Lower Plain, but in 2020, we found ourselves in the unusual position of opposing the solar project which was proposed for the field between the Mini Mart and the NAPA auto parts store. Bradford already has four large solar projects, and there was very little opposition to any of them. But the section of the Lower Plain where this project was proposed is served by municipal sewer and water, and building a solar field there, would be inconsistent with our Town Plan and would be a gross underutilization of the valuable infrastructure we worked so hard to install in 2012. We thank the Planning Commission, and especially the commission's Chairwoman Marcey Carver, who played the leading role in the Town's opposition to the proposed solar field. We were pleased when the developer dropped the project, and we hope that the property owner or another developer will propose another commercial project on that parcel that will be consistent with our Town Plan.

Another longstanding headache in Bradford was addressed in 2020. Many people are aware that there is an empty void space (known as "the vault") under the sidewalk in front of the former Aubuchon Hardware building on Main Street. In 2020, the Selectboard accepted a bid from Fairbanks Mills to fill in the worst section of the vault. We had hoped to have the project finished before cold weather set in, but COVID-19 caused material shortages which delayed the project. The work is being done as this report is being written. The project will not fill in the vault entirely, but it will address the worst section. We are seeking grant money to finish the project, and we hope to have the vault filled completely in the next year or two.

Bradford's road crew was also busy during the past year, and a summary of their work over the past year is given elsewhere in this Town Report.

We want to thank all Town employees and volunteers who devote countless hours to improving our community. Keeping Bradford running is truly a team effort, and we appreciate the hard work of all employees and volunteers more than we can say.

The past year posed some extraordinary challenges, and we are incredibly proud of the way our community has met those challenges. We hope that 2021 will be a better year, and we hope the spirit of neighborly cooperation that was so critical in getting us through 2020, will continue and grow.

Ted Unkles, Selectboard Chair
Ryan Lockwood, Selectboard Vice Chair
Randy Moore
Carole Taylor
Daniel Perry III

REPORT OF THE LISTERS

The Board of Listers would like to thank all the taxpayers for their assistance in providing information during the 2020 tax year. The listers worked on property transfers, new property improvements, changes due to building permits, tax mapping changes, veterans' exemptions, current use, and other tasks required to maintain an accurate grand list.

The 2020 Equalization Sales Study Results were released on December 21, 2020. The Common Level of Appraisal is set at 95.74% and the Coefficient of Dispersion is 10.21%.

Here are some important dates to remember:

- **April:** Be sure to file your Homestead Declaration by April 15th to avoid any penalties. If you sell your home, the tax bill will go to **who owned the property as of April 1.**

- **May:** Veterans' Exemptions go through the Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs (VOLA) in Montpelier and must be filed by May 1. In mid-May, VOLA will send the final list of those veterans who qualify to receive the exemption.

- **Late May:** Change of Appraisal Notices will be sent out.

- **June:** Grievance Hearings will be held in June and are by appointment. Owners are encouraged to come in with questions prior to grievance.

Property Cards are now available online by going to the Town of Bradford website, www.bradford-vt.us and clicking on the blue CAI logo located in the middle of the home page. You can then search by property address, owner's name, parcel identification number or span number.

We are in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m-1 p.m. but are following the COVID-19 guidelines as explained on Page 6. Please do not hesitate to call with questions. We can be reached by phone at 802-222-4727 Ext. 202 and 206 or by email listers@bradford-vt.us.

*Robert Wing
Nila Newstrom-Anaya
Vincent S. Pacilio*



**1907 Bradford Academy Boys Basketball team.
Notice the school logo on their uniforms.
PHOTO COURTESY OF BRADFORD
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

REPORT OF PLANNING COMMISSION

As for all of us, 2020 was a strange, difficult year in which we found new ways to accomplish our work remotely. We look forward to returning to a more normal life in 2021.

We said goodbye to Sarah Pushee and thank her for her service. We welcomed Dan Perry III to the commission. Having first paused at the end of March as COVID-19 began to run rampant in the U.S., we began to conduct meetings and hearings via Zoom allowing both internet and phone connection to members and the public. We continue to utilize Zoom and look forward to continuing to offer access to the Planning Commission's work once we are able to return to in person meetings.

In spite of challenges, we accomplished quite a lot:

- Worked with Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Planning Commission to have them enlarge the area they designate as allowing Primary Retail to the eastern side of Route 5 below Route 25 as far as what is commonly known as Bradford Square.

- Successfully opposed the large solar array proposed for the currently open field on Route 25 between FMS NAPA and the Bradford Mini Mart. While we strongly support green energy, we felt it extremely important to conserve the infrastructure the town had invested in this location.

- Received a Municipal Planning Grant to update our Town Plan. This will occur in 2021.

- Completed a draft of the proposed Subdivision Bylaw and scheduled a hearing for January 5, 2021.

- Held four historic district hearings, seven site plan hearings, two reconsiderations and continued discussions with a developer who is proposing a Tractor Supply in the Bradford Square parcel.

Our Commission meets regularly on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. We welcome the public to our meetings, please check the Town website www.bradford-vt.us for links to our meetings.

*Marcey Carver
Ted Unkles
Ron Huntington
Monique Priestley
Dan Perry III*

REPORT OF ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

In spite of the COVID-19 restrictions, the operations of the zoning administrator's office were conducted smoothly through the efforts of Marcey Carver.

Since there were restrictions placed upon me because of COVID-19, the Selectboard appointed Ms. Carver as a volunteer, assistant zoning administrator who conducted the bulk of zoning activities in my absence.

There was an increase in activity over calendar year 2019. 48 zoning/building permits were issued in 2020; compared to 36 in 2019. Eight applications were forwarded to the Planning Commission and/or Zoning Board of Adjustment for review and approval before the permit was issued; six in 2019. Several complaints about zoning violations were investigated.

Working with the town's elected officials, employees and volunteers it has been a pleasure to be your zoning administrator in 2020.

*H. Paul Berlejung
Zoning Administrator*

REPORT OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

It was a rough start to the year for the Bradford Highway Department with COVID-19 and the difficulties it created for the department on figuring how to continue to work together safely.

The highway crew managed to finish up the structures grant on Mink Hill. They also completed ditching on O’Gorman Road. More ditching was done on Chase Hollow, Wrights Mountain and Flanders Brook.

State paving projects this year were put on hold for Class 2 paving grants and the Town of Bradford was sent a \$29,856.18 check from the state for grant money that was not issued to towns across the state due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The money that was received was placed in the Town’s highway capital fund for future highway projects.

With budgeted paving money, the Highway Department paved Chelsea Road, with a small portion to be completed in 2021.

There was a lot of right-of-way tree clearing done on Chelsea Road. The Highway Department is very grateful for the understanding residents who live on Chelsea Road and their availability during the tree-clearing project was much appreciated.

We made the difficult decision to postpone the purchase of the F550 truck, that was due to be replaced last year. Due to the pandemic, it will now be replaced in 2021 with capital funds.

The underground sidewalk vault repairs were also supposed to have started in the spring of 2020 but that was also postponed due to COVID-19 and Aubuchon Hardware closing and moving out of the building. The work of filling one-third of the vault area did start in November 2020 and will continue through the spring of 2021.

Thank you to the entire Highway Department for continuing work during the pandemic and to the residents for understanding the obstacles the Town had to go through with COVID-19 and all the restrictions it created.

*Phil Page
Road Foreman*



The school bus wagon for Bradford Academy awaits students to get out of school in 1901 to be taken home.

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REPORT OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Chief Russ Robinson continues to lead our Police Department with a great deal of professionalism and a genuine concern for the citizens of Bradford.

Rick Ostrout retired from our department at the end of the year. We were very sorry to see him go as he was a great addition to police force.

We also saw Andy Thibault and Stephen Sampson, our two part-time officers, choose to retire and we thank them as well for their service.

Russ is searching for the right man or woman to replace Rick as a full-time officer. The person has to commit to daily demonstrate the professionalism and type of community policing we desire and have experienced.

The Chief is also looking to find part time officers who can meet the same standards to fill in as needed.

As a member of the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council, I can attest how difficult it is to find the right people to become police officers. Most departments in the state are looking to hire including the Vermont State Police.

We remind you that we do not have a 24/7 police department. When our officers are not working, a Vermont State Police trooper will be dispatched to the call.

If you have an emergency and need an officer, please call 9-1-1.

The FAST Squad membership is lower than we would like and there is a need for new members, especially those who can respond during the day. The squad performs an invaluable service assisting Upper Valley Ambulance with medical calls in Bradford.

The Fire Department has a significant budget primarily because it has several very expensive vehicles that the taxpayers need to maintain and keep up to date. We are working with the chief on a long-range plan for maintenance and replacement of vehicles and equipment.

The members of the Fire Department and FAST Squad receive stipends for the countless hours they give responding to calls and training, but the money is really just a token of thanks.

They are volunteers who have jobs, families and commitments that at times make responding difficult. Like departments throughout rural America, many work out of town so daytime response may well not be what we would like but the alternative, a paid staff, would require a significant increase of the current budget.

The Public Safety Commission, the Police Department, the Fire Department and the FAST Squad are creations of the Town of Bradford and funded by the taxpayers. They exist to serve the residents and visitors to town.

Should you have questions, suggestions or concerns about them, please contact the individual department head, a member of the Public Safety Commission, or a member of the Selectboard.



*Gary W. Moore
Chair*

**Robert Benjamin Sr. in the ring
of a 1957 boxing match held in
the Bradford Academy
gymnasium.
PHOTO COURTESY OF
BRADFORD HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Bradford Fire Department consists of 22 members. Additionally, we have one junior member. These are men and women who volunteer hundreds of hours each year. This year has been challenging due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our meetings moved to an online platform along with most of our trainings in an attempt to safeguard our firefighters.

The department responded to 158 calls in 2020.

Alarm Activation	28	Ambulance Assists	21	Agency Assist	1
Chimney Fires	3	CO Alarm	1	MV Accidents	32
Mutual Aid	27	MV Fire	1	Structure Fires	2
Outside Fires	13	Service Calls	16		
Smoke Investigations	6	Trees and Wires	7		

I would like to thank all our firefighters for their continued commitment and dedication to the Fire Department and our community.

SAFETY FIRST!

- Make sure you have a working fire extinguisher, carbon monoxide detectors, and smoke detectors in your home and change the batteries as recommended.
- Make an emergency escape plan and practice it, especially with your children. It is good to have more than one escape route in place. Have a meeting place out of harm's way when exiting your house. Fire is very unpredictable; and if a plan is practiced, it can save lives.
- Since we are a small community, make sure to always check on your neighbors.

Remember if you have an emergency, call **9-1-1**, and we will be there for you. You may also check us out on the Town of Bradford's website at www.bradford-vt.us, Like us on Facebook (Bradford Fire Department Inc.), or email us directly at Bradford.firedept@gmail.com.

*Ryan Terrill
Fire Chief*

REPORT OF FAST SQUAD

This past year, we maintained our Paramedic licensure with the State of Vermont. We currently have eight members. Two Paramedics, one Advanced Emergency Medical Technician, three Emergency Medical Technicians, one Emergency Medical Responder and one member who have completed their Emergency Medical Responder Course and should be certified in the near future.

Our call volume continued to increase this year with 484 calls as of November 30, 2020, an increase over last year's 454 calls during the same time period. We encourage anyone interested in volunteering to contact us. No prior training is required. We can get you connected with the proper training.

COVID-19 has made for some significant changes in the way the FAST Squad is operating. We are using more Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and also requiring our members to take advantage of our rescue truck to help limit the potential of bringing Covid home to our families. We have been fortunate to have received various shipments of PPE from the state stockpile over the summer which has limited the cost to the town budget.

Members of the FAST Squad were included in the first round of COVID-19 vaccinations. By the end of February, five of our members will have received both doses.

The Bradford FAST Squad appreciates the continued support from the Town of Bradford and looks forward to serving the town in the coming years. I can be contacted at bradfordfastsquad@gmail.com.

*Daniel Perry IV
EMT President*

REPORT OF BRADFORD RESILIENCE

This has been a challenging year for everyone. We are all dealing with struggles that we never could have anticipated. It is more important than ever that we are here for each other, that we step up to help if we are able, and that we show compassion for our neighbors. We need each other for support and to feel less alone during a time that can feel quite scary. We can get through this together.

In response to COVID-19, a group of concerned citizens came together to form Bradford Resilience. Bradford Resilience soon became an official commission of the Town of Bradford in 2020 in order to ensure coordination between organizations responsible for food access, health access, emergency services, schools, town government and more. The purpose of the Commission is: to bring together representatives from all sectors of the community in order to best assess community needs; to stay connected and act as a community think tank, particularly in times of crisis; to support, mobilize and coordinate volunteers; and to make recommendations to, cooperate with, and communicate with Town officials, commissions, groups, organizations and appropriate agencies of regional and state government.

Bradford Resilience meets the 4th Wednesday of every month (or as needed) and is open to the public.

2020 Accomplishments

- regularly connected 50 local leaders, ensuring communication between various sectors;
- sent out a townwide mailing with COVID-19 resources;
- ordered and displayed supportive #BradfordStrong banners around town;
- coordinated 100 plus volunteers, managed by 12 volunteer team leaders;
- designed and posted resource yard signs throughout Bradford;
- and represented Bradford on regional, statewide and national Mutual Aid meetings.

You can find a variety of resources at <https://www.bradford-vt.us/covid19> including how to request volunteer assistance, how to sign up as a volunteer and more.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

- If you are symptomatic, please call your doctor or the VT Health Department COVID-19 hotline at (802) 863-7240. Visit healthvermont.gov/covid19 for updated information from the State of Vermont.

- For assistance finding food, paying housing bills, or other essential services, call 2-1-1. Visit 211 online at 211.org/services/covid19 for resources.

- For updates from the CDC visit cdc.gov/coronavirus.

- For help with stress and coping, call the Disaster Distress Helpline at (800) 985-5990.

- For updates from the Governor's Office for the State of Vermont, visit: governor.vermont.gov/covid19response.

- To aid Vermonters as we all respond to and recover from the COVID-19 outbreak, The Agency of Commerce & Community Development has developed a RECOVERY RESOURCE CENTER of available tools including financial assistance programs, unemployment information, and a series of Frequently Asked Questions to help businesses, individuals, and communities navigate the resources available in this time of need.

Additional tools, resources and program information will be added as they become available. <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19>

DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE?



COVID-19 | LET US HELP
INFORMATION UPDATES
REQUEST HELP • VOLUNTEER

WWW.BRADFORD-VT.US/COVID19
(802) 449-2585 *LEAVE A MESSAGE

Monique Priestley
Bradford Resilience Coordinator
Gary Moore
Bradford Emergency Management

REPORT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Be careful and be prepared. Watch out for your neighbors and help one another. That is what living in a community like Bradford means. The past year has been especially difficult because of COVID-19 and made caring friends and neighbors even more critical to our well being.

Wearing masks and staying socially distanced make a huge difference in the spread of the virus. Remember, a little inconvenience may save the life of a friend or loved one.

We have worked to meet the needs of Bradford residents through the food shelf, the Farm to Table food distributions and the efforts of many churches, fraternal organizations and other groups and individuals.

We have obtained gallons of hand sanitizer and cases of MREs from the state as well as 700 cotton masks for distribution.

I would be remiss if I did not mention Bradford Resilience, a group which met via zoom, first weekly and then biweekly, to coordinate efforts. They helped with everything from transportation to doctors appointments to arranging housing to just about any need that arose. It truly is and was gratifying to be part of such a caring group.

Unfortunately thefts and burglaries continue and the public's help is needed to see that the perpetrators are brought to justice. You can help protect your family and property by being security conscious. Lights are a big deterrent and game or security cameras can help police identify perpetrators after the fact. Various companies offer sophisticated security systems but they are not cheap.

The best thing we can do is pay attention. Note strange vehicles and persons in the area. Watch your neighbor's property when they are at work or on vacation. Keep everything locked and under cover. Record the serial numbers of expensive items such as chain saws, kayaks, canoes and other items frequently stolen. Remember the adage, "If you see something, say something."

Every residence and business should have an E911 sign that is visible from the road and is of a size and color that can be read under all conditions and by someone coming from either direction. You just might need an ambulance, a fire truck or a police cruiser to reach you quickly. Remember, if we can't find you, we can't help you.

Install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors and change the batteries twice a year.

It is important that you have an evacuation plan that every member of the family is familiar with and that is practiced. A designated place outside the home to meet is critical so that it can quickly be determined if anyone is missing. Remember EDITH, "Exit Drills In The Home." They help make the family safe.

Woodstoves are ubiquitous in our community, but unfortunately, some were improperly installed and may prove dangerous. Be sure to follow the directions of the manufacturer regarding distances from combustibles and never use the same flue as the furnace. Burn only dry wood and keep your chimney clean.

Never put ashes in a container that is combustible and always leave them far from buildings. Ashes stay hot long after a fire is out and wind can cause sparks to travel quite a distance.

Many residents have purchased generators to use when the power is off. I urge everyone with a generator to never plug it into a circuit unless an electrician has installed the necessary switches to prevent a back feed. Also make certain that the generator is far enough from the house so that deadly carbon monoxide can not be sucked into the house.

Please educate your children about picking up trash. There are all sorts of things illegally disposed of that can hurt you if not handled properly.

It would be naive to think no one was making meth or BHO in this area when it is occurring all over the state. As meth and BHO are illegal and the making of either is a criminal offense, the disposal of the waste and paraphernalia used in the process is often done with no concern for those who may encounter it. Likewise, drug users often toss used needles out. They can infect anyone who handles them. Should you find liter soda bottles with plastic tubes in their caps or white residue inside or you find needles do not touch them. Be safe. Call the police.

It has been and continues to be a very difficult time. There will be a new normal, whatever that is. Working together we can make good things happen.

*Gary W. Moore
Emergency Management Director*

REPORT OF BRADFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

This is my second report and I would like to thank the citizens of the town of Bradford for the support of your local police department.

During this past year, there have been multiple challenges that we have encountered due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There were several changes that had to be made in response to various types of complaints. The Bradford Police Department was following the guidelines set by the Governor's office and followed the COVID-19 levels set by the Vermont State Police in response to the pandemic. Currently the State Police and Bradford Police are at a Level 3 response which simply means an in-person response is for emergency situations that are life threatening, immediate threat of personal injury and/or harm, serious crashes and calls that are of a more serious nature.

In 2020, there have been 997 calls of service within the Town of Bradford. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there were no extra part-time duties or events that occurred thus Sergeant Rick Ostrout and I were the sole resources available.

The past year has resulted in changes occurring within the police department due to personnel changes. Sergeant Ostrout has just resigned his position as he has relocated with his family to South Carolina and has sold his home in Barre, Vt. I would like to send my congratulations to Sergeant Ostrout and thank him for his dedicated service to the State of Vermont and to the Town of Bradford.

I would also like to recognize and thank Andre Thibault and Stephen Sampson for their service to Bradford. Both part-time officers have been with the department for several years. Andre Thibault recently retired from his state liquor inspector position and has decided to retire from law enforcement altogether after a lengthy career in policing. Andre provided service to the Town of Bradford since 2011.

Stephen Sampson has also recently resigned as he is keeping busy at his full-time position at Dartmouth College. Stephen provided service to the Town since 2013. All of these officers will be sadly missed and it will be difficult to fill their shoes.

The Bradford Selectboard and I will begin to start the process of filling a full-time position vacated by Sergeant Ostrout and at this time will hold off on any part-time officer positions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As always, our goals and objectives for 2021 will be in the best interest of the Town. My hope is to continue to provide community policing and being available to the residents.

Please remember to call 802-222-4680 or 9-1-1 for emergency calls. The local administrative number remains the same at 222-4727 Ext. 201 for non-emergency situations.

*Russell Robinson
Chief of Police*



REPORT OF BRADFORD ACADEMY BUILDING

2020 started out to be a normal year. Holidays were behind us and we were looking forward to spring. March Town Meeting was the last function we had at the Bradford Academy (BA).

COVID-19 hit the U.S. the end of March and our country shut down. The pandemic was upon us. Everyone has had to adapt to new ways of doing everything, even the simplest thing such as going to the gas station or going to the post office. As history has shown, we will get through this together.

The Bradford Academy building has been closed to the public for most of 2020. Though Town departments and Town business has been conducted since March, we have adjusted to new protocols, procedures and meetings held by Zoom and not in person.

The Bradford Academy tenants have adjusted their work schedules but still use their offices as well. The Bradford Food Shelf has increased its hours but follows new procedures. But public use of the gymnasium and the auditorium did not occur during the pandemic and continues into this new year.

We had three school budget votes in 2020 as well as a presidential election in which the town office building had to be open to the public for those polling days.

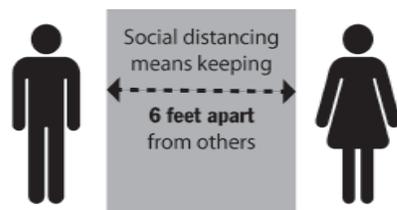
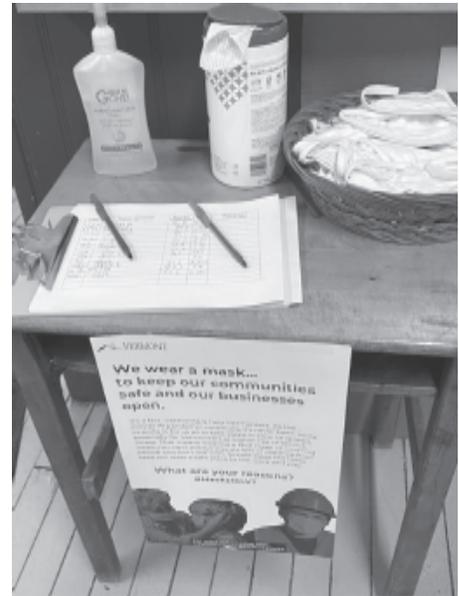
Following Vermont Public Health guidelines, we have posted Social Distancing/Wear Face Masks posters throughout the building. A touch-free thermometer was installed in the lobby and an entrance registration table set up. The registration is to record anyone entering the Bradford Academy (for contact tracing purposes). Hand sanitizer stations were also installed in the building.

I have tried to stay on top of constantly disinfecting and cleaning the entire BA building as well.

I hope that life's new normal with face masks and Covid vaccines coming available will open up more venues in the future.

Be safe and smart. Have faith and hope. We will strive for a better future, having worked through this strange time together.

*Claudio Ciurleo
Facilities Manager*



REPORT OF DOG ACCOUNT & DOG LICENSE FEES

			Fees	\$1,596	
135	Spayed			Late Fees	\$140
98	Neutered			Kennel	0
33	Female			State of Vermont	\$1,725
20	Male			Total Collected	\$3,461
				Paid to State of Vermont	-1725
286	Total Licenses Sold			Total Revenue	\$1,736

VSA Title 20 § 3581 General Requirements

- (a) A person who is the owner of a dog or wolf-hybrid more than six months old shall annually on or before April 1 cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed on a form approved by the Secretary for one year from that day in the office of the clerk of the municipality wherein the dog or wolf-hybrid is kept. A person who owns a working farm dog and who intends to use that dog on a farm pursuant to the exemptions in section § 3549 of this title shall cause the working farm dog to be registered as a working farm dog and shall, in addition to all other fees required by this section, pay \$5.00 for a working farm dog license. The owner of a dog or wolf-hybrid shall cause it to wear a collar, and attach thereto a license tag issued by the municipal clerk, Dog or Wolf-hybrid owners shall pay for the license \$4.00 for each neutered dog or wolf-hybrid and \$8.00 for each unneutered dog or wolf-hybrid. If the license fee for any dog or wolf-hybrid is not paid by April 1, its owner or keeper may thereafter procure a license for that license year by paying a fee of 50% in excess of that otherwise required.
- (b) Before a person shall be entitled to obtain a license for a neutered dog or wolf-hybrid, he or she shall exhibit to the clerk a certificate signed by a duly licensed veterinarian showing that the dog or wolf-hybrid has been sterilized.
- (c)(1) A mandatory license fee surcharge of \$5.00 per license shall be collected by each town for the purpose of funding the dog, cat and wolf-hybrid spaying and neutering program established in subchapter 6 of chapter 193 of this title.

DOG LICENSE FEES

	On or Before April 1 st	April 2 nd - June 1 st	After June 1 st
Male/Female	\$13.00	\$27.00	\$37.00
Neutered/Spayed	\$9.00	\$21.00	\$31.00

VSA Title 20 § 3621 Issuance of warrant to impound, destroy; complaint

The legislative body of a municipality may at any time issue a warrant to one or more police officers or constables, or pound keepers, directing them to proceed forthwith to destroy in a humane way or cause to be destroyed in a humane way all dogs or wolf-hybrids within the town or city not licensed according to the provisions of this subchapter, except as exempted by section § 3587 of this title, and to enter a complaint against the owners or keepers thereof.

RABIES CLINIC

A Rabies Clinic will be held on Wednesday, March 24, 2021

at the Bradford Fire Station from 6:00 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Bradford residents may license their dogs at this clinic.

**You must bring or have on file neutering and rabies certificates before
licensing your dog.**

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

CEMETERY FUNDS

Funds Invested with Stifel Nicolaus	12/31/20	\$47,722
Income Fund		\$2,013
Restricted Fund		\$45,709

Investment made up from the following funds:		
Trustees of Public Funds	\$20,387	42.72%
Permanent Fund	7,135	14.95%
Johnston Fund	6,800	14.25%
Emerson Fund	5,946	12.46%
Rowell Fund	3,908	8.19%
Geneva Ostrout	2,219	4.65%
George Colby	1,155	2.42%
Kendall Sanborn	172	.36%
Total	\$47,722	100%

Grand Total Cemetery Funds	12/31/20	\$47,722
Balance as of	12/31/19	\$46,028

WALTER LEE FUND

Invested with Stifel Nicolaus		
Principal Fund as of 12/31/20		\$394,133
Interest available for future awards		\$84,804

The Walter Lee Fund was established in 2002, and as stipulated in Mr. Lee's will, the funds are to be used to promote recreational activities for the youth of the Town of Bradford, with Elizabeth's Park receiving preferential consideration.

The Fund is overseen by the Trustees of Public Funds and administered by the Walter Lee Committee that is appointed by the Selectboard. The Committee will review the grant requests made each year. Grant applications are available at the Town Office in late March of each year and must be submitted to the Committee for consideration by May 1st. Grant requests that are recommended by the Committee for approval are then forwarded on to the Selectboard for final approval. Funds that are awarded are to be disbursed by December 15th of that year. Two grants were awarded this year.

Bradford Youth Sports: Awarded \$689.98 for equipment, only used \$190 of award.

Bradford Elementary School: Awarded \$15,000 for outdoor classroom at Low St. John Forest, \$14,000 of the award was used.

ELIZABETH'S PARK

CD invested with Stifel Nicolaus	
Balance as of 12/31/19	\$17,184
Interest	+ 416
Balance as of 12/31/20	\$17,600

Anthony Brainerd
Martina Stever
Graham Gove
Trustees of Public Funds

REPORT OF REVOLVING LOAN FUND

The mission of the Bradford Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) shall be to make loans to Bradford-based businesses that have the potential to increase employment within the Town, to grow Bradford-based businesses, and to improve the general welfare of the Town using generally accepted principals of sound banking.

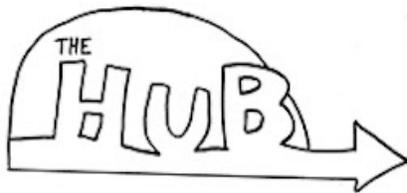
The RLF shall also provide loans for façade improvement for businesses located in the central business district. This is a **loan** fund; all loans must be repaid in full. This is not a grant program.

The Revolving Loan Fund received no new applications in 2020. The current balance of the Revolving Loan Fund, that is funds available to lend is \$111,750.64 unaudited (as of December 31, 2020) and outstanding loan(s) are current.

Due to the potential hardships of the COVID-19 pandemic to our local business community, the committee voted to amend the loan fund language to include an “Emergency Loan Situation” which allowed for the committee to loan up to \$2,000 to a Bradford business in the event of an emergency due to cash flow issues in this situation caused by the pandemic. The details of the changes can be found on the Bradford Town Website, under the Revolving Loan Fund Documents section. The Selectboard voted and approved a maximum allowance of \$25,000 of the RLF balance to be used for emergency loan situations. These changes were made in March 2020 and were distributed to the business community.

We encourage small businesses of Bradford to review the guidelines that are posted on the Town of Bradford Website under the Community tab and apply. These funds are here to support small business in Bradford. If you have specific questions, please call the town office at 802-222-4727 and they will connect you with a committee member.

*Erin Odell
Anthony Brainerd
Peter Terry
Daniel Perry III
Brian Schlager
Committee Members*



Bradford Teen Center

The Hub serves youth in grades 7-12 from Bradford, Newbury, Wells River, Corinth, Waits River, and Topsham, and nearby towns.

Check them out on Facebook.
Email: director.thehub@gmail.com
www.bradfordteencenter.org
802-449-3046 (call for availability)

The Start of The Bradford Teen Center... The Hub

The Bradford Teen Center was formed in 2018, by director Patrick Peters. The father of a teenage son himself, Patrick recognized the need for a safe place for teens to go. In October of 2018, a board of directors was formed.

In early spring of 2020, The Bradford Teen Center began looking at properties, and decided on 9 Barton Street, the former Middle Earth location, as the home of The Hub. In April of 2020, The Bradford Teen Center moved in.

They did a donation drive for items to outfit the new space and the community answered with an outpouring of support! They received donations of furniture, cooking appliances, books, air hockey table, ping pong, movies, Xbox 360 and games, arts and crafts, laptops, and a printer.

Of course, the Covid pandemic closed The Hub temporarily. And when it did reopen it has been limited to 10 teens at a time, following VT State Covid guidelines.

Information from their website and Facebook pages

REPORT OF THE BRADFORD WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

The Water & Sewer Commission was forced to adjust this year to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. This meant the cancellation of a few meetings. We now have in-person meetings with the availability to attend virtually by Zoom. This was a challenging time for all of us, but the Town of Bradford personnel, including Water and Sewer Department were able to keep our day-to-day operations running as normal as possible.

Chief Operator Jon Thornton continues to serve on the Vermont Rural Water Association Board of Directors and on the National Rural Water Association Board of Directors representing the State of Vermont.

Mike Tessier completed training and passed the exam required to receive his Grade 3 Wastewater Operator's license. He is now licensed as a water and wastewater operator.

There were three major water leaks in 2020, two on the Upper Plain in the same location and one at the intersection of Route 5 South and Pratt Farm Road. All three leaks were on older section of water mains.

PFAS (polyfluoroalkyl substances) continues to be a point of emphasis in the water and wastewater fields as we move into 2021. We were required to sample for PFAS in the drinking water system again this year and the result again showed non-detectable. We will not have to test for PFAS again for three years unless the testing schedule is changed. We were required to sample for PFAS on the field that we use for sludge management in 2020. The tests showed that the PFAS levels were below levels that would have precluded us from spreading sludge on the field. There was a discrepancy with one water monitoring well, but the final results showed that there was no PFAS detected. Moving forward we are required to sample for PFAS at the sludge management site annually.

There is and continues to be outstanding cooperation and communication between the Town departments. We feel that the day-to-day business of our department is more efficient due to this continued cooperation. We want to point out that payments are accepted in the Town Clerk's office during business hours and can also be made online.

In closing, the Commission would like to thank the Town of Bradford personnel who assisted us throughout 2020.

Other Important Information

The Bradford Water & Sewer Commission meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. All meetings are held in the Water & Sewer Commission office on the 2nd floor, Room 28A of the Bradford Academy, unless otherwise posted.

Our phone number is (802) 222-4315.

The emergency pager number is (802)741-1248. This number will put you in contact with emergency on-call personnel.

We can also be reached by email at water-sewer-admin@bradford-vt.us (administrative) or water-sewer@bradford-vt.us (Chief Operator). All pertinent information is posted and updated on the Town of Bradford website, www.bradford-vt.us.

Water & Sewer Commissioners:

Lunnie Lang, Larry Russ, Leonard Dobbins, Daniel A. Perry III and Robert Lefebvre

Chief Water & Sewer Operator: Jon Thornton

Assistant Water & Sewer Operator: Mike Tessier

Water & Sewer Administrative Assistant: Jesse Meyer

BRADFORD WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
WATER BUDGET
(unaudited as of December 31, 2020)

	2019		2020		2021
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
INCOME					
Water Income	290,000	286,325	290,000	285,370	290,000
Water Interest & Penalty	3,000	4,130	3,500	3,497	3,500
Total Water Income	293,000	290,455	293,500	288,867	293,500

ADMINISTRATION

Water Commissioner Salary	1,925	1,925	1,925	1,925	1,925
Water Salary Chief Operator	57,824	59,230	59,558	59,876	60,445
Water Salary Administration	6,137	4,650	8,428	8,426	8,553
Payroll Water SS	4,893	4,247	5,201	5,160	5,278
Water Health Insurance - Thornton	16,438	16,244	18,084	18,067	15,680
Water Health Insurance - Admin.	0	0	0	0	0
Water Retirement - Thornton	1,735	1,777	1,830	1,796	1,813
Water Retirement - Admin.	0	0	0	0	257
Water Training	400	212	400	0	400
Total Administration	89,352	88,285	95,426	95,250	94,351

OPERATIONS

Uniforms	300	54	300	279	300
Water Office Supplies	1,800	1,168	1,800	1,068	2,000
Postage & Delivery	1,500	1,442	1,500	1,655	2,000
Advertising	200	0	200	0	200
Elections Water	0	0	0	0	600
Water Hardware/Software	2,500	1,640	3,000	3,234	3,500
Water - NEMRC	500	0	500	858	1,000
Water Mileage	400	405	500	0	500
Electricity - Appleton Drive	14,000	17,075	19,000	18,177	19,000
Electricity - Fairground	2,150	1,950	2,150	2,151	2,200
Electricity - Goshen Road	2,200	2,881	3,200	2,413	3,200
Electricity - SCADA Mink	275	262	300	265	350
Water Propane	750	499	750	569	750
Water - Telephone	1,750	1,578	1,750	1,842	1,800
Water - Pager	150	102	150	102	150
Water Meters	2,000	1,270	2,000	0	2,000
Water New Equipment	7,000	417	5,000	264	4,000
Hydrants	15,000	0	15,000	0	6,000
Grounds Maintenance	100	7	100	0	100
Water - Safety	200	0	200	162	200
Equipment Repair & Maintenance	1,000	716	1,000	0	1,000
Licenses and Permits	1,200	617	1,200	373	1,200
Water State Permits	3,000	3,032	3,200	3,516	3,200
Water - Legal Fees	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000
Water - Audit	5,000	4,025	5,000	4,550	5,000
Property, Flood & Casualty	7,500	7,474	7,500	7,458	8,000
Water - Unemployment Insurance	150	28	150	104	150

**BRADFORD WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
WATER BUDGET
(unaudited as of December 31, 2020)**

	2019		2020		2021
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Water - VLCT Dues	250	245	250	255	250
Water Truck Maintenance	1,500	522	1,500	93	1,000
Truck Gasoline	1,200	869	1,200	684	1,000
Water Chlorine	1,000	1,125	1,000	394	800
Water Fluoride	1,000	600	1,000	934	1,200
Contracted Services	1,800	785	1,500	1,060	1,500
Water Repairs	12,000	17,888	18,500	11,060	15,000
Water Customer Re-bill	0	0	0	0	0
Water New Work	6,000	1,108	5,000	0	5,000
Water Maintenance	1,500	710	1,000	0	1,000
Fairground Road Booster Pump	0	0	0	0	0
Water Outside Testing	1,200	2,335	2,000	1,785	2,000
Water Security	2,000	0	2,000	0	2,000
Farr Lane Repair & Maintenance	1,000	673	1,000	0	1,000
Water Bond - #361501 H&NP	4,500	4,432	4,500	2,626	4,500
Water Direct Line Bond RF	7,650	7,603	7,650	7,603	7,650
Well Head -Land Pmt WSP-0	4,050	4,033	4,050	4,033	0
Water Bond RF3-085	3,125	3,113	3,125	0	3,125
Water Bond Improvement Project	74,200	74,186	74,200	74,186	74,200
Water Miscellaneous	500	328	500	195	500
Water Capital Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	5,000
Other Expenses	100	0	100	0	100
Total Operations	201,200	172,197	211,525	153,948	196,225

Total Water Expenses	290,552	260,482	306,951	249,198	290,576
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BRADFORD WATER & SEWER COMMISSION WATER & SEWER BONDS & LOANS							
<u>Dept</u>	<u>Loan Description</u>	<u>Origination Date</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/19</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/20</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Water	Well Head Protection (WSP-002)	April 2001	60,000	April 2020	3,915	0	3,915
Water	Direct Line (RF3-022)	November 2003	378,558	November 2032	123,124	111,827	11,297
Water	Water Improve Project (RF3-231)	November 2014	4,079,750	October 2044	1,854,644	1,780,458	74,186
Water	Goshen Road (RF3-085)	July 2007	155,000	July 2036	52,921	52,921	0
Water	Village Bond (361501)	July 1996	347,400	December 2026	23,372	19,766	3,606
Sewer	Village Bond (361501)	July 1996	173,700	December 2026	15,103	13,322	1,781
Sewer	Treatment Plant Upgrade (92-01)	June 2006	422,000	June 2036	299,889	286,316	13,573
Total Long-Term Debt as of December 31, 2020					2,372,968	2,264,610	108,358

BRADFORD WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
WATER FUND: BALANCE SHEET
(unaudited as of December 31, 2020)

ASSETS

Cash

Due to/from General Fund	-105,856	
Total Cash		-105,856

RECEIVABLES

Water Rent Receivable	62,331	
Water Unbilled Accounts Receivable	23,982	
Total Receivables		86,313

FIXED ASSETS

Water Fixed Assets	12,500	
Water Fixed Asset Land	1,100	
Chlorine/Fluoride Equipment	1,000	
Computer Billing System	5,000	
Equipment	135,537	
Meters	15,000	
Water Mains & Hydrants	1,614,490	
Pump House - Appleton Drive	7,200	
Water - System Upgrade	4,445,183	
Storage Shed	3,000	
Wells	200,000	
Reservoir	400,000	
Water - New Truck Purchase	23,778	
Pump Station & Water Right	153,510	
Accumulated Depreciation	-2,409,654	
Total Fixed Assets		4,607,645

TOTAL ASSETS

4,588,102

LIABILITY

Loan #RF3-231 - Water Improvements	2,822,629	
Logging Deposit	1,000	
Water - EPA Loan	70,390	
Note Payable - VT Bond Bank	3,915	
State EPS Revolving Loan	123,124	
VT Municipal Bond	23,372	
Total Liability		3,044,430

FUND BALANCE

Retained Earnings	1,477,724	
Water Capital Fund	30,000	
Total Prior Years Fund Balance		1,507,724
Fund Balance Current Year	35,947	

Total Fund Balance

1,543,671

TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES & FUND BALANCE

4,588,101

**BRADFORD WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
(as of December 31, 2020)**

2020 DELINQUENT CUSTOMER LISTING

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Customer Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>12/31/2020</u>	
05-71-0066	Kenneth Duchesney Jr.,	122 Ash St	428.84	
09-06-0194	Brian Bevacqua	356 Goshen Rd	390.77	
09-72-0022	Colby Martino	42 Birch St	312.89	
09-75-0079	Stephen & Syvanna Kilduff	151 Farr Ln	385.28	
12-98-0745	Kristyne Mcfarlin	1403 Lower Plain	493.57	
21-85-00230001	J. Leonard Spodek	11 KD Welch Service Rd	194.83	
21-93-0055	Edonila Newstrom-Anaya	105 North Pleasant St.	1773.94	Disconnected
21-97-0153	Stephen Vaughan	63 North Main St	1546.71	Disconnected
21-97-0160	Ray Edwards	78 North Main St	1202.20	Disconnected
21-97-0354	Janet Johnson	19 Depot Street	3,924.12	Disconnected
22-87-0011	Christopher Anaya	74 Maple St	947.35	
22-87-0044	Jeffrey Weitz	13 Maple St	817.50	
22-90-0042	Homebridge Financial Services	78 South Pleasant St	454.46	Disconnected
22-90-0051	Jocelyn Pickett	97 South Pleasant St	4610.04	
22-90-0124	David Leferve	234 South Pleasant	888.15	
22-91-0008	Dorothy Page	16 High St	1601.24	Disconnected
22-91-0065	Stanwood & Phyllis Ford	127 High St	708.82	
22-91-0074	Kendell & Margaret Brown	146 High St	2271.00	
23-98-0207	Bradford Motel	379 Lower Plain	2884.33	
23-98-02072014	Bradford Motel	379 Lower Plain	1,250.00	
23-98-02432014	In Season LLC	449 Lower Plain	375.00	

Total Amount of Delinquent Accounts: \$27,461.04

COMPARISON

Delinquent Water Accounts as of 12/31/20:
\$16,958.37

Delinquency Water Accounts that have been
disconnected as of 12/31/20 totaled
\$10,502.07

BRADFORD WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
SEWER BUDGET
(unaudited as of December 31, 2020)

	2019		2020		2021
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
INCOME					
Sewer Income	261,000	253,250	260,000	250,636	255,000
Sewer Interest & Penalty	3,000	3,510	3,500	3,240	3,500
Total Sewer Expenses	264,000	256,760	263,500	253,877	258,500

ADMINISTRATION					
Sewer Commissioner Salary	1,925	1,925	1,925	1,925	1,925
Sewer Salary - Assistant Operator	38,563	39,966	41,600	42,012	42,848
Sewer Salary Administration	6,137	4,650	8,428	8,426	8,553
Payroll Exp- Social Sec. Sewer	3,420	3,560	3,827	4,006	3,932
Asst. Operator Insurance	9,442	9,442	10,802	10,802	11,280
Admin Health Insurance	0	0	0	0	0
Sewer - Training	400	543	400	0	400
Sewer Retirement - Administration					257
Total Administration Expenses	59,887	60,086	66,982	67,171	69,195

OPERATION					
Sewer Office Supplies	1,800	1,237	1,800	1,068	1,800
Sewer Uniforms	300	54	250	120	250
Elections Sewer	0	0	0	0	600
Sewer Advertising	200	0	150	0	150
Sewer Hardware/Software	1,000	1,640	3,000	1,170	3,000
Sewer - NEMRC	500	0	500	858	1,000
Sewer Mileage	500	262	500	0	500
Sewer Propane	3,700	2,979	3,700	4,353	3,700
Electricity - ARC	395	339	400	488	525
Electricity - Golf Station	2,200	1,825	2,200	1,890	2,500
Electricity - Municipal Plant	475	159	400	395	525
Electricity - Sewage Plant	15,950	12,638	15,950	14,443	16,000
Electricity - Maple Street	2,750	2,674	2,750	2,558	2,750
Electricity - Industrial	2,500	2,475	2,500	2,360	2,500
Sewer - Telephone	3,000	2,091	2,500	2,392	2,500
Sewer - Pager	200	102	200	102	200
Generator Maintenance	6,000	3,208	6,000	7,246	8,000
Sewer Sludge Removal	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Sewer Certification	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000
Sewer Discharge Permits	600	411	500	514	800
Sewer - Licenses & Permits	750	425	750	928	1,000
Sewer - Audit	5,000	4,025	5,000	4,550	5,000
Sewer - Unemployment Insurance	150	28	150	189	200
Sewer - VLCT Dues	250	245	250	255	300
Sewer New Equipment	8,000	150	6,000	1,936	6,000
Equipment Repair/Replacement	6,000	0	6,000	0	5,000
Sewer Chemicals	6,000	4,870	6,000	5,629	6,000

**BRADFORD WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
SEWER BUDGET
(unaudited as of December 31, 2020)**

	2019		2020		2021
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Contracted Services	2,800	1,699	2,000	1,973	2,000
Sewer Field	200	0	200	0	200
Sewer Outside Testing	2,000	2,060	3,000	2,326	3,000
Sewer Lab Supplies	1,800	555	1,500	276	800
Sewer Plant Maintenance	5,000	3,471	7,000	1,317	8,000
Pump Station - Repair & Maintenance	4,000	0	3,000	1,200	4,000
Sewer Water	800	1,037	1,000	771	1,000
Sewer Safety	500	377	500	263	300
Grounds Maintenance	600	149	300	103	300
Sewer Line Maintenance & Repair	8,000	7,270	8,000	7,148	10,000
Sewer Line - Main St. Replacement	0	0	0	0	0
Sewer Taxes (Sweet)	2,500	2,239	2,500	0	2,500
Sewer Security	5,000	0	3,000	0	3,000
Sewer Bond - #361501 H&NP	2,400	2,189	2,400	1,297	2,400
Sewer USDA Loan 92-01	25,000	24,521	25,000	24,519	25,000
Sewer Miscellaneous	300	0	300	198	300
Capital Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Total Operations Expenses	150,120	107,403	148,150	114,836	154,600

OTHER EXPENSES

Insurance	9,300	9,217	9,300	8,811	9,300
Total Other Expenses	9,300	9,217	9,300	8,811	9,300

Total Sewer Expenses	219,307	176,706	224,432	190,818	233,095
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Spreading community support during the pandemic, the Colatina Exit like many other businesses in the area brought warmth through the hearts campaign.

BRADFORD WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
SEWER FUND: BALANCE SHEET
(unaudited as of December 31, 2020)

ASSETS		
Cash		
Due to/from General Fund	171,625	
Total Cash		171,625
RECEIVABLES		
Sewer Rent Receivables	58,906	
Sewer Unbilled Accounts Receivable	21,861	
Total Receivables		80,767
FIXED ASSETS		
Sewer Fixed Asset Land	6,000	
Sewer Equipment	45,753	
Sewer Plant	463,093	
Treatment Plant Upgrade	1,180,552	
Infrastructure Improvements	340,594	
Sewer Depreciation	-781,838	
Total Fixed Assets		1,254,153
TOTAL ASSETS		1,506,545
LIABILITY		
Sewer Bond Payable	15,103	
Rural Development	299,889	
Total Liability		314,992
FUND BALANCE		
Opening Balance Equity	1,084,139	
Sewer Capital Fund	25,000	
Sludge Management Reserve Fund	19,355	
Total Prior Years Fund Balance		1,128,494
Fund Balance Current Year	63,059	
Total Fund Balance		1,191,553
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES & FUND BALANCE		1,506,545

Celebrating the 200th Anniversary of Bradford Academy



1820–2020

Bradford Academy: Through the Years

by Larry Coffin

Early History of Bradford Academy

The school was chartered by the State as a private school in November 1820. The first classes were held in March 1821 in a two-story building at this site. It was of colonial architecture, painted white and green, and topped by a belfry.

Upon entering the front door, there was a small hall that led to a large room where classes were held. The grammar school was located on the second floor. That floor had three small rooms including a library.

Students came from the surrounding communities and as far away as Rhode Island and Eastern Canada. At first, some came by stagecoach and, after 1848, by train. The number of students varied between the four-yearly sessions from 71 to 180. For those from away, boarding was furnished by local families for a small fee.

Tuition started at 25 cents per week for Greek and Latin students with extra charges for penmanship, geography, English and arithmetic. In 1868, a bequest established the Merrill Library within the building. Over the years, a wide variety of other subjects were added.

The rules were strict. There was no tolerance for students who were atheists or for those that inculcated immoral practices or used profane language. No cards, dice or other games of chance or ardent sports were allowed.

Rules were especially strict for young ladies, and they were encouraged to have a variety of acquaintances rather than just one young man. The male students were admonished to display “true politeness, purity of sentiment, and honesty of principles combined with the moral courage to exemplify them.”

In 1866, the Academy began to merge with the Bradford school district, thus uniting it with the two Common school districts in the Village. In 1892, the Bradford Academy and Graded School District was formed, making the Academy a public school.

The last class held in the old building was in the Fall Term 1894, as the new brick building was completed just behind it.

A New Academy Building – 1894

In 1893, a bequest of \$15,000 from the estate of John Lund Woods was granted to the Academy. The new building, appropriately titled the Woods School Building, was under construction in the fall of 1893. George Guernsey of Montpelier was the architect.

Woods’ bequest paid for most of the costs, with the School District picking up the remainder. A 407-pound bell, inscribed “Graded School, Bradford, Vt., 1894” was hung in the tower.

In July 1894, the old Academy Building was torn down. A newspaper notice mentioned the availability of doors, windows etc. The District No. 12 primary school that was on the north front lawn was sold and moved to become a portion of the building currently housing the Little Rivers Health Center on South Main Street.

Classes were first held in the winter term, 1895. Students in grades 5-8 met on the first floor, with grades 9-12 in the two



upper floors. On the third floor was the assembly/study hall. Promenades were held there. In 1916, the Junior-Senior High class arrangement began. As new subjects, as well as expanded activities, were added, the BA earned a reputation for both academic and activities.

In 1933, the District voters approved the building of a wing to house additional classrooms as well as an auditorium and gym. It was dedicated in November 1935. A vocational agriculture building and a music room were later added.

As early as 1963, discussion began to create a new multi-town school district. Years of meetings, including proposals for different configurations, evolved into Union District #30 to include Bradford and Newbury school districts.

The decision to close the Academy was an easy one for Bradford voters. The New England Association of Schools and Colleges had made many strong recommendations in its last accreditation visit.

The estimated cost of retrofitting the old building to meet those recommendations was about the same as Bradford's share in the construction of the new school facilities. The new school offered expanded programs and opportunities not possible before.



**Addition in 1933 under construction to Bradford Academy building.
PHOTO COURTESY OF BRADFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

AND THEN IT WAS OVER.

With a new union high school under construction in June 1971, over 150 years after it opened, Bradford Academy closed. While hundreds of students had experienced its offerings, that was over.

Therefore, the Class of 1971 was the last class to graduate from Bradford Academy.

A new high school, built on the Upper Plain, was named Oxbow High School. In August 1971, Oxbow opened its doors to Bradford and Newbury students with tuition students from neighboring towns as well.

The students who were in BA's grades 7-11 shifted to Oxbow High. Some of the BA staff transferred to the new school, others sought employment elsewhere and several longtime staff retired.

The formal Bradford Academy and Graded School District continued operation of the elementary school until it was replaced in 2019 by the state-mandated Oxbow Unified Union School District.

Since the school's closure, the building was retrofitted to make it accessible for the general public, and is now the site of town and private business offices.

The Bradford Academy Alumni Association, active since the early 20th century, continues to hold reunions and offer scholarships. Its annual meeting highlights the strong affections many have for "Old BA."



**Class of 1971 was the last class to graduate from Bradford Academy.
PHOTO COURTESY OF BRADFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

REPORT OF BRADFORD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Like all community organizations, the Bradford Parks and Recreation Commission (BPRC) wasn't immune to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. The department's previous recreation director resigned only a month or so prior to when the state of emergency struck Vermont. Recruiting her replacement proved challenging, and unfortunately the eventual hire lasted only two months.

Meanwhile, the department's popular summer camp was canceled as part of the statewide restrictions on "non-essential" group activities.

However, it wasn't all bad news in 2020. BPRC gained two new members and increased its meeting schedule from monthly to twice per month. All of our parks saw significant use, especially Elizabeth's Park, which – after being closed from early spring until mid-July due to COVID-19 — quickly reemerged as a mecca for play with appropriate precautions in place.

Despite the relative downturn in tourism traffic this year, Boch Park remained a vibrant destination, hosting several socially distancing events staged by the Bradford Public Library, politicians, a local group of Tai Chi practitioners, and others. Up the road at Denny Park, area students helped a local artist paint an inspiring mural, and plans are in place for needed repair work on the gazebo.

Due to restrictions on recreational team sports, activity at Memorial Field was limited with fewer baseball and softball teams and games, and no soccer this year. However, with an uptick in individual and family outdoor sports, the boat launch at Bugbee Landing got plenty of use.

BPRC's biggest achievement in 2020 may have been its successful efforts to once again erect and maintain the ice skating rink at Elizabeth's Park. After ordering a needed new liner, the commission saw great turnout during several volunteer days to set up the boards, install the liner and flood the rink. Used regularly by Bradford Elementary School students and everyone who loves to skate, snow removal and resurfacing continued to be performed by volunteers, reflecting the spirit of our community.

A major BPRC initiative for 2021 is working with the Selectboard to bring in a recreation director with staying power and a strong vision for programming and events in Bradford. Other goals include reigniting summer camp, Covid-permitting, and the installation of previously acquired new play equipment at Elizabeth's Park.

The Bradford Parks and Recreation Commission generally meets the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. and currently has one open seat. Public input is welcome and encouraged. For more information, please contact BPRC at parcs-recreation@bradford-vt.us or 802-222-4727 Ext. 210, or search for "Bradford Parks and Recreation" on Facebook.

Thank you and see you at the parks!

*Bradford Parks and Recreation Commission
Charles "Skip" Barrett
Jean Carlan
Karen Danforth
Jared Pendak*

REPORT OF BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

History

The practice of planting flowers to beautify Bradford has its roots in the Bradford Improvement Society that was established in 1907. Over the years, the Bradford Women's Club maintained boxes on Main Street. In 1976, the Bicentennial Committee sponsored a Bradford Beautification Project. Additionally, a number of other residents maintained flowers in public places such as Memorial Park near the Bradford Library, on the Bradford Academy (BA) lawn and at the bank near the falls.

The recent history of this effort began in 1991 at the time of the Vermont Bicentennial. Jim and Vida Perry along with Carolynn Floryan obtained contributions from the Bradford Merchants Associates and annually planted flower tubs along Main Street. Around the same time, the Bradford Beautification Committee formed. Carolynn Floryan, co-chair of the Bradford Community Development Corporation, drew the beautification effort under the BCDC umbrella.

Considerable promotion of the effort to enhance Bradford's appeal was made by Sara Hope Amundsen. She championed the work of the Beautification Committee with a small garden at the BA and at the gazebo in Denny Park.

In 1998, soon after Amundsen's death and after the entrance to the Bradford Academy building was rebuilt to improve access, a new enhanced garden was planted near the steps in her memory. Mary Lou Keiser, Dorothy Cole, Vida Perry and David and Carolynn Floryan formed the committee that established this garden with funds from Amundsen's will and memorials.

From then on, the members of the Committee continued to work year-round to plant seasonal flowers and decorate for winter not only at the BA garden, but at the three granite water boxes, the gazebo in Denny Park, planters around the village, the garden at Memorial Park, the library entrance and later flowers at the State Police Barracks and the Park and Ride on Rt. 25.

In 2007, new wooden flower boxes were built by member Harvey Dorr. In 2008, the Committee withdrew from the BCDC and was joined with the Town's Park and Recreation Commission. Over the years, the funds were provided by the Bradford Merchants, individual donations and a yearly appropriation from the Town.

In 2014, \$1,800 was raised to replace these boxes with 11 new white planters. In 2015, a memorial stone was placed in the BA garden in recognition of Dorothy Cole's role in efforts to beautify Bradford.

Membership in the Committee ranges from longtime members to those who join briefly. Recently, members include Carolyn Coffin, Kathy Thibault, Margaret Kidder, Diane Smarro, Jeff Bensel, Diane Bennet, Harvey Dorr, Kathy Munson, Geri Mooney, Penny Hodge and Cynthia Bazzano. Emeritus members have included Vida Perry Munson, Phyllis Lavelle, Jeannette Nordham and Carolynn Floryan. Spouses often assisted with the work.

Since 2017 the Committee's activities have been downsized to only the BA garden, gazebo and the granite water boxes. The Main Street planters have been taken over by the Bradford Business Association. The garden at Memorial Park has been tended by individual efforts.

In 2020, a number of older members retired and a new group of volunteer gardeners have stepped up to keep this decades-old efforts alive.



REPORT OF GREEN UP

The COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing guidelines certainly created havoc with the 50th anniversary of Green Up Vermont this year. While the global pandemic may have delayed Green Up Day it did not stop this 50-year-old tradition of Vermonters cleaning up the Bradford roadsides.

Once again, our Bradford community did an awesome job greening up Bradford. Our Bradford friends and neighbors, the Oxbow Student Council, the Veterans Home and your participation yielded 1.53 tons of green bags, one huge television and other assorted recyclables, nonrecyclables, 30 tires (some with rims) and one abandoned, faded red couch that had been on the side of the road on Wright's Mtn. for some time.

I want to thank everyone who committed to walking Bradford's roadsides picking up cans, trash and other items thrown away by those people who lack respect for this community where they live or because they don't live in this community and therefore don't care.

While we may still be wearing masks and social distancing, I am still looking forward to seeing everyone this upcoming Green Up Day May 1, 2021.



*Barbara Kulzyck
Coordinator Green Up Day
Bradford Conservation Commission*

REPORT OF CEMETERIES (UPPER PLAIN & SAWYER)

For this year at the cemeteries, Gary Tillotson finished taking down the rest of the trees that he had worked on last year. There were 10 burials this year, three full burials and seven cremations.

Gary had a total of 123 hours working the Upper Plain Cemetery and 5 hours at the Sawyer Cemetery.

Randy Wheeler had a total of 207 hours at the Upper Plain Cemetery and 87 hours at the Sawyer Cemetery.

Kevin Soucy had a total of 402 hours at the Upper Plain Cemetery and 172 hours at the Sawyer Cemetery.

Total hours for the Upper Plain Cemetery were 732 hours.

Total hours for the Sawyer Cemetery were 264 hours.

I would like to put in a request for a bagger for the mower in 2021.



*Kevin Soucy
Superintendent*

At the end of March, the country shut down and Vermont was under a stay-home order. For three months, only essential businesses could operate. Schools went to remote learning and Oxbow High School's electronic message board related messages of encouragement or updates.

REPORT OF BRADFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

We were happy to welcome AJ Follensbee as a member of the Bradford Conservation Commission (BCC) in January. AJ is the Windsor/Orange County forester, so he brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the group. Sadly, Ed Wendell resigned from the BCC after 16 years of dedicated service. Longtime volunteer Rick Evans joined in October. **Stewardship equals fostering a love and understanding of the land by enhancing access, experience and education. This year's projects were:**

- 3 benches built by Randy Moore were installed at pause places along trails in the Wrights MT/Devil's Den Town Forest (Copeland Family [1]; Cohase Rotary Club [2]).
- 5 hiking signs were installed at strategic Town road locations to direct visitors to the Town Forest.
- Updated kiosk maps, provided by TRORC, were installed by Tom Gray at 3 trailheads.
- Through the efforts of Jared Pendak, a wayfaring sign directing visitors to the Wrights MT Trailhead has been installed by the State on Route 25.
- The Davis bench near Devil's Den was repaired by Rick Evans.
- A virtual Race to the Top of Bradford spanned the whole month of June, and 49 runners contributed \$1,050 which was donated to the Bradford Food Shelf and The Space on Main.
- The Devil's Den Ultra Run, coordinated by Jason Mosel, took place in October. Limited to 15 runners due to Covid restrictions, the race spanned 24 hours with the top contestant from Fairfax, VT logging 75 miles. Darkness, thunder, lightning and torrential rain did not dampen their spirits. Just under \$4,000 was raised for a Vermont Veteran Suicide Prevention Program and just under \$1,000 was raised for the Friends of Wrights MT Fund. Plans are underway for continuing this event in 2021.

Management:

- A selective timber harvest, scheduled by Orange County Forester David Paganelli, included removal of 109 ash trees near trails in preparation for the invasion of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)
- Bradford Tree Warden Ben Rubinfeld and AJ Follensbee conducted a roadside ash tree inventory on 20.75 miles of Class 2 and Class 3 roads. 1,622 ash trees were identified (see map on Page 59). Dead ash trees are dangerous and more costly to remove, so it was recommended that identified ash trees be removed before they become infested. Wrights MT Road was prioritized for ash tree removal due to: proximity to known infestation; high concentration of ash; proximity to WM/DD Town Forest; significant road traffic. See the full Bradford Roadside Ash Inventory report at Bradford's website: <https://www.bradford-vt.us>.

Information & Education:

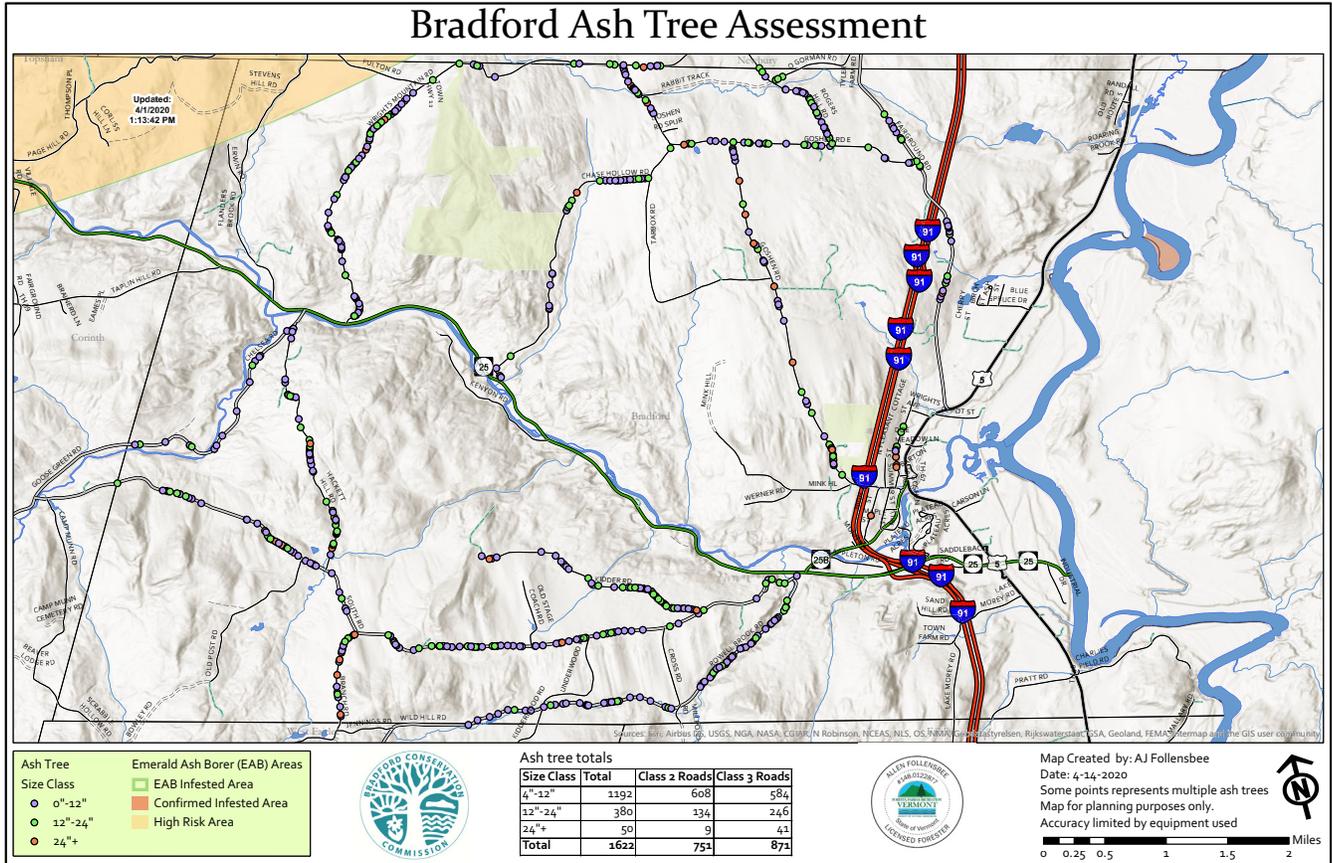
- BCC's 1st Monday Movie was held in January and February, then canceled due to COVID-19.
- BCC co-sponsored with The Space on Main a three-hour, online Jackson Wild Film Festival in October featuring 15 pre-selected films on wildlife, conservation, environmental justice and scientific research.

Beautification:

- A volunteer crew, coordinated by Jean Carlan and Sandy Price cleared invasive Japanese Knotweed from the bank near the Public Library
- The Bradford Community Garden, which is partially supported by the BCC, had a highly successful season. All 22 beds were claimed by individuals and families who planted vegetable and flower starts that were donated by organizations and individuals. Not only did the produce feed the gardeners and their families, but some of the produce was also donated to the Bradford Food Shelf.
- In a collaborative venture with VT Urban & Community Forestry and the Arbor Day Foundation, 150 trees of five different species were given to 75 Bradford households for planting at their homes.

- A sickly crab apple tree was removed from the Bradford Academy lawn, and Sandy Price replaced it with a young, healthy crab apple tree.

Nancy Jones
Chair



The Bradford Ash Tree Assessment map mentioned on Page 58 shows the ash tree inventory on 20.75 miles of Bradford roads and 1,622 ash trees are identified on the map.

WELCOME TO BRADFORD!

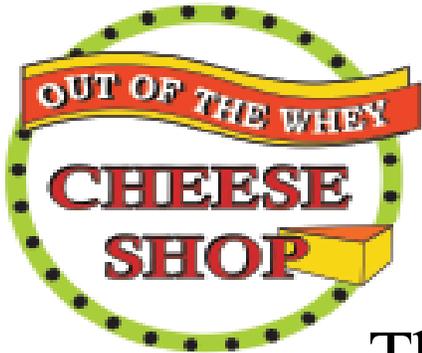
2020 NEW BUSINESSES

February was a busy month for new businesses opening in town!

Out of the Whey Cheese Shop was opened by Jeri Martino in the former Alarmco storefront on Main Street.

Andrea Zambon opened U-Neek Boutique in the former Garden Studio space on Main Street.

Neysa Russo opened The Felting Studio on the Lower Plain, across from Hannaford's in the brick building on Garden Lane.



The Felting Studio



JACKSON ANTIQUARIAN
BOOKS
USED AND RARE

Lois Jackson, owner of Village Eclectics 2, took over the storefront space formerly occupied by Goathead Grafx and neighboring her first business. She renovated the space and moved her Jackson Antiquarian Books store into the space. The bookstore opened its doors right after Thanksgiving.

UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

Oakes 
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Since 1781
Bethel Mills
THE REAL BUILDERS' SUPPLY

Bethel Mills of Randolph, VT purchased Oakes Bros. (as well as the three Foggs stores in the area) in 2020. Oakes Bros. had been a Bradford mainstay for five decades. The business name remained but is under new ownership.

REPORT OF BRADFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The year of 2020 has certainly been an unprecedented and unpredictable year for the Bradford Historical Society (BHS). Our slate of officers and board members include: Meroa Benjamin, president; Martina Stever, correspondence secretary and vice president; Janice Larabee, secretary; Diane Smarro, treasurer; Larry Coffin, curator; members Joe Sampson, Penny Perryman, Gloria Randall, Harry McLam, Donnalyn Burgess Lyon and Karen Manning Paquette, and Director Emerita Jeanette Nordham.

The museum was ready to open on our regular schedule – the first Friday of April and May and then every Friday from June through October. However, COVID-19 had other plans.

After the museum regular closure in October 2019, our plans for updating the exhibits and rearranging the rooms were ironed out and work began.

On November 5, 1820, the Vermont Legislature issued the Charter creating Bradford Academy (BA). In honor of this 200th anniversary, Diane Smarro, Larry Coffin and I, looked through our material for Diane to create a photographic display “Bradford Academy; Through the Years.” Once again, the finished product is a wonderful story of how Bradford Academy grew and prospered.

Our records provided the BA 50 year classes with information, ideas and material to make their next reunion really special. Bradford Academy will be featured throughout the year with special events and programs marking this 200th anniversary by BHS. Our contribution to the celebration included an open house on Alumni Day, a special Memorial Service to honor all deceased BA Alumni and a display of 30 canvas photographs for the walls of BA. Board members, alumni members and friends were asked to contribute by sponsoring a memory, a person, a building or just something near and dear to them.

Due to COVID-19 and the pandemic, actual visitors to the museum was minimal, however, we did continue our presence on Facebook and via electronic newsletters. This year, we had over 56,000 viewers on Facebook and over 9,000 recipients received our 14 electronic newsletters. It is amazing to think that 65,000 were virtual visitors to our museum photographs and material.

The newly updated Bradford Academy exhibit was featured in the Arts and Entertainment section of the Upper Valley newspaper *Valley News* on July 11, 2020. Columnist Lisa Sauchelli included the “History of Bradford Banking” and the “What’s Cooking, Cleaning and Sewing” displays.

The graves of Bradford war veterans were decorated again this year by volunteers with flags purchased by the Town of Bradford. Due to the pandemic, we were unable to purchase the flags through our regular vendor. At the last minute, Stove Works in Montpelier was able to provide the 550 flags and thanks to our volunteers, they were installed before the May 30th holiday. On November 15, the flags were removed for the winter. Special recognition to Forrest Thurston who takes care of the West Bradford Cemetery flag detail.

As Bradford Academy Alumni prepares for their 2021 Reunion, BHS has been working with the Class of 1970 and 1971 to provide a historical journey through the past 200 years.



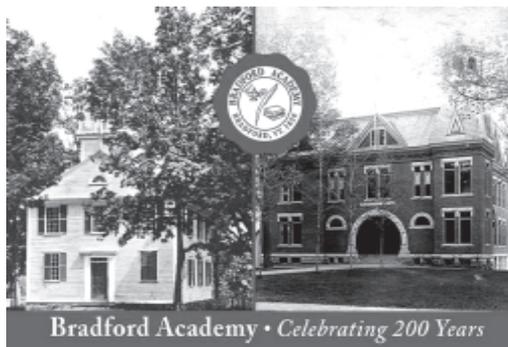
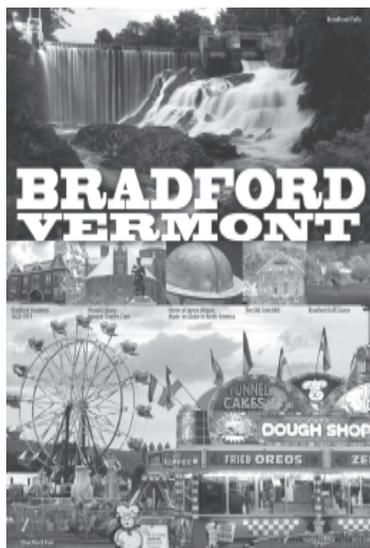
Diane Smarro shows the hanging poster display she created for the Bradford Academy’s 200th anniversary. It is part of the new BHS Museum room dedicated to all things BA!

**PHOTO COURTESY OF
BRADFORD HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**

The 50 year classes were asked to come up with ideas for fundraising activities. We provided Class of 1970 photographs for them to create two different puzzles.

One puzzle features photographs by Bonnie Barry Prouty BA '69 of iconic Bradford scenes and the other features the old and new Bradford Academy buildings. Class of 1971 created a tote bag with the BA logo that was created by Lee Morrill BA'64 on one side and the 200th Anniversary logo on the other.

All of these items are for sale at Valley Floors or by emailing Dean Chase at deanchase@valleyfloorsinc.com for \$20 each.



Bradford Scenes Puzzle, left, and the Old BA buildings Puzzle, right are fundraising efforts of the Class of 1970.

Below, is the tote bag that is for sale by the Class of 1971.

Again this year, Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank invited BHS to submit vintage photographs to be included in their 2021 Heritage calendar. Several photographs were submitted.

We are looking forward to another exciting year as we “Preserve the Past and Embrace the Future” for years to come. I hope that we get through this pandemic safe and well. Our museum will be ready to welcome you back. In the meantime, be sure to visit us on Facebook. If you would like to be added to our mailing list to receive monthly newsletters, email me at BHSnews19@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support and encouragement as we work to make Bradford’s History come alive and be enjoyed by all.

*Meroa Benjamin
President*



**In the Bradford Fair Parade 2019, the Bradford Historical Society began promoting the Bradford Academy’s 200th anniversary with this banner.
PHOTO COURTESY OF BRADFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Bradford Business Changes in 2020

NEW LOCATIONS

copeland
FURNITURE
FACTORY OUTLET



Copeland Furniture Factory Outlet moved from its Main Street building to its renovated storefront on Waits River Road.



Orange East Supervisory Union offices are at their new home, relocating to the Main Street Copeland building.

FAREWELL to a Main Street Mainstay

AUBUCHON HARDWARE

After six decades
on Bradford's Main Street,
Aubuchon Hardware was
closed in March.
It was the end of an era.



CLOSED THEIR DOORS

GoatHead Graf*X Tattoo

Main Street, Bradford

THE RIVER BAR

Mill Building, Bradford

BRADFORD ACADEMY AUDITORIUM SEATING RESTORATION

In the Fall 2003, the auditorium floor and seats restoration project began. The Woods School Building Preservation Fund, Inc., established in 1997, underwrote the cost of the restoration and also launched a fund drive for donations for nameplates on the new auditorium chairs.



The Woods School Building Preservation Fund founding president was W. Gilbert Cole, directors are Horace A. Palmer III, Shirley Beresford, Vida Perry Munson, and the late Arthur Hyde, and the late Bryce Morrill.



NEW BA FLAG FLYING

On July 14, 2020, the new Bradford Academy flag was installed by volunteers on top of the old school building. The flag is the 1820 seal of Bradford Academy.

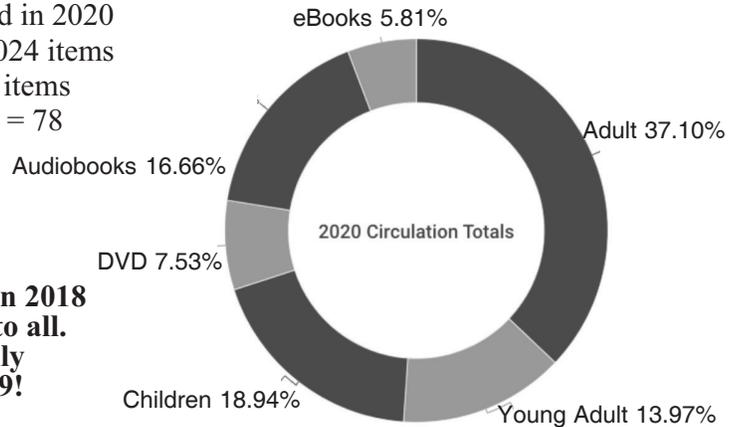


REPORT OF BRADFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Despite the challenges of 2020, the Bradford Public Library has continued to serve and function as a robust community resource and center. We followed state and CDC guidelines and best practices concerning materials handling (quarantine and sanitization), and services offered (curbside lending versus in-person), while trying to offer our best to our population in terms of programming (online, outdoor) services (printing, faxing, WiFi, laptop lending) and community partnerships (Upper Valley Everybody Eats, Teen Speak, and more). And we continue to do these into 2021.

NOTABLE STATISTICS

- Registered patron accounts, includes family accounts = 1,221
- A total of 88 new patrons registered in 2020
- Additions to the collection total 1,024 items
- Total in-house collection = 14,908 items
- Total online and outdoor programs = 78



Library trustees began a project in 2018 to make the building accessible to all. In 2020, the project was finally completed, despite COVID-19!

A new lift connects the main floor and the lower (children's) level. The main level hosts a private meeting room and refurbished reception/checkout area. An accessible bathroom with a changing table was installed in the lower level and the main floor bathroom was upgraded. The stairway connecting the two levels has been improved for ease of use and safety, new flooring and carpeting have been added, along with several new storage cabinets for the children's craft area, as well as new bookcases for more books!

There were a few hurdles along the way. Asbestos tile and lead pipe had to be removed; a leaky foundation and a faulty roof drain had to be corrected. Needless to say, these issues caused major cost overruns. The good news is that the work is all done and the results are wonderful!

None of this could have been accomplished without the expertise of our contractor, William Graves (Graves Builders of Barnet) and the multitalented job supervisor, Jody Paine, along with various subcontractors such as Valley Floors and Oakes Bros., locally.

The project was expensive and overbudget due to unforeseen problems. Many thanks go to the Vermont Arts Council, the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Preservation Trust of Vermont, The Freeman Foundation, The Byrne Foundation, and the USDA for their generous grants, as well as donations from our many patrons, along with memorial funds donated over several years, and previously voted funds from Bradford taxpayers.

The trustees and librarians are anxious to show off these exciting changes and improvements as soon as the pandemic crisis is over and we can once again open our doors to the public!

*Gail Trede
Library Director*

REPORT OF BRADFORD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The Bradford Business Association (BBA) is a group of local retailers, service providers, non-profits and interested citizens. The group networks with monthly meetings (first Tuesday of every month from 8 to 9 a.m), providing a forum for sharing of ideas and schedules to promote all the “goings-on” in Bradford and to facilitate communication among the various groups.

Like everything else, in March 2020, COVID-19 hit the BBA with quite a jolt. Fortunately, we have “Monique in the Middle” so shifting to Zoom meetings has been fairly smooth (recognizing that some of our regulars are not Zoomers, however...) and meetings continue to regularly have double-digit attendances. For information on how to join in these meetings, please contact Monique or send a message via the BBA Facebook page or by email at bradfordbusinessassociation@gmail.com

We were unable to safely schedule any community events such as Customer Appreciation Days, Midnite Madness, holiday tree-lighting/caroling but continued with the seasonal downtown flower box decorations. Additionally, we put some resources into advertising and promoting Bradford for holiday shopping and also now produce a monthly e-newsletter with pertinent information, which one may receive via request to the BBA email address to get on the list.

Recognizing that the core of volunteer officers and board members from the Bradford Main Street Alliance (BMSA) had effectively disbanded, the BBA reached out to those dispersed parties and, after some discussion recognizes that the BMSA entity will fall dormant. Thus the BBA is in the process of establishing its own non-profit status. In the meantime, the Town will remain the umbrella over the Village Center Designation which allows for some benefit to businesses and/or property owners for improvements in the designated area. Before embarking on any such projects, please look into the state’s Village Center Designation guidelines to see if you might qualify.

Several businesses arrived and some left in 2020, most notably the closing of Aubuchon Hardware, a core downtown business for many years. We hope to see that space filled in 2021 and further, we hope that working our way through the end of COVID-19 will bring some sense of normalcy and a burst of energy to Bradford. There is evidence that “shopping local” and supporting your neighbors’ businesses has been boosted in 2020 so a big thank you from our business community.

In closing, we take a moment to honor our past colleague, Sherry Brown, who led the organization as well as the BMSA for several years while also establishing and growing her business, Village Eclectics. Sherry stepped down in 2019 while dealing with some health issues which ultimately led to her passing in 2020. She was a ball of energy and is greatly missed.

The Bradford Business Association ran a promotion in December to draw people to “Shop Bradford” for the holidays. Since the BBA was unable to hold its Customer Appreciation Weeks and its Midnite Madness events, they decided to run the Shop Bradford promotion in the *Journal Opinion*, *The Bridge Weekly* and *The World* the first weeks in December.



REPORT OF MENTORING PROJECT OF THE UPPER VALLEY

Our mission is to “encourage self-confidence and academic growth among children and adolescents by creating mutually beneficial relationships with responsible adult volunteers.” Our overarching goal is to monitor and support those mentoring relationships through high school graduation, via opportunities for wholesome activities, which include community service projects, training for Mentors, and experiences that promote cohesiveness and a sense of community.

Trainings included one for new Mentors on the Policies and Procedures of The Mentoring Project (TMP). All Mentors participated in two trainings led by Michael Brandli of Little Rivers Health Care and Cheryl Chandler of Northeast VT Regional Hospital titled “Youth Mental Health First Aid.”

Wholesome group activities

- A rousing sliding party and cookout kicked off the new year on a hillside near a Mentor’s home.

- The group volunteered at the Upper Valley Haven, on Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service, with one group preparing lunch for residents in the house for adults, while another group prepared snacks and activities for The Haven’s After-School Program. Following lunch, all went swimming at Upper Valley Aquatics Center or painted pieces to be fired at Tip Top Pottery.

...And Then COVID-19...

The pandemic made it impossible for Mentors and Mentees to ride in cars together, so since March, mentoring pairs have had to be very creative about doing activities together. One team walked to and worked together in their vegetable bed at the Bradford Community Garden. Others walked to local eateries, got takeout and walked to downtown parks to share a lunch while social distancing. At least one match rode bicycles wherever they went. For the health and safety of everyone, most Mentors and Mentees have been forced to keep in touch via email, texting or phone calls, and plans are in place for shared remote digital excursions on safaris, to concerts, to museums and to gameboard sites. In the meantime, we are all looking forward to the time when COVID-19 is no longer a threat.

Public Recognition

In January 2019, TMP’s Annual Mentor Appreciation Dinner was held at The Space on Main and catered by Colatina Exit. It featured current Mentors sharing their experiences with their Mentees while talking about what it means to them to have these experiences. Due to the pandemic, this event has not happened in 2020.

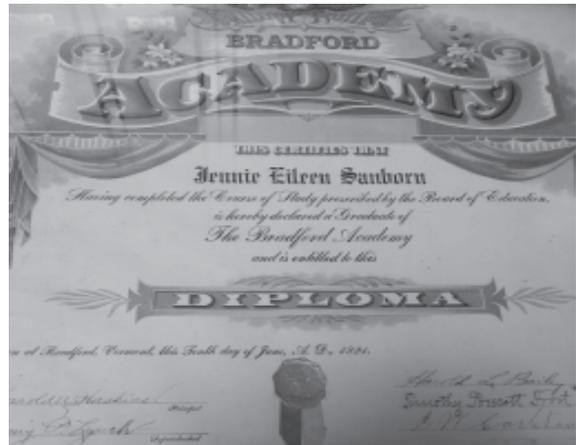
Quotes from a parent of two Mentees, including one who graduated from the program. When asked: “What aspect of the program did you like best?” The response was “That they really care how my children feel. Thanks for helping my children with problems I couldn’t. I hope other children get to experience the same.”

*Lance Mills, Board President
Nancy Jones, Program Coordinator*





The Bradford Historical Society created a special Museum Display Room dedicated to Bradford Academy memorabilia and photographs.



REPORT OF VERMONT STATE POLICE A Troop, St. Johnsbury

The Vermont State Police continues to provide dedicated police coverage for your town during hours not covered by the Bradford Police Department. We also continue to work collaboratively with Chief Russell Robinson to provide the best possible service for the residents of Bradford.

Throughout the year, troopers responded to a broad range of calls, and the total number of cases generated by the Vermont State Police was 635.

Here is a list of the offenses that Vermont State Police responded to in your town from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

AGENCY: ST. JOHNSBURY VSP

<u>NATURE OF INCIDENT</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Drive/Operate Under Influence	10
Family Disturbance	15
Accident, Damage, DMV Report	11
Motor Vehicle, Disturbances	34
Alarm	38
Agency Assist	73
Citizen Dispute	42
Citizen Assist	98
E911 Hangup	12
False Alarm	10
Mental Health Assistance	13
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	49
Traffic Crash Non-reportable	33
Welfare Check	35
All Other Incidents*	162

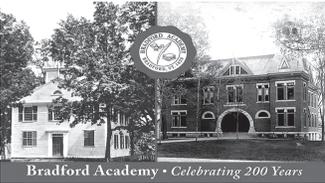
*Lieutenant Hugh O'Donnell
Station Commander
St. Johnsbury Station*

TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR THIS AGENCY 635

*There were 61 categories with less than 10 incidents per category.

BRADFORD ACADEMY 200TH ANNIVERSARY KEEPSAKES FOR SALE!

PUZZLES

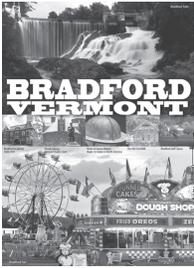


Bradford Academy • Celebrating 200 Years
Old Bradford Academy Photo
Puzzle

FUNDRAISER BY
BA CLASS OF 1970

\$20 EACH

Bradford Falls/
Bradford Fair
Puzzle



**BRADFORD
VERMONT**

TOTE BAG



FRONT

\$20 EACH

FUNDRAISER BY
BA CLASS OF 1971

IMAGE ON BACK



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Valley Floors
or by emailing Dean Chase,
deanchase@valleyfloorsinc.com**

REPORT OF OLD CHURCH THEATER

Due to 2020's pandemic, Old Church Theater (OCT) was only able to present one play – **“The Witch of Love”** (an original play by Kristin Rose) presented in February. Our usual five-play regular season kept getting postponed as the virus became more and more a part of life, and since our temporary theater at 176 Waits River Road could only hold approximately 20 persons (including the cast) for proper social distancing, the whole season was canceled in late summer.

In anticipation of a virus-free 2021, the board has scheduled a five-play season (dates to be determined) including **“Alice in Wonderland,” “Regifters,” “The Deadly Game,” “Sleeping Indoors”** and **“Adam’s Eve.”**

The board elected for 2021 are Jodi Beebe (president), SHEILA KAPLOW (vice president), Robin Keith, Elizabeth Keith, John Hunt, PAUL HUNT, SCOTT JOHNSON, Jim Heidenreich, Gloria Heidenreich, Eli Hunt, and Melissa Mann (Bradford residents in CAPS).

As a volunteer community theater, all are welcome (from Bradford and beyond) to act and participate. Please visit our website www.oldchurchtheater.org for information on performance schedules and more.

Since Fall 2017, when the OCT board voted to cease using “the old church” at 137 North Main Street due to the building’s deteriorating structural soundness, all productions have taken place at the theater’s temporary space at 176 Waits River Road. Initially a three-year absence was planned while repairs were undertaken, but a detailed examination of “the old church” revealed more costly renovations were needed. Planning and fundraising continues, which were made more difficult by the pandemic.

Since 2017, a complete assessment of the 227-year-old building has been done and an architect engaged. To date, the following has been accomplished:

- Immediate and needed structural repairs have been made.
- Financial Feasibility Study funded by a planning grant from Vermont Preservation Trust.
- Developed preliminary construction budgets.
- Performed an archaeological resource assessment. This is an analysis of the historical nature of the building with preservation requirements. The building has a “village hall frame design,” one of only a handful of buildings in Vermont.
- Water Drainage Feasibility Study outlined drainage needs for the building site and adjacent properties.
- ADA (accessibility) review and designs accomplished.
- Fire Safety Review accomplished.
- Completed floor plans for the building including stage, audience seating, restrooms and handicapped access, and also lower level (basement) plans including construction shop, performer’s off-stage room, and storage areas.
- Came to an agreement with Bradford Congregational Church for transfer of the building and property including access easements.

The board would like to thank the Town of Bradford, its residents and merchants for their continued support of Old Church Theater and ongoing efforts to renovate “the old church” into a year-round center for music, recitals, dance, poetry, theater and more. Built 227 years ago as Bradford’s village hall, we envision “the old church” once again serving with pride and the distinction of being the oldest building in town.

**REPORT OF THE SPACE ON MAIN
COWORKING & COMMUNITY EVENT SPACE
Fostering entrepreneurship, collaboration, creativity and innovation**

By the end of March 2020, The Space On Main (The Space) was expected to reach 10,000 visitors within the first 18 months of being open. By February, The Space had been visited by an average of 536 people per month and over 8,840 people total. Due to COVID-19, The Space was forced to close its doors March through June. It reopened to individual use in June. With 100 percent loss of income March through June, and 66 percent loss of income from June until present day, The Space's future has been uncertain. Because The Space is 100 percent volunteer run, we have not qualified for State or Federal CARES opportunities. Thanks to generous support from community members in Bradford and beyond, The Space On Main has continued operating and plans to do so as long as possible.

Despite Covid-19 interfering with activities, The Space On Main has continued to provide opportunities to Bradford and area residents in 2020 including:

- REACT UV Business Accelerator & 10-Week Business Planning Course with the Center for Women & Enterprise led 23 entrepreneurs from business idea to business plan completion;
- Entrepreneur Stories panel series interviewed 30 local small business owners;
- Citizens' Academy interviewed over 50 local leaders in a forum setting for people to learn how to engage in local leadership opportunities;
- Monthly leadership workshops hosted by Doug Teschner of Growing Leadership, LLC, including how to lead during times of crisis;
- Code for UV (a Code for America Brigade) has been working diligently on developing technical solutions to local problems including a directory application mapping out local food resources for Little Rivers Health Care and an application to assist with mapping out broadband usage for justifying local need.

The Space On Main provided leadership for Bradford and the surrounding area during COVID-19 in countless ways. Some examples of leadership included: hosting webinars to help people learn remote collaboration tools such as Slack & Zoom; co-hosting a webinar with the University of Washington to teach librarians how to move offerings online; hosting several "just for fun" events to let people connect and play together; hosting a series of literary-focused events highlighting local storytellers, musicians, actors, etc.; supporting Catamount Film & Arts and SOCAPA School of Creative & Performing Arts on their 72 Hour Youth Film Festival via Zoom & YouTube; hosting a volunteer training webinar for Willing Hands & Little Rivers Health Care; providing pro Zoom access to community groups for online meetings such as Bradford Planning Commission, Cohase Chamber of Commerce, Newbury REDI, and Bradford Business Association; providing pro Zoom access and facilitation of community school board outreach events, political candidate forums, and special town meetings; opening a Free Community WiFi network up for people who needed access for work/school, and hosting Free AARP Tax Assistance twice per week.

The Space On Main represented Bradford in meetings with Upper Valley Strong; coordinated regional community organizer calls with Fairlee, West Fairlee, Newbury, Groton, Chelsea, Corinth, Topsham, Ryegate and Vershire; participated on economic recovery calls with Vital Communities; served on a statewide advisory team with the Vermont Council on Rural Development to help towns navigate recovery efforts; and attended and led sessions with Town Hall Project & AARP Connected Communities to help with tech tool training to support Mutual Aid efforts across the United States.

As we enter 2021, we continue to support remote workers and local economic/community development efforts. We are busy applying for grants in order to complete our makerspace and to bring full-time business acceleration and incubation services to Bradford. We are continuing to develop our partner network in order to bring additional regional, state and federal resources to Main Street.

If you would like to become a member or get involved, please do not hesitate to reach out to thespaceonmain@gmail.com. To learn more, visit www.thespaceonmain.org.

*Monique Priestley
Founder & Executive Director
(802) 449-MAIN (6246)*

REPORT OF ECFiber

Bradford is a member of the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, a Vermont municipality whose mission is to provide internet service to homes and businesses in its area. During the past year, ECFiber added almost 1,200 new customers and now serves over 5,300 premises in 23 towns via 1,200 miles of fiber-optic cable. In recent months, the district approved applications from eight municipalities, and now consists of 31 member towns. Taken together, there are about 31,500 premises in the district located on almost 2,000 miles of roads.

In Bradford, ECFiber is working on the design of the network and hopes to begin construction next year. Initially the network will be built west of Interstate 91 starting in 2021, with the areas to the east, where cable service is available, following in 2022 or 2023.

The global pandemic, has, of course, proven beyond any doubt that rural Vermonters need access to world-class broadband. ECFiber is funded entirely by customer revenues, which in turn back tax-free municipal bonds issued by the district that provide capital to build our infrastructure. We invite you to visit our website to learn more about ECFiber, and encourage you to subscribe. You won't be charged anything until we start service.

Ryan Lockwood, Randy Moore and Monique Priestley are Bradford's delegates on the ECFiber Governing Board.

*Contact information: 415 Waterman Rd., South Royalton, VT 05068
802-763-2262 • www.ecfiber.net
Bradford@ECFiber.net*



**The 1947-48 Girls Basketball team for Bradford Academy.
PHOTO COURTESY OF BRADFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

REPORT OF ORANGE EAST SENIOR CENTER

Our primary focus is helping seniors. How did we do in 2020?

As everyone knows, 2020 has been anything but normal. We were open for business, Monday through Friday each week (except for certain holidays) as usual until the middle of March. We offered all of our meals and programs. During that period of time we were able to:

- offer foot and flu clinics, chair massage
- hold classes in exercise, balance, line dancing and computer instruction with internet.
- offer services of income tax preparation, filling out Medicare Part D and Medicaid forms.
- have available a Wii game system.
- distribute donated medical equipment.
- provide our space to AA, ALANON and Cribbage Club.
- Tai-Chi Class.

When everything changed in March, we shifted our focus to providing meals to all seniors in need. We have delivered 6,742 meals in Bradford.

By November, we were able to begin offering foot care clinic, Tai-Chi, and exercise class at the Center again, but most in-person activities were not able to restart.

During 2020, our volunteers gave 2,885 hours to our Center and drove 18,805 miles delivering meals to seniors in our six participating towns.

The money we receive from our town is more important than ever this year as we had to curtail all of our in-person fundraising activities. The money is primarily used to offset the cost of providing meals either at the Center or delivered to homes. Our goal is to make sure no senior goes hungry.

Thank you for helping Orange East Senior Center!

Victoria R. Chaffee

Contact Information: 176 Waits River Road, Bradford, VT 05033, 802-222-4782



**Bradford Academy's 1956 Senior Class.
PHOTO COURTESY OF BRADFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

REPORT OF COHASE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Serving Haverhill, Piermont and Orford, NH & Fairlee, Bradford and Newbury, VT

The Town of Bradford contributed \$700 to the Cohase Chamber of Commerce in 2020 and we are requesting the same amount for 2021. This is approximately 25 cents per town resident.

The Chamber is a hub for economic activity in the region, serving six towns on both sides of the Connecticut River, including 37 businesses and nonprofits in Bradford. We host a number of community, workforce development, and economic development events throughout the year, and facilitate connections between towns, business and community leaders, residents, visitors, students and more.

We greatly appreciate the support from Bradford residents each year, and this year your contribution is more important to us than ever before. As a small nonprofit organization, run by an all-volunteer board and one part-time staff member, we have unfortunately been left out of state and federal pandemic relief funding. With local business struggling and the cancellation of many of our regular fundraising events due to the pandemic, we are relying on continued funding from local towns to see us through 2021.

This past year, the Chamber has been able to host a few of our regular events, including the Cohase Garden Tour and the Regional Economic Summit. We spent the remainder of the year revamping our website, outreach and services to better support economic development in the region at a time when so much activity is moving online. With a new executive director and a highly engaged board of directors, the Chamber is well positioned to increase our impact into 2021. Together, we can continue to support local business and the local economy through this difficult time.

As we look ahead, we welcome suggestions from the Selectboard on how we can further support businesses and economic development in town. To see a full list of Chamber activities, please visit www.cohase.org or reach out to me directly at cohasechamber@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Ruth Ann Hacking
Executive Director

CONGRATULATIONS TO LARRY AND CAROLYN COFFIN
honored as 2020 Citizens of the Year

Larry and Carolyn Coffin of Bradford were recognized for “two lifetimes of giving back to the community.” Recognized for working together on projects in Bradford, the Coffins established Operation Santa Claus and the Thanksgiving baskets annual donations. They also organized the Prouty SAG stop for 25 years. Carolyn is involved with the Bradford Beautification Committee. Larry has been involved with the Bradford Public Library and also an integral part of the Bradford Historical Society. He served as Town Moderator for 41 years. He also currently writes a monthly column on local history in the *Journal Opinion*.

REPORT OF COHASE ROTARY
Serving the Cohase Region of VT/NH & Beyond

The State of Vermont declared COVID-19 an emergency the day before our annual Pi(e) Day All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Fundraiser. After that, the club took a bit of a hiatus so that members could focus on changes to work, school and family life.

We started meetings back up in September with additional new members: Erin Odell (Bradford), Erin Wetherell (Thetford), Bruce Williams (Norwich), Erik Volk (Monroe), and Bry Heywood (Newbury). The club hosted a New Voter Registration event in Newbury in November, donated 2,000 face masks to OESU as part of the District's participation in the One Million Masks campaign, and is holding a series of donation drives in 2021 (pet food, coats, toiletries).

Cohase Rotary eClub was originally chartered in 1925 as Woodsville-Wells River Rotary Club. In 2017, we renamed the club in order to better represent the area we directly serve (the Cohase region of Fairlee, Bradford, Newbury, Wells River in Vermont and Woodsville, Haverhill, Piermont and Orford in New Hampshire). In 2020, we decided to move the club to an eClub model in order to better serve the community by accommodating people's work/life/volunteer balance.

We meet twice a month via Zoom (2nd and 4th Mondays 6:30-7:30 p.m.) and then meet in person to work on community service projects. Each member has committed to a personal goal of completing 40 hours of community service per year (however, whenever, and wherever the member chooses).

The eClub model allows members to join from anywhere, without worrying about physical restrictions. Members of Cohase Rotary Club are also members of District #7850, Zone 32, and Rotary International, which allows members to travel to club meetings anywhere in the world! It also allows members to attend District, Zone, and International conferences and conventions. For more information or to apply to join, please visit www.cohaserotary.org.

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. Members of Rotary International work to: promote peace; fight disease (including eradicating polio); provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene; save mothers and children; support education; grow local economies; respond to disasters; and support the environment. Rotary clubs serve communities around the world, each with unique concerns and needs.

Rotarians have continually adapted and improved the way they respond to those needs, taking on a broad range of service projects. If you believe that civic participation is an essential element in the lives of well-rounded business leaders and engaged community members, please consider becoming a candidate for membership in Cohase Rotary Club and connect with like-minded leaders.

Rotary International provides networking and leadership opportunities regionally, nationally and internationally. If you would like to get involved, please visit www.cohaserotary.org or email us at cohaserotary@gmail.com.

Monique Priestley
Cohase Rotary Club President (2017-2021)

REPORT OF BRADFORD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

As always, the Bradford Community Development Corporation (BCDC) found many different projects to help with, originate or complete. One of the primary focuses is on the Old Church Theater. The oldest public building in Bradford was in need of some attention, so, over the past three years, phases were developed and executed. The first phase of the OCT project was stabilization, much of which has been completed. Working together, Old Church Theater and BCDC have a \$50,000 grant, which will be awarded once \$50,000 of matching funds are collected. This second phase is to redo the concrete slab and redirect the water, which has caused the problems faced by the historic building today. Ultimately, the goal is to make the building a safe, attractive and versatile venue.

There are still headstones in the Sawyer Cemetery that need base replacement. The BCDC completed its five-year program, but the Board ultimately voted to cost share with local people to fix their family stones. In all cases, the memorial's problem was the base had not been put in using the specifications of the Cemetery Committee, and thus, within a few years, the harsh winter frost caused the bases to heave and crumble. A smaller memorial may take longer to have the problem, but if the headstone's base is too shallow or not made out of commercial concrete, the base will ultimately break.

The 5 to 25 project, the property behind Hannaford's, is currently in the design phase. This project aims to benefit the youth of this area while bringing people to town to buy at our local shops.

The next step toward converting the Old Firehouse into a museum will happen this spring. This project has been long overdue. It took five years to complete the permitting process. The change in needed permits increases the overall cost five times what BCDC originally budgeted for this part of the process.

We are pleased to have been involved in the Public Transportation Project for this area. The new bus barn is the result of a significant increase in ridership, resulting in the need for larger buses. Public transportation can work in rural America to the benefit of the riders and the environment.

By the time Bradford residents read this report, the old Bus Barn may be occupied by another business. With this said, the Community Center property may be looking at a different future.

As some of you may know, BCDC owns Hobbs house, the house just two doors north of the Gazebo. One of the projects we have taken on is to help repair and update properties in Downtown Bradford. These projects take time, effort, and resources gathered and utilized by the people that reside here.

In closing, many thanks to all of the unnamed volunteers, who, over the years, have helped to complete projects. Thanks to the Board members, who, year after year, support projects that benefit the people who live, work and play in Bradford.

*Joe Sampson
Chairman*

The circa 1947-49 Bradford Academy cheerleading squad. PHOTO COURTESY OF BRADFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY



In Memoriam...



Peter Richards
1934 – 2020

Peter Button Richards, formerly of Bradford, passed away on April 23, 2020 at the Frances Atkinson Residence for the Retired in Newbury.

He was the son of William and Dorothy Richards and was born in Berlin, NH on Oct. 13, 1934. Peter graduated from Exeter (NH) High School in 1952.

Upon graduation, Peter served in the Navy for four years including time on board the USS William R. Rush (DDR-714).

After Peter finished his commitment to the Navy, he moved to southern New Hampshire where he met and married the love of his life, Olive Eckhart, in 1965.

He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of New Hampshire and a master's degree from Castleton State College. Peter was a lifelong educator as a teacher and principal at several schools in both Maine and Vermont.

Peter was active in the Bradford community where he and Olive raised their family. He was one of the founders of the Old Church Theater in Bradford and was also an active participant as an actor and director for many years. He directed school plays at Oxbow High School for several years.

Peter helped establish the Vermont School to Work program, was on the board of the Bradford Public Library, and was active in the Bradford Historical Society.



Sherry Brown
1960 – 2020

Sherry Brown, 59, died June 7, 2020 at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon.

Sherry was born Aug. 4, 1960 in Lebanon, a daughter of Raymond W. and Rachael (Grover) Brown. She graduated from Hartford High School Class of 1978, before attending Johnson State College where she earned her associate's degree.

Sherry returned to Hartford where she raised her son and daughter while working at the Veteran's Affairs Medical Center as an administrative assistant.

After 20 years of service at the VA, she moved to Bradford in 2011 and managed NorthWoods Cafe for a while. Then she opened Village Eclectics.

She served as president and then a member of the Bradford Merchants Association and very active in community promotions like Customer Appreciation Days, Midnight Madness and its Scarecrow competitions. She was also involved with the Bradford Main Street Alliance.



Wendell Oakes
1936 – 2020

Wendell George Oakes, 83, of River Road, Piermont died on Feb. 12, 2020. Wendell was born in Bath on June 22, 1936.

Following his graduation from Bradford Academy, he worked on the family farm in Piermont. Then he was employed with Page's Model A Ford in Haverhill for several years prior to owning the service station in Haverhill.

Along with his brothers, Winston and Neil, he owned and operated Oakes Bros. Hardware in Bradford. Oakes Bros. has been a mainstay in Bradford for almost five decades and was recently sold to Bethel Mills.

Dedicated to the Town of Bradford

REPORT OF TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION

The Two Rivers-Ottawuechee Regional Commission (TRORC) is an association of 30 municipalities in east-central Vermont that is governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. As advocates for our members, we seek to articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the region's quality of life. The following are highlights from 2020.

Technical Assistance on Planning Issues: Our staff provided technical services to local, state and federal levels of government and to the region's citizens, non-profits and businesses. TRORC staff assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, bylaws and studies.

Creative Economy and Public Health: This year, TRORC obtained Federal grant funding to support the marketing of the region's creative economy sector. Staff hosted informational and networking events to enhance business promotion. TRORC also worked on public health projects with local hospitals and worked on including incorporating health-related goals and policies into town plans.

Emergency Management and Preparedness: TRORC staff continued to serve on the State Emergency Response Committee, providing state officials with key local information to assist emergency planning. Our Local Emergency Planning Committee efforts with local emergency responders, organizations, and town officials continued meeting the needs of our first responders. TRORC assisted several communities with updating their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans.

Energy: TRORC assisted six towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to save money for communities and further the State energy goals to meet 90 percent of Vermont's energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. TRORC has continued working to support town Energy Committees on energy efficiency outreach and education with funding from Efficiency Vermont.

Transportation: TRORC managed the Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid program in our region. This provides funding for towns to implement Best Management Practices (BMP) on municipal roads ahead of the state's forthcoming Municipal Roads General Permit provisions. Funding provides for projects including grass and stone-lined ditches, upsizing and replacement of culverts, and stabilizing catch basin outlets.

Specifically, this past year, TRORC helped complete Bradford's Local Emergency Management Plan. Staff assisted the town on completing a Better Roads planning grant to conduct a road erosion and culvert inventory. Staff also assisted the town on applying for ditching grant for Flanders Brook Road as well as supporting town staff on looking for funding toward the North Pleasant Street bank stabilization and sidewalk. Staff is the project manager for the Bradford OUUSD Sidewalk Scoping Study.

We are committed to serving you and welcome opportunities to assist you in the future.

*Peter G. Gregory, AICP
Executive Director*

*Jerry Fredrickson, Chairperson
Barnard*



**Junior Prom 1971 in the BA gymnasium.
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HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**REPORT OF CENTRAL VERMONT
ADULT BASIC EDUCATION IN BRADFORD
“Local Partnerships in Learning”**

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc. (CVABE), a community-based, nonprofit organization has served the adult education and literacy needs of Bradford residents for 55 years.

CVABE serves as central Vermont’s resource for free, individualized academic tutoring for individuals (ages 16 to 90+) in:

- Basic skills programs: reading, writing, math, computer and financial literacy
- English Language Learning and preparation for U.S. citizenship
- High school diploma and GED credential programs
- Academic skill readiness for work, career training and/or college

Bradford is served by our learning center in Bradford. The site has welcoming learning rooms (with computers, laptops and internet access to support instruction). CVABE staff and volunteers also teach students at the library or other local sites as needed.

Last year, 19 students were served at the Bradford Learning Center. Nine of those who received services were Bradford residents. Additionally, 2 Bradford residents volunteered with CVABE. Teachers instruct students one-to-one and/or in small groups. Each student has a personalized education plan to address his/her learning goals. These goals might include: getting or improving a job, earning a high school credential, helping one’s children with homework, budgeting and paying bills, reading important information, obtaining a driving license, preparing for college, gaining citizenship and more. Children of parents with low literacy skills have a 72 percent chance of being at the lowest reading levels themselves, and 70 percent of adult welfare recipients have low literacy levels. By helping to end the cycle of poverty, your support changes the lives of Bradford residents for generations to come.

CVABE provides free instruction to nearly 450 people annually in the overall service area of Washington, Orange and Lamoille counties. It currently costs CVABE \$2,942 per student to provide a full year of instruction. Nearly all students are low income. Over 100 community volunteers work with CVABE’s professional staff to meet the large need for these services while keeping overhead low.

We deeply appreciate Bradford’s voter-approved *past* support. This year, your level support is again critical to CVABE’s free, local education services. Only a portion of CVABE’s budget is comprised of state and federal support. Funding is needed each year from the private sector and from the towns and cities we serve, to ensure we can help the neighbors who need education for a better life.

For more information regarding CVABE’s adult education and literacy instruction for students, or volunteer opportunities, contact:

Bradford Learning Center

24 Barton Street, Suite 1, Bradford, Vermont 05033

(802) 222-3282 • www.cvabe.org

REPORT OF TRI-VALLEY TRANSIT (TVT)
(Formerly STAGECOACH SERVICES)

Thank you for the Town of Bradford’s generous support last year. During the past four years, your support helped us provide an annual average of 4,100 free trips for Bradford residents either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. An additional 6,495 trips on our fixed route bus system originated at stops in the Town of Bradford in the last fiscal year.

Tri-Valley Transit’s Dial-A-Ride and Bus Systems provided a total of 226,281 rides for the year. All our transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare and quality-of-life services.

The COVID-19 crisis has emphasized the incredible importance of our work. Public transportation has been on the frontlines of providing essential service to many of the most vulnerable members of our communities. Healthcare staff get to work; dialysis, cancer and methadone patients get to treatment, and at-risk residents get food delivered.

Services have been revamped to protect riders, the general public, and our staff. At first, we focused on trips to riders with no other means of transportation but whose trips were essential; and then we safely increased capacity to meet growing demand by:

- installing physical barriers between seats and directing riders to use window seats,
- waiving fares to reduce contact,
- ensuring all buses are frequently sanitized and hand sanitizer is available,
- requiring face masks, even prior to the statewide mandate, and
- implementing screening techniques to ensure riders are not Covid risks.

The state and local grants through which we provide these services require us to raise 20 percent “local match” dollars. TVT’s requests from towns account for approximately 5 percent of the 20 percent requirement. TVT seeks the other 15 percent from other sources including businesses, institutions, individuals and grants.

Contact information: Administration & Middlebury Office
297 Creek Rd., Middlebury, VT 05753, 802-388-2287

Orange/North Windsor Office

PO Box 356, 1 L St., Randolph, VT 05060, 802-728-3773, FAX 802-728-6232

www.trivalleytransit.org



Construction is underway for the new Tri-Valley Transit bus depot behind the Bradford Park & Ride off Route 25, right off Interstate 91.

REPORT OF CLARA MARTIN CENTER

Clara Martin Center is your local community mental health agency, providing behavioral health and substance abuse services to the greater Orange County area for over 50 years.

Clara Martin Center's broad range of programs serve children, families, couples and individuals. Services are confidential and include counseling, psychiatric services, consultations, short-term crisis intervention, school and home-based services, education for families related to emotional and behavioral challenges, community resource assistance, hospital diversion, respite care, housing, vocational services, alcohol and other drug treatment, a walk-in clinic and 24-hour emergency services.

With 50 plus years of experience and leadership under our belt, Clara Martin Center remains positioned to rise to meet the needs and challenges of the communities we serve. During the current Covid pandemic, Clara Martin Center and its dedicated workforce, have remained committed to the mission of services to all individuals and have worked tirelessly to make sure that essential needs of those we serve were met, including assisting in food delivery to individuals isolated in their homes, providing for technology devices to allow services to continue uninterrupted through telemedicine, helping to acquire appropriate PPE for staff and community members in need, and maintaining ongoing distance learning opportunities for students enrolled at East Valley Academy to name a few.

The agency continues to work with a wide variety of local partners to enhance community health and wellness including Tri-Valley Transit, local police departments, primary care providers, schools and supervisory unions, Gifford Medical Center and Little Rivers Health Care.

For more information about Clara Martin Center services, visit our website at www.claramartin.org.

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL OF THE UPPER VALLEY

Thank you to the residents of Bradford for supporting the Public Health Council of the Upper Valley (PHC) in 2020.

The PHC is the largest and broadest coalition of advocates on public health issues in the greater Upper Valley region. Our mission is to improve the health of Upper Valley residents through shared public health initiatives. We have become a trusted and solution-oriented convener that makes a positive difference in the lives of everyone in our region. The PHC is a force multiplier for the organizations, professionals, and citizens, who together make our communities healthier places to live, work and play.

In 2020, PHC staff and partners worked together to increase collaboration, promote greater health equity and address priority public health issues for the region. The greatest of these priorities was the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on our region. Our work this year has included:

- Provided staff support to Upper Valley emergency response efforts and committees within Upper Valley Strong. Led a project to connect with, support and gather information from over 50 towns to inform Upper Valley Strong efforts.
- Hosted five flu clinics in rural communities, providing over 1,350 free vaccines, with support from Dartmouth Hitchcock, Geisel School of Medicine and many local partners.
- Collaborated with Upper Valley Hunger Council, local school districts and Hartford Community Coalition to ensure availability of summer meals for children in the region.
- Continued health equity work by co-hosting several training events and organizing an Upper Valley Anti-Racism Council.
- Hosted regular meetings for PHC partners, Aging in Community Groups and with Regional Planning colleagues to share information about pandemic resources and provide opportunities for sharing and problem solving.
- Hosted Lead-Safe Practices trainings for local contractors and started planning several childhood lead poisoning prevention education efforts.

PHC greatly appreciates the support we receive from Bradford and will continue to work hard to meet your needs in 2021. For more information about PHC, visit us at www.uvpublichealth.org.

REPORT OF LITTLE RIVERS HEALTH CARE

This past year has been without a doubt one of unprecedented change and challenge. With the announcement of a global pandemic in March 2020, life as we knew it ceased and a “new normal” took over. Every sector of our communities has been affected and health care has been no exception. In order to continue providing primary care services to our patients, Little Rivers had to, and continues to, make a great many changes to keep everyone safe while still meeting patient needs. We transitioned to virtual visits and meetings, redesigned spaces, modified schedules, and began offering testing for COVID-19 soon after the national crisis declaration. As the situation eased in Vermont, we were able to gradually add back more in-person visits but with more safety measures in place, and we continue to monitor the situation and adjust our practices as needed.

Through all of this, the routine needs of patients still had to be met, and we continue to grow to meet those needs. Behavioral health needs in particular have increased significantly and in response, we have expanded the behavioral health department in order to provide wider access to counseling services at all three clinics, as well as onsite services at six of our area schools, at no cost to the school system.

Support for the schools has also extended to working with school officials and school nurses in order to safely reopen to in-person learning in the fall of 2020. Our medical providers offered onsite services and easy access to same-day appointments for school children to minimize time lost from learning when a child had symptoms of illness. Flu vaccine clinics were offered at several schools, as well as many other community venues, in order to minimize illness in general, and susceptibility to other illnesses, most notably coronavirus.

Growth in other services has also accelerated due to the pandemic:

- Our food access program provides regular access to fresh foods to over 20 families who struggle with food insecurity.
- Our chronic care management program now serves well over 100 individuals with chronic illness, supporting them in self-management of their conditions.
- The Medication Assisted Treatment program provided services to 93 individuals with substance use disorder this past year.

A total of 5,561 people received care at Little Rivers in 2019 (the last full year at this writing) and we are on track to serve at least as many in 2020.

In addition to the services provided at our health center, we also contribute to the local economy. In 2019, Little Rivers employed over 65 people in well-paying jobs, spent over \$7 million locally, and brought in \$1.8 million in federal dollars to our communities.

In return for our grant funding, we are expected to demonstrate financial support from our towns, so we are deeply grateful to our area towns and generous donors who continue to support us in this work. Many thanks to you all. We look forward to working with you for better years to come.

*William Campbell, Board Chair
Gail Auclair, CEO*

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Wells River
65 Main St.
Wells River, VT
802-757-2325*

*Little Rivers at
East Corinth
720 Village Rd.
E. Corinth, VT
802-439-5321*

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437 S. Main St.
Bradford, VT
802-222-9317*

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146 Mill Street
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REPORT OF UPPER VALLEY AMBULANCE

The mission of Upper Valley Ambulance (UVA) is to provide around-the-clock emergency medical response to residents and visitors of the nine communities we serve. Emergency Medical Services is one of the three legs of public safety, along with law enforcement and fire/rescue. While we all hope that we never require the services of a public safety agency, having those services available is very important to our peace of mind.

The communities of Bradford, Corinth, Fairlee, Orford, Piermont, Thetford, Strafford, Vershire and West Fairlee have a combined population of over 12,000 full-time residents. We think of it as a single community with a population similar to the larger communities in our region – Hanover, Hartford and Lebanon – but with a much larger area, over 340 square miles! Approximately 1,200 calls for medical aid came through the 9-1-1 system for our area in 2019.

When someone calls 9-1-1, they typically are experiencing an event that overwhelms their ability to cope with the situation. We and our community FAST squads respond and bring professional interventional skills, mostly medical but often just a helping hand and reassurance. Perhaps an individual has fallen and cannot get up without assistance. In that case, we conduct an assessment to determine if they are injured or have an underlying medical problem that caused them to fall. If not, we help them up and leave them with advice on how to stay safe in the future. Those kinds of calls make up about 39 percent of what we do and typically there is no ambulance transport. We provide that service at no charge to the patient. The next call could be a rollover accident on the highway with multiple injured patients. We have to be prepared to handle anything. That is what you, our constituents, expect of us.

UVA employs highly skilled, highly educated allied health professionals (EMTs, Advanced EMTs, Paramedics). Two providers are on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. We typically have a second, and most days, a third ambulance crew on duty during the daytime. Additionally, most nights of the year we also have two providers willing to come in at night to staff the second ambulance if needed. If our ambulances are already committed to calls when another call comes in, we pay for another ambulance service to respond to that call. You are thus ensured that if you call 9-1-1, an ambulance will always respond to help you.

Upper Valley Ambulance took delivery of a new ambulance in April 2020. One other ambulance is going on 7 years old while the third ambulance is now going on 3 years old. In order to help ensure that we have reliable equipment, these need to be replaced on a regular basis and we have developed a replacement schedule to ensure that at no time do we have any ambulances older than 7 or 8 years old. This will ensure that we have the most reliable vehicles to do our job, caring for the sick and injured of the nine communities that we serve.

The expense of running UVA is split between the income we generate by billing for ambulance transport, and a fee that we charge the communities. The split is roughly 45 percent (town funds), 65 percent (bill for services). The fees that are paid by the towns is based upon the year-round population. The UVA Board of Directors and I are very careful with the public's money. We believe we run a tight financial ship and welcome a comparison with any other public safety entity covering a community of 12,000 people.

Finally, we are grateful to have the opportunity to serve you, although we sincerely hope you won't need us.

*Alan Beebe
Executive Director*

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REPORT OF VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH
Home Health, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Bradford, VT

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is one of the oldest and largest non-profit providers of in-home healthcare services in the region. VNH is committed to providing the highest quality care throughout all ages of life, from maternal child care to end of life hospice care, and everything in between. Providing individuals and families with the care they need within the comfort of their own home allows them to maintain comfort and dignity throughout their time of care.

VNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

Between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020, VNH made 3,196 homecare visits to 134 Bradford residents. This included approximately \$88,038 in unreimbursed care to Bradford residents.

Home Health Care: 1,370 home visits to 108 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.

Long-Term Care: 586 home visits to 15 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.

Hospice Services: 1,192 home visits to 7 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

Skilled Pediatric Care: 48 home visits to 4 residents for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low- and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, and flu shots. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were forced to suspend these services in March. Since then, we have been rethinking our community wellness programs to find a way to offer them following the pandemic.

Bradford's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Hilary Davis
Director of Community Relations and Development
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For Bradford's 250th anniversary in 2015, the Bradford Academy was chosen as the focal point for the posters.

REPORT OF CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) is a private, nonprofit organization that is dedicated to the mission of supporting older Vermonters to age with dignity and choice. For more than 40 years, Central Vermont Council on Aging has assisted older Vermonters aged 60 and up to remain independent for as long as possible. We connect the elders in our communities to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive.

All services are made available to our clients at no charge without regard to health, income or resources. Some of the options we make available include:

- CVCOA Help Line: 800-642-5119 has the answers to hundreds of common questions from elders, families and caregivers.

- Information and Assistance staff counsel elders and families on the many available benefit programs and services, such as 3SquaresVT, seasonal fuel assistance and more.

- Case Managers work with clients in their homes to assess needs and develop, implement and coordinate individualized long-term care plans.

- Nutrition Services oversee the menu development and technical assistance for home-delivered and Community meals and provides the largest source of funding for the 14 mealsites that prepare and deliver these meals.

- State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) provides personalized Medicare counseling, Medicare & You workshops, and enrollment assistance for Medicare Part D plans.

- Family Caregiver Support promotes the well-being of the family members serving as caregivers to loved ones, including administration of the Dementia Respite Grant.

During the last year, Central Vermont Council on Aging provided one or more of the above services to 128 Bradford residents. Case Manager Marianne Barnett is designated to work directly with seniors in Bradford.

All of us at Central Vermont Council on Aging extend our gratitude to the residents of Bradford for their ongoing commitment to the health, independence and dignity of those who have contributed to making the Central Vermont communities what they are today.

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802-476-2739 • www.cvcoa.org*



Bradford Academy band uniform of Francis Hathaway, 1952-54 on display in the lobby of the BA.



1967 Bradford Academy boys baseball champions.

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BRADFORD HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**

REPORT OF DOWNSTREET HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

In great appreciation of the Town of Bradford's support of our mission and services with an appropriation of \$1,500 as decided on Town Meeting Day of 2020, we are delighted to share with you a summary of our past year's impact and outcomes that your contribution supported.

In Bradford specifically, Downstreet:

- offers and manages 62 separate affordable living quarters in Bradford, including 21 units at Colonial Village Apartments, 29 units at Waits River Apartments, and 12 lots at the Whistle Stop Mobile Home Park.

- provides 122 Bradford residents with safe, decent and affordable apartments. 93.5 percent of our residents pay less than 40 percent of their income on their housing.

- has served 12 Bradford residents with homebuyer education classes, post-purchase, credit score counseling, and/or low-interest loans for health, safety, and energy upgrades to their homes.

- offers the award-winning Support and Services at Home program (SASH) to 26 seniors and young disabled adults, improving health care outcomes in our elderly and disabled communities by getting participants the support they need to live longer at home.

- is piloting a tiny home program to house homeless individuals with mental illness. The pilot will also help us gain a greater understanding of the role tiny homes may play as a cost-efficient development option as we seek to maximize every funding dollar.

- is designing a new program called Family SASH, intended to serve and assist low-to-middle-income in earning families navigate the complexity of childcare and family responsibilities. Downstreet is collaborating with Cathedral Square and Evernorth to bring this new program to life.

Downstreet is a private, non-profit affordable housing services provider that seeks to bolster an environment of social justice for all and as a result, strengthen the health and future of our rural Vermont communities. Downstreet achieves this through the power of housing and its ability to connect people to the resources they need to thrive.

All of us at Downstreet are tremendously grateful for the support of Bradford citizens and look forward to continuing our mission work as we seek to strengthen the communities of Central Vermont.

*Eileen Peltier, Executive Director
Downstreet Housing & Community Development*

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802-476-4493, www.downstreet.org*



**1909 Bradford Academy boys baseball team.
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REPORT OF CAPSTONE COMMUNITY ACTION

Since 1965, Capstone Community Action (formerly known as Central Vermont Community Action Council) has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange and Washington counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison and Rutland counties. We help people build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities.

This year, Capstone Community Action served 10,624 people in 6,166 Vermont households through Head Start and Early Head Start, business development, financial education, food and nutrition resources, housing counseling, tax preparation, teen parent education, emergency heating assistance, home weatherization, workforce training and more.

Programs and services accessed by 80 Bradford households representing 182 individuals this past year included:

- 19 Bradford individuals in 6 Bradford households accessed nutritious meals and/or meal equivalents at the food shelf.
 - 14 Bradford households with 39 Bradford family members were able to keep heating their homes with help from our Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs as well as other utility costs.
 - 4 homeless individuals with 16 homeless family members worked with housing counselors to find and retain affordable, safe, secure housing.
 - 15 children were in Head Start and Early Head Start programs that supported 49 additional family members.
 - 2 households received emergency furnace repairs and 1 household furnace was replaced at no charge, making them warmer and more energy efficient for residents.
 - 3 households were weatherized at no charge, making them warmer and more energy efficient for 3 residents, including 3 seniors.
 - 1 entrepreneur received counseling and technical assistance on starting or growing a business.
 - 14 residents had their taxes prepared at no charge by Capstone's IRS certified volunteers ensuring them all the refunds and credits they were due.
 - 2 childcare providers received nutrition education and were reimbursed for the cost of serving nutritious meals and snacks to the 18 children in their care.
- Capstone thanks the residents of Bradford for their generous support this year!

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802-477-5123 • www.capstonevt.org*



**1943-44 girls basketball team for Bradford Academy,
PHOTO COURTESY OF BRADFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

REPORT OF CENTRAL VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District (CVSWMD) serves 19-member cities and towns and approximately 52,000 residents to reduce and manage solid waste. The representative seat for Bradford is vacant on the CVSWMD Board of Supervisors. Contact your Selectboard to become a Board member and represent your town. CVSWMD is committed to providing quality programming, meeting state mandates and providing information and resources to our member communities.

In recognition of COVID-19 related fiscal challenges faced by our member municipalities, the CVSWMD Board reduced the FY21 per capita assessment to \$.50 (50 cents) from \$1, beginning on July 1, 2020. The per capita assessment will likely return to the \$1 level next year.

In FY20, CVSWMD provided \$10,604 in School Zero Waste and Organizational Waste Reduction & Reuse Program Grants, and \$1,779 in Green Up Day Grants. The District invites all member municipalities to apply for an annual non-competitive Green Up Day Grant each spring.

Also in FY20, CVSWMD provided \$9,400 in Municipal Services Program grants. The District invites all member municipalities to apply for an annual Municipal Services Program Grant.

The District continues to provide award-winning programming, including:

Residential Composting: CVSWMD sells Green Cone food digesters, Soil Saver composting bins and kitchen compost buckets to district residents at discounted rates.

Outreach and Education: In FY20, CVSWMD provided 21 workshops and webinars on topics such as recycling, composting, safer cleaning and reducing toxins in the home.

School Programming: Our School Zero Waste Program works with 26 schools in the District, teaching solid waste lessons in classrooms and facilitating the recycling of paint, bulbs, electronics, batteries and more. In FY20, we taught 2 classroom lessons; made 2 cafeteria visits to support students in separating their lunchtime-generated waste; provided 2 summer school programs; and provided 24 classroom composting pails for Bradford Elementary School. School Program Coordinators work with maintenance staff and teachers to help schools compost on site and mentor student groups who lead initiatives toward zero waste in their schools.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW): In FY20, CVSWMD provided 5 HHW collection events in which we collected household hazardous waste and paint.

- 106 households participated in the Bradford household hazardous waste collection.

Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC): The ARCC, at 540 North Main St. in Barre, is open Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and every third Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The ARCC is a recycling dropoff for hard-to-recycle materials. *Blue bin recyclables are not accepted at the ARCC.* More info at cvswmd.org/arcc.

- In FY20, 17 visitors from Bradford recycled at the ARCC.

Website: CVSWMD posts useful information on what can be recycled, what can be composted, how to dispose of hazardous waste, leaf and yard waste disposal, Act 148, details of our special collections, and an A to Z Guide listing disposal options for many materials.

For specific questions, call 802-229-9383.

*Contact Information: CVSWMD offices, 137 Barre Street, Montpelier, VT 05602
www.cvswmd.org, 802-229-9383, comments@cvswmd.org*

REPORT OF CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSION UPPER VALLEY SUBCOMMITTEE

The Upper Valley Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) meets every two months and consists of up to two volunteers nominated by participating municipalities, with allowance for alternates. Since March 2020, the Subcommittee has met via video conference call and continues to while state emergency orders are active due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Current members of Vermont are Ben Dana from Fairlee; Lynn Bohi and David Barrell from Hartford; Bill Bridge, Tara Bamford and Linda Matteson (alternate) from Thetford; and openings in Bradford and Norwich. Current members of New Hampshire are Alice Creagh from Hanover; Ruth Bleyler, Eric Agterberg and Bruce Garland (alternate) from Lebanon; Bill Malcolm from Lyme; Carl Schmidt and Edmond Cooley from Orford; and Karyn Brown and Helga Mueller from Piermont. During 2020, Jim Kennedy from Hanover served as chair and Lynn Bohi of Hartford served as vice-chair. Those communities with one representative have an opening for a second volunteer.

The Subcommittee provides a local voice to help steward the resources on or affecting a portion of the Connecticut River, particularly on topics related to the maintenance of good water quality and wildlife habitat. Meeting and events are open to the public. The Subcommittee is one of five that are a part of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions. Specific responsibilities include providing feedback to New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources and municipalities on matters pertaining to the river; reviewing and commenting on proposed permits and plans; and maintaining a corridor management plan.

The Subcommittee stayed up to date and commented on a number of issues including Vermont basin management plans, changes to the New Hampshire wetlands permitting process, and CRJC's new strategic plan. The Subcommittee recommended the incorporation of increased training for road crews, which was incorporated into the basin plan. The Subcommittee reviewed and commented on a series of permits and activities including Quail Hollow Phase V and Westboro railyard in Lebanon; new dock in Hanover; boathouse in Lyme; and a new home and application of glyphosate in Lyme. Letters were submitted for each review, including comments on the incorporation of living shoreline techniques, tree removal, consideration of brownfields and pollutant runoff.

If you or someone in your community is interested in learning about or contributing to river management for the watershed, including serving as a liaison to the Upper Valley Subcommittee, please contact our staff support Olivia Uyizeye at ouyizeye@uvlsrc.org or visit our website at www.crjc.org to learn more.

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603-727-9484 • <http://www.crjc.org>*



**1967 Bradford Academy boys basketball championship team.
PHOTO COURTESY OF BRADFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

REPORT OF NORTHEAST SLOPES

Northeast Slopes is happy to report a successful 2019/2020 season. With adequate snow cover for most of the season, NES was open 30 days, providing quality winter recreation and playing an important role in building and sustaining the sense of community in this area of Vermont.

On February 23, we held our annual box race with good snow, a beautiful day, and great turnout. This event, along with Winterfest, has become an annual tradition in the area and is one of the ways skiing and non-skiing community members can get together during the long winter months.

The arrival of COVID-19 in Vermont coincided with the end of our season, and as a result of the pandemic, we did not hold what would have been our sixth annual Musikfest in October.

Like many non-profits, the downturn in the local economy has impacted our fundraising. But, we did manage to secure a matching grant from the State of Vermont to help with some badly needed lodge repairs and upgrades. Our Friday school program had another successful season of providing equipment, lessons, and slope time for kids in the area. For the eighth year in a row, this aspect of our programming demonstrates our commitment to serving local children.

By opening as many days as weather allows, organizing fun local events, and seeking financial support beyond our immediate community, our board believes Northeast Slopes provides Bradford and surrounding towns with a vital and affordable local service that gives young people and their families a great place to meet and recreate outdoors during the long winter months.

Please keep in mind we are entirely volunteer staffed and run, and we always welcome the interest and involvement of new volunteers!

Northeast East Slopes Board of Directors

REPORT OF ORANGE COUNTY PARENT CHILD CENTER

The Orange County Parent Child Center Inc. (OCPCC) is a non-profit organization serving Orange and northern Windsor counties. We would like to request an appropriation from the Town of Bradford in the amount of \$1,500 in 2021.

Our mission is to help families with young children build a sense of place within their communities by connecting them to education, support, advocacy and wellness opportunities. Since 1989, families and providers have come to know us and access us as their primary community resource for any topic or need related to children and families.

One of 15 parent child centers in Vermont, the Orange County Parent Child Center strengthens families with young children and connects them to their communities. We accomplish this through home visiting, supervised visitation, weekly playgroups, case management, onsite programming and community outreach events. Some of our programs serve all families while others require income eligibility or place an emphasis on pregnant and parenting teens and families lacking support due to social isolation, poverty, insecure housing or lack of other vital community resources.

OCPCC's programs include: Children's Integrated Services Family Support and Family Support Nursing, Welcome Baby visits, free community playgroups, Kids Place supervised visitation and exchanges, Families Learning Together program, Early Care and Education, parent education, kinship care support groups, and resource and referral services. We are a public pre-k partner under Act 166. You can learn more at www.orangecountypcc.org.

Last year, with the continued support of your community, we were able to serve 22 families from Bradford including 33 adults and 32 children.

Contact Information: 693 Vermont Rte. 110, Tunbridge, VT 05077
802-685-2264 • www.orangecountypcc.org

*Mary Ellen Otis
Executive Director*

REPORT OF ORANGE COUNTY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CENTER

Orange County Restorative Justice Center (OCRJ) is a community-based restorative justice program, offering cost-effective alternatives to the criminal and civil court system. Our programs include:

Court Diversion for youth and adults referred by the State's Attorney who are facing criminal charges in court. A Restorative Panel, comprised of volunteers, works with clients to address the harm they caused to victims and the community, while working on underlying factors that contributed to the criminal act. Clients must take responsibility for their actions and be accountable for completing a contract that they develop with the Restorative Panel.

Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program (YSASP) for youth receiving civil complaints for underage alcohol or marijuana possession.

Driver's License Suspension Program (DLS) helping Vermonters reinstate their licenses through income-sensitive fine repayment plans.

Safe Driver Education Program for those involved in driving-related infractions. The program educates on the risks and impacts of distracted driving.

Pre-Trial Services Program, providing support and services related to mental health and substance abuse for adults facing charges in criminal court.

Reparative Panels for adults found guilty of crimes. As part of probation, participants work with a Restorative Panel, comprised of volunteers, to address the harm they caused to victims and the community, while working on underlying factors that contributed to the criminal act. Participants must take responsibility for their actions and be accountable for completing a contract that they develop with the Restorative Panel.

Restorative Re-entry for adults returning to our communities after incarceration. A case manager works with participants to access housing, employment and, where applicable, services and treatment for underlying issues. Volunteers help support successful re-entry.

Circles of Support and Accountability for offenders re-entering community who are at a high risk for re-offense. Participants meet weekly with a case manager and volunteers for 12 to 18 months, to support their successful and safe re-entry into community.

Victims Assistance for those impacted by the crimes referred to OCRJ programs. A dedicated case manager works with harmed parties to address their concerns and needs related to the individuals and the incidents referred for restorative programs.

During the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2020, 324 clients were referred for services, a 22 percent increase from the previous year. Of those, 131 people were referred from juvenile and adult court for criminal offenses, 42 were referred for YSASP, 8 for DLS, 39 for Pre-Trial Services, and 42 were referred for re-entry services. In addition, OCRJC reached out to 62 victims, and 24 people participated in our Safe Driver class. With few exceptions, cases involved offenses that occurred in Orange County. In FY20, OCRJ worked with 30 cases where the incident occurred in Bradford. Each case involved at least one person responsible and the individuals impacted by their actions.

OCRJ's FY20 operating budget was \$230,480. We are proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County. Bradford appropriated \$700 for FY20 to support Orange County Restorative Justice Center. OCRJC requests \$700 for 2021 to support ongoing programs.

Thank you for your support! For additional information, contact Jessica Schmidt, Executive Director, Orange County Restorative Justice Center at 802-685-3172 or jessie@ocrjvt.org.

RECORD
Annual Town Meeting Town of Bradford
Including Annual Water & Sewer District Meeting
Tuesday March 3, 2020

Peter Mallary called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium of the Bradford Academy Building. Boy Scout Troup 778 Scout member Shane Morris led the flag salute. Morea Benjamin from the Bradford Alumni association would like to dedicate the new flags, flag polls and new seal for the podium designed by Lee Morrill.

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Thomas Unkles, Chair of the Selectboard, heard nominations for moderator. Peter Mallary was nominated. There were no further nominations. It was moved to close nominations and for the Clerk to cast one ballot for Peter Mallary. It was seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Peter Mallary was elected Moderator for the term of one year. Article 1 closed.

Because the timing of Article 6 on the warning, discussion would occur after the polls open at 10am. Larry Coffin made a motion to move Article 6 to the next item on the warning. We needed a 2/3 majority the ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it.

Article 6: Shall the Town of Bradford Change the date and time of Town Meeting Day to the majority results of Australian ballot vote at the primary election on March 3, 2020?

The Article was moved and seconded.

When the polls open there will be a ballot asking if we would like to change town meeting to one of the following times. Assuming that this article is adopted we tally results tonight if there is a clear majority then that is it. If no clear majority the instant run off voting will ensue.

Open article to debate... Annie Pulaski would like to amend the article to read Shall the town of Bradford follow the date and time of town meeting to the majority or instant run off of the Australian vote at the primary election on March 3, 2020.

Douglas Miller expressed his concerns about the ballot having three options, but Larry Coffin explained the way the instant run off works your vote only counts once.

Bud Haas questioned why we had the Australian ballot – Ted Unkles explained the people that couldn't attend town meeting would be able to vote.

Paul Hunt- If someone marks off multiple options in one box will that result in spoiled ballot and if so, how many can we expect. Ted Unkles said there is no way of knowing how many spoiled ballots we would have but said the ballot should not be confusion.

Martina Stever asked if there had been any research done on towns that changed town meeting date and or time. Ted Unkles said that he had read material that stated most towns that have changed the date and time have either kept attendance the same or increased.

A motion was made and seconded to call the question. All those in favor of calling the question say aye all opposed say nay. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it.

The amended motion was passed.

Move on to article 6 as amended. Peter re-read the article.

Bill Walters – if we vote no on amendment does that invalidate the Australian ballot. Peter Mallary – It makes it non-binding.

Byron Kidder – encourage voting on the 1st Saturday in March at 10am.

Peter Mallary re-read the article. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it.

Article 2: To hear and act upon the reports of the town officers for the past year.

The article was moved and seconded. This year's town report was dedicated to Mark Johnson, Peter Mallary thanked Mark for his commitment to our community followed by applause.

Peter went page by page in the Town Report 4 pages at a time.

Nancy Jones had a couple of questions.

1) What is the Cotts system? Sonya Mclam explained that it for the land records.

2) Why is Listers phone separate from the town offices. Ted Unkles explained that Highway, Fire Dept., Police are all separate as well.

Joe Sampson questioned the money we get from the state on page 16 money for different class roads. We should get more because it's not much more then we received in the last 30 years or so. Joe also had a question regarding a possible deficit in the report – Jennifer Rivers explained that it's a surplus not deficit.

Nancy Jones – Page 27 wanted to explain a few things related to the Conservation Commission Funds.

Bradford Conservation Comm: Misc Grants WRSB \$8,290 (looking into where this money is from)

Bradford Conservation Comm: WRSB \$21,302 (should be Bradford Conservation Fund – all money in account has been acquired through fund raising efforts and private donations)

Bradford Conservation Comm: Friends Wrights Mtn WRSB \$1,427 (made possible by private donations)

Bradford Conservation Comm: Friends Wrights Mtn WGSB CD \$5,116 (established from timber sale in 2002 used for maintenance)

Bradford Conservation Comm: WGSB CD's \$62,718 (this is like a capital fund, kept protecting the town so they don't have to come up with a large sum of money if ever needed)

Bud Haas wanted to compliment the Highway department for their work this year. He also wanted to thank they Selectboard for following through on the use of the 25K used to improve the sidewalks.

Marcia Tomlinson – how many delinquent properties are currently in an agreement with the tax collector. Jennifer Rivers said about 10-12 and will need to go to the Selectboard this spring to discuss moving forward with a tax sale.

Daniel Perry 2 – asked about tax sale as well. Is that going to raise money, or will be in the same boat as Bob Holly's property? Jennifer Rivers explained that Bob Holly's property did go up for tax sale and was never purchased. It has since been sold and the town will once again be able to collect taxes on the property. Also questions the amount collected Principal, Penalty and interest different amounts on page 26 and page 29. Jennifer Rivers said she will look into it.

Lauriene Berry – 8% tax is really high- going on record of that.

Susan Lornitzo – agrees that 8% is very high.

Bobbett Scribner – curious where 8% goes – Ted General fund

Robert Wing – didn't we lower the interest rate several years ago? Interest rate was lowered but Penalty has remained the same. The town takes credit card which charges a percentage thinks that the 8% is a bargain compared to the 20-30% the credit card company would charge.

Paul Rivers – Just want to clarify that the town doesn't collect any of the processing fee charged when using your credit card, the town receives only what is owed in taxes.

Dan Perry 2 – page 32 would like explanation about the school merger (act 46) where the town now must pay the school all its money weather or not it's been collected.

Ted Unkles explained that since the passing of act 46 the town now collects all school taxes – when taxes are due the town must pay the school full amount of money due. There may come a time when the town must take out a tax anticipation note.

Dan Perry who is authorized to raise the money for the school. Ted the new school district will hold its own meeting to vote on their budget. Dan suggested that someone attend the meeting and tell the board that they should turn over their assets

Jennifer Rivers had a question regarding the report from the Parks & Recreation Commission. She asked for an explanation in regard to the wording "taking a page from the USPS manual" as it related to the report. Ted Unkles explained that he thought they meant the USPS motto – "Neither snow nor rain or heat nor gloom of night".

Monique Priestley – props to Nancy Jones. Highlights for the month – March 16th governor will be coming to town for the day. March 26th agency of commerce and community development along with UVM extension will be meeting at the Wrights Mtn. Trail head and then by 10:30am the Space on Main in an event that shows the benefit of how the town forest can boost economic development in small downtowns.

Monique Priestley mentioned on page 62 The town of Bradford has been selected for a community visit by the Vermont Council on Rural Development. Monique would like people to please consider getting involved.

Cathy – doing poem po-town again at the library post all over town during poety month in April (page 63)

Monique Priestly – shared a few facts about the Space on Main since it's opening in October of 2018. On average the Space has 536 per month and over 8840 total. The Space is a non-profit, community-based coworking, maker, conference, event and gallery space that has been used by public schools,

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private schools, non-profits, state offices, Senate committees and more.

10am – Sonya Mclam announced that the Polls are now open.

Jarrold Pendak – fortunate to have the Space. Helping to make Bradford a 1st class small town. Monique doing a great job.

Marcia Tomlinson – page 73 ensured emergency preparedness – anything being done behind the scenes about current health scare? Ted Unkles replied that both fire dept and fast squad have ordered protective masks otherwise we are as well prepaid as a small community can be.

Monique Priestly 76-77 Economic Development Corp. Sarah Pushee these organizations put together recommendations that federal funds go to the state. Please consider attending the meeting to share any recommendations. Please come and share ideas Thursday 5pm.

Peter Mallary would like to take a moment for all those community members we have lost this past year.

Bud Haas – Would like to pass on that the annual meeting for the new school district will meet on April 14th. Would encourage the people of Bradford to get involved. While he said the principals and schools are very good the management and supervisory union leaves a lot to be desired.

Ted Unkles mentioned that we received a report from Upper Valley Ambulance after our town report went to press.

Larry Coffin – wanted to let people know that when they go to vote today that law has changed you now have to identify weather or not you want a Democratic or Republican ballot.

Dan Perry – Congratulated the 4th graders on the work they have done posted around the auditorium.

Bob Wing wants to know if the state will keep track of the ballots. Peter Mallary says that yes they do.

Leanne Hatch – clarification – how is it recorded and who is that going to. Information going to the state system as a group not individually.

John Price – compliments to the people of did the town report.

Bob Norden- Feels like the law needs to be corrected, who we vote for is our business.

Donna Wing – Page 9 is wonderful letting people know what the town is like and what our reports are like. She also wanted to let folks know that she had approached a few people about possibly running for Seletboard and while they are not ready, they expressed interest in getting more involved.

Paul Hunt – Move to close debate – all in favor aye. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it.

Peter reread the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 2 passed by voice vote. Article 2 closed

Article 3: To elect all town officers as required by law and fill all vacancies that may occur at or prior to said meeting.

The Article was moved and seconded.

Town Clerk for a three year-term – (currently held by Sonya Mclam). Monique Priestley nominated Sonya Mclam. Robert Wing moved that nominations cease, and the moderator cast a single ballot for Sonya Mclam.

Sonya Mclam was elected Town Clerk for a three-year term.

Town Treasurer for a three-year term – (currently held by Jennifer Rivers). Gary Moore nominated Jennifer Rivers. Shirley Berisford moved that nominations cease, and the Clerk cast a single ballot for Jennifer Rivers.

Jennifer Rivers was elected Town Treasurer for a three-year term.

Selectboard member for a three-year term (currently held by Ryan Lockwood). Larry Coffin nominated Ryan Lockwood. Marcia Tomlinson moved that nominations cease, and the Clerk cast one ballot for Ryan Lockwood.

Ryan Lockwood was elected Selectboard member for a three-year term.

Selectboard member for a two-year term (currently held by Daniel A Perry III). Gary Moore nominated Daniel A Perry III. Daniel A Perry II moved nominations cease and Clerk cast one ballot for Daniel A Perry III.

Daniel A Perry III was elected Selectboard member for a two-year term.

Lister for a three-year term (currently held by Nila Newstrom-Anaya). Emily Marsh nominated Nila Newstrom-Anaya. Lisa Sharp moved nominations cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for Nila Newstrom-Anaya.

Nila Newstrom-Anaya was elected Lister for a three-year term.

Auditor for a three-year term (currently held by Henrietta Powers). Monique Priestley nominated Mary Ellen Gray. Bud Haas moved nominations cease and Clerk cast one ballot for Mary Ellen Gray. It was seconded and unanimously approved. Mary Ellen Gray was elected Auditor for a three-year term.

Town Grand Juror for a one-year term (currently held by Gary Moore). Robert Wing nominated Gary Moore. Joe Sampson moved nominations cease and Clerk cast one ballot for Gary Moore. It was seconded and unanimously approved. Gary Moore was elected Town Grand Juror for a one-year term.

Town Agent for a one-year term (currently held by Gary Moore). Robert Wing nominated Gary Moore. Joe Sampson moved that nominations cease, and Clerk cast one ballot for Gary Moore. It was seconded and unanimously approved. Gary Moore was elected Town Agent for a one-year term.

Trustee of Public Funds for a three-year term (currently held by Anthony Brainerd). Martina Stever nominated Anthony Brainerd it was moved that nominations cease, and Clerk cast one ballot for Anthony Brainerd. It was seconded and unanimously approved. Anthony elected Trustee of Public Funds for a three-year term.

Peter reread the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 3 passed by voice vote. Article 3 closed.

Article 4: To see what sum of money the town will vote for General Fund purposes for the year 2020, and to vote to determine the time and manner of collecting monies for General Fund and Town Highway Purposes.

Ted Unkles moved that the Town be authorized to raise through real property taxes the sum of \$1,120,958 together with such additional sums as may be voted later in this meeting or at any subsequent meeting, for general and administrative expenses and community support, and all taxes assessed to raise the sum of \$994,752 and such additional sums, be due and payable at the Tax Collector's office not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday November 2, 2020, the due date, or mailed to the tax collector's office with a postmark date not later than the due date, without discount, and that any amount not so paid or mailed shall become delinquent and subject to interest at a rate of 1/2 of one percent per month or fraction thereof for the first three months, and thereafter at a rate of 1percent per month or fraction thereof.

Marica Tomlinson wanted to confirm that in fact when taxes are collected it's based of the postmarked date if mailed. Ted Unkles confirmed that yes that is the case.

Brian Schlager – would like to suggest that we think about adding the articles that are not included in the budget before we vote on article 4.

Bob Wing – wants to know page 19 is that the same \$2000 in article 7. Ted intends on amending that article once we get to it.

Paul Hunt moved to amend the article to read except that in case that within the first 7 days of the due date the penalty shall be 2%.

The amendment was moved and seconded.

Daniel Perry II urge to vote again the amendment – the bill is due the 2nd you know that bills are due one more day isn't going to help.

Susan Lornitzo – had accidentally looked at last years tax bill when she went in to pay taxes, she was a day late and paid around \$700 in late fees. Feels as though that was unreasonable.

Bud Haas feels that this will create a booking keeping nightmare. Feels if you would like to revisit the penalty now would be the time to do so.

Douglas Miller believes that the 8% is state law and Susan Lornitzo says according to the state website it's up to the town.

Robert Wing says that you have August, September, October to pay the bill. If you wait until after the due date, then you should pay the penalty.

Paul Hunt – Intension of the amendment is not to eliminate the penalty but to lesion the effect of those who happen to be a day or two late. Doesn't believe the town should benefit from those who make a simple mistake.

Close debate on article has been moved and seconded.

Clarification on the amendment – 7 days or 7 calendar days? Ted Unkles said is understanding is 7 calendar days.

Ted Unkles re- read the amended article - All in favor aye, all that opposed nay. The nays appear to have it, the nays do have it

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Peter read the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. Ted re-read his motion with the amount of \$994,752. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 4 passed by voice vote. Article 4 closed.

Sarah Copland Hanzas – Sarah mentioned Joe Sampson’s earlier question regarding state highway aid. She said we would like to increase the amount however since 2013 there has been no rise in gas tax as the state level. Federal gas tax has not been raised since 1998 making it harder for states to fill in the gap.

She also wanted to make mention about the concern regarding the 2020 census and it’s accuracy for small local/rural communities. Please fill out the card once you have received it via phone, email or website.

Sarah is co-chair of the legislative climate solutions caucus, currently they are working hard to put forward solutions regarding climate change.

Gary Moore mentioned to Sarah concerns from the audience about having to declare which ballot they wanted when they voted. Sarah mentioned that this has been state law for a long time now and no different then it’s always been.

A question was asked about the Bridge the mill and when we could expect repairs. Due to setbacks from Irene we are currently not even on the list.

A question was also raised about cannabis and roadside safety as well as youth prevention. The idea is that by legalizing cannabis making it a taxed and regulated system it would pull people who were buying from the illicit market. The revenue goes towards youth prevention as well as more drug recognition experts who are able to detect impairment.

Article 5: To see what sum of money the town will vote for Town Highway purposes for the year 2020.

Ted moved that we raise the sum of **\$994,752** for highway purposes. His motion was seconded.

Nancy Jones – Page 24 why is budget less this year for salt? Price of salt has come down a little hoping that it will stay down. We also have a pretty substantial inventory.

Greg Garone – Asked about highway salary and noticed 14K increase wanted to know if more employees will be added. Ted explained that no other highway personnel will be added.

Ted reread his motion with the amount of **\$994,752**. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 5 passed by voice vote. Article 5 closed.

Article 7: Shall the Town of Bradford establish an on-going capital fund for the general maintenance of the trash/recycle center for items such as chipping the brush pile, paving, mowing etc. and appropriate \$2000.00 to be placed in the fund towards such expenses?

Ted would like to move the article with the amendment that we remove the portion about appropriating the \$2000.00 since that was already put into the budget.

Robert Wing wants to know the amount and funding mechanism in the future? Ted explained that in the future we will continue to collect an amount deemed to be appropriate in the capital fund if capital fund approved.

Dan Perry 2 – why do we need the capital fund. Believes should be part of regular highway maintenance. Ted explained that if in a capital fund it can carry over year after year.

Greg Garone- Why create capital fund when you could just budget for it each year. Ted explained that could be an option however if you have a large item it could increase the budget significantly.

Byron Kidder – why do we need a stump grinder? Ted explained that some of the limbs in the bush pile are far to big to go through our chipper.

The question was asked what happens to the chips? They get used at the municipal parks.

Mark Snider- who is responsible for concrete pads that the compactor sits on. The drainage is less then ideal but difficult to fit with the compactor sitting on it.

Moved and 2nd that debate cease. The ayes have it, the ayes do have it.

Ted re-red the article the ayes appear to have it the ayes do have it.

Article 7 closed

Article 8: Shall the Town of Bradford lease-purchase a municipal sidewalk snow removal tractor for a price not to exceed \$175,000, to be financed over five years, with annual payments not to exceed \$35,000?

The article was moved and seconded.

Chris Taylor- we know that the sidewalks need repair – the person doing the sidewalk now is doing the best job they can the with the sidewalks in the shape they are in. Believes work needs to be

done on the sidewalk before we go after a piece of equipment. Believes if anything we should pay the contractor more and have him on the sidewalks more frequently.

Byron Kidder – two different types of sidewalks what type of machine is this? Can be fitted with plow bade or snowblower attachment and sander on the rear – not a regular tractor it is a true sidewalk machine.

Bill Walters – what’s the warranty, 10 years? Way to much money he is a resident of the town not village – he would get little to no use for the money that would be spent.

Joe Sampson – use the same highway employees that we have now. Ted said yes it would be a town employee.

Mark Schneider – sidewalks plowed then state trucks go through and push the snow back on the sidewalks. Could they go back out and do the sidewalks again?

Marcia Tomlinson – Said the new machine wouldn’t get through certain sections of south pleasant. Ted said it can be set up to plow up to 5ft.

Nate Brooks – What time do they expect sidewalks to be done? Says our town guys do a great job but know they are busy would we pull one to do the sidewalks? Ted said he isn’t sure of what the schedule would be but was comfortable saying that we wouldn’t pull one of the guys off the roads.

Josh Allen – Has town highway agreed to take on this work? They are busy now how are they going handle the additional sidewalk maintenance? It will cause more overtime for the employees and contractors costing more money in the future budgets.

Bud Haas – if we want the sidewalks cleared then we are going to need to spend the money to do so.

The article has been moved and seconded.

Motion that debate cease – all in favor say aye, all opposed say nay. a show of hands – the ayes appear to have it the ayes do have it.

Peter re- read the article – the Nay appear to have it the Nay do have it.

Article 8 has been defeated.

Article 9: Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to support the Orange East Senior Center?

The Article was moved and seconded. Peter read the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 9 passed by voice vote. Article 9 closed.

Article 10: Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to support the Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, INC. (CVABE)?

The Article was moved and seconded. Peter read the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 10 passed by voice vote. Article 10 closed.

Article 11: Shall the Town of Bradford, Vermont appropriate the sum of \$13,500 for the support of Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH to provide services to residents of the Town of Bradford?

The Article was moved and seconded. Terry Highland gave an explanation as to why they are asking for increase this year. Peter read the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 11 passed by voice vote. Article 11 closed.

Article 12: Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to support The Space On Main?

The Article was moved and seconded. Robert Wing mentioned that there is a sign on the door that says members only, doesn’t believe we should give the appropriation. Monique mentioned that during normal business hours the space is being used by members who pay a monthly membership fee. However, there are many many events that are free to the public. Susan Lornitzo wanted to speak in support of the Space as well. Emily Marsh wanted to speak in favor of the Space. Sarah Hanzas spoke in favor of the Space as well, it has been an asset in helping the other store fronts in the downtown as well. Peter read the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. Division was called – a show of hands majority the ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 12 passed by voice vote. Article 12 closed.

Article 13: Shall the Voters of the Town of Bradford, exempt the Masonic Hall Lodge in Bradford, Vermont from taxes for a period of five (5) years, starting in the year 2020?

The Article was moved and seconded. Peter read the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 13 passed by voice vote. Article 13 closed.

Article 14: Shall the Town of Bradford, Vermont appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for the support of Stagecoach Transportation Services, Inc.

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The Article was moved and seconded. Peter read the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 13 passed by voice vote. Article 13 closed.

Article 15: Shall the Town of Bradford, Vermont appropriate the sum of \$4413.00 for the support of the Clara Martin Center?

The Article was moved and seconded. Peter read the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 15 passed by voice vote. Article 15 closed.

Article 16: Shall the Town of Bradford, Vermont appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to support Old Church Theater?

The Article was moved and seconded. Paul Hunt thanked everyone that signed their petitions this year. Most of the renovations done at the Old Church theater are going to be covered by grants. For many of the grants it needs to be shown that the town supports the renovations. Robert Wing wants to know who owns the building, The Congregational church owns the building and there is an agreement in place that it will be sold to the Old Church Theater for \$1. Robert Wing wanted to mention that just because they are a 501c3 does not mean they will be exempt from paying taxes on the building once repaired. Peter read the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 16 passed by voice vote. Article 16 closed.

Article 17: Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$5000.00 to support the Bradford Conservation Fund? The Article was moved and seconded. Steve Tucker believes that 500 acres is enough even though he does support the land that we already have. More land would take more money off the tax log. Nancy Jones – mentioned that grants are harder to get and they money that they have is not enough of a protective cushion and they why they are asking for the money this year. Jon Thurston – income from lumber sales? Last one was in 2002 it's in the Friends of Wrights Mountain CD. Emily Marsh supports giving the Conservation money – the more land we preserve the more it will help with global warming. Peter read the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. Peter asked for a show of hands – a count was needed. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 17 passed.

Article 17 closed.

Article 18: Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$2500 to support the Northeast Slopes, Inc.

The Article was moved and seconded. Peter read the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 18 passed by voice vote. Article 18 closed.

Article 19: to transact any other business that may legally come before Town Meeting. The Article was moved and seconded. Ted Unkles wanted to thank to all Employees, volunteers, non profit organization and everyone that helps in keeping this town up and running. Peter read the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 19 passed by voice vote. Article 19 closed.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Water Sewer 12:53

Article 20: To hear and act upon the reports of the water and sewer department for the past year.

(Only resident ratepayers of the Bradford Water and Sewer checklist may vote on this article). The article was moved and seconded. Peter went page by page through the water/sewer report. No questions were asked. Peter reread the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 20 passed by voice vote. Article 20 closed

Article 21: To elect all Water and Sewer Commissioners as required by law, and to fill all vacancies that may occur at or prior to this meeting. (Only resident ratepayers of the Bradford Water and Sewer checklist may vote on this article). Water and Sewer Commissioner for a five-year term (currently held by Larry Russ). Leonard Dobbins nominated Larry Russ. There were no further nominations. It was moved that nominations cease, and the Clerk cast one ballot for Larry Russ. It was seconded and unanimously approved. Larry Russ was elected Water and Sewer Commissioner for a five-year term.

Article 22: To adopt a budget for the Bradford water system for the year 2020. (Only resident ratepayers of the Bradford Water and Sewer checklist may vote on this article.) Daniel Perry III made the motion to adopt the amended budget of **\$308,511** A motion was made to close debate. The motion was seconded and approved to close debate. Peter reread the Article to adopt the budget of **\$308,511**. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 22 passed by voice vote.

Article 22 closed.

Article 23: To adopt a budget for the Bradford wastewater system for the year 2020. (Only resident ratepayers of the Bradford Water and Sewer checklist may vote on this article.) Daniel Perry III made the motion to adopt the budget of \$215,132. A motion was made to close debate. The motion was seconded and approved to close debate. Peter reread the Article to adopt the budget of \$215,132. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 23 passed by voice vote. Article 23 closed.

Article 24: To transact any other business that may legally come before the Water and Sewer meeting. (Only resident ratepayers of the Bradford Water and Sewer checklist may vote on this article.) The article was moved and seconded. Josh Allen had asked if our budget was down why the numbers are high again this year. Jon Thornton explained that we are now required by the state to test for PFAS and we don't know yet how often and how much it's. Peter called for a vote. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 24 passed by voice vote. Article 24 closed.

Article 25: To adjourn.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m. Article 25 closed.

A true record:

Attest:

/s/ Sonya McLam, Town Clerk

Attest:

/s/ Peter Mallary, Moderator

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